

purchased a tract of land of eighty acres which he farmed for three or four years. He then sold that property and moved to a farm near Gilbertville, Iowa, investing in another eighty acre tract of land, which he successfully cultivated to the time of his retirement from active business life. He then established his home in Gilbertville, where he remained to the time of his death, and his wife also passed away in that town.

Michael Nosbisch was educated in the parochial schools of Germany. In December, 1874, he married Katherine Spaden, a daughter of John and Margaretta Spaden, and following his marriage he located upon a farm in Washington township, Chickasaw county, upon which he resided until 1913, when he retired and took up his residence in New Hampton. Through all the intervening years he was numbered with the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the district. Year after year he carefully tilled his fields and kept in touch with advanced agricultural methods. As a result of his untiring labor and perseverance he gathered good crops and as time passed added materially to his annual income. He is still the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land and from, this property he derives a very substantial annual income.

In 1903 Mr. Nosbisch was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October that year. They were the parents of fourteen children, all of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Jacob Hoffman; John who married Susie Zeyen; Carl, who married Lena Kuehn; Mrs. Chris Gebel; Nick, who married Susie Hentges; Peter, who married Veronica Ries; George, who wedded Martha Zimmer; Mrs. Joe Pannworth; Mrs. Louis Streit; Michael, Jr., who married Christina Brost; Mrs. Edward Ries; Henry; Mrs. George Nehl; and Clara, who is acting as her father's housekeeper.

Mr. Nosbisch is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church of New Hampton. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he served as township trustee of Washington township for several years. He was also supervisor at the same time. His attention has been chiefly given to his farming interests, however, and he still retains two hundred and eighty acres of his original four hundred and twenty acre tract. He has lived an active and busy life and his success is the direct outcome of his labors.

#### BENJAMIN HUNTTING.

Benjamin Hunting was a representative business man of Cresco and his worth in commercial and personal connections caused his death to be the occasion of deep and widespread regret to all who knew him. For a long period he was engaged in the grain trade and the integrity of his methods as well as his enterprise brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity. He was born in Southampton, Long Island, on the 4th of December, 1833, and was a son of William and Ann (Foster) Hunting. After acquiring a public school education he became a sailor on a whaling vessel and afterward returned to Long Island. From there he went to California and eventually became a resident of McGregor, Iowa. Following the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused, so that he could no longer content himself to remain at home and, eager to aid in the defense of the Union, he joined the army as a member of Company C, of the Third Iowa Infantry. With the "boys in blue" he then went to the front and served until wounded at the battle of Blue Mills in Missouri, suffering the loss of an arm. This incapacitated him for duty and he returned to McGregor, where later, as a member of the firm of Bassett & Hunting he entered the grain trade and as the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad was extended through the country he moved from point to point along the line, living for a time at Postville and afterward at Conover. From the latter place he came to Cresco, where he built a warehouse in the fall of 1866. He then began buying grain at this point and remained in the same business for thirty years. He prospered in his undertakings here and remained a prominent figure in the grain trade of northern Iowa for many years.