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**John Morrison**, proprietor of the Melvern House, was born in Perry County, Pa., October 14, 1836, and is of Scotch and French blood. He was educated at the Denmark Academy, Fairfield University and Normal School of Oskaloosa, in the State of Iowa, having attended these Institutions five years in the aggregate, paying his way by his own labor. He came to Kansas in 1872 and engaged in teaching, a profession, which he had followed for several years previous to coming to Kansas. He taught as principal in several of the large towns of Iowa and Illinois. For several years he has worked in real estate and mercantile business. He opened the Melvern House in October, 1882. **Mr. Morrison** is the author of a number of poems, and has written and delivered lectures on educational subjects. He competed for a prize in advocacy of H. R. Helper's Three America's Railway Scheme, and was marked third in the list; yet his poem possesses great merit.

He was married in West Point, Lee Co., Iowa, June 2, 1865, to **Miss Margaret A. Woodman**, daughter of **John Woodman**, Esq. They have five children - **Florence**, born September 2, 1866; **Bessie**, born December 24, 1869; **Belle**, born March 10, 1873; **John W.**, born October 11, 1875 and **Ralph E.**, born January 18, 1882. **Mr. Morrison** has served as Justice of the Peace. He is an entered apprentice Mason.