

States in 1868 with her parents, John and Marie (Jira) Kovarik, who settled in Winneshiek county and subsequently took up their abode in the town of Spillville, where they remained until called to the home beyond. In 1886 Mr. Andera with his family of six children removed to Howard county and purchased a farm in New Oregon township six miles west of Protivin. He then bent his energies to the further development and improvement of that property but afterward sold the farm and bought the northeast quarter of section 32. He also rented other land and lived on the section across the road to the north, where his death occurred on the 9th of March, 1904. Mrs. Andera survives and occupies a comfortable home in Protivin.

To Mr. and Mrs. Andera were born eight children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Joseph, a resident of Protivin, who is living with his mother and owns a farm; John P., a carpenter and building contractor of Protivin; Agnes, the wife of Lewis Pecinovsky, a farmer residing in New Oregon township; James L., a mechanic employed in the garage of the Klimesh Automobile Company; Bozena, the wife of Joseph Michalec, a horse breeder of Protivin; and Charles J., who is a road grading contractor, and Frank S. is a mechanic and owns an auto livery; likewise residents of Protivin. All of the family are members of the Catholic church and the three sons, Joseph, James and John, have membership with the Catholic Workmen. The Andera family is one of the well known families of Howard county, where they have been represented from pioneer times.

#### J. B. LOWE.

J. B. Lowe is a representative and successful business man of New Hampton, where for the past seven years he has conducted his interests as a well driller and dealer in windmills and pumps. He was born in Delaware county, Iowa, on the 10th of November, 1856, a son of Andrew J. and Mary (Lloyd) Lowe, the former probably a native of Virginia, while the latter was born in Wales. They were married at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and immediately thereafter came to Iowa, taking up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Delaware county. Andrew J. Lowe located his farm in the timber, although there was plenty of prairie land to be obtained only a half mile distant. About 1875 he went to Dubuque county, Iowa, and when five years had passed removed to Bremer county, while about 1892 he established his home in Crawford county, Kansas, where his demise occurred two years later.

J. B. Lowe pursued his education in the district schools and remained under the parental roof, assisting in the-work of the home farm, until he was married at the age of twenty-four years. He then began farming on his own account as a renter and about two years later purchased a tract of land in Bremer county, the cultivation of which claimed his time and energies for three years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Sumner, where he embarked in business as a well driller and dealer in windmills and pumps, with which line of activity he has since been prominently and successfully identified. In 1904 he removed to Mason City, Iowa, but after residing there for eight years came to New Hampton in 1912, purchasing the handsome residence on East Main street in which he has since made his home. Sound judgment, enterprise and industry have characterized him in the conduct of his business affairs, so that substantial prosperity has rewarded his efforts and he has become widely recognized as one of the representative and esteemed citizens of the community.

In 1880 Mr. Lowe was united in marriage to Miss Adaline E. McCormack, of Fayette county, Iowa, by whom he had two children, one of whom has passed away. The surviving daughter is Edna Eugenia, who is engaged in Chautauqua work with the Ellison & White Chautauqua Company of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Lowe exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party but has never been an aspirant for public preferment: Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Lancelot