

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative LE ROY, MILLARD F. Senator _____

Served from Delaware County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 January 1850, Manchester, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jennie Loomis, 2 June 1874, Manchester, Iowa
31 Jan 1854 - 17 Oct. 1938

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business lawyer, banker, railroad, insurance

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Odd Fellow, Knights of Pythias

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist, then Congregational

5. Sessions served 35 GA 1913, Delaware County

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor, Manchester, 1911-1913; School Board

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 February 1914, Hillsdale, Ill.; gur. Oakland Cem.; Manchester, Ia

8. Children (1) Dora Marion (June 1874-1958); (2) Alma May Brown (May 1877 - 1913); (3) Allen R. (Oct. 18236 -)

9. Names of parents Dr. David Le Roy (b. Cattaraugus Co NY; liv Ind, then Grundy Co, Ill, then Manchester, Ia, then Streator Ill bef 1890.). Lydia A. Bowers (b. Rioley Co. Ind-d. Grundy Co Ill 1860)

LeRoy, Millard F.

10. Education Morris, Ill. pub sch; Clarke's Seminary, Aurora, Ill; Moore's Hill College, Moore's Hill, Ind.; Univ of Iowa College of Law

11. Degrees BS Moore's Hill College 1869
LL.B., Univ Of Iowa, 1870

12. Other applicable information ~~The family name originally was Roy;—~~
it became LeRoy through confusion with his grandfather's name, which was Lee Roy.
Took ~~commercial course at Clarke's Seminary. After graduation from law school came~~
to Manchester, where his father had settled several years earlier. Started law practice 1870.
Became partner with Charles S. Brown 1873-c. 1887 when he went into banking business. Was with
his father-in-law's private bank as manager (A. P. Lomis), which became First National Bank of
Manchester Feb. 1890. Initially cashier, became president after death of father-in-law.
One of organizers of Manchester & Oneida RR.
Chair of finance committee, Fraternal Union of America
Dir and officer of Dairy City Creamery Co and other corpsn
Odd Fellow; held highest Iowa office in it; Mason;
Didn't feel well at church on Sunday; came to bank on Monday & Tuesday but decided to
go to health facility in Hinsdale, where he died on Saturday. wife & 2 children were in Europe
at time.

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MANCHESTER, IOWA

HON. M. F. LE ROY CALLED BY DEATH

PROMINENT MANCHESTER CITIZEN ANSWERS SUMMONS AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.

DEATH OCCURS AT BINSDALE, ILL.

Funeral Services Held at Congregational Church Monday Afternoon.

Early last Saturday morning this community was shocked by the announcement that Mr. LeRoy was dead. He did not feel well while at church the previous Sunday, but was at the bank Monday forenoon and spoke lightly about his indisposition of the previous day. Although quite a sick man, he was at the bank again Tuesday forenoon. He thought that he was suffering from an attack of the grippe, and that the best thing he could do was to go to some winter resort, get a few hot baths and rest up for a short time. Binsdale, near Chicago, was selected as the most accessible place, and accompanied by Dr. H. A. Dittmer he went there on Tuesday afternoon of last week. On the way he became much worse and before he reached Chicago it was quite apparent that he was suffering from an attack of erysipelas, which made its first appearance on his face.

Up until last Friday evening, his condition was not considered serious, but after that time he sank rapidly and at fifteen minutes to four o'clock Saturday morning "God's finger touched him and he slept." His son Allen and his brother, Fred LeRoy of Streator, Illinois, were with him during the last days of his sickness. The absence in a foreign land of Mrs. LeRoy and his daughters, Alma and Dora, added a tragic feature to his sudden and untimely death. They could not be communicated with until they reached Constantinople, and it may be fifteen days or more before they will be able to reach their home.

Mr. LeRoy was born in Manchester, Indiana, January 16, 1850. His father was of Scotch ancestry. The family moved to Morris, Illinois, and there Mr. LeRoy spent his boyhood years. He received a good common and high school education at Morris, after which he was graduated from the commercial department of Clark's seminary of Aurora, Illinois, and completed his collegiate education at Moore's Hill College, Indiana, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science in the spring of 1869. Immediately thereafter he entered the law department of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in June, 1870, with the degree LL.B. and the right to practice in all the courts of the state. At that time his father had become a citizen of Manchester and Mr. LeRoy came here in 1871, and practiced the law alone.

On November 5, 1873 he became a law partner of Charles E. Bron-

presence of the mighty. Pertinacious and aggressive in his nature, prompt to grapple with men of measure when his convictions were assailed, he was ever ready to accord to others what he claimed for himself and never harbor an ill feeling toward anyone who injured him. From men like the Scotch's grandeur springs. That makes her loved, revered abroad.

He was a firm believer in the future life. He could not believe in the heart's affections, which brighten, adorn, and purify our lives, the love of mother and father and child, of husband and wife, of kindred and friends, are all to be ended in the grave. His human nature revolted at such a suggestion.

If it be true, as many believe, that the best service we can render here to the Great Father of All is to give strength to the weak and help to the helpless of His children, then our departed friend has done his life work well. It is no exaggeration to say that during the last thirty years of his life he spent at least a fourth of his time working without compensation to help and advise those who were in trouble and assist in the upbuilding of the public institutions and fraternal organizations of his city and state.

If it be true, and it is very pleasant to so believe, that in the other

BIG FARM MORTGAGE COMPANY ORGANIZED

AMERICAN MORTGAGE & SECURITIES COMPANY, WITH \$200,000 CAPITAL.

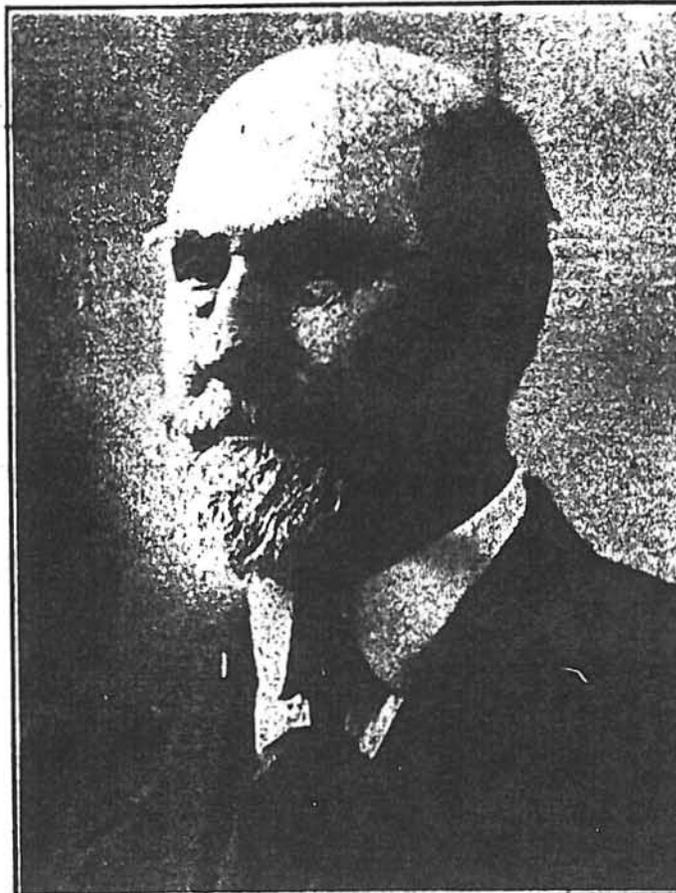
MANCHESTER PLACE OF BUSINESS

One of Strongest Farm Loan Companies in State, and Largest Financial Institution in County.

Articles of Incorporation were filed last week with County Recorder A. E. Dunlap, and the Secretary of State, and the Certificate of Incorporation duly issued for the American Mortgage & Securities Company, which will have its principal place of business in Manchester.

On another page of this issue of The Democrat the corporation publishes the "Articles of Incorporation."

MILLARD F. LE ROY



which explain in detail the plans and purposes of this organization. With its capital stock of \$200,000

Charles E. Ranier, Waterloo, Iowa. Robert Barr, Manchester, Iowa. E. C. Perkins, Delhi, Iowa. C. R. Welr, Manchester, Iowa.

For months past, the men interested in organizing this company have been investigating the methods, systems, and most up-to-date plans of carrying on the farm loan business in the matter of equipment, accurate book methods, and all up-to-date suggestions relating thereto, of some of the largest farm loan companies in the United States. The American Mortgage & Securities Company will adopt and install the most up-to-date system and equipment, that the very best of these companies are using.

They will occupy temporary offices in the second story of the Cloude building on Main street, until a more permanent location is definitely decided upon. Business will be begun at once. There are three different permanent locations being seriously considered, and as soon as a permanent location is definitely decided upon, the offices will then be thoroughly equipped in the most up-to-date manner for handling the farm loan business.

The character of the men and the financial strength of the stockholders in the company, insure a future for this company, as one of the biggest and strongest financial institutions in the state.

HULDAH A. MORSE.

Mrs. Huldah A. Morse, one of the pioneer women of Delaware county, passed away at the home of H. Davis, in this city Tuesday morning, following an illness of nearly six years, her illness being caused from injuries which she received in a runaway accident while visiting relatives in Oregon some six years ago.

Deceased was born in the state of New York, near Niagara Falls, June 15, 1835, and came to Delaware county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Ryan, when she was a young lady nineteen years of age.

Her marriage with Capt. W. A. Morse took place in Manchester in the year 1857. Following their marriage they took up their residence in Manchester. When the war of the Rebellion broke out her husband organized a company of soldiers and went to the field of battle. During the war he was taken prisoner and spent considerable time in the southern prisons, where he contracted an illness which culminated in his death soon after the war.

Mrs. Morse is survived by her brother, William Ryan, of east of Manchester, and one sister, Mrs. Nettie Cooley of Junction City, Oregon. Besides the brother and sister she leaves a large number of other close relatives.

In common with the pioneer settlers of Delaware county Mrs. Morse underwent many hardships and privations. Her kindness of heart and her unselfish devotion to her friends, won for her the esteem and high regard of everyone who knew her. Her death is the source of sorrow among many of the older people of this community.

To the bereaved relatives is extended the sympathy of many friends.

Funeral services will be held from the M. E. church of this city, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. C. K. Hudson, conducting the same. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

BUYS GROCERY STORE.

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uated in June, 1870, with the degree LL.B. and the right to practice. In all the courts of the state. At that time his father had become a citizen of Manchester and Mr. LeRoy came here and commenced the practice of the law alone.

On November 5, 1873 he became a law partner of Charles E. Bronson, and in 1884 the partnership was enlarged by the association of E. M. Carr. That firm continued for a number of years until Mr. LeRoy refused to engage in the banking business.

During his entire life Mr. LeRoy was a lover of books and periodicals, and was one of the most widely read men in this part of the state.

On the organization of the First National Bank of Manchester, in February, 1890, he was elected cashier, and after the death of the late A. R. Loomis he was elected president of that institution, a position he held until the time of his death.

On June 2, 1874, Mr. LeRoy married Miss Jennie P. Loomis. This union was blessed with a family of three children, Dora M., Alma M., and Allen R.

During his entire business life Mr. LeRoy took an active interest in public affairs and civic and fraternal work. He was a member of the Manchester school board for more than a score of years and was either secretary or president of the board most of that time.

In March, 1911, Mr. LeRoy was elected mayor of the city of Manchester, Iowa, and during his administration the city enjoyed a progressiveness never before equalled in its history.

Before the end of his two year term as mayor, he was elected to the state legislature and served with distinction as a member of the House during the last session of the General Assembly, and his untimely death has caused a vacancy in that body.

At the time of his death, in addition to his position as president of The First National Bank of this city, he was chairman of the finance committee of The Fraternal Union of America with headquarters at Denver, Colorado. He spent a part of every month in Denver caring for the large trust fund held by that life insurance company. In addition to that, he was a director and officer in the Manchester & Oneida Railway, a director and officer in the Dairy City Creamery company and a director and officer in other smaller corporations.

Mr. LeRoy was prominent in fraternal organizations, being a member of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, Manchester Lodge No. 165, A. F. & A. M., Olive Branch Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M., Elam Council, No. 9, R. and S. M., Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar, of which he was past commander; De Molay Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. C. R. M., and El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. At one time he held the position of Department Commander of the Patriarch Militant, I. O. O. F. of Iowa, with the rank of Major General. This is the highest office in Iowa Odd Fellowship.

Among those from out of town who were here to attend the funeral of Mr. LeRoy were: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Loomis, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Fred LeRoy, Streator, Ill., Chas. M. Bowers and daughter, Florence, of Moore's Hill, Ind., Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Cutler, and Miss Alma Cutler, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, H. A. vonOven, Beloit, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt, Muskogee, Okla., S. L. Kern, Denver, Colo., Kent C. Child, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Kate Agard, Dubuque, Ill.

Mr. LeRoy was the embodiment of all the national qualities of that liberty-loving race from which he sprang and he glories in its history and traditions. He never pandered to power nor lowered his flag in the

life we shall know and enjoy the society of those whom we knew and loved here, then our departed friend who has gone before is enjoying pleasant communions in his new home and awaits with patient longing the coming of those whom he loved and left behind.

No one ever brought their load of troubles to Mr. LeRoy that he did not try in some way to help them, and the fact that he was sometimes repaid by base ingratitude seemed to make no difference with him. He would again assist the offender and his led many who did not know him intimately to say that he would help an enemy just as readily as he would a friend. From Mr. LeRoy's standpoint such statements were incorrect, because he felt no enmity toward any human being. Some may have been his enemies, but he was not their enemy. And he had many close, personal friends who did not have to ask him for assistance; they could depend upon him; for them "he would stand out in a storm without hitching." It is hard indeed to part with such a friend, but in this world—

Friend after friend departs.
Who has not lost such friends?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end.

The material, social, and educational interests of Manchester will miss Mr. LeRoy, and he will be greatly missed by his business co-laborers, but far greater will be missed in the home of his loved ones, his wife, his son and his daughters. No word can describe how he will be missed by her who has been his bosom companion for forty years, and by the son from whom a father's council has been taken, and by the daughters who will never again know a father's sweet companionship and love. May the quiet and soothing influences of Him who conquered death be to them a very present help.

The funeral services were held at the Congregational church on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Moore, of the Congregational church officiated and was assisted by Rev. C. K. Hudson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The spacious church auditorium would not accommodate all who came to pay a last tribute to their departed friend. They covered and surrounded the casket with the sweetness and fragrance of beautiful flowers. Members of the I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias, and Masonic lodges attended the funeral in a body. The Masonic funeral service was held at the church under the auspices of Manchester Lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M., and Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, K. T., acted as escort. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in Oakland cemetery and interment will be made after the arrival home of Mrs. LeRoy and daughters, Dora and Alma.

MANCHESTER CHURCHES

St Paul's.

Sunday school at 2:30 and preaching by Elder Hubbel at 3:30 o'clock.

Baptist.

Sunday morning subject, "Pure Religion". Evening, "Timely and Needed Help." Everyone will be made welcome.

Congregational.

The regular services of the church will be held next Sunday.

—The young sons of Mrs. Maggie Smith Barns suffered the loss of one of their valuable little ponies, the little horse dying this morning.

which explain in detail the plans and purposes of this organization.

With its capital stock of \$200,000, it will not only be the largest capitalized financial institution in Des Moines County, and among the largest companies in the state dealing exclusively in farm mortgages, but also the character and class of men interested in it, insure for this company a place among the strongest financial companies in the state. Its stockholders, officers and directors are, in fact, an association of some of the best and most experienced farm loan men in eastern Iowa. Over three-fourths of its fifty stockholders are at the present time active bank officers and directors, representing fifteen different banks in this section of Iowa, and it is through these banks that the American Mortgage & Securities Company will obtain a large volume of its loans. The balance are attorneys, business men and practical farmers, all of whom for years have been passing on farm values in Eastern Iowa, and are thoroughly familiar with the section of the country in which this company will operate.

The incorporators of the Company have felt for some time the need of a company of this kind to take care of the increasing demands for farm mortgages in eastern Iowa. This they considered was not only felt from the standpoint of the borrower, but also from the standpoint of the conservative investor, who might prefer to invest money through an institution that makes a specialty of farm loans and looks after all the details of such investments.

There is more of a tendency among investors to turn to farm mortgages than ever before in the history of the country. This is not only emphasized by the tendency of private investors, but also by the recent federal acts, permitting national banks to make farm loans, and also by the proposed land credit bill recently introduced in the Senate.

Further interest is shown by the fact that Saturday, in Des Moines, a preliminary organization of Iowa farm mortgage dealers was formed by most of the leading men in the farm mortgage business in Iowa. This association is based on about the same lines as the Iowa Bankers' association. The American Mortgage & Securities company was one of the charter members and organizers of this association.

The incorporators of the American Mortgage & Securities Company are: J. H. Trewin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Charles E. Ransler, Waterloo, Iowa, Geo. W. Dunham, Manchester, Iowa.

A. M. Cloud, Manchester, Iowa, Robert Barr, Manchester, Iowa, F. C. Waples, Manchester, Iowa, H. E. Henderson, Manchester, Iowa, J. F. Graham, Manchester, Iowa, R. D. Graham, Manchester, Iowa, E. C. Perkins, Delhi, Iowa, John Mangold, Ryan, Iowa, W. N. Wolcott, Manchester, Iowa, Fred B. Blair, Manchester, Iowa, C. R. Weir, Manchester, Iowa, T. E. Fleming, Marshalltown, Iowa.

The following men will act as officers and directors for the ensuing year:

President, A. M. Cloud, Manchester, Iowa.
First vice president, J. H. Trewin, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Second vice president, J. F. Graham, Manchester, Iowa.
Secretary, F. C. Waples, Manchester, Iowa.
Treasurer, H. E. Henderson, Manchester, Iowa.
Geo. W. Dunham, Manchester, Iowa.
W. N. Wolcott, Manchester, Iowa.

The M. E. church of this city, Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. C. K. Hudson, conducting the same. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

BUYS GROCERY STORE.

A deal was closed on Tuesday whereby Austin J. Andrews comes into possession of the grocery business on Main street, conducted for a number of years by Mr. T. N. Arnold. The stock was invoiced the first of the week, and Mr. Andrews took possession of the business on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Arnold has spared no pains in supplying his customers with first-class goods, and has enjoyed a liberal share of the grocery trade in Manchester. For some time past Mr. Arnold has been traveling for the M. M. Walker company of Dubuque, and was able to devote only a part of his time to his business in Manchester. Mr. Arnold understands the grocery business from the ground up, and will hereafter devote his entire time on the road for his house. It will be gratifying news to the many friends of Mr. Arnold and his family that the change does not mean a removal of the family from this city.

Mr. Andrews has recently disposed of his interests in the Dairy City Creamery company, of which institution he was the manager for many years. Manchester friends of Mr. Andrews and his family will be pleased to learn that he is to engage in business here. He is a straightforward business man and enjoys the confidence of his business associates.

Charles Brownell, who has been connected with the store for a number of years, will continue his work in the store under Mr. Andrews. No more efficient clerk than Mr. Brownell ever stepped behind a counter in Manchester.

LESLIE CASKEY.

Leslie Caskey passed away at his home on the West side Tuesday afternoon, following an illness of several weeks. Mr. Caskey was born in the state of Ohio, in the year 1839. He came to Iowa in 1856, and was married to Miss Ella Chesley at Quasqueton, Iowa, in 1863. To this union one daughter was born. The daughter, Mrs. Park Jones, preceded her father in death, her death having taken place south of Manchester on November 2, 1909.

Mr. Caskey was a blacksmith by trade, and worked at that trade for many years in Independence, Quasqueton, Winthrop, and Manchester. For some time he was in the employ of Alex Sefstrom, of this city. He was skilled in his chosen line of work.

He is survived by his aged widow and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the late home on the West side of Thursday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. J. F. Moore. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

A UNIQUE MAIL WAGON.

H. S. Webber, one of the rural carriers out of Manchester, recently invested in a new mail wagon, which is a beauty as far as appearance and for comfort. Mr. Webber says, there is nothing like it. The wagon is of light construction, the weight of an ordinary buggy. On either side are sectional doors with glass, and in the rear is a window which hangs on hinges to permit being opened and closed. The outfit is equipped with a small gasoline stove, for heating purposes. On the back of the buggy is a small supply tank, and underneath the driver's feet is the little stove. Mr. Webber says that it makes no difference how cold the day, the stove is large enough to heat the enclosed buggy so that the severity of the weather is not noticed.

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M. F. LeRoy was born in Manchester, Indiana, January 16, 1850, and died at Hinsdale, Illinois, February 21, 1914, after an illness of less than one week's duration. The family moved to Morris, Illinois, and here Mr. LeRoy spent his boyhood years and received a high school education. He, afterwards, attended Clarke's seminary of Aurora, Illinois, and completed his collegiate education at Moore's Hill college, Indiana, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of science. In the spring of 1870, he was graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree of bachelor of laws.

In 1873, he moved to Manchester, Iowa, and formed a law partnership with the Hon. Charles E. Bronson and in 1884 the firm became Bronson, Carr & LeRoy. In 1890, he became cashier of the First National Bank of Manchester and was made president of the same after the death of A. R. Loomis, which position he held until the time of his death. June 2, 1874, Mr. LeRoy was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Loomis and to this union were born two daughters and one son.

Mr. LeRoy had long been prominently and helpfully identified with the business, social, religious and educational interests of Manchester. He was for two years mayor, his administration being without doubt the most progressive and beneficial the city has ever enjoyed. He gave long and faithful service as a member of the school board, was active in the organization of the Manchester and Oneida Railway Company, and was allied with many of the important concerns financed with local capital. In 1912, he was elected representative from Delaware county in the general assembly, and for some time had held a position on the executive committee of the Fraternal Union of America, a flourishing insurance society, with headquarters at Denver. In all of these relations, his service was unstinted and unselfish.

Mr. LeRoy was a member of the various Masonic orders, both the York and Scottish rites, and was a past eminent commander of Nazareth commandery, No. 33, Knights of Templar. He was also affiliated with Hyperion lodge, No. 186, K. of P., and had long been a leader in Iowa Odd Fellow circles, having been honored by the post of commander of the Patriarchs Militant, the highest position in the gift of the order. In earlier life he was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, later transferring his membership to the Congregational society.

Personally, Mr. LeRoy was a helper of the unfortunate and distressed, who gave unsparingly and without expectation of return. A record of his unseen kindnesses would tell the story of renewed courage and hope to many a man who came to him in an hour of need and found, not merely temporary aid, but lasting friendship.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of M. F. LeRoy, the state and county in which he resided lost a worthy and upright citizen and an honorable man and we hereby extend to the bereaved family and friends our sincere sympathy.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the chief clerk of the

citizen, thoroughly alive to the best interests of his locality and active in the promotion of those interests. He has never sought to be a man of any public note, having devoted his entire energies and talents to his own personal affairs and to the discharge of his duties as a citizen.

Mr. Beehler came to America a single man. He married in Chicago, October 31, 1874, taking as his wife Miss Amelia Loeb, who was born in the same place as himself, but who was reared mainly in Chicago, having been brought to this country by her parents in infancy. She is a daughter of Morris and Frances (Gumprieh) Loeb, of German birth and ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Beehler have a family of five children, two girls and three boys—Henrietta, Louis, David, Charles and Frances. They have one of the handsomest residences in Manchester and a large circle of friends. Mr. Beehler is a man of strong social instincts and a member of a number of the secret orders in whose ancient, mystic rites and ceremonies he has taken much interest as well as entering actively into their broad charities and humane purposes. He is an enthusiastic Mason, having taken all the degrees up to and including the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, which is the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He belongs to Manchester Lodge, No. 165, A. F. and A. M. He is the present high priest of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 48, R. A. M. He is past captain general of Nazareth Commandery, No. 33. He is a member of DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, at Lyons, Iowa, and of the Mystic Shrine El Kahir Temple, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Besides his Masonry he is a member of the follow-

ing other fraternities—Germania Lodge, No. 86, I. O. F. S. O. I., Hyperion Lodge, No. 96, Knights of Pythias, and Island Lodge, No. 109, I. O. B. B.

Having been born and reared in that country which is said to eclipse all others in its splendid facilities for the acquisition of knowledge, and having enjoyed the best of these advantages in his youth, Mr. Beehler is the master of a thorough education, broad, accurate, and, to whatever branch it extends, critical. He received his mental training in "Hohere Burger Schule," Karlsruhe, graduating in 1869. Since moving to Manchester he has taken an active interest in educational matters of his adopted home, having served for a number of years as a member of the Manchester school board.

MF. LEROY, was born in the town of Manchester, Dearborn county, Ind., January 16, 1850. He is one of the two surviving children, out of a family of six, born to David and Lydia A. LeRoy, the other being a sister, Mrs. Jennie T. Updike, wife of A. R. Updike, of Remington, Ind. Mr. LeRoy comes of Scotch and English ancestry and of New York State and Indianaborn parentage. He is of Scotch extraction on his father's side, the name having been originally Roy, but becoming LeRoy by a strange confusion of Mr. LeRoy's father's christian name Lee, with the family name Roy. The father, Dr. David LeRoy, who was also for some years a citizen of this (Delaware) county, being now a resident of Streator, Ill., was born and reared in Cattaraugus

county, N. Y., moved to Indiana when a young man, where he married and lived for some years, moving thence to Grundy county, Ill., and still later to Delaware county, Iowa, being now as above stated a resident again of Illinois. Mr. LeRoy's mother, who bore the maiden name of Bowers, was born and reared in Ripley county, Ind. She died in 1860 in Grundy county, Ill.

The subject of this notice was reared in his native place and in the town of Morris, Grundy county, Ill., whither his parents moved when he was young. He received a good common and high school education in the public schools of Morris, Ill., taking also a commercial course in the commercial department of Clark's Seminary, of Aurora, Ill., completing his collegiate education at Moore's Hill College, at Moore's Hill, Dearborn county, Ind., graduating from the latter institution with the degree of "Bachelor of Science" in the spring of 1869. His father had moved to Manchester, Iowa, a year or two previously, and the son had also in the meantime visited the place and decided on taking up his residence there. He was desirous, however, of getting the benefit of the acquaintance with Western men and methods which a course in a western institution would afford him, and having selected law as a profession, he entered the law department of the Iowa State University, at Iowa City, in 1869, from which he graduated in June, 1870, with the degree of LL. B. and the right to practice in all the courts of the state. He was then under age, but located at Manchester and soon afterwards entered on the practice, beginning alone. On November 5, 1873, he formed a part-

nership with Charles E. Bronson and was engaged in the active practice of his profession under the firm name of Bronson & LeRoy for several years. Mr. LeRoy became interested in the banking business soon after locating in Manchester, and the handling of funds, collections, and other business of a quasi-banking nature, both for himself and others, accumulated on his hands to such an extent that he was induced to relinquish the practice of law about three years ago, and, having accepted the management of A. R. Loomis' private bank at that date, he has since devoted himself entirely to banking. On the organization of the First National Bank of Manchester in February, 1890, which was the successor of Mr. Loomis' bank, Mr. LeRoy was elected cashier and now holds that position. Outside of his bank stock and some minor local investments Mr. LeRoy's interests are largely in Illinois. He is, however, thoroughly identified with the growth and development of his adopted town and county. He is liberal, progressive and public spirited. He gives cheerfully of his means and works with willing hands for the promotion of not only the material, but the social, educational and moral interests of his community. Mr. LeRoy has never aspired to fill the public eye, politically or otherwise. He is a plain citizen of modest pretensions. His efforts for the public good have been exerted chiefly in behalf of the educational interests of his town. He has been a member of the school board of Manchester almost continuously for fifteen years, a large part of which time he has been secretary of the board.

June 2, 1874, Mr. LeRoy married Miss

Jennie P. Loomis, daughter of A. R. Loomis, of Manchester, a lady eminently qualified to bear him the companionship he sought with her hand. This union has been blessed with a family of three children—Dora M., Alma M. and Allan R.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy have a pleasant home, owning one of the handsomest residences in the town of Manchester, complete in its appointments and in the comfort and elegance of which, surrounded by their children, they find the chief joys of this life.

Mr. LeRoy has taken great interest in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and occupies an eminent position in that fraternity. He now occupies or has held at one time and another the following offices in this order—P. G., Manchester Lodge, No. 149, of Manchester, Iowa; P. H. P. and P. C. P., Azur Encampment, No. 37, of Manchester, Iowa; Past Commander Canton Delaware, No. 2, Patriarchs Militant, Department of Iowa, and Major and Assistant Inspector General, First Brigade of Iowa of the Patriarchs Militant.

HENRY B. BROWN is a native of Somersetshire, England, and comes of English ancestry as far back as anything is known of his antecedents. His father, George, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Susan Baker, were both born and reared in Somersetshire, England, and there the father still resides, the mother having died there in 1843 in middle life. The father is well advanced in age, being now in his nintieth year. Reared a farmer,

and trained to the habits of industry and sobriety which everywhere mark the life of the farmer, he has passed all his years engaged in those pursuits wherein he has found the greatest usefulness for his talents, and which, at the same time, have been most conducive to long life and the most rational enjoyment of life. Eight children were born to George and Susan (Baker) Brown, one of whom died in infancy, and the remaining seven, of whom two daughters and five sons are still living, each now the head of a family. The eldest two, both daughters, Jane and Eliza, are residents of Somersetshire, England, the former the wife of John Guy Baker, and the latter the wife of Albert Byrt. All of the sons are residents of Iowa, John and George being citizens of Poweshiek county, Seth and Henry B., citizens of Delaware county, and Edwin of Linn county.

Henry B., whose personal history here follows, was born March 15, 1839. He was reared in his native place, growing up on the farm. He came to America at the age of seventeen, in company with his eldest sister, Jane, and located at Kenosha, Wis. He resided there for sixteen months, when he came to Iowa and settled in Poweshiek county, where he was engaged for nine years in farming. Jane returned to England in 1864. In 1868 he came to Delaware county and bought sixty acres of land north of Manchester, in Delaware township, on which he settled, and on which he has since resided. He added to this by a purchase of forty acres more, and now owns one hundred acres, most of which he has reduced to cultivation. He has also placed on it all the improvements, these consisting of

in his methods and is careful in making a diagnosis to take into account all symptoms and the pathological history of the patient. His practice has increased steadily and many of the best people of the community are numbered among those who retain his services in case of sickness. He belongs to the county and state medical societies and to the American Medical Association, and in this way keeps abreast of the latest discoveries in the field of medical science and investigation.

On the 15th of June, 1887, Dr. Dittmer was married to Miss Virginia B. Wickersham, a daughter of James Wickersham, of Westville, Indiana. To Dr. and Mrs. Dittmer have been born four children: Howard, who is in the United States Navy; Lillian, who is taking nurses' training in Chicago; and Edgar and Theodore.

Dr. Dittmer gives his political support to the republican party and is much interested in public affairs. For twelve or fifteen years he has been a member of the school board and, as he has made a careful study of educational needs and requirements, has proved very efficient in that capacity. He is not only respected as a physician but highly esteemed as a man, as his life is guided by high and honorable principles of conduct.

HON. MILLARD F. LEROY.

Hon. Millard F. LeRoy did much to develop the business and industrial possibilities of Delaware county and was one of the county's most prominent and valued citizens. He was president of the First National Bank, a prime mover in the organization of the Manchester & Oneida Railway Company, was for two years mayor of Manchester and served as state representative. His death, which occurred on the 21st of February, 1914, was a great loss to Delaware county, as men who have the initiative and the courage that are necessary for a leader are few, but these qualities he possessed to a high degree.

Mr. LeRoy was born in Manchester, Dearborn county, Indiana, on the 16th of January, 1850, but during his early childhood the family removed to Morris, Illinois, and there the greater part of his youth was spent. In 1869 he was graduated from Moore's Hill College at Moore's Hill, Indiana, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His mother had died in 1860 and his father came to this county, where Millard F. LeRoy came after his graduation from college. He then entered the law department of the Iowa State University at Iowa City and was graduated therefrom in June, 1870. Although he was under age, he opened a law office in Manchester and practiced alone until the fall of 1873, when he formed a partnership with the late Charles E. Bronson, the firm later admitting the Hon. E. M. Carr.

Mr. LeRoy remained in practice for several years and then became connected with the banking business, assuming the management of a private bank operated by his father-in-law, the late Allen R. Loomis. Upon the organization of the First National Bank, in 1890, Mr. LeRoy was elected cashier and upon the death of Mr. Loomis, a few years later, succeeded to the presidency of the institution. He was connected with many of the local business concerns and was one of the



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most prominent figures in financial circles of this part of Iowa. He was one of the organizers of the Manchester & Oneida Railway Company, and his business acumen and executive ability were of great service to that corporation. Although his business interests made heavy demands upon his time, he was always ready to do his part in the management of public affairs and was for two years mayor of the city, his administration being without doubt the most progressive and beneficial the city has ever enjoyed. He was also for many years a member of the school board and in 1912 he was elected representative from the county, his record as a public official being a most creditable one. For some time he was a member of the executive committee of the Fraternal Union of America, an insurance company with headquarters at Denver.

Mr. LeRoy was married on the 2d of June, 1874, to Miss Jennie P. Loomis, and they became the parents of three children: Dora M., Alma M. and Allen R. Mr. LeRoy had long been identified with the business, social and educational interests of Manchester and his demise was sincerely mourned by a host of friends. Fraternally he belonged to a number of orders, in all of which he stood high. He belonged to both the York and Scottish Rite Masons and was a past eminent commander of Nazareth Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar. He was also affiliated with the Hyperion Lodge, No. 186, K. P., and with the Odd Fellows, in which society he was a leader in Iowa, having been honored by the post of commander of the Patriarchs Militant, the highest position in the gift of the order. All who knew him conceded him to be a man of unusual ability and also of great public spirit and unswerving integrity, and no resident of the county was held in higher esteem.

At the time of his death the Manchester Press contained many tributes from friends and associates to his high personal worth. Among those who attested to his splendid character were United States Senator Albert B. Cummins, Governor George W. Clark, Congressman Maurice Connolly, Senator E. C. Perkins, Major E. M. Carr and Captain J. F. Merry. In the same issue of the Manchester Press there appeared the following:

"A review of the life of Mr. LeRoy in this community, brief as it must necessarily be and as he would have it, is a review of the progress and upbuilding of the community during the forty years of his residence in it. This is true because every effort to improve Manchester, to make it a better town to live in, to promote its material and moral interests, to advance the growth and extension of its business facilities and to help it outgrow the rawness and crudity of the crossroads village—every such effort found him either a leader or an unhesitating contributor. To his energy and liberality and enthusiastic loyalty to his home city, Manchester owes more than can be measured in a stickful of type or rewarded by the gratitude of those in position to know the facts. His sympathy and his influence and his means were at the instant disposal of any project which promised to benefit Manchester, and when enlisted in furtherance of it his own business interests became secondary. In the various positions of trust imposed upon him, he made ungrudging sacrifice of his leisure and allowed no demand, however urgent, to encroach upon duties to which he had pleaded fidelity. In this respect his example was singular, and in a day when the holding of minor offices is a preferment rather than a trust it was rare and exceedingly praiseworthy. In a personal sense, the death of Mr. LeRoy removes a man who

was truly a friend to him who needed friends, an unquestioning helper of the unfortunate or distressed, who gave unsparingly and without the expectation of return. * * * A record of his unseen kindnesses would tell the story of renewed courage and hope to many a man who came to him in the hour of need and found not merely temporary aid but lasting friendship."

MISS EMMA J. CHAPMAN.

Miss Emma J. Chapman is postmistress of Colesburg and is ably managing the affairs of that office. She is a native of the town and a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Potts) Chapman, natives of England and Pennsylvania respectively. In the '50s they removed to Iowa and settled in Delaware county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Chapman was very prominent in public affairs, serving two terms in the state legislature and also holding a number of local offices, including the mayoralty of the village of Colesburg. For sixteen years he was justice of the peace and he was postmaster of Colesburg at the time of his death. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and fraternally he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was the father of eleven children, five of whom survive.

In 1906 Miss Chapman was appointed postmistress and she has held the office ever since. She learned much of the detail of postal work under her father when he was postmaster and since becoming the incumbent of the office she has fully demonstrated her business ability and the mails have been handled with dispatch and accuracy. She is a graduate of the Colesburg high school and taught for three years before accepting her present office. She owns a fine residence in Colesburg, where she has spent her entire life and is highly esteemed and respected by all.

FRED J. BARTSCHE.

Fred J. Bartsche, who owns a farm on section 36, Milo township, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 15th of February, 1872, a son of John and Catherine (Bickel) Bartsche, natives of Switzerland and Germany respectively. When a lad of twelve years John Bartsche came with his parents to this country and grew to manhood in Ohio. The mother was twenty years of age when she left the fatherland and made her way to the United States. The subject of this review is one of two children born to his parents, the other being Amanda, who is now the wife of John Aldrich and lives in Hazel Green township. The family came west in 1879 and settled in Delhi township upon twenty acres of land which the parents purchased. After a few years this place was sold and the father rented a farm, which he cultivated for four years, at the end of which time he leased another tract of land, which he operated for three years. He then removed to Hazel Green township and rented land for three years. He subsequently bought ninety-five acres on section 36, Milo township, which the subject

mer months his labors were needed at home upon the farm and he early became familiar with the arduous task of breaking the sod and tilling the fields of a new farm. At the age of twenty-one he started out in life on his own account, choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He always continued therein and came to be known as one of the leading agriculturists of the county. He brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, divided his place by well kept fences so that each tract could be easily cultivated and used the latest improved machinery to facilitate the farm work. Year by year he harvested good crops, which found a ready sale upon the market, and he remained throughout his life active in business.

On the 23d of September, 1866, Mr. Alger was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia J. Robinson, a daughter of Charles and Hannah (Hare) Robinson, who were pioneer settlers of Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived for many years and then passed away, their remains being interred in Edgewood cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Alger became the parents of seven children: Hiram Burritt; Lou E., at home; Sherwood W.; Anson; Myron J.; Edna C., who is now a missionary in China, representing the Presbyterian church; and Ethel D.

In politics Mr. Alger was a republican. He did not blindly follow any party leading, however, but studied vital questions for himself. At one time he served as a school director. He was a stalwart champion of the cause of temperance and took a deep and helpful interest in public affairs. He was a broad reader of current events and was interested in every phase of public thought and action having to do with the general welfare of county and state. He passed away May 11, 1912, and was laid to rest in the home cemetery. His life had been that of a man of strong religious principles and in his daily conduct he exemplified the teachings of his church. He was a generous contributor to the Iowa Children's Home of Des Moines and gave freely to the support of the movements working against white slavery. He was also generous in his gifts to the Deaconess Home in Chicago. In 1912 the family removed to Edgewood, where they now make their home. Mr. Alger was devoted to the welfare and happiness of his wife and children, and he likewise held friendship inviolable. He passed away at the age of sixty-eight years, three months and two days, his death being deeply deplored by all who knew him, for he had become greatly endeared to his fellow townsmen through qualities which in every land and clime awaken confidence and good-will.

ALLEN R. LEROY.

Allen R. LeRoy, president of the First National Bank of Manchester, was born in that city, November 20, 1887, son of the late Hon. Millard F. LeRoy, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools at Manchester and graduated from the high school with the class of 1906. He then traveled for a year in Europe and later became a student in Beloit College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He subsequently took post-graduate work in economics and international law at Berlin, Germany, after which he entered the First National Bank at Manchester, of

which his father was president. He became cashier, but was later made vice president and, as he has been familiar with banking for many years, he has an accurate knowledge of both the detailed work necessary in the conduct of a banking institution and also has a broad understanding of those great principles of finance and currency upon which that business is based. Upon the death of his father in 1914, he was elected president of the institution. He has already proven an executive of unusual ability. He is connected with a number of other corporations, including the Manchester & Oneida Railway Company, of which he is treasurer, and the Manchester Light, Heat & Power Company, of which he is vice president.

Mr. LeRoy is a republican in his political belief and is a member of the Congregational church. He is quite prominent fraternally, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

HUGH LIVINGSTON, M. D.

Dr. Hugh Livingston, a physician and surgeon of Hopkinton, has resided in Delaware county for many years and although he is quiet and unassuming in manner his genuine worth has been demonstrated many times and he is highly respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens. He has a representative practice which yields him a good annual income and he holds the respect and confidence of the general public and the profession alike.

Dr. Livingston was born October 5, 1846, on the Livingston homestead, located a mile and a half from Hopkinton, a son of Hugh and Isabelle Livingston. As a young man the father went with a colony to the Selkirk settlement in Canada and there in 1830 married Miss Isabelle Rose, a daughter of Alexander and Lily (Campbell) Rose. To Mr. and Mrs. Livingston were born nine children, six daughters and three sons, namely, Anna, Duncan, Lily, Isabelle, Mary, Nathaniel, Hugh, Margaret and Rachel. The Doctor is the only one now living. The three oldest, Anna, Duncan and Lily, were born in the Selkirk settlement, Isabelle in Dubuque, Iowa, and the others on the family homestead in this county. Duncan Livingston became second lieutenant in Company K, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and did gallant service throughout the Civil war.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Livingston, Sr., came to Iowa from Canada in 1835 the party with which they were traveling sought shelter at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Their goods were hauled to that place on ox carts with wooden wheels made from round blocks of oak without any iron mounting. At Fort Snelling Hugh Livingston, who was a carpenter by trade, superintended the building of boats in which the women and children rowed down the Mississippi, the men following on land with the carts and driving the stock. In this manner the party succeeded in reaching Dubuque, which at that time was only a trading post, but they remained there for some time, in the meantime prospecting the land farther west. They finally concluded to settle near the Maquoketa river