

Henry Lucas (1811-1886) of Pleasant Township

agricultural societies.

LUCAS, H.—Farmer and stock-raiser, section 28, P. O. Ewart. Was born in Washington county, Virginia, in February, 1811. Was born in slavery and was as a slave until 1848, when he bought himself free at a cost of \$700. During the Mexican War he was a servant to Captain John Preston, and at the battle of Buena Vista was forced into the ranks. After securing his freedom he went to California and remained three years, after which he returned to Arkansas, where he had seen many of his slavery days. He was married in 1843 to Miss Lotta Smith, of Virginia. By this union they have had four children: Walter, John Brown, Charles Theodore, Caine (now deceased). When Mr. Lucas returned from California his family were still in slavery. He bought them off at a cost of \$1,900. He resided for about seven years at Helena, Arkansas, with his family, after which he came North, locating in Poweshiek county, a short distance from Montezuma. Moved to his present location in 1866. He owns 320 acres

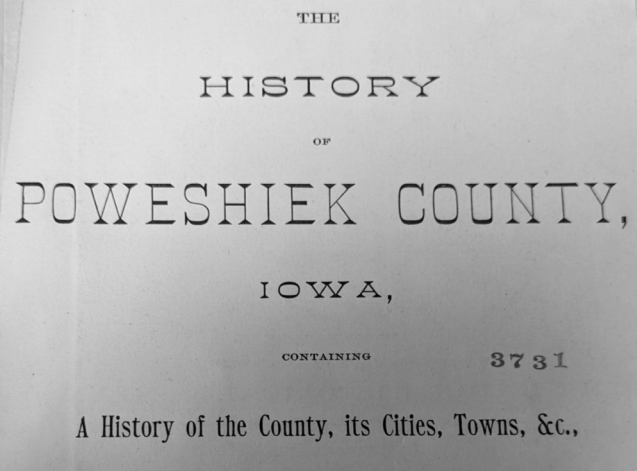
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of land in Pleasant township and twenty acres of timber land in Union. He is numbered among the successful agriculturalists of the township.

MCCORMICK, W. H.—Farmer and stock-raiser, section 22, P. O.

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