

ROBERT A. MCKAY, member of this firm, commenced to learn his trade in Canada at the age of 14. He worked at it from 1863 to 1866, and came to Milwaukee in January, 1880. He is a son of William and Christie A. (McDonald) McKay, of Scotland, both of whom died in Canada. He was married in Chicago, in March, 1879, to Miss Elizabeth Parliament, of Canada. They have one infant son Alexander. Mr. McKay came to the United States in November, 1863, and enlisted at Oswego, New York, in the One Hundred and Sixty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front at Beaufort, North Carolina, from there to Wilmington, and was mustered out in June, 1865.

WM. HOFFMANN, of this firm, learned his trade in Greenfield, Wisconsin, commencing in 1873, at the age of 14. A son of Anton and Lena (Kaufmann) Hoffmann. His father is a native of Bavaria and his mother of Prussia. They came to the United States in 1855, settling in Milwaukee. In 1864 moved to Greenfield, Wisconsin, and settled on a farm, where they still reside.

CHARLES ABRESCH, carriage and wagon manufactory, No. 399 Fourth street, corner of Poplar street. Mr. Abresch was born in the Town of Dierdorf Kreis, Neuwied Reschierungbezirk Coblenz, Prussia, May 12, 1850, and came to America in 1868, locating in the City of Milwaukee. He learned the trade of carriage-maker in his native land, and followed the business as journeyman until 1872, when he started business for himself in a small way. By close application to business, and good management, he has now a shop 35x130 feet; also owning property on the opposite side of the street, which he uses as store and sales-room. He employs about eighteen men.

HENRY BRAASCH, manufacturer of carriages, buggies, sleighs, etc., at Nos. 843 and 845 Kinnickinnic avenue, successor to John Paul, was born in Manitowoc County, Wis., where he learned his trade. Mr. Braasch came to Milwaukee in March, 1879, and established business at this locality in June, 1880.

LORIN BLANCHARD, carriage manufacturer. No. 134 Second street, was born in the Town of Charlton, Worcester County, Mass., January 25, 1813; resided in the New England States until 1856, in which year he removed to Madison, Wis.; came to Milwaukee in 1857, working at his trade until 1877, then establishing his present carriage and harness manufactory. Mr. Blanchard is agent for the Waukesha Mineral Water.

JOHN A. EISENBACH, blacksmith, wagon-maker and horseshoer, at Nos. 719 and 721 Winnebago street, has been at his present location for fifteen years. He was born in Nausau, Germany, September 7, 1833, and arrived in America August 28, 1854, coming to Milwaukee August 28, 1855.

JOHN ESCH, manufacturer of carriages, buggies, sleighs, wagons, etc., Nos. 58 and 60 Second street, was born in Germany, February 29, 1817; came to America, and to Milwaukee County, in 1842. Having learned, in Germany, the trade of wheelwright, he served as journeyman until 1848, when he built a shop and started in his present line of business; is probably the oldest established carriage manufacturer in the City of Milwaukee. Mr. Esch held the office of Assessor for two years, and has been a director of the Milwaukee Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company for the past twelve years.

JACOB GILG, of the firm of Miller & Gilg, carriage and wagon manufactory, No. 124 Second street, was born in Sycamore, Bavaria, Germany, October 11, 1845, and came to America in 1850, locating on Long Island. In 1852, he came to Milwaukee, where he has since lived. Mr. Gilg enlisted in Company I, Second Wisconsin Cavalry; served three years, and was mustered out in December, 1865. He first established business for himself, on Lake street, in 1878, and in 1879 formed a partnership with Mr. Miller, senior member of the firm.

GEORGE HEILER, manufacturer of carriages, buggies and sleighs, at No. 217 Broadway and No. 91 Chicago street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; was born in the City of Milwaukee, March 6, 1851. In company with Thomas Lane he established his present business in 1875, and bought his partner's interest in July, 1880. He employs five men. Mr. Heiler's father, Phillip Heiler, was born in Nausau, Germany; came to America, locating at Milwaukee in 1845, where he has since remained.

THEODORE HABHEGGER, manufacturer of carriages, buggies, sleighs, etc., at No. 568 Market street, was born in Switzerland, May 31, 1830. He came to America and located at Milwaukee in July, 1849; commenced learning the blacksmith and wheelwright trade with J. Kingsley, remaining with him six years. In 1856 he bought the interest of his employer and entered into partnership with George Heckler. They continued the partnership twenty years when, in 1876, Mr. Habegger went into business for himself; buying the lot where he is now located, and built a good two-story, brick shop with basement, 30x40 feet. He uses the building for storing his stock and lumber.

JOSEPH HEINL, manufacturer of carriages, buggies, sleighs and machinery for mills, tanneries, ship work, etc., at Nos. 729 and 731 North Water street, was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 2, 1830, and came to America in 1852. Locating in New Jersey he removed to Milwaukee in 1855, and worked for the railroad company at joiner's work, until 1866, when he went into business for himself, and now employs nineteen men.