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John W. Loy, farmer, P. O. Americus, was born in Perry County, Pa., February 26, 1830. In 1847 he removed to La Salle County, Ill., where he resided until 1852, when he went to California by the Overland route, being six months on the journey. He engaged in mining there and in connection with his brother, **Samuel A.**, owned a ranch in Yuba County; remained in California about three years, when he returned via the Panama route and New York. He next engaged in general merchandising with his brother, **Frederick D.**, at Van Buren, Ind. They sold out this business in 1856 and went to Minnesota with a drove of cattle and horses. **John W.** settled in Winona Co., Minn., where he bought two farms of 160 acres each. In 1858 he sold one of these farms and bought another of 160 acres in Olmstead County, upon which he located and remained two years. In 1869 he sold out his Minnesota farms and came to Kansas, locating in Americus, in Lyon County, and in the spring of 1861 he bought the **John McLellan** farm of 480 acres, which he resided upon and improved until June, 1870, when he sold it. In the same year he bought a farm of eighty acres adjoining the town site of Americus, upon which he removed and has since resided; has a fine residence and commodious barn and other farm buildings, upon this place. In the same year he bought a fine farm of 100 acres, for which he paid \$50 per acre, and has since purchased nearly the remainder of the quarter section. He also has forty acres of timber and hay land, situated on the Neosho River. He was enrolled in the Eleventh Regiment, Kansas Militia, as First Lieutenant during the War of the Rebellion, and was called out and did efficient service at the time of the Price raid and several Indian raids and alarms. Was a member of the State Legislatures of 1863, 1875, 1876, and 1878. Is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Americus, and has been Superintendent of its Sabbath School for many years. Is a member of the order of A., F. & A. M., also a member of Americus Lodge, No. 28, A. O. U. W. Has held the office of Township Trustee and member of the School Board many years. Was appointed Regent of the State Normal School in April, 1881, for four years. He merits and receives the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, and the love of his neighbors, for many good works and benevolent deeds.

He married **Miss Jane Hodson**, of Livingston County, Ill., November 27, 1856, and they have had five children, of whom **Harvey A.** and **Ella R.** are living.

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