

modern conveniences and constituting one of the attractive farms of his section of the state.

On the 15th of September, 1886, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Justina Norton, a daughter of Justice B. Norton, one of the pioneer residents of Howard county. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born five sons and a daughter: Justice J., a graduate of Cedar Rapids Business College and a resident farmer of Albion township; Walter L., now engaged in farming in Albion township; Lowell V., who has just returned from service in France; Gladys, a graduate of the Cresco high school and now a teacher in the schools of Winneshiek county; and Aubrey A., who was graduated from the Cresco high school and is at home. In 1917 at a stock grading contest at Des Moines he came within two points of receiving the highest score and was given a scholarship of one and a half years. The youngest of the family is Donald H., also under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a republican and is a member of the present board of township trustees and also secretary of the school board. He is keenly interested in affairs of public moment and gives his support and allegiance to any cause which he believes to be of benefit to the community at large. He and his family are members of the Methodist church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect.

PETER H. PETERS.

Peter H. Peters is devoting his attention to farming on section 23, Saratoga township, where he has one hundred acres of good land, and his success in his chosen life work has given him classification with the representative farmers of Howard county. He was born in Germany June 13, 1867, a son of Peter and Christine (Wackman) Peters, both of whom have now passed away, the former having died April 10, 1899, while the mother survived until March 22, 1902.

Peter H. Peters was reared in his native country and pursued his education in the public schools there, but when eighteen, years of age he determined to establish his home and try his fortune in America, having heard favorable reports concerning the opportunities of this land. Crossing the Atlantic, he made his way direct to Cresco, Iowa, and became one of the first settlers of Howard county. After working out by the month as a farm hand for about twelve years he purchased eighty acres of land in Jamestown township and after the death of his father he made investment in his present home farm, which is situated in Saratoga township.

On the 13th of January, 1894, Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Frances Pokorny, a daughter of Vincent and Frances Pokorny, of Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are rearing an adopted son and also have four children of their own, as follows: Bertha, Charlie, Christine and Mary. The two eldest are now attending school.

Mr. Peters and his family attend the German Lutheran church at Davis Corners and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party, but he has never sought or desired office. He is a stockholder in the farmers' creamery at Saratoga and aside from this he has given his entire thought and energies to his farm work, which, carefully managed and directed, has brought to him substantial success.

A. F. KEMMAN.

A. F. Kemman, a civil engineer of New Hampton, was born in La Grange, Illinois, April 29, 1858, his parents being Henry and Louise (Buchholz) Kemman, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. The mother came to the United States in her childhood days with her parents. The father first came to the United States as a youth of eighteen years, making the trip to the new world on a sailing vessel, and on the way across he made himself generally useful aboard ship. After landing in New York city he failed to find any employment and a few days later, seeing the captain of the vessel