



MERLIN A. FREEMAN,

Representative from Wapello county, was born in Scott county, Iowa, October 14, 1866, of American parentage. Moved to Jasper county when about eight years of age. Reared on a farm and received his education at district and Grinnell public schools. Previous to majority entered the railroad service as trainman, which occupation he still follows. Is a member of the Masonic order and of the Order of R. R. Conductors. A republican in politics.