

many other ways. His daughter, Anna May, died after rearing four children. Mr. Allison is a very pleasant man to meet, always courteous and kind, honest and obliging, consequently he has hosts of friends.

HUGH G. RICHARDS.

This honored veteran of the Civil war is to be designated as one of the influential and successful citizens of Washington township, having maintained his home in Nodaway county for many years, figuring as one of the builders of his community, and he is especially worthy of consideration in this work. He has not only by his industry and sound judgment improved a fine farm and gained a competence for his old age, but he has materially assisted in the general welfare of the community, in many ways lending his time and influence in various uplifting movements.

Hugh G. Richards was born August 20, 1839, in McCoupin county, Illinois, the son of Calib D. and Nancy (Gibson) Richards. The father was born in Tennessee in 1818 and died in 1895, and the mother was born in Kentucky in 1819 and died in 1885. They were married in Illinois and came to Andrew county, Missouri, in 1841, there entering land which they improved, building a home on the same. Selling out in 1859, they came to Nodaway county and bought ninety acres of land in section 30, ten acres of which was timbered. Here he also built a home and began improving the place and engaged in general farming, being very successful. Mr. and Mrs. Calib D. Richards were members of the Presbyterian church, and, politically, Mr. Richards was a Democrat. They were the parents of five children: Hugh G., Margaret J. and Edward H. are living; Sarah A. and Elizabeth are deceased.

Hugh G. Richards spent his boyhood days on the farm and received a common school education. He was married on November 23, 1865, to Adaline Gilmore, daughter of James and Emily Gilmore. Her parents came to this county in 1865 and engaged in farming. Shortly after his marriage Mr. Richards moved to Gentry county, where he remained four years, then returned to Nodaway county and bought his father's farm, which had been sold in the meantime. He devoted his attention exclusively to farming and stock raising, keeping the best grade of stock on his place.

Mr. Richards proved his patriotism in 1862 by enlisting in the Fortieth Regiment Iowa Infantry, in which he served with a very creditable record

until the close of the war, having enlisted as a private and he was mustered out as sergeant-major, his promotion having been well earned. His record attracted the attention of higher officials and he was appointed adjutant by E. M. Stanton, Lincoln's secretary of war, and he is now remembered by his government with a pension of fifteen dollars per month.

Mr. Richards was a teacher in the public schools for a number of years, and very ably served as justice of the peace for his township for twelve years, also filling the office of township clerk. On his farm of two hundred and fourteen acres he has made many substantial improvements and has one of the choice farms of the county, maintaining it under a high state of cultivation.

Mrs. Richards died on January 31, 1899, and is buried at Guilford. Mr. Richards is a Republican in politics and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, named as follows: Milton S., born in 1866; Edmund G., born in 1868; Alice A. is the wife of D. A. Bledsoe; Laura M. was born in October, 1871, and died July 8, 1905; Emma E., born in 1875, died in 1900; Nancy was born in 1880, died in 1904; one child died in infancy. The following children were born to Milton S. Richards and wife: Leland P., Roland E., Cleo, Bernard N., Zora E. and Ada. The following children have been born to Mrs. Alice Bledsoe: Zora May, Hobart, Hugh R., Truman, Gladys, Leslie and Harvie.

SEAMAN J. SCHRADER.

No farmer in Grant township, Nodaway county, seems to understand more thoroughly the science of modern agriculture than Seaman J. Schrader, who was born in Piatt county, Illinois, in August, 1862. He is the son of Peter and Celestine (Magett) Schrader, the father a native of Luxemburg, Germany, born there in 1819. The mother was born in France in 1827 and she died at Conception, on June 4, 1910, at the age of eighty-three years. Peter Schrader came to America in 1857 and remained two years, during which time he worked as a farm hand, earning money to return to his native land. He came to America a second time and located with his wife and two children on a farm in Piatt county, Illinois. He rented land for seven years, then came to Nodaway county, Missouri, in 1866, having made the trip in a covered wagon, and located on an eighty-acre farm, northeast of Mary-