

## John T Burnell

JOHN T. BURNELL, a leading farmer of Mukwonago, is the son of one of the pioneers of the township, John Burnell, born in Yorkshire, England, May 7, 1801, who came to the United States in 1833. He remained in Detroit, Mich., until 1836, when with two teams he came overland by way of Chicago to southern Wisconsin and took up 520 acres of land about three-fourths of a mile from the present residence of his son, John. He sold one tract of 80 acres at the time of the war, but kept the rest of the land until his death, Nov. 14, 1889. After selling the 80 acres he moved to the north end of his claim and built a log house where John T. was born, but which has since been replaced by a handsome brick residence. John, Sr., was twice married, his first wife being Ann Walgate, a native of Yorkshire, whom he wedded in 1828. She died in 1843, leaving four children, two of whom are now living: Henry, a resident of Eagle township, and Elizabeth, wife of Charles Harker, of Dane county, Wis. After her death Mr. Burnell married Miss Jennie Cobb, to whom seven children were born, six of whom are living. Mary Jane, wife of James C. West, resides in Waukesha; Annie, wife of Thomas Jones, lives in the town of Ottawa; Hannah, wife of David Wilson, is also a resident of the town of Ottawa; Emma, wife of Orlando Stubbs, elsewhere noticed in this volume, lives in Mukwonago township; John T. is the fifth in order of birth; Kate, the wife of Edward Harrison, resides in the city of Waukesha, and Helen is deceased. John T. was reared on the farm, obtaining his education at the public school. He began his independent career at the age of twenty-one, being engaged by his father to work on the home farm, and has continued in that work since, receiving 191 acres by will, at the time of his father's death in 1889. In 1904 he bought 198 acres in Waukesha township four miles south of the city. His principal interests are connected with dairying, and he has one of the best equipments in the county for that business, his dairy buildings, patent carrier to convey waste from the barns, patent stanchions, silo, etc., all being arranged so as to facilitate the work and take the best possible care of the stock. The milk from his herd of 35 cows is shipped to Milwaukee. He was married on Dec. 27, 1877, to Miss Catherine Hood, born Nov. 23, 1854, and the daughter of John and Catherine (Reid) Hood, elsewhere noticed in this volume. They have four children. Marmaduke, born Nov. 5, 1880, married Miss Julia Snitzler, a daughter of Jacob Snitzler, and they have one little daughter, Mildred, eight months old. They live on the father's farm near Waukesha. Eugene S. and Ella Jane, twins, were born Sept. 6, 1883. Both are unmarried and members of the home circle. Gertrude May, born Dec. 2, 1888, is attending the high school at Waukesha. While Mr. Burnell supports the Republican party, he has never chosen to hold political office. His wife and oldest daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at North Prairie.