

improved for nine years, converting it into richly productive fields. He then sold his farm in that state and came to Chickasaw county, making investment in one hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Utica township, constituting a part of his present home place. In subsequent years he has added continuously to his farm, extending its boundaries from time to time until his holdings now aggregate four hundred acres in Chickasaw county. This is largely a tract of very fertile land and his energy and industry have made it a highly cultivated tract, producing very substantial harvests annually.

In February, 1875, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Emma Leuenberger, a native of Ohio. Her parents emigrated to the United States from Germany and first took up their abode in Ohio, while in 1855 they established their home in Winneshiek county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have become the parents of eight children, namely: Anna M., who is the wife of L. G. Cooney, of Stapleton township, Chickasaw county; Jerome H and Louis F., who are engaged in farming in Utica township; Minnie E., who is the wife of William C. Kelley, of Jacksonville township, Chickasaw county; Joseph C., who follows farming in Utica township; and Grace E., Leo E. and Clarence, all at home. The last named served for one year and two days with the United States army in France as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Fiftieth Infantry, Thirty-fifth Division.

Mr. Fisher is an earnest republican in his political views and is recognized as one of the local party leaders. He was a candidate for the office of county supervisor in 1913, and while he made no canvass of his district, he was defeated by only two votes, his large support indicating his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. Mr. Fisher is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and he belongs to the Congregational church, while Mrs. Fisher is of the Catholic faith. His position as a substantial and successful farmer of Chickasaw county is an enviable one. His life has been characterized by industry, by progressiveness and straightforward dealing and his prosperity is the direct reward of his earnest and persistent labor.

ADOLF PETER.

Adolf Peter, residing on section 31, Vernon Springs township, where he owns an excellent farm comprising two hundred and eighty acres, is numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of Howard county. His birth occurred in Switzerland on the 2d of April, 1867, his parents being Nicholas and Mary (Keck) Peter, who passed away in that country. He acquired his education in the common schools of Switzerland and remained in his native country until he had attained his majority. In 1889, having decided to try his fortunes on this side of the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States and at once made his way westward across the country to Iowa. He located in Winneshiek county and first worked as a farm hand for about three years, while later he cultivated a rented tract of land in that county for five years. On the expiration of that period he came to Howard county, here carrying on agricultural pursuits as a renter for a number of years or until 1902, when he purchased eighty acres of land on section 31, Vernon Springs township, where he now resides. As the years have passed and prosperity has rewarded his industry and economy, he has added to his holdings by further purchase until at the present time he owns two hundred and eighty acres of well improved and highly productive land, yielding large crops which find a ready sale on the market. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Company of Cresco and has long been numbered among the successful farmers and enterprising citizens of his community.

In 1895 Mr. Peter was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Schultz, who was born in Germany but when eight years of age was brought to the United States by her parents, John and Louise Schultz, the family home being established in Vernon Springs township, Howard county, where both Mr. and Mrs. Schultz passed