Hughes, John B., retired farmer; born in Bourbon Co., Ky., Dec. 16, 1826, and came with his parents to Tazewell Co., Ill., when 4 years of age; was raised on a farm, and came alone on horseback to Iowa; came to Van Buren Co. in the Spring of 1852, and came to Marshall Co. in the Summer of 1852; located 200 acres of land with land warrant, he bought at 90c. per acre; he then went to Van Buren Co. after his wife, and moved in a log house with two other families; three families lived in one room, which they used for a parlor, bedroom and kitchen, and they always had room for their friends; they were among the earliest settlers there; the first crop of wheat he raised he took to Oskaloosa, 65 miles, to mill. Mr. Hughes has lived here over twenty-five years, and has cultivated the soil over twenty-five years, and has never had the failure of a crop, but he has had enough for feed and seed; when he came, he only had $200 and a team, and now, by industry and good management, he owns over 1,000 acres of land. He has held the offices of Justice of the Peace and County Surveyor and other town and school offices. Married Martha J. Reed, from Guernsey Co., Ohio, in December, 1851; they have six children—Walter S. is in the navy, graduated June 21, 1875; Mrs. Lizzie Burnside, Mrs. Laura Smith, John, Charles and Adella.