

GEORGE M. TURNBULL.

The name Turnbull has ever been a synonym in Stark county for progressiveness in business and for loyalty in citizenship, and the family has been represented in this part of the state from the pioneer era. George M. Turnbull was born January 15, 1867, at the second house south of his present home, which is situated on section 16, Elmira township. The family was established in Illinois by his grandfather, a native of Roxburyshire, Scotland, who on coming to the new world brought with him his family, including. William Turnbull, the father of George M. William Turnbull was partially reared in Stark county. His birth had occurred in Roxburyshire, Scotland, but in his youthful days he came with his parents to the United States and completed his education in the schools of this district. He afterward located just north of the farm of George M. Turnbull and there resided until his death, which occurred about sixteen years ago, his attention throughout the entire period being given to agricultural pursuits. His widow survived him for about six years and then she too passed away.

A common school education fitted George M. Turnbull for the active and practical duties of life, together with the training which he received upon the home farm. He continued on the old homestead until he attained his majority. He first purchased land near Galva, Illinois, on which he lived for seven years and then came to his present place, which is situated on section 16, Elmira township. He now owns two hundred acres of land in this tract, and upon it he has placed good improvements. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land at Watton, North Dakota. Upon his Stark county farm he is engaged quite extensively in feeding hogs and sheep, this being an important branch of his business.

On the 30th of April, 1892, Mr. Turnbull was united in marriage to Miss Mary McKenzie, a native of Scotland, and they became "the parents of four children: Catherine B., now of Nebraska; William E., at home; Clarence, who is a school teacher in Elmira; and Mary I., attending school in Toulon. The wife and mother passed away in 1900. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, to which Mr. Turnbull belongs. For twelve or fifteen years he has served as school director and is greatly interested in the advancement of the cause of education. In politics he has been an earnest republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.