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The excerpts in this PDF provide information on Elmer J. Korn, his father Moses Korn, and his Grandfather William Korn. They also provide information on Minnie Boyd, grand-daughter of Jacob Korn.

## ELMER J. KORNS.

Elmer J. Korn, who is the owner of a highly productive farm on section 34, Jefferson township, was born in this township in February, 1875, and has spent his entire life here. He is a son of Moses and Jane (Sheves) Korn, the former of whom was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 3, 1835, a son of William and Elizabeth (Houpman) Korn, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania.

Moses Korn was fourth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. He received his education in the common schools of the Buckeye state and continued with his father until 1858 when he started with a thresher for California. He traveled part of the way by water and crossed the plains by stage in eighteen days. He continued on the Pacific coast until 1862 and, in 1863, arrived in Poweshiek county, where he located upon one hundred and sixty acres of land and applied himself as a farmer and stock-raiser. He was very successful in his work and became the owner of six hundred and thirty acres.

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but gave away a very large portion of his land to his children, so that at present he retains only one hundred and twenty-three acres. He is now living retired at Hartwick. Like his father he is a supporter of the democratic party, but belongs to the progressive branch of that organization and believes that the party should adapt itself to the changing conditions of the country. He has served very acceptably as justice of the peace, trustee and school director and was a member of the Lutheran church in Ohio.

Elmer J. Korn, of this review, secured his preliminary education in the common schools and after arriving at manhood moved to his present location on section 34, Jefferson township, his farm including one hundred and sixty-five acres. He has applied himself very successfully as a general farmer and stock-raiser and also devotes considerable attention to the raising of Clydesdale horses. He is very thorough and efficient in his work and has financially met with deserved success.

In 1899 Mr. Korn was married to Miss Lucy Rowland, a daughter of Jacob Rowland, a well known farmer of this county. Two children were born of this union: Everett, who is attending the district school; and Irene, who is deceased.

Mr. Korn votes in support of the republican party and in religious faith affiliates with the Congregational church, of which he is a valued member. He is a representative of the new generation of farmers, and is alert, active and efficient, always ready to assist in promoting the advancement of the community and willing to bear his part in discharging the responsibilities of citizenship. He is now fairly launched upon his business career which gives brilliant promise for the years to come.

county, Iowa, in 1851. Irvee S. Hadley attended Iowa College during the years 1864, 1865 and 1866 and remained in Keokuk county, Iowa, until 1873, when he removed to Hardin county, where he purchased a farm, continuing to reside thereon for about twenty years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Nebraska and subsequently took up his abode in Whittier, California. In the spring of 1904 he returned to Iowa, undecided as to whether he would remain here or go back to California, as his health was greatly impaired. It was soon after his arrival here that he passed away, having survived his wife for about two years.

Elam J. Hadley was the eldest of five children. He was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended the common schools and the Friends Academy at LeGrand, Iowa, while subsequently he pursued a commercial course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After putting aside his text-books he began farming in Redwillow county, Nebraska, where his parents were then living, following general agricultural pursuits in that state for two years or until he removed to Gilman, Iowa, in 1896. His wife owned a farm across the county line in Tama county and thereon they took up their abode. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Hadley took a trip to California, where his parents were living, for the purpose of looking up a location for a home. He spent the summer in different parts of the west but on his return to Iowa in the fall decided to remain here. He brought his family to Grinnell and this town has remained his place of residence continuously since. On his arrival here he purchased the Hobart tract of eighty acres, forty acres of which lay within the corporate limits of Grinnell, while the following winter he bought the Stewart tract of forty acres, adjoining the Hobart tract. In the spring of 1902 he laid out the first Hadley subdivision, comprising twenty-three acres, which sold rapidly and which he improved with good buildings. In the fall of 1902 he laid out the second subdivision, comprising forty acres, and in 1904 the third subdivision, embracing seventeen acres, was laid out. His undertakings in this connection have been very successful, for his additions are in the most desirable residence section, being in the highest part of the town as regards altitude. Mr. Hadley has also built up a great part of the section, erecting and selling the homes. He is likewise the owner of two farms in Jasper county and has another farm on the county line, lying partly in Poweshiek and partly in Jasper county.

In 1893 Mr. Hadley was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Boyd, a daughter of Douglas Boyd. Her mother died when she was small and she was reared by her grandfather, Jacob Korn, a well known and wealthy agriculturist of Tama county. Unto our subject and his wife have been born seven children, namely: Edmund E., Gladys E., Grace A., Donald B., Dwight E., Dorothy J. and Harold.

In politics Mr. Hadley is a stanch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Grinnell Lodge, No. 175. Both he and his wife are consistent and devoted members of the Congregational church. Though still a comparatively young man and a resident of Grinnell for but nine years, he has done much toward the upbuilding and extension of the city and has erected buildings which will be a credit to a greater Grinnell. He is

alert and enterprising, possessing the progressive spirit of the times and accomplishing what he undertakes, while his geniality and deference for the opinions of others have made his circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.