

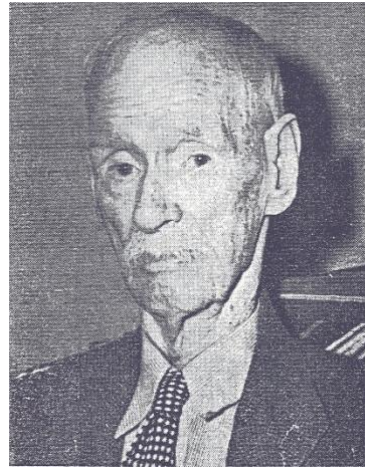
THIRD GENERATION

Edmond Gilbert Jamieson

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Edmond G. Jamieson is a member of the Jamieson Coal Company and for nine years has been prominent in the development of this industry in Rock Island County. His rating is high as a business man and by the exercise of energy, keen discrimination and perseverance he has achieved prosperity in his undertakings.

A native of Derbyshire, England, Mr. Jamieson was born August 25, 1861. His grandfather, Gilbert Jamieson, was among the honored pioneers of Rock Island County, where he located in 1842. Purchasing eighty acres of raw land he developed a farm and reared his family thereon. He was a man of prominence and held a number of local positions of honor and trust. He was born in the highlands of Scotland but afterward removed to the lowlands and thence went to England when a young man, engaging there in merchandising. He handled teas, silks and fine goods and did an extensive business. He was married in England and continued his residence there until his emigration to the United States in 1842.



William Jamieson, the father of our subject, was a native of Derbyshire, and came with his parents to Rock Island County, being reared and educated in Moline Township. He then returned to England, where he married Ann Crocker, also a native of Derbyshire, and with his bride returned to Illinois. For a few years he gave his attention to farming on the old homestead and then again went to England with his family, remaining abroad for several years. Once more he came to Illinois, and spent his remaining days as a farmer of Rock Island County, his death occurring in April, 1870. His widow still survives and is now living with her son, Walter S. Jamieson, in Shawnee County, Kansas. The family numbered eight children and since the father's death there has never but once been a physician called to the house. The children are Anna B., wife of E.F. Gabbey, of Colorado; Edmond G., of this review; Walter S.; A. Fergus, of Rossville, Kansas; Stanton L., of Geneva, Wisconsin; Harry Wallace, of Kansas; Arthur Bruce and John W., who are living in Roseville, Kansas.

Mr. Jamieson, of this review, was reared in manhood on the old homestead and his early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by about three years' study in the Moline schools. In 1879 he went with his brother to Shawnee county Kansas, and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land. That year he broke one hundred acres which he planted in wheat and then returned to Rock Island County for his mother and her family. He spent two years in Colorado and visited Leadville, the Rocky Mountains and other sections of the west. On returning once more to Rock Island County, he began farming on the old homestead and successfully followed that pursuit for six years, when he turned his attention to the development of the coal interests, opening up a mine upon his place. There is an excellent vein of coal from three to four feet in thickness and produces an excellent quality of this mineral. The first shaft was sunk in 1888 by our subject, who began operations on a small scale, but when it was seen that the business would be a profitable investment the Jamieson Coal Company was incorporated and in 1892 the present shaft was sunk. The annual output is now about one hundred thousand bushels, and the enterprise yields to the stockholders a good income.

Mr. Jamieson was married in Rossville, Kansas, January 26, 1881, to Sarah D. McAdams, a native of Indiana, and to them have been born five children - Nellie A., Harry G., Stewart C., Frank S., and Reuben.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Jamieson was formerly a Republican, but is now a free-silver Democrat, and voted for W.J Bryan in 1896. He has filled the offices of township collector, constable, justice of the peace, road supervisor and school director, and is a warm friend of the cause of education, doing all in his power for its advancement. He has served as a delegate to two county conventions, and meets fully every obligation that devolves upon him as a man and a citizen. Socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. During his long residence in Rock Island County, his well spent life, marked by the utmost fidelity to duty, has gained him the high regard of a large circle of friends, and his well-directed business efforts have won him a deserved success.