

# The Hosie Family



Clara



James

James Hosie (1846-1928) emigrated with his parents from Scotland around 1852. They had a farm in Romulus, and James eventually went to the University of Michigan to get a degree. In 1868 he joined George Stellwagen in the general store business, beginning a lifelong friendship. In 1871 Clara McMorran (1845-1948) from Port Huron came to Wayne as a schoolteacher, and while here met Mr. Hosie. The two were married within a year in 1872. Hosie and Stellwagen owned a grain elevator and later founded the Wayne Savings Bank together in 1890. James was also treasurer of Prouty and Glass Carriages, and had interests in two other banks and a real estate company. He and Stellwagen were two of the wealthiest men in town by the turn of the century. Clara was a founder of the Arche club and a founder of the Wayne Christian Temperance Union, a prohibition group who protested drinking. Both James and Clara attended the Congregational Church and were very devout Christians. The couple had two daughters, Isabelle and Clara, who were both college educated at U of M. Isabelle became a Latin teacher for Detroit schools, and Clara became a Librarian.