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Emery Dobozy was one of the pioneer settlers of Decatur county and was esteemed and respected by all those who came into contact with him. For a number of years he conducted a shoemaker's shop but during his later years he concentrated his attention upon farming. He was born April 10, 1827, at Deberzia, Austria-Hungary, and received his education in his native land. He grew to manhood there and in his youth learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for many years. He participated in the revolution in Hungary in 1848 and, having been taken prisoner, was held for a considerable period of time before he was able to effect his escape. He and Stephen Varga and Stephen Radulich emigrated to America, where they believed that they would find not only political freedom but also excellent business opportunities. They made their way to Decatur county, Iowa, and Mr. Dobozy settled in New Buda township, where for a time he worked as a hired hand. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Tenth Iowa Volunteer cavalry, as a private and served until the end of the Civil war. Although he saw much hard fighting and never faltered in the performance of his duty he was never wounded.

After being mustered out at the close of hostilities Mr. Dobozy returned to New Buda township and opened a shoemaker's shop in the town of New Buda. For several years he worked at his trade and as he was a skilled and expert workman people came to him from all parts of the county to have boots and shoes made. In 1876 he purchased a small farm in New Buda township and for some time divided his attention between shoemaking and farming. Eventually

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he gave up his trade and devoted his energies solely to agricultural pursuits. He passed away upon the farm, on section 14, New Buda township, July 6, 1885, and his widow and children still live upon that place. Since his demise his sons have continued to operate the place and have added to the farm until it now comprises two hundred and fifteen acres of excellent land. They are energetic and progressive and are meeting with gratifying success in their work as farmers and stock-raisers. They raise high grade hogs and cattle and derive a good profit from that phase of their business.

On the 2d of September, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dobozy and Miss Maria Sanders, a daughter of Charles and Maria Sanders, both natives of Germany, where Mrs. Dobozy was born December 25, 1848. In 1851 the family emigrated to America and located in Mitchell county, Iowa, whence they subsequently removed to Decatur county. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife died upon the home farm in Long Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobozy became the parents of nine children, as follows: Louis, who was born July 12, 1868, is at home with his mother. Frank, born April 5, 1870, is also living upon the homestead. He has served for two terms as assessor of New Buda township, for two terms as road supervisor and for one term as a member of the school board. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges of Davis City. Virginia, born May 12, 1872, married Louis Hines, a farmer now living in Mountain Park, Oklahoma. They have six children, Etta, Tisa, Emma, Bessie, Dot and Helen. Mary, born February 17, 1874, married Fred Hampton and now makes her home in New Buda township. She has three children, Stephen, Frank and Orpha. Elizabeth, born November 6, 1876, married Ed Repass, a farmer of Birmingham, Missouri, and they have five children, Maude, Daisy, Carl, Bird and Herman. Emma, born February 23, 1879, is the wife of Samuel Hamilton, a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, now residing at Curtis, Nebraska. Their children are Norma and Garland. Catharine, born February 1, 1881, is at home with her mother. She holds membership in the Rebekah lodge of Davis City. Julia, whose birth occurred on the 8th of June, 1883, died on the 17th of September, 1913. Stephen Emery, born July 10, 1885, is at home. His fraternal allegiance is given to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Davis City.

Mr. Dobozy was a republican in politics but never desired to hold public office. However, he manifested much interest in the general welfare and cooperated in movements seeking the advancement of

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his community. There was never any question as to his integrity and probity and he was one of the most highly respected of the earlier residents of New Buda township.

