



OF  
Jackson, Jefferson and Pottawatomie Counties,  
KANSAS.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS  
OF THE COUNTY  
AND OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE  
UNITED STATES

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daughter of Stephen and Maria (Hay) Hayes. This union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Hattie A., a miss of fifteen, and Jane Lotta, the baby. Mrs. Shedd is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is instilling into the minds of her daughters the best principles, and they are also receiving, as their age will admit, the education and practical training which will fit them to follow in her own footsteps.

Mr. Shedd is a Democrat, but was elected the first Trustee of the town, which is largely Republican, and was continued in the office for six years. He is a member of the Whiting Lodge, No. 250, A. F. & A. M., and has been Master since its organization in 1884. The order is in a flourishing condition, and has recently fitted up its hall in elegant shape, having a banqueting room and kitchen attached. The ladies of the vicinity are very enthusiastic in its work, and assist in many ways in building up the lodge. The town of Whiting boasts of some beautiful homes, and Mr. Shedd has one of the finest. His residence is two stories high 24x28 feet, with an L 16x18, the entire edifice being finished in an artistic manner, and the family living therein in comfort and elegance.



**A**LBERT A. GREENE. Noticeable among the pioneer settlers of Jackson County the name of Mr. Greene should occupy no unimportant place, as he came here in 1867, settling in Jefferson Township. He purchased 160 acres of wild land, and improved the farm which he still owns and occupies, and where he has prospered as a tiller of the soil. He was born in Rhode Island in 1825, and is the son of Caleb and Sarah (Gardner) Greene, who were likewise natives of that State.

Caleb Greene was a farmer by occupation, and the son of David Greene, a native of Rhode Island and a soldier of the Revolutionary War. The family is of English descent, and Caleb Greene was nearly related to the famous Revolutionary hero, Gen. Greene. The Gardner family traced its ancestry to England. To Caleb Greene and his ex-

cellent wife there was born a family of ten children, all of whom lived to mature years: Patience became the wife of Edward Reddy, and is now a widow, living in Rhode Island. Abbie married Thomas Summers, and died in Jefferson Township, Jackson Co., Kan., in 1889; her husband was one of the earliest settlers of this township. Sarah Ann married William Carpenter, of Rhode Island, and is now deceased; Hannah married Champlain Watson, of Rhode Island, and is also deceased; Lydia is living in Rhode Island; Thomas A. is a resident of Lawrence, this State; Caleb, Jr. served as a soldier in the late Civil War, and died in his native Rhode Island; Alexander lives in the latter State; Albert A., of this sketch, was next to the youngest; William is a merchant of Hill City, this State. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church, and died at her home in Rhode Island when fifty-eight years old. Caleb Greene was a Free-thinker, very conservative in his ideas, and a man of much natural ability. He was plain and outspoken, thoroughly honest, and respected by his fellow-men. He lived to the ripe old age of seventy-two years.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, receiving limited educational advantages. He commenced the battle of life for himself at the age of sixteen years, working out on a farm at \$5 per month, and was occupied as a farm laborer for eight years. He then commenced farming on rented land, at which he continued for a period of seventeen years. At the expiration of this time he set out for the West, crossing the Mississippi into Nodaway County, Mo., and purchasing 300 acres of wild land on the Platte River. He farmed upon this for two years, then, coming to Kansas, purchased 160 acres of raw land, two miles south of what was then the hamlet of Circleville. A year later, however, he sold out and purchased another tract of unimproved land, on section 4, in Grant Township, where he made his home for seven years, and which is now one of the best improved farms in the county. He has, altogether, opened up seven farms from the primitive soil, planting orchards upon each of them, and effecting the other ordinary improvements. He has thus cultivated, at different times, an extensive area, upon which

he planted 5,000 apple trees, besides trees of the smaller fruits. It is conceded that he has done perhaps more than any other man in this region in encouraging fruit growing, as he was the first to forward this industry among the people of the new State.

When first leaving Jackson County, Mr. Greene settled near Garrison, Pottawatomie County, where he purchased 500 acres of land, which he devoted to stock farming, and upon which he lived three years. Then going into Phillips County, he purchased 1,300 acres, which was also largely devoted to stock-raising, and where he set out another orchard. We next find him in Lawrence, intending to retire from active labor, and purposing to give his attention to the education of his children, and there he still lives, occupying the old John Spear's residence.

Mr. Greene was married Jan. 21, 1844, at the bride's home in Rhode Island, to Miss Susan Ann Watson. This lady was born in Rhode Island, and is the daughter of Thomas Watson, likewise a native of that State, and who distinguished himself as a soldier in the War of 1812. To Mr. and Mrs. Greene there was born a family of fifteen children, ten of whom lived to mature years; John W. was married and settled upon a farm in Cloud County, this State, where he died in 1881, leaving a wife and two children; Letitia is the wife of Hezekiah Freyre, of Nodaway County, Mo.; Miranda W. married David Stewart, of Phillips County, this State; Thomas W. is operating as a carpenter in Lawrence; Oren B. is mining in Montana; Horace F. is farming in Douglas County, this State, as also is Albert A., Jr.; Edwin A. is farming in Pottawatomie County; Addie married Joseph R. McBride, who is mining in Lucas County, Iowa; Walter L. is studiously inclined, and intends in the near future studying for the law.

Self-educated and self-made, Mr. Greene has by his own efforts raised himself to a good position socially and financially. He is well informed on the leading questions of the day, and has an excellent knowledge of common law. His judgment is frequently called into requisition by his neighbors and friends, and is usually found to be correct. As a judge of real estate he has few equals. Liberal

and public-spirited, he is ever found upon the side of those enterprises calculated for the best good of the people. He is the friend of education and temperance, and religiously, like his honored sire, is a Freethinker, having made a study of theology since early life. His motto has been, "Industry, economy, punctuality and honesty." He considers these the fundamental principles which will safely guide every man through life.

Mr. Greene is one of the leading land-owners of Jackson County, having 2,440 acres of choice land, mostly improved, besides other valuable real estate, including property in the city of Lawrence. He has always been deeply solicitous for the welfare of his children, it being the leading desire of his life to give them such an education as will fit them to become good and useful members of society. It may be safely said of Mr. Greene that he will leave to his posterity the heritage of an irreproachable name—a name which will be held in kindly remembrance long after he has been gathered to his fathers.



**H**IRAM SHERMAN. Among the well-regulated homesteads which have been built up by the intelligent farmers of Sherman Township, Pottawatomie County, that belonging to the subject of this notice is worthy of more than a passing mention. If the character of the man can properly be determined by his surroundings, Mr. Sherman is, in all respects, one of the leading men of his township, and one who has contributed his full quota to its material interests. The fine body of land upon which he has lived and labored since the spring of 1871, comprises 240 acres, pleasantly located on section 34, and well watered by Indian Creek. Stock-raising forms a prominent feature of Mr. Sherman's operations, he having a fine assortment of cattle, horses and swine. He makes a specialty of good breeds, believing that these are far more profitable in the end, and he has done much to encourage the raising of fine stock in this region.

Mr. Sherman came to Kansas from Black Hawk County, Iowa, where he had prosecuted farming

for a period of fourteen years. He had removed from Indiana to Iowa, and to Indiana from Seneca County, Ohio. He was born in the latter county, Nov. 3, 1827, and is the son of Japhet Sherman, who was a native of Rhode Island.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Elkanah Sherman, likewise of Rhode Island, and a substantial farmer, who finally left his native State and emigrated to Chemung County, N. Y., in which place he spent the remainder of his days, dying when quite advanced in years. Japhet Sherman was one of three sons who had accompanied their father to New York State, and was there married to Miss Hannah Holmes, a native of the latter State. Mrs. Sherman came of a good family, and after the birth of two children, Japhet Sherman and his wife emigrated to Ohio, and there the former died in his prime when about forty years of age. His wife is yet living, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Heaton, in Wood County, Ohio; she has now arrived at the advanced age of ninety-four years. Her mother had lived to be ninety-six years old, and her father, Zebudiah Holmes, was very aged at the time of his death. The Holmes family generally was a long-lived race.

The subject of this sketch was the third son of his parents, and the first of their children born in Ohio. The household circle was completed by the birth of five sons and one daughter, all of whom lived to mature years, presenting an admirable spectacle of health, strength and intelligence. Two sons served in the Union army during the Civil War and one yielded up his life for his country, dying of illness in the hospital. The other lived to return home, and is now a resident of Michigan. The balance of the children are all married, and have families of their own.

Hiram Sherman was reared to manhood in his native county, where he attended the common school in his boyhood and assisted in the various employments of farm life. He left his native State while still unmarried and located in LaPorte County, Ind., where he employed himself as a carpenter, and met his fate in the person of Miss Julia Boothe, to whom he was married April 11, 1856. Mrs. Sherman was born in Albany County, N. Y., in 1833,