

1916, Major Lawns was called to his final rest. He had long been recognized as a man of sterling and upright character, who made valuable contribution to the development of the district in which he lived by his activity in agricultural lines and his support of all plans and measures for the general good.

WILLIAM BUNSTON.

William Bunston is a well known representative of the farming interests of Howard county and makes his home on section 24, Afton township, where he is engaged in the cultivation of a good tract of land that responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. Mr. Bunston is a native of England. He was born January 10, 1868, of the marriage of William and Emily (Burt) Bunston, who were also natives of that country. There the father still resides and the mother continued to make her home in England until called to her final rest in 1916.

William Bunston pursued his education in the common schools of his native country and came to the United States in 1887, when a youth of nineteen years. The reports which he had heard concerning business conditions and opportunities in the new world had determined him to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic and he made the trip alone. He was employed in different parts of the country until October 4, 1887, when he removed from Richmond, Virginia, to Dubuque, Iowa. For a short time he there engaged in renting land, after which he went to McGregor, Iowa, where he spent the succeeding winter. He next became a resident of Lawler, Iowa, where he was employed at farm labor for six years.

It was in February, 1895, that Mr. Bunston was united in marriage to Miss Ida Cochran, a daughter of Charles Cochran, of Jacksonville, Iowa. The young couple began their domestic life upon what is now their home farm and this place they have since occupied. As the years have passed they have become the parents of three children: Charles W., who served with Company Eight of the Transportation Corps with the American Expeditionary Force in France; and Emily and Ruth G., both at home.

Mr. Bunston is interested in all that has to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which he resides and for two years he served as school director but has had no time nor inclination to seek public office. He came to the new world empty-handed and has ever bent his energies to the task of making a good living for himself and his family. While he met hardships and difficulties in the early days, he has steadily worked his way upward, advancing step by step, and he is now numbered among the substantial farmers of Afton township.

REED ELWOOD.

Reed Elwood, of the firm of Elwood & Elwood, attorneys at law, and also connected with the Elwood Land Company of Elma, was born on the 1st of October, 1885, a son of Frank D. and Catherine (Harris) Elwood, mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Hon. Lee W. Elwood.

After attending the public schools until he had passed through consecutive grades to the Elma high school, Reed Elwood entered the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines. He then went to Wyoming and occupied the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Wheatland for a period of two years. The bank was sold and Mr. Elwood returned to Elma with the determination of entering upon the study of law. He matriculated in the Iowa State University, where he pursued a two years' law course, and then entered the University of South Dakota, from which institution he received his law degree in 1911. While a student there he became a member of the Delta Phi Delta fraternity.