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**Isaac B. Trostel**, farmer, P. O. Rossville. Owns eighty acres on Section 31, and has seventeen acres of timber on the Kaw River. Has sixty-four acres under cultivation, balance used for corral purposes. Is in school district No. 65. Has forty acres in corn, twelve acres in oats. The main part of the house is 16x22, six rooms in all with kitchen and cellar under all. House cost \$1,000. The barn, 28x32 feet, built in 1875, costing \$500, has a capacity for twelve horses and six tons of hay. Corn crib is 8x48 feet; will hold 1,460 bushels. Shop 16x20 feet, used for farm implements. He has 160 fruit trees, consisting of pears, apples and cherries, all bearing; had forty bushels of apples in 1881; 100 grapes bearing. Has ornamental and evergreen trees. Has a patent diamond wire fence in front of yard; yard set in bluegrass. Has forty forest trees consisting of box elder, maple, poplar and walnut. Has eighty-two head of cattle, four work horses and ponies, three colts. Orchard is set to blue grass.

Came to Kansas March 2, 1877, and located on his present farm, from Perry County, Pa., where he was born May 20, 1843, and remained there until coming west. Enlisted in first three months' service, Company C, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Did guard duty on the Maryland line. Re-enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-third Infantry nine months' men. Went to Washington and was sent to Virginia in front of Bull Run and was in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 27, 1863, and again enlisted in Company A, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, six months' men. Went into Western Virginia under Gen. Wincook. Was raiding and skirmishing in Virginia, cutting off supply trains and railroads. Had one hard skirmish at Greenfield Furnace, thirteen men were captured and four killed. Was mustered out in January, 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa. Re-enlisted in the Seventh Battalion, 100 day volunteers, and did provost duty in the State. In nine months' service was promoted to Second Corporal. In cavalry was Commissary Sergeant. In 100 day service went in as first duty Sergeant and was promoted to Adjutant of battalion. Was wounded in the right arm at Fredericksburg. Was finally mustered out in 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., and returned to Perry County. Was appointed Overseer of the poor in his native county in April, 1868, and held the position for six years.

Was married December 6, 1870, at Loysville, Perry County, Pa., to **Mrs. Sarah Bistline**, who had three children - **Florence S.**, **Elizabeth**, who died in October, 1876 in Pennsylvania, aged eleven years, and **Katie May**. **Mrs. Trostel** died October 24, 1881, at her home near Rossville, aged forty-two years and seven months. He was a member of Blaine Lodge No. 706, I. O. O. F., Blaine, Pa. Is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has always been an active and ardent Republican.

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