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TOWN OF POTOSI

WILLIAM SKAIFE, farmer and civil engineer, Sec. 28; P. O. Potosi; born near city of York, Eng., son of John and Nancy (Grange) Skaife; came to this farm in 1840 and has been on it from that time to the present. He and his wife are looking forward to the golden wedding and its festivities with pleasure; was married at Ripon Church, Eng., March 28, 1840, to Hannah, daughter of John and Ann (Kirkbride) Stony; had no children, has adopted five, the children of his brother, whose wife died at Potosi March 7, 1863; Jennie, John E., Samuel F., Minnie M., William Henry; John married Caroline Maury and has three children, and is lumbering in Nebraska. Mr. Skaife is a Protestant, Republican; and states that he once went hunting on the "Island" and shot seven deer and next day went to bring in his meat and found the wolves had "taken it in" for him. At another time he killed three wolves at one shot (with buck shot), they being on top of a shanty with others, trying to get in, and also that himself and his brother killed a panther seven feet long.

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