

## DAVID EDWIN SEVERANCE.

David Edwin Severance is now living retired but is still the owner of valuable farming property, from which he derives a substantial annual income. He is a self-made man and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. His activities have always been intelligently directed and his enterprise and perseverance are unfaltering. He was born in Tuftonboro, Carroll County, New Hampshire, May 6, 1848, and was one of a family of eleven brothers and sisters, all of whom have now passed away. Their parents were David and Ruth (Welch) Severance, who were likewise natives of the Granite state.

David E. Severance acquired his early education at the place of his birth and in an academy, from which he was graduated when eighteen years of age. He began work in connection with the butchering business in Boston in 1866, in company with a brother, and was active along that line for about five years. Later he went to Charles town, Massachusetts, where he conducted a retail business in meat and produce for two years and afterward he returned to New Hampshire to take up the management of his father's estate. He then worked in the lumbering business and at farming and became owner of three hundred acres of land, purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the old home property. He cut down all of the timber upon the place and hauled it to Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire. He afterward disposed of his interests in New England and came west to Colorado in 1882, arriving in Greeley in December of that year. He then followed farming for a year in that locality, after which he took up his abode near Severance and carried on general agricultural pursuits for two years. On removing to his present farm he became owner of one hundred and sixty acres which was school land. He rents the present place and he also owns a farm known as the Mills place not far distant. As the years have passed he has prospered in his undertakings and is today one of the substantial citizens of the community. He owns the bank building and the town site of Severance and his property holdings are the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift.

In April, 1867, Mr. Severance was united in marriage in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire, to Miss Mary A. Milliken, who was born in Newton, Massachusetts, a daughter of I. Milliken, who was one of the veterans of the Civil war. The children of this marriage are Augusta, Dora, David, Freddy and Mary. The wife and mother passed away October 1916, when sixty-eight years of age, her birth having occurred in 1848. She had been in ill health for fifteen years and when called to her final home was laid to rest in the Linn Grove cemetery at Greeley. In his fraternal relations, Mr. Severance is a Mason, having been identified with the blue lodge for twenty years. He has always endeavored to remain a faithful follower of its teachings and loyal to the purposes of the craft. For more than a third of a century he has been a resident of Weld County and is widely known as one of its representative agriculturists, his determined effort and unremitting energy constituting the broad foundation upon which he has built his success.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID E. SEVERANCE