

Joel W. Belden is a native of Greenfield, state of New York, born January 22, 1821, in Saratoga county; he was reared on a farm. When but four years of age the family removed to Genesee county, where he live till his eighteenth year. The next place he removed to was Knox county, Illinois, and engaged in farming at Galesburg, until the spring of 1876, at which time he removed to Adair county. He owns the southwest quarter of section 13 [Lincoln township]. His parents were Aaron and Sarah (Wood) Belden. Augusta (Glyde) Belden was a native of Summersetshire, England, and a daughter of Benjamin Glyde and Mary (Belyn) Glyde. They came to America in 1839, locating at Pittsburgh, removing to Kenwanee, Henry county, Illinois. Mr. Belden was married September 10, 1851, to Miss (Augusta Glyde), and six children have blessed the union --Laura, wife of John Cook, of Summit township; Ann, wife of Joseph W. Barnett, also living in Summit; Marcus M. carrying on the farm; Mary, Charlotte, and LeRoy; Marcus and Laura have taught. This location, where Mr. Belden lives, is fine. He has a nice yard set out to different kinds of trees and shrubs, and the house setting back a little way from the road; a beautiful grove of trees surrounds the house, and his farm is under a good state of cultivation, with running water and good pasturage.