

Memoirs of Waukesha Co. 1907

... .. are apt to be found there on many succeeding occasions.

HENRY WILKINSON BRADLEY, one of the energetic and enterprising farmers of Mukwonago township, is a native of the same town, born June 1, 1854, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Wilkinson) Bradley. The former was born in West Ridings, Yorkshire, England, May 2, 1822, and losing his father when he was twelve years of age made his home with his uncle, William Hill, father of Mrs. Jane Hill Hollingworth, elsewhere mentioned. He learned the trade of stone-cutter of his uncle and accompanied the latter to the United States in 1842, working for him two years to complete his apprenticeship and pay for his passage to this country. He worked at his trade at Beloit, Milwaukee, Chicago, and other places, at one time owned an interest in the stone quarry at Genesee, and was foreman of a building crew on the Prairie du Chien division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. His last work as a stone-cutter was the preparation of the material for the building of the St. Theresa Catholic church at Eagle, built in 1896. He sold out his interest in the stone quarry and also in land which he had taken up in an early day in the vicinity of Neenah, Wis., and in 1853 purchased the first 80 acres of the present farm, on which about 20 acres were broken and a house partially built. At the time of his death, Feb. 20, 1905, he had a fine estate of 300 acres and a beautiful home in the village of Eagle. His wife, daughter of Robert Wilkinson, of East Ridings, Yorkshire, is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ely of Mukwonago township. Four of the five

children born into the family are living. They are in the order of birth, Henry W., Ella M., wife of John D. Skidmore, and a resident of the town of Eagle, Irwin, (deceased), Annie J., wife of F. W. Ely, of Mukwonago township, and Frank D., who resides in Twin Falls, Idaho. Isaac Bradley was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and served as assessor for several terms. In religion he was liberal in his views. The son, Henry W., was reared in the community where he now lives, his home having been on the farm since he was a year old. His work has always been connected with agricultural life, farming and threshing; the latter occupation he began some thirty-one years ago, being now the owner of a sixteen horse power engine and a peerless separator with self-feeder and stacker. He also farms 220 acres of his mother's property, raising grain, and keeping a dairy herd of 10 cows, the milk from which is sent to the Jericho creamery, of which Mr. Bradley is a stockholder. He was married on Nov. 1, 1892, to Miss Ella Jane Trewyn, born in Palmyra, Jefferson county, Wis., Oct. 30, 1869, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Chapman (Bryant) Trewyn. The former was born in Cornwall, England, Sept. 1, 1833, and makes his home with Mr. Bradley; the latter was born in West Ridings, England, in 1838, and died March 19, 1876. Mrs. Bradley is one of a family of nine children, six of whom are living, viz: Martha Ann, Frank Alfred, Henry Thomas, Harriet Winifred (deceased), Ella Jane (Mrs. Bradley), Bessie, William Thomas, John Thomas and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have one daughter, Margaret Jane, born May 14, 1897.

THOMAS BRAKEFIELD, JR., deceased, was born in County Kent,