



John H. Pickrell was born to Harry and Mildred Pickrell on August 9, 1919. When he became an adult, he married Carolyn Kenney on July 17, 1940 and they had six children, John, Franklin, Carolyn, Joseph, Elizabeth, and David. After Carolyn's death, he married Rebecca Groves in 1984. Mr. Pickrell graduated from the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture in 1940 and went on to be a vocational agriculture instructor from 1940-1943. He continued his graduate work at the University of Illinois in Animal Nutrition 1941-1942 and was a member if the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Alpha Honorary Agriculture Fraternities. John began farming 640 acres of corn, soybeans, oats, clover and wheat. Also raided purebred herds of Hampshire hogs and Shorthorn cattle. He began selling and erecting metal bins, metal building, grain drying and storage equipment from 1964-1977 when he began to appraise and sell farm real estate until 1984. Although, now retired, John still oversees the day to day function of the family

farm and provides knowledge like progressive farming, genetic trials, and equipment modification that he has acquired over his life.

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