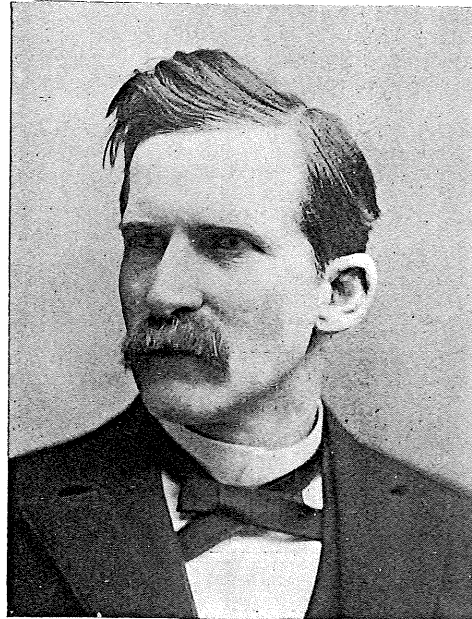


Church, of which he is a member. In 1857 he was married to Abbie F. Clark, of Warren, Ohio. They have two children, F. M. Laraway, who is in business with his father, and Mrs. A. von Schlegell.

#### WALLACE B. DOUGLAS.

In 1875 the subject of this sketch graduated from the Ann Arbor law school, and in 1883 he came to Minnesota, locating in Moorhead, Clay county, where he has since resided. He applied himself industriously to the practice of his profession, and in a few years came to be regarded as one of the leading attorneys of the Red River valley. He has had no ambition save that which has had his profession as a center, and his occasional incursions into the field of politics have been entirely incidental to the chief purpose of his life. During the quiet years of his life in Clay county, Mr. Douglas came to be city attorney of Moorhead, which position he held for four years, and county attorney of Clay county, to which last named office he was elected three times. For almost a dozen years he was a member of the Moorhead public school board. In 1894 and again in 1896 he was elected to the legislature as a Republican, and before the Republican state convention of 1896 he was an unsuccessful candidate for nomination to the office of attorney general, developing a strength in that canvass which was highly gratifying to friends and himself. Mr. Douglas' political sun has risen very quickly and in an unclouded day. At the present time he stands with perhaps half a dozen men from various sections of the state as one of the acknowledged leaders of the younger and more progressive element in the Republican party, and the temptation to make politics his principal business is a strong one. But as already stated, he prefers to be best known as an attorney, and will permit nothing to interfere with the career which is opening up so propitiously before him at the bar. Sir William Douglas, who emigrated to America from Scotland in 1660, is the direct ancestor of Mr. Douglas, who through this baron of the days of the Stuart kings traces his ancestry back to the red and black



Douglasses, who played so conspicuous a part in earlier Scotch history. It is believed that Mr. Douglas is Scotch by both of these first American parents; at any rate, Scotch given names have predominated in the American branch of the family, as witness his own name, Wallace. In matters of recreation Mr. Douglas is known as an enthusiastic sportsman, and an expert with the rifle and shot gun. He belongs to that class who believe good habits and good fellowship can go hand in hand. He was born in Leyden, Lewis County, New York, September 21, 1852. His father was A. M. Douglas, a farmer, and his mother, Alma E. Miller. He received a common school education, and attended the law department of Michigan State University, graduating there, as already related, in 1875. It was on a dairy farm, milking cows, that he earned his first dollar. Mr. Douglas' Republicanism is inherited, and he never has belonged to any other party. As a political speaker he takes high rank, and during the last few campaigns he was in constant demand in the northern sections of the state. Three secret societies claim him as an active member, the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. In 1881, May 19, Mr. Douglas was married to Ella M. Smith, and the union has been blessed with two children, Harold B. and Lulu L.

*Marion Daniel Shutter, 1897*