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Greeting, Peter. How goes the planting! I would like to know what you have on the David Edwards who marrd Nancy Whitlock abt 1820. She is the dau/o William/ Roseanna Whitlock. See if this helps. I am thinking that this David S. could be the same one. Thank you and Best wishes. Don Hayes.

I am researching the David S. Edwards mentioned here. Thank you, Don Hayes-Moline, IL.

BIOGRAPHIES

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C. G. EDWARDS is one of the most popular as well as one of the most enterprising farmers of Greene county. His property interests comprise five hundred and thirty acres, constituting a well improved farm, and in conducting his business affairs he manifests the progressive spirit of the modern agriculturist. He was born in Rubicon township, Greene county, near the city of Greenfield, June 3, 1854. His father, David H. Edwards, was a native of Vermont, born in 1824, and was a son of David S. Edwards, also a native of the Green Mountain state. With his family the grandfather removed to Illinois in 1827 and was one of the early settlers of Greene county, establishing his home near Greenfield in 1828. He entered a tract of land from the government and at once began opening up a farm, transforming the wild prairie land into richly cultivated fields.

David H. Edwards came to Illinois with his parents when only three years old and was reared upon the old home farm near Greenfield. He married Josephine Jordan, a native of this county, and the young couple began their domestic life upon a farm, Mr. Edwards continuing to engage in general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. He died in 1874, while his first wife died in 1854, and later he married again.

C. G. Edwards, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Rubicon township on the old homestead farm. He received good educational advantages in the schools of Greenfield and under his father's directions was trained to farm work, assisting in the development of the old home place until twenty-three years of age. He then went to White Hall, where for seven months he was

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employed in a lumberyard and at the end of that time he purchased a lumberyard in Greenfield, where he conducted business with success until 1885, being one of the enterprising merchants of that place. He then sold his lumber business and located on the farm where he now resides, since which time he has given his attention to the cultivation of the soil and to the raising and fattening of stock. He makes a specialty of hogs and sheep, which he feeds and fattens for the market. He has on his farm a large neat and substantial frame residence together with good barns and outbuildings, and everything about the place is kept in substantial repair.

Mr. Edwards was married on this farm, November 9, 1881, to Mrs. Ida Hills, a widow, who is a resident of Greene county and was born upon this place. Her father, John Rhodes, was one of the pioneers of the county and developed this farm from the primitive condition in which the land came from the hand of nature. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are the parents of four children, three of whom are still living: Letta M., Nellie K. and Harland Dunham. They lost one son, John, who died at the age of three years.

Mr. Edwards has always been an earnest Republican and proudly cast his first presidential vote for Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876. He has since voted for each presidential nominee of the party, save at one election when he was ill with typhoid fever. He served for several years on the school board and has always been deeply interested in the cause of education, recognizing that it is one of the bulwarks of our national existence. He became a stockholder in the Greene County Fair Association, assisting in its re-organization and served as one of its directors for five years. Progress and patriotism may well be termed the key note of his character. His entire life has been characterized by devotion to duty whether of a public or private nature, and his business career has ever been honorable and straightforward, while in social life he manifests those traits which make him a popular man and gain for him warm and enduring friendships.

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