

to be well-informed regarding the events of the world and the latest theories and discoveries in science and art, she possesses a marked degree of intelligence, while her character and habits gain the confidence and esteem of the better class of citizens throughout the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Watkins three children were born, named respectively: Arthur L., Alva F. and Louis C. The natal day of the oldest son was December 8, 1865; he married Miss Gracie E. Swift, of Grass Lake, has one son, Kenneth W., and lives with his mother, operating the home farm. Alva F., born February 2, 1870, is a druggist in Detroit and is still single. Louis C. was born April 1, 1874, and is yet with his mother at home.

CHARLES C. BLOOMFIELD. Few persons sojourning within the city of Jackson are unfamiliar with the name of this, one of its prominent and public-spirited men. A capitalist of large means, he is identified with various enterprises, being President of the Coronet Corset Company, President of the Standard Gig Saddle Company, President of the Jackson City Hospital and Vice-President of the Union Bank. His residence, one of the finest in the city, and surrounded with handsome and extensive grounds, forms one of its most attractive homes.

A native of this county, Mr. Bloomfield was born December 26, 1843, at Sandstone, and spent the first six years of his life on a farm in the township of that name. His parents then removed to Jackson, where they lived five years, then returning to the farm, Charles C. remained there with them until a youth of eighteen years. In the meantime he attended school three or four months in the winter, and worked on a farm the balance of the year. At the age mentioned, having determined to increase his store of knowledge, he went to Toledo, and by doing chores, sawing wood and taking care of horses for his board, worked his way through the commercial college. When his studies were nearly completed he was called home to attend the funeral of an older brother, who had died of diph-

theria, and was himself taken ill with the same disease, from the effects of which he suffered for over a year, was unable to perform but little labor, and from which he has never fully recovered.

When nineteen years old young Bloomfield returned to Jackson, weighing only eighty-five pounds, and engaged as a bookkeeper for the firm of Bliss & Ingalls, on a salary of \$15 per month. He remained there from 1863 to 1868, and in the meantime, having saved what he could of his earnings, embarked in business for himself. From that modest beginning he worked up the largest wholesale oil and glassware trade in the State. Taking in two or three partners, he established stores in all the prominent cities in the State, and for fifteen years thereafter controlled nearly its entire oil trade.

Just twenty-five years from the time of coming to Jackson the second time, Mr. Bloomfield, in 1888, sold out his oil business and occupies his time now in looking after his real-estate interests, and in the fulfillment of his various official duties, in connection with the enterprises mentioned. In October, 1870, he contracted matrimonial ties with Miss Sarah L. Collier, and from this union have been born three children—a daughter and two sons.

The subject of this notice is the son of Giles Bloomfield, one of the pioneers of this county, of whom a sketch appears on another page in this ALBUM.

CHARLES STEWART ANDERSON. Few of the citizens of Rives Township have been residents thereof for a longer period of time than our subject, who has spent all but two years of his life here, and who operates a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 32. His homestead has been subjected to all necessary and available improvements, including a residence erected in 1870 at a cost of about \$3,000. He pays especial attention to the cultivation of the cereals and also has one acre devoted to culture of the grape.

Tompkins Township, this county, was the birthplace of our subject and the date of his birth

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February 22, 1846. When two years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to this township, and has been a resident here continuously for forty-two years. He received a limited education in the pioneer schools of the district, but has largely increased his stock of knowledge by systematic reading and by carefully posting himself on all general information regarding questions of national or local interest. He was united in marriage, March 26, 1868, with Miss Vestalina, the daughter of William and Melissa Fields, natives of New York, and residents of Tompkins Township.

Nine children came to bless the union of our subject and his wife, and they are named respectively: Claudia B., aged twenty-one years; Mary J., nineteen; Floyd L., eighteen; Blanche, sixteen; Arville, fifteen; Charles S., Jr., fourteen; Leon H., twelve; Edna L., nine; Nellie, eight. They form a bright and interesting group, and have been carefully trained for whatever duties in life may await them. The daughters are not only trained to grace a home but have also been given all the advantages of education now enjoyed by the youth of our country.

The mother of our subject, Hester (Sharrott) Anderson is still living and makes her home on the old farm, adjoining on the east, that of her son, Charles S. She was born July 8, 1815, and is therefore seventy-five years old. Though at such an advanced age, she is hale and hearty, enjoying the full possession of her mental faculties. She was born in New York City, of New England ancestry.

Robert H. Anderson, the father of Charles S., was born in 1810, in County Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch parentage. When only five years of age he came to this country with his parents, who settled in New York City, where he grew to man's estate. When ready to establish a home of his own he was united in marriage with Hester Sharrott, their union being celebrated in 1832. To them a family of nine children was born, of whom six are yet living. When Mr. Anderson located here he was the fifth citizen in the township. His children were named respectively: John S., a farmer in Cass County, Mo.; James, a resident of Brighton, Livingston County, Mich.; Violet Jane, who died eighteen years ago, in 1872, aged thirty-two years, and was the wife of Benjamin F. Tingley, of this county; Marvin, mar-

ried Adelaide Esmond, and is an agriculturist of this township; Isabel, was the wife of Henry A. Draper, likewise a citizen of this township; she died in 1888, at the age of forty-six years. Robert H., Jr., was born August 29, 1843, and now lives in Greenleaf, Kan. Our subject is the next member of the family. Helen, is the wife of John S. Taylor, of Washington County, Kan.; Dell M. became the wife of George Clickner, of Jackson, this county, and passed away in 1886, at the age of thirty-four years.

R. H. Anderson, attained to considerable prominence in his county, being Associate Judge in 1850. The same year he was appointed a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, and was also elected Representative, but never qualified, as he did not desire to engage in active politics. He usually voted the Democratic ticket. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Capt. John Anderson, a native of the Emerald Isle. He married Violet A. McCracken, who was born in Scotland, and who lived to be fourscore and four years old.

Mr. Anderson, has attained to considerable prominence in Masonic circles, belonging to Lodge No. 326, (Blue Lodge) of Tompkins. He has been a Mason for twenty-two years, and during ten successive years, has been Master of the lodge. He is a Royal Arch Mason and also a Knight Templar of Jackson. The Patrons of Industry number him among their influential members. In 1879 he was elected County Superintendent of the Poor and still holds that position. Religiously, he finds a home in the Baptist Church of Rives. Socially, he and his family are welcomed in the best circles of the community, and their hospitable home is the frequent resort of both old and young.

MYRON W. FISH. The career of this gentleman has been one of perseverance and integrity and has been crowned with the success merited by those who steadily pursue their way, willing to turn their hands to any honest labor in times of need. Mr. Fish has been an exponent of the fact so frequently stated, and

Republican ticket, and was the first Republican mayor elected within a decade. He served one year, giving a conservative administration and yet adopting a progressive policy through which many public improvements were secured, the first street paving in the city being done during his regime. In 1895 he was again elected by a gratifying majority. His second administration received the same favorable endorsement, and the records perpetuate his faithful services as chief executive. Mr. and Mrs. Weatherwax are valued members of the Haven Methodist Episcopal church, in whose work they take an active and zealous part, he having been since its organization a member of its board of trustees. He is president of the Sunday-school Union of the city, and is also a member of the official board of the Young Men's Christian Association, ever taking a live interest in religious effort and striving to promote all objects which make for the moral, educational and material wellbeing of the community. Mr. Weatherwax is affiliated with Jackson Lodge No. 17, Free and Accepted Masons; Jackson Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Jackson Council No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; and Jackson Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar. He served four years as master of his lodge and two years as high priest of the chapter. He is also identified with Moslem Temple and is a Maccabee and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

On the 16th of April, 1867, the subject married Miss Mary Louise Maxson, who was born in Leoni township, a daughter of John J. Maxson, a pioneer of that section. They have three sons and one daughter: Grace E. remains at the parental home; Andrew J., Jr., is a traveling salesman for the firm of

Holton & Weatherwax; Roy C. is shipping clerk in the office of the firm, and Clyde E. is a competent machinist.

CHARLES S. ANDERSON.

The northern portion of Jackson county was comparatively well settled before the commonwealth of Michigan became a state. A few of the old settlers still remain, but the greater part of the present inhabitants are their descendants, some of them even unto the sixth generation. Among the very oldest families of Rives and Tompkins townships is the Anderson family, one of whom is Charles S. Anderson, the subject of this biography. His grandfather, Robert Anderson, was the first settler of the family to become a resident of the county. He was a native of Ireland, came to America in the early part of the last century and along in the 'thirties located in Jackson county, where he purchased a tract of government land, cleared it, improved it and made it the family home. He and his wife were the parents of seven children and on the death of the parents one of the sons, Charles S. Anderson, father of the subject, purchased the interest of the other heirs and became the owner of the place.

Charles S. Anderson is a native of the state of Michigan. He was born in Rives township, Jackson county, April 21, 1870, the son of Charles S. and Vestelina (Fields) Anderson, who were also natives of Jackson county, where they were reared and educated. He was a farmer and devoted his care and attention to that pursuit all his life. Becoming possessed of the old fam-

ily homestead after the death of his father, he moved his family thereto and there remained during the remaining years of his life. For eighteen years previous to his death he was superintendent of the county poor. In politics he was an active and zealous Democrat and a liberal contributor to the necessary expenses of the party. He was a man well and favorably known throughout the northern part of the county where he had lived all his life. He died October 25, 1897, while his worthy wife is still living on the old home place. To this worthy couple nine children were born, viz: Claudia is the wife of Arthur J. Palmer, a farmer of Rives township, and they are the parents of three children; Mary married William Robbins, a farmer of Rives township, and they are the parents of four children; Floyd, who is a farmer in Rives township, married Miss Myrtie Levengood, and they are the parents of three children; Blanche is the wife of Charles Blood, a farmer of Rives township and two children have been born to them. Arvilla married William Jones, a farmer of Rives township, and they are the parents of one child; Charles S. is the subject of this memoir; Leon married Grace Smith and resides in the city of Jackson; Edna is the wife of Homer E. Wilbur, a farmer of Rives township; Nellie wedded Burr Jones, a resident of Rives township. All of them are musically inclined, and each is comfortably settled in life.

On the old family homestead Charles S. Anderson grew to manhood. He early became accustomed to the usual hard work necessary to be done in tilling the soil and gathering the crops. His education, however, was by no means neglected, as he attended school and profited by the instruction,

mastering the branches usually taught in the common schools long before he obtained his majority. On arriving at the age of twenty-one years he entered his father's employ on the farm at a stated salary. At the age of twenty-two years he was desirous of seeing a little more of the world than he had yet beheld. Accordingly he took a tour of the west, traveling through many states and observing conditions and people, but being particularly interested in agriculture, as pursued in the various localities. When he returned home and his journey was at an end he was in a far better frame of mind than when he went away. He felt that Michigan, his native state and the native state of his parents, was good enough for him.

April 17, 1900, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Smith, a native of Jackson county, born April 14, 1883. Her parents are Charles L. and Estella (Gibbons) Smith, natives of New York and of Michigan, respectively. He is one of the successful farmers of Blackman township. The Smith family is of German ancestry, Mrs. Anderson's great-grandfather having been a native of the fatherland. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith four children have been born, viz: Grace is the wife of Leon Anderson, brother of the subject of this memoir; Anna is the wife of the subject; Roy and Allen R. are still at home with their parents. Each of the children has received a good education and the girls are skilled musicians. One child, Bertine, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, the date of her birth being, February 13, 1901.

About the time of his marriage Charles S. Anderson purchased forty acres of land in Rives township and this the family has since made their home. It, with forty acres

of the old homestead which he rents from his mother, furnishes him all the land he desires to cultivate. He breeds and feeds Durham and Jersey cattle, Ohio Improved Chester hogs and some horses. In politics he is a Democrat and both he and his wife are members of the Maccabees, belonging respectively to Tent No. 868 and Hive No. 628. Mr. Anderson is a young man possessed of considerable ability, good judgment and many sterling qualities that are destined to win for him most gratifying success.

GENERAL W. DAVIS.

Among the progressive and enterprising citizens who have successfully directed their attention and labors to the noble work of husbandry in Jackson county and whose prosperity has come as the result of personal effort, is Mr. Davis, who is one of the representative agriculturists of Summit township. He also has the distinction of having rendered noble service as a valiant soldier, during the war of the Rebellion.

General W. Davis owes his nativity to the Buckeye state, having been born on a farm in the vicinity of Ravenna, Portage county, Ohio, on the 9th of October, 1841. His father, Zophar A. Davis, was born in the state of New York, and his mother, whose maiden name was Betsy Sears, was born in Portage county, Ohio. Zophar A. Davis was but a boy at the time of the removal of his father, Henry Davis, from New York state to Portage county, Ohio, and two brothers of the latter were numbered among the pioneer settlers in Jackson county, Michigan, one locating in Sandstone township and the other in Blackman town-

ship. The father of the subject continued to reside in Ohio until his death, which occurred in 1893, at which time he was seventy-five years of age. His first wife died in 1853, at the age of twenty-seven years, and he subsequently married Miss Caroline Anderson, of Coldwater, Branch county, Michigan, who survives him and who now resides in the beautiful city of Los Angeles, California. The father of the subject was a farmer throughout life and became one of the representative and influential citizens of Portage county, where he was called upon to serve in numerous offices of local trust. He was a prominent and zealous member of the Disciple church and in his political proclivities was a staunch Republican. Of the union of Zophar A. and Betsy (Sears) Davis were born five children, namely: General W., the immediate subject of this sketch; Arthur C., who is a successful rancher and stock grower of Day county, South Dakota, served four years and four months as a member of Company I, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, while for eighteen months of this period he was held in captivity in the famous Andersonville prison; Cassius M., who met his death by an accident in falling between cars at Dearborn, Michigan, while on an excursion; he likewise was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, having served one year in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Celestia is the wife of Albert Stambaugh of Cleveland, Ohio, and Darwin resides on the old homestead farm in Portage county, Ohio. Emmett, the only child of the second marriage, died at the age of eleven years.

General W. Davis was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and his early