



CHARLES LEROY BESWICK, Stockport.—Representative from Van Buren county, was born in a log house near Stockport, Iowa, January 30, 1874. He is of English descent, his grandfather, James, coming to the United States from Stockport, England, in 1818 at the age of twelve. His father, Thomas T., who was born near Marietta, Ohio, in 1838, came to Van Buren county in 1850. His mother, Kate F. (Goodall) Beswick, born in 1850 in Van Buren County is of Kentucky parentage. Mr. Beswick was educated in the rural schools and at Birmingham high school, and received a C. E. degree from Highland Park College (Des Moines) in 1894. He was married to Belle Lucas in 1896 and has one daughter, Marguerite. He is engaged in farming and stock raising and has served as rural school director, was president of Stockport schools for 14 years and served on county board of education and was secretary of the local Farm Loan Association. Identified with the Christian church and was Sunday school superintendent for 20 years. Belongs to the K. of P. lodge. Serving first term in the legislature. A democrat.