

of two hundred and sixty acres which was put entirely under Mr. Williams's management, and which he conducted most successfully. In the spring of 1888, during his residence in that county, he was elected township clerk, and served one year; subsequently, for two terms, he held the office of supervisor.

From Kenosha county, Wisconsin, Mr. Williams removed to Gratiot county, Michigan, with which, as a permanent resident, he has since been identified. He owns a fine property in Section 33, Washington township, consisting of eighty acres of specially good arable land. The place is well equipped with all the buildings required for carrying on farming operations, and most of them have been erected by Mr. Williams himself.

On February 21, 1888, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Mary Hibbard, then a resident of Washington township. Miss Hibbard was the only daughter of George and Rhoda (Harrison) Hibbard, the former a native of New York, and the latter of the State of Ohio, where the daughter also was born, in Morrow county, June 8, 1867. The family removed to Gratiot county, Michigan, in 1880, and settled in Washington township, remaining there until the fall of 1894, when they located in Clinton county, Michigan, where they now reside in peaceful retirement. The father was born July 11, 1838, and the mother March 27, 1834, and they have therefore reached the age which entitles them to relief from the heavy burdens of life. They are both faithful members of the Evangelical Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one child, Ethel, born October 11, 1896. Both are members of the Evangelical Church and are

entirely in accord as to its work, being, perhaps, especially active in the Sunday-school. Mrs. Williams is a woman of rare character, and her husband has been unusually fortunate in his domestic relations.

A strong Republican on all political issues, Mr. Williams has always proved his faith by his useful party work, and the value of his services has been recognized by his appointment as supervisor of the township. The ability and straightforwardness which he has evinced in the conduct of that office have earned him general confidence and popularity. He was first appointed to the position in 1902, to complete an unexpired term, and was so acceptable to his constituents that he was elected in 1903 and 1904, and was obliged to refuse the nomination in 1905. Mr. Williams has also served as school trustee for District No. 4, of Washington township, and for a period of two years was a member of the board of reviewers. His interest in all township affairs is keen and intelligent, and his many warm friends and constituents alike recognize in him a public spirited and able citizen.

WILLIAM BARTLEY. Among the representative farmers of Gratiot county William Bartley stands prominently as a good citizen, an enterprising business man, and a farmer of the first class. He resides on his 119-acre place in Lafayette township, situated in Sections 6 and 7. He was born January 10, 1843, in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, son of Anthony and Catherine (Young) Bartley.

Anthony Bartley was born in Germany, while his wife was a native of Pennsylvania. They had three children, of whom William is the only surviving member, and they died

in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. William Bartley was reared in that county, and when nineteen years of age enlisted in Company C, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with that regiment from August, 1862, until June 19, 1865. He participated in the battles of Chattanooga and Chickamauga; many minor engagements and skirmishes; was in Sherman's campaign through Georgia, when he received a slight bullet wound; and served gallantly throughout the war, receiving his honorable discharge.

After the war Mr. Bartley returned to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he remained a short time, and in the spring of 1866 he located in Michigan, where for two years he lived in Newark township, Gratiot county. He then took up his home on Sections 6 and 7, in Lafayette township, where he owns one hundred and nineteen acres, highly improved and supplied with good, substantial buildings. Mr. Bartley was married in Lafayette township, August 8, 1871, to Jane Edgar, born in Scotland July 30, 1849, daughter of Stewart and Margaret (Dunn) Edgar, natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Bartley have had these children: William E., who married Lena Halbert and has three children; James A.; Maggie E., the wife of Frank Clegg and mother of three children; Mary E., who married Peter McAdam and has had three children, one of whom is deceased; Katie; Janie; and Amanda Florena, who died at the age of three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a man of the strictest integrity and a high sense of honor, and gains the confidence and respect of all with whom he has business dealings.

FRANCIS M. FREAR, one of the prominent residents of Pine River township, Gratiot county, and an honored survivor of the Civil war, was born in Simcoe, Ontario, May 12, 1843. He is a son of James and Clarissa (Shaver) Frear, natives of New York, who died in Grass Lake, Jackson county, Michigan, the father September 3, 1869, at the age of sixty-three, and the mother, March 6, 1874, aged fifty-eight years. James Frear was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and he and his wife were both members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Harvey J., killed in the Civil war; Michael N., a resident of Jackson county, Michigan; James H., an undertaker at Henriette, Oklahoma; George W., a carpenter at Junction, Oregon; Francis M.; Harriet N., widow of H. M. Ward, of Bath, Michigan; and Clarissa I., Mrs. William Simmons, of Westfield, New York. Joshua M. Frear, the paternal grandfather of Francis M., was a native of New York, of French extraction.

Francis M. Frear, in 1849, as a boy of six, accompanied his parents to Michigan. While living at home on his father's farm, in March, 1862, Mr. Frear enrolled himself in that grand army of young men who with one impulse arose in defense of their country's flag and union. He enlisted in Company K, First Regiment, United States Sharpshooters, and served three years, being mustered out of service at Petersburg, Virginia, March 16, 1865. Mr. Frear participated in many serious battles and important campaigns, including Yorktown, the Peninsular campaign under General McClellan, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania. It would be un-