

are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the family have an extensive circle of warm friends. The period of Mr. Ashley's residence in Howard county now covers six decades and he is therefore numbered among its honored pioneer settlers, while he is also highly esteemed as a citizen whose aid and influence have ever been given on the side of right, progress and improvement.

LOUIE E. MEYER.

Louie E. Meyer, who carries on general agricultural pursuits on section 32, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, was born in Benton county, Iowa, September 25, 1876, and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Brennisonn) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Germany but came to the new world during their childhood days with their respective parents. The mother was eighteen years of age at the time of her emigration to America and in 1868 or 1869 became the wife of Conrad Meyer in Benton county. They removed to Chickasaw county, establishing their home in Chickasaw township, where they still reside. For many years the father successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits and the competence thus acquired now enables him to live retired in Bassett

Louie E. Meyer devoted his youth to the acquirement of a district school education and to the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty years, when he began dealing in farm lands. In the same year he also took up the active work of the fields on his own account and at that time purchased a place of eighty acres on section 36, Deerfield township. For a year he cultivated that farm and then sold the property, making investment in his present home place, also a tract of eighty acres. He has carefully tilled the fields through the intervening period and his farm is now in excellent condition, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. There are good improvements in the way of buildings and fences and his equipment includes the latest improved farm machinery and all accessories necessary to the development of the fields.

In 1900 Mr. Meyer was married to Miss Lena Otto, of Chickasaw township, and they have become parents of four children, of whom three are yet living, namely: Mildred, Lawrence and Elma. Mr. Meyer votes with the republican party and keeps in touch with the questions and issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and endeavor to make its teachings the rule of their lives. They are now well known in this section of Iowa, where they have always resided, and their sterling qualities are manifest in the fact that their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

FRANK CHYLE, JR.

The name of Frank Chyle, Jr., is inseparably associated with the history of Protivin and though he has passed away his memory is revered and cherished by those who knew him. He was one of the early settlers of this section of Howard county and was the promoter of the town of Protivin, which largely stands as a monument to his enterprise and progressiveness. Born in Bohemia on the 1st of December, 1847, he was a son of Frank Chyle, who came with his family to the new world in 1855, settling first in Canada. For a brief period he remained in Hamilton, Ontario, and then crossed the border into the United States and for three or four years was a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. From Dubuque he removed to Howard county, where he arrived about 1858 or 1859. He purchased a farm, securing from the government a tract of land two miles north of the present site of Protivin. It was upon this farm that the family resided for many years, taking active part in the early development and later progress of the district.

It was upon the old homestead that Frank Chyle was reared to manhood, having