

order. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is treasurer of the board of trustees in the church. He gives earnest support to the church financially and otherwise, doing everything in his power to maintain the legal and moral status of the community or to advance its social and intellectual interests. In a word his aid is always given on the side of progress and improvement and he holds to high standards in civic affairs.

ANTHONY MILLER.

Anthony Miller, who carries on general farming on section 2, Chickasaw township, in Chickasaw county, was born in Germany, January 6, 1864, a son of Peter and Anna Mary (Langens) Miller. Both his father and mother remained residents of Germany until their life's labors were ended in death. It was in 1883 that Anthony Miller, then a youth of nineteen years, came to the new world, following his brother Gerhard, who two years before had crossed the Atlantic. Anthony Miller first made his way to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he joined his brother, and there he worked by the month as a farm hand for six years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Iowa in company with his brother Gerhard and together they bought ninety acres of land in Dayton township, Chickasaw county, for which they paid eighteen hundred and fifty dollars. They conducted their farming interests jointly for two years and at the end of that time Anthony Miller bought his brother's share in the farm and continued the cultivation of the place for eight years. He then sold the property and removed to his present place on section 2, Chickasaw township, purchasing two hundred acres of land, for which he paid fifty-six dollars per acre. This he has since owned and developed and to his original holdings has added until his place now comprises two hundred and eighty acres. The soil is naturally rich and productive and his labors have made his fields very arable. Large crops are annually gathered and his success has been the direct outcome of persistent and earnest labor intelligently guided.

On the 10th of November, 1890, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hauser, a daughter of John Hauser, who was one of the first settlers of Washington township, Chickasaw county, where both he and his wife passed away. They died upon the old homestead farm there about twenty years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born four sons and a daughter who are yet living: Edward, Frank, William, Leo and Anna, all at home. Their son Frank served in the American army during the recent World war and at first was attached to the Eighty-eighth Division, while later he was made first sergeant in a machine gun company and remained at Camp Dodge, Iowa, for ten months as an instructor.

Mr. Miller and his family are members of St. Boniface Catholic church, at Ionia. He has served as a school director for four years in Dayton township and for three years in Chickasaw township. He was greatly interested in war work, acting as a member of the Liberty Loan committee on the third, fourth and fifth loan drives in Chickasaw township and doing effective work in this connection, aiding in putting Iowa splendidly over the top in the early part of the drive.

FRANK SHELHAMER.

Frank Shelhamer is one of the prominent and representative farmers of Afton, making his home on the northwest quarter of section 1. He is held in high regard as a representative man of Howard county, belonging to that class of citizens whose devotion to the public welfare is manifest in many tangible ways. He was born in Virginia, October 2, 1861, his parents being Charles and Eliza Shelhamer, the latter a native of Pennsylvania. In the year 1866, Charles Shelhamer came with his family to Howard county, Iowa, and for a time was employed in a grist mill. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land about two miles north of the present farm