

born June 29, 1877, and lives on the home place. Maude Lillian was born January 4, 1884, and is the wife of Hugh Groger, of St. Charles township. Frederick was born February 26, 1869, and died March 29, 1869.

**Robert Whiting** was born in England, son of James Whiting, a Baptist clergyman, and Sarah Ham, his wife. He married Hannah Burnett. In early life he was a produce merchant. In 1848 he began to consider coming to America. At that time his family consisted of his wife and four children. The children were Mary Ann, born August 20, 1841; Sarah Ann, born September 15, 1843; Phoebe, born October 16, 1845; and Frank, born October 20, 1847. May 26, 1849, the family arrived in Dyersville, Iowa, with a colony of thirty-two families. Judge James Dyer, James Plaster and George Hiler, with their families, were already living on the site of that village. Mr. Whiting kept the first hotel in Dyersville, and bought and sold cattle. While at Dyersville, the family had five more children. They were: Eliza, who died at the age of two years; George, who died at the age of eleven; Eliza Jane, who lives in Early, Iowa; Elizabeth, now of Dubuque; and Harriet, now of Early, Iowa. After the death of Mrs. Whiting, the subject of this sketch came to St. Charles, this county. Later he moved to Winona, where he died August 3, 1898.

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