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**Peter Shearer**, general store, Main Street, came to Kansas in the winter of 1878, locating in Rossville; commenced present business in January, 1881. Business will average \$10,000 per year; keeps one clerk. Before entering mercantile business engaged in his trade, that of a carpenter. Was born in Perry County, Pa., September 16, 1836, where he remained until fifteen years of age, and removed to Cumberland County, Pa., remaining five years farming, and went to Richland County, Ohio, and remained one year, and moved to Stephenson County, Ill., where he remained several years and learned his trade, was in Henry County, Ill., and from there went to Canada, finally returning to Pennsylvania, and removed from there to Michigan, from whence he came to Kansas; was married January 10, 1866, in Canada, five miles from Trenton, to **Miss Madora Ackley**, a native of Canada. His father located here in February, 1877, and bought 120 acres of land, three miles west of Rossville, died April 30, 1878, and **Mr. Shearer** was administrator of his father's estate. Is a member of Rossville Lodge, No. 75, A. O. U. W. and financier of that lodge. Is a member of the Democratic Party.

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