

of bookkeeper in the Kimball & Farnsworth bank and later he was elected to the position of county auditor, in which capacity he acceptably served for five years. In 1892 he turned his attention to the abstract and real estate business in Cresco and has since been active in that field of labor. He has secured a good clientage and has a business that in volume and importance places him among the leading representatives of this line of activity in the state, being an active member of the Iowa Abstracters Association. In 1897 the old National Bank of Decorah, Iowa, failed and Mr. Thompson with H. C. Hjerleid reorganized the bank, purchased the building and made it the National Bank of Decorah, of which he became a director. He is a man of good business ability, of sound judgment of unfaltering energy and of keen sagacity and therefore what he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

In 1881 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Solberg, a daughter of Ulrick Solberg. She was born in Winneshiek county, on the Nels Larsen farm, while her parents were natives of Norway but became pioneer residents of Winneshiek county. To Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born five children: Jennie, now the wife of Dr. L. A. Dahl, of Menomonie, Wisconsin; Gertie, the wife of Harry Grindy, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Edward P, living in Cresco; Clarice; and Thelma.

For an extended period Mr. Thompson has been an active factor in republican circles in Howard county. He served as chairman of the republican central committee in 1893-4 and during that period every republican on the ticket was elected. He has filled the office of city recorder, has been a member of the city council, has for nine years served on the school board and during part of that time has been its president. His activities have been pronounced along various lines for the benefit and upbuilding of the county in which he lives and he is regarded as one of the representative and valued citizens, honored by all who know him and most of all where he is best known. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

MRS. J. C. ENOS.

Mrs. J. C. Enos, who is well known in Howard county, makes her home on section 28, Saratoga township, where she is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Mrs. Enos is a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Smith) Sherwood, who were among the early residents of Minnesota and came to Iowa about forty-six years ago. Both have now passed away, the father having died on the 14th of February, 1884, while the death of Mrs. Sherwood occurred July 7, 1894.

Their daughter, Mrs. Enos, spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and obtained her education in the public schools of Minnesota. On the 19th of October, 1872, she gave her hand in marriage in Brownsville, Minnesota, to J. C. Enos, and in 1893 they took up their abode upon a farm in Saratoga township, Howard county, which Mrs. Enos still owns and occupies.

Mr. Enos was bom January 8, 1851, in the state of Vermont, and was a son of Joseph and Olive Enos, whose family numbered five children, of whom he was the fourth in order of birth. In early life he became a resident of the middle west and for a considerable period lived in Minnesota. Following his marriage he and his wife began their domestic life in that state and there remained until 1875, when they removed to Lawler, Chickasaw county, Iowa, where they resided for eighteen years. In 1893 they became residents of Howard county, establishing their home in Saratoga township, and through the intervening period Mr. Enos gave his attention to the development and improvement of the property, transforming it into one of the good farms of the community. He was a very diligent man and prospered in his undertakings as the result of his close application and carefully directed energies. To Mr. and Mrs. Enos were born three children, Henry, George W. and Mrs. Dora Merrill.

The family circle was broken by the hand of death when on the 10th of October,