

HISTORY OF GREEN COUNTY.

ty-three years old, yet she is in good health and sound mind.

Francis B. Stockburn has been a resident of Green county since 1848, with the exception of four years spent in Madison, during which he was engaged in draying. He is a native of England, born Nov. 8, 1805. His early life was spent upon a farm, but he afterwards engaged in various occupations, among the rest, published a newspaper four years. In 1841 he went to France, and in 1843 came to the United States. He stopped, for a short time in New York city, then visited other localities, but was favorably impressed with eastern people as a class, and emigrated westward. He first located in Milwaukee, and there worked at shoemaking. In 1846, in company with E. M. Kerby, purchased considerable land in Green county, and resided in Sheboygan county until 1848. He then settled at Attica, in the town of Brooklyn, where he at first worked at the shoemaker's trade, but soon drifted into farming, which he has since continued with the exception before mentioned. He was married in 1845 to Ann Walker, who died March 15, 1882. They had reared nine children, three of whom were living in 1884—Clara, wife of Samuel Watkins; Isabel, wife of Thomas George, and Maria, wife of Frank Butts.

Frank Butts is a son of John and Susan Butts. He was born in Rock Co., Wis., Sept. 5, 1857. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and educated in the common schools. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Maria Stockburn, and they have two children—William F. and Olive. James McCoy settled on section 17, of Brooklyn, in September, 1848. He at first purchased 100 acres, to which he has added until his farm now contains 360 acres. He is engaged in stock farming, in which he has met with marked success. He has a good dwelling, four fine horse barns, and other improvements. Mr. McCoy was born in Ireland June 23, 1821. He received a good education and at the age of eighteen engaged as bookkeeper until May 10,

1848, when he was married to Margaret Galligan, and the same day sailed from Dublin for the United States. On reaching New York city, he intended to engage in his former occupation, but, as no opportunity presented itself, he left his wife with his brother who lived in that city, and started westward. At Milwaukee he found employment a few weeks as copying clerk in the office of John L. Doran. He soon became tired of this occupation and came to Green county and bought a farm. He had not worked on a farm since he was quite young, and his young wife was unaccustomed to the labors of housekeeping, and consequently getting a start on the frontier was somewhat difficult, but they did not despair, and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor. Mrs. McCoy is a self-educated woman, refined in her tastes, and highly esteemed by all who know her. They are the parents of ten boys and one girl. Those living in 1884 were—Joseph, bookkeeper at Burkhardt's, St. Croix county; John, cashier in the New Richmond Bank; Mary, wife of Charles Burnham, who is cashier in the bank at Edgerton; Edward F., who is engaged in farming in Dakota; Robert H., bookkeeper for the New Richmond Lumber Company; and Charles, George and Arthur, who are still attending school. Politically, Mr. McCoy is a republican. His first ballot was cast for Gen. Winfield Scott. He served as town clerk for eleven years, and has been elected justice of the peace.

Andrew Bennett was born in Scotland. In 1828, he being then a young man, he emigrated to the United States and first stopped in the State of New York, where he was married to Lucinda Baxter, daughter of Zebulon and Lucinda Baxter. In 1848 they came to Wisconsin and settled in Green county. He engaged in farming in the town of Brooklyn until 1864, then removed to Austin, Minn., where they have since died. They reared five children—A. Z., Christie, Thomas, (deceased) George and Isabelle.

A. Z. Bennett, oldest son of Andrew and Lucinda (Baxter) Bennett, was born in Franklin Co., N. Y., Feb. 25, 1831, and came with the family to Green county in 1848, since which date he has been a resident of the town of Brooklyn. He now resides on section 14 and owns ninety-nine acres of land. In February, 1854, he was married to Marion Hickok, a native of Ohio, born March 29, 1835. Their children are—Lucinda, (deceased) Carrie E. and Fred E. Mr. Bennett belongs to the republican party and has held the office of town treasurer and supervisor.

Zebulon Baxter was a native of Vermont, where his early life was spent. He served as a soldier during the War of 1812. He was married to Lucinda Oglesby and resided in Canada, where his wife died, leaving two children. He subsequently was married again in the State of New York, and came to Wisconsin about 1830. He first stopped in Milwaukee, and afterwards followed mining at Mineral Point. In 1848 he came to Green county and resided in the town of Brooklyn until 1854. He then went to Austin, Minn., where he died at the age of 103 years.

C. D. W. Leonard was a pioneer of 1848, in the fall of which year, with his wife, he came to the county and chose the town of Brooklyn as a location. He was also accompanied by his brother Arah, then an unmarried man, and together they entered three quarter sections of land and improved the same. They also for a few years carried on a general mercantile business at Dayton. Arah Leonard was married to Mary Day, and in 1866 emigrated to Webster Co., Iowa, where he is now a prominent citizen, having held the office of county treasurer four years. C. D. W. Leonard continued farming; also for some time carried on a store at Dayton and finally moved to Attica where he was engaged in the general merchandise business until 1884, when he sold out his business and moved to Rockton, Ill. Mr. Leonard was born in Chenango Co., N. Y., in 1818. His

parents being Arah and Lavisa (Slocum) Leonard. The father died in Ohio and the mother and one daughter came with her sons to Wisconsin. She died in Green county, in 1860. The daughter married John Utley and died in 1867. Mr. Leonard received an academic education and taught school. He was married to Margaret Widrig and in 1842 emigrated to Ohio from whence he came to Green county. His wife died in 1866, leaving four children—Ella, Hattie, Ardella and Charles. In 1867 he was married to Mary Ann Wood and by this union one child was born—Vernie. In politics Mr. Leonard was a republican until after the war, when he became rather liberal in his views. He represented his district in the assembly two terms, was superintendent of schools in Brooklyn under the old town system, and was chairman of the town several terms. Thus it can be seen that he is not alone an early pioneer, but his conduct was such that he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Lorenzo Amidon came to Green county, July 10, 1848. At first he followed the trade of carpenter and afterwards that of cabinet maker at Monroe. In 1850 he came to the town of Brooklyn and purchased land on section 13 and has since been a resident of the town. In 1884, he resided on section 12 and owned 160 acres of land. Mr. Amidon was born in Onondaga Co., N. Y., July 7, 1825. He learned his trade and resided in his native State until he came to Wisconsin. He has been twice married. In 1850 to Olive Starkweather, daughter of Anson and Lucretia Starkweather. She died in 1874, leaving four children—William A., Etta, Ella and Emma. In 1879 Mr. Amidon was married to Fannie Lord and by this union two sons have been born—Gilbert and Byron. Politically he is a national greenbacker but was formerly a republican. He is not, however, a strict partizan, and believes in casting his ballot for a good man rather than a good party. John Flood and family, in 1849, came to Green county, and, June 6, entered 160 acres of