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Daniel A. Shade is one of the well known agriculturists, pioneer settlers and veterans of the Civil war, now living in Jefferson County, where he has made his home continuously since 1870. He is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Perry County, that state, on the 20th of February, 1844. He has an ancestry back of him noted for integrity, industry and upright purpose, and it is said that the word of any member of the **Shade** family was as good as a bond solemnized by signature or seal. His father was **George Shade**, his grandfather, **John Shade**. The latter was a native of Hessen, Germany, and was a member of the Hessian army that was hired by the British government to come to America to aid in what was considered the rebellion of the colonists. He was, however, taken prisoner at the battle of Brandywine by the forces under General Washington, and later he joined the American troops and fought for the cause of liberty, becoming one of the patriots of the colonial army. **George Shade** was united in marriage to **Miss Hannah Bauer**, who was born in Pennsylvania and belonged to an old family of that state. In the year 1851 they removed from the east to Peoria County, Illinois, where the father followed carpentering and also engaged in farming. His political support was given to the Democracy, and both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and lived consistent Christian lives. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, while her death occurred when she was seventy-five years of age. The father was twice married, and by the first union had five children, all of whom are now deceased. By his second marriage to the mother of our subject he had sixteen children, five sons and eleven daughters, and with one exception all reached years of maturity. One son, **William**, is now living in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Daniel A. Shade was reared in Peoria County, Illinois, and in early life learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for many years. He was twenty years of age when he became a Union soldier, enlisting in February, 1864, at Peoria for one year's service. He became a member of Company B, Seventh Illinois Mounted Infantry, under Captain Cosgrove, and as the regiment was already in the south he was sent to that section of the country to join this command. He took part in all the battles and skirmishes up to the time of the close of the war and was present at Raleigh when General Joe Johnston surrendered his army. He received an honorable discharge at Louisville, Kentucky, July 9, 1865, and then returned to his home.

When twenty-three years of age **Mr. Shade** was united in marriage to **Miss Sadie Lightbody**, a representative of a good family, and to him she has been a devoted wife and helpmate. She was born at Plainfield in Coshocton County, Ohio, on the 30th of June, 1843, and is a daughter of **Isaac Lightbody** who was born in Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was reared on the Emerald Isle, but resided for many years at Manchester, England. By trade he was a weaver, following that pursuit for a long period in order to provide for his family. He married **Miss Ann Jane Jenkinson**, who died in Ohio leaving a family of five children. His second wife was **Elizabeth J. Watson**, who was born in Ohio, while her father was a native of the highlands of Scotland. **Mr. Lightbody**, the father of **Mrs. Shade**, came to Jefferson County, Nebraska, where he died at the very advanced age of ninety-seven years. His wife passed away in Nebraska, when fifty-three years of age. By his second marriage there were four children: **Mrs. Sadie Shade, Jane, Minerva, and Mollie**. **Mr. Lightbody** was a Democrat in his political views and was of Protestant faith, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the year 1870 **Mr. Shade** and his wife came to Nebraska and established their home in Eureka Township, Jefferson County. They lived in a dugout and sod house, twelve by twenty- four feet, until 1876, but as the years have advanced they have been able to add to their farm all the modern improvements, Mrs. Shade being an able assistant to her husband in all of his work. The farm now comprises two hundred acres of valuable land a mile and a quarter from Daykin, and is supplied with all modern equipments. **Mr. Shade** gives his political support to the Republican Party, and socially is connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which they take a very active part, and he is now serving as church steward. They are pleasant, genial people, having gained many warm friends in Nebraska during the years of their residence here, and he is a man whose integrity is above question and whose upright, honorable life commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

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