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LINN TOWNSHIP.

BELL, JOHN C., firm of Matthews & Bell; born in Cook Co., Ill., May 12, 1839; removed to Schuyler Co. in infancy, and lived there until 1852. Was in the army; volunteered April 22, 1861, in the 16th Ill. V. I., Co. A; he served in that company for two years and then went in the re-organized 14th Ill. V. I., and was commissioned First Lieutenant of Co. E, and was afterward promoted to Captain of Co. B, and served in that position until the close of the war; was in the battle of New Madrid, and at the capture of Garrison Island No. 10; was with Gen. Pope's army around Corinth, and in the pursuit of the rebels after the evacuation; was with Gen. Rosecrans, and with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea. He came to Marshalltown in 1875, and engaged in the milling business. He is Colonel commanding the 1st Independent Battalion Infantry I. N. G. He married Miss Nannie Matthews, from Springfield, Ill., March 9, 1865; they have four children—Lulu M., William M., Nellie M. and Henry G.