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them to the house he carried them home, often carrying from 50 to 100 slips. He has lived to see these very slips grow into trees from one foot to four feet in diameter. He recently cut 50 cords of wood from them. Sometimes after setting out the slips he bought five acres of timber land for \$11 per acre, the tract being an island. An abundance of water can be obtained at a depth of from 20 to 22 feet, and besides there are two fine springs on the property. Mr. Johnson has an orchard which has not proven very successful. In former years he devoted the most of his time to the raising of grain, but later put in potatoes, which often brought \$3 and \$3.50 per bushel. Still later he began to deal more extensively in live stock, raising mostly Shorthorn cattle. He has successfully raised Berkshire, Chester White, and Poland-China hogs, but he prefers the Chester Whites. Mr. Johnson now rents his farm, and since the spring of 1900 he has been residing in Springfield, where he bought three lots, upon which was a small house, which he has remodeled and enlarged into a comfortable cottage. The subject of this sketch has been very successful at farming, and is a thoroughly self-made man. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and is an honest and upright citizen.

Politically, Mr. Johnson is a staunch Democrat, and he has served as road overseer for a score of years. His niece keeps house for him. He took two children to raise. They are: Mrs. McDonald, of Richfield, Sarpy county, who is the mother of one child, Katie, and Everett McMahan.

WH. PETERS, who has been a resident of Sarpy county, Nebraska, since 1856, is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on his farm in Springfield precinct.

Mr. Peters was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1836, and is a son of John and Esther (Walkly) Peters. Eight children blessed this union, as follows: Henrietta (Koch), who died in Sarpy county; Anna (Wright), also deceased, who is survived by two children, Mary and Annie; W. H., to whom this record pertains; John, who has always lived at Bellevue, Sarpy county, since first locating there, and is the father of four children, Harry, Mary, Maggie, and John, the last named being in a shoe store at Omaha; Amos, deceased, who was a carpenter by trade, his family being in Omaha; Lucetta (Bachelder), of La Platte, Nebraska; James, who was drowned in the Missouri River, near Kansas City, in July, 1899; and Charles, who is a miner in Idaho. Mrs. Peters died in August, 1856, and her husband died in October of the same year.

W. H. Peters, when in his twentieth year, came to Sarpy county, Nebraska, with his parents, in 1856, locating at Bellevue when there were only a few houses in the town. His father followed wagon and carriage making there until his death, and then the subject hereof, being the oldest son and also a mechanic, was obliged to support the family. He followed the wagon-making business for a period of twenty-five years, with much success, and an effort was made to keep the family of nine children together, but they finally scat-

tered, and John is the only one remaining in Bellevue. He owned 40 acres of land in Fairview, and in 1879 or 1880 purchased 80 acres at \$8 per acre,—it being his present home, near Springfield. He purchased it of Mr. Sexon, who had begun to break the land, and he hired the remainder broken. He located upon this property in 1883, building his present house, the main part of which in dimensions is 22 by 30 feet, and one story high, with an L, 14 by 18 feet in size, and one and a half stories high. Springfield was then but one year old. Mr. Peters set out an ample orchard west of the house, which has been bearing finely, also many small fruit trees, to which he has added from time to time. He has a very pretty house and grounds, located near the road, and box elders, elms, maples; and a few silver-leafed maples, ornament the yard. There is an excellent spring on the south side of the farm, which supplies water for the stock. Mr. Peters has a 30-acre pasture, in which there is also a spring. He got the supplies for his first shop at Glenwood and Council Bluffs, as there was nothing but government buildings at Bellevue then. The latter town was always filled with people, however, and was a very lively place. Mr. Peters has often had deer hunts close to Bellevue.

The subject of this sketch was united in marriage at Xenia, Nebraska, with Ellen M. Bates, oldest daughter of J. A. Bates, an old settler of the county. He was the father of seven children: Ellen M., Mary C., deceased; Nathalie; William; Henry; Louis, who runs a drug store at Springfield; and Eva, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters have five children, as follows: Mattie, who lives at home, and is engaged in school teaching; J. Arthur, who is studying medicine in the Omaha Medical College, and has two more years before graduation; Joseph W., who travels out of Omaha for a shoe house; Etta, a music teacher of recognized ability; and Augustus, who is living at home. Mr. Peters was formerly a strong Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist. He served as a member of the town council and as justice of the peace for two years at Bellevue. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ROYAL G. GLOVER located within the borders of Sarpy county, Nebraska, in 1856, where he has since continued to reside. He is now practically retired, as he has rented his farm and from choice lives in a small house in the woods in section 2, township 12, range 10. Throughout his adopted county he has hosts of friends, and he is regarded as a good neighbor and citizen. He was born October 22, 1846, in Jasper county, Indiana, and is a son of John B. and Eliza (Child) Glover.

John B. Glover was born January 25, 1810, in Kentucky. He died in 1894, at Lincoln, Nebraska, and now lies buried at Tabor, Iowa. With his family he settled in Sarpy county in 1856, crossing the Missouri River April 17 of that year. His family consisted of a wife and six children. As each settler took what land he wanted, he "squatted" on 320 acres in sec-

tion 2, township 12, range 10, and as he had disposed of his farm in Iowa for \$1,600 in gold he was better equipped financially than the majority of farmers at that early date. He immediately built a house of rough logs, in which the family lived until October, when it was turned into a stable, and he hewed out timber enough to build another house. The first year he broke 22 acres, which he planted in sod-corn and pumpkins, the latter being very acceptable to eat during the following winter. After living in the old log house several years the father built a frame house measuring 16 by 32 feet, with an 8-foot shed along one side. The lumber for the house was obtained at a saw mill at Forest City. As he drove through from Iowa with four horses and twelve or fifteen head of cattle, his live stock began to increase quite rapidly, so the old hewed log house, which was 16 by 20 feet in extent, by 10 logs high, was turned into a barn. In those days he raised wheat, oats, corn and buckwheat, and, as he invested his earnings in farm land, before he retired he owned several hundred acres. He retired in 1880 to Louisville, Nebraska, where he bought a neat little home on the Platte River, and there he spends his last days in quietude and comfort. His wife, Eliza Weld Child, was born November 22, 1812, in Vermont, and she died October 13, 1887, and is also buried in Iowa. The old homestead is now owned by other parties. They were the parents of the following children: Mary E., Ezra Child, Henry Clay, Lucy Helen, John V., Royal G., Eliza Ann, Sarah P., and Minerva Grace. Mary E., born December 27, 1832, is

the wife of Mr. Lefler of Gordon, Nebraska, and they had five sons: Henry C., William, Oliver P., and Millard and Charles, twins. Ezra Child is deceased. Henry Clay was of a roving disposition, and the last time he was heard from he was in Washington. Lucy Helen wedded a Mr. Tower, of Ashland, Nebraska, and they had one child, Bertha. John V. was killed several years ago at Los Angeles, California; he was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. Royal G. is the subject of this record. Eliza Ann is the wife of a Mr. Woods, of Tabor, Iowa. Sarah P. was joined in marriage with Mr. Chessington, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and they have two children, Buel and Aura. Minerva Grace, the youngest, is now Mrs. Hilderbrand, of Clearwater, Nebraska, and has two children, Carl and Edna. The Glovers formerly lived in Indiana, but in 1853 the father moved to Iowa, where he spent two and one-half years before he entered Nebraska.

Royal G. Glover had few school privileges, and remained at home until he became of age. He then purchased his present farm in section 5, township 12, range 11, and all the improvements upon it are the results of his own work. About the year 1880 he put up nearly all the present outbuildings, the barn and the house. He has a first-class orchard. For six years he kept a store across the road from his house. On account of sickness he has been compelled to abandon hard labor, and he is now living a comfortable life in the woods. He has always been very fond of the woods, and during the pioneer days he delighted in hunting, as the

timberland was full of all kinds of game.

Mr. Glover was joined in marriage with Jane Kennedy, a daughter of James Kennedy, and they have had eight children, namely: Olive M., who is the wife of Frank E. Dowling, of Papillion, and has a daughter, Zella; Waldo William, who is deceased; Ralph Rollins, who owns a farm near where his father lives; Kate L., who is deceased; Birdie, who is at home; an infant son, who died when quite young, and Perry Clay and Nellie Alice, who are at home. In politics the subject hereof is a staunch Republican, and has served on the school boards in both districts in which he has lived. Religiously, he is a Methodist, and as he is a carpenter by trade he not only contributed in money, but in labor also, for the erection of a church.

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SOLOMON ZEORIAN, a prosperous farmer of Springfield precinct, Sarpy county, Nebraska, was born in Switzerland, February 22, 1844, and is a son of Christ Zeorian.

Christ Zeorian died when Solomon was but two years of age. He was the father of seven children, of whom nearly all are dead. Solomon was the only member of the family to come to this country. Their names are as follows: Christ, Jr., Mattie, Mary, Barbara, Susie, John, and Solomon.

Solomon Zeorian began work as a boy at herding cattle, sheep and goats, as his home was in the mountains of Switzerland and not much farming is done, except in the valleys.

When about eighteen years old, he left his home for America, in company with two other young men. He landed in New York City with but little money, and soon located at Alliance, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for three years. He was married at Canton, Ohio, and then moved to a small town near St. Joseph, Missouri, where his wife died. He was discouraged and tempted to return to his home in Switzerland, but was first persuaded by friends in Saunders county, Nebraska, to make them a visit. So pleased was he with the farming opportunities of that state that he homesteaded near Yutan, Saunders county, and in the same spring worked for a Mr. Gantz, and later for Mr. Schaub in the mill at Papillion. He kept the homestead for some time and then sold out. He bought his present farm in Sarpy county, Nebraska, from Ham Hinkel. It consisted of 160 acres, and to this he added a tract of 80 acres, making 240 acres of finely improved farming land. He also had a timber claim in Furnas county, and some land in Hamilton county, Nebraska, which he sold. He removed to his present home during the winter succeeding his purchase, and erected a small house and a temporary barn, which were shortly after destroyed by fire. Another was built on the present site, and from the 80 acres which he purchased he moved the small house as an addition to it, making it a comfortable and roomy home. He subsequently built a substantial barn, 28 by 32 feet, in size, with a granary and corn crib attached. Previous to the purchase of his home, Mr. Zeorian worked for J. D. Spearman, being employed in hauling