

Fred Opitz and with him removed to Howard county about 1880. Mr. Opitz passed away in this county in August, 1902, and following the demise of her husband Mrs. Opitz made her home with her son Fred until her demise, which occurred in December, 1918, when she had reached the notable old age of ninety-three years and eleven months.

Fred Heimerdinger was but a year and three months old when brought to the new world and in Iowa was reared and educated, attending the district schools. As early as his eighteenth year he started out to provide for his own living by cultivating rented land and was thus engaged for a number of years. In 1885, just prior to his marriage, he made his first purchase of land, becoming owner of a tract of forty acres, on which his present farm buildings now stand. Whenever possible he has added to the property and his possessions now include two hundred acres of land and he ranks with the representative farmers of his district. He is likewise a stockholder of the Alta Vista Farmers Lumber & Coal Company and for ten years has been a member of its board of directors. He is a stockholder in the Jerico Farmers Creamery and also a representative of its directorate and is a stockholder in the Grain Belt Packing Company of Dubuque, Iowa. His activities and interests have thus covered a broad scope, and the careful direction of his affairs has brought to him a very gratifying measure of success.

In February, 1886, Mr. Heimerdinger was married to Miss Rosa Reinhart, a daughter of Samuel Reinhart, a pioneer settler of Iowa, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of his son Albert. To Mr. and Mrs. Heimerdinger have been born eight children, of whom five are living, namely: Emma, Floyd, Louis, Lydia and Celia, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Heimerdinger is a republican and at three different times has served as a member of the township board of trustees and is now a member of the school board. He ranks with the representative and honored residents of his community, and he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

WELLINGTON De NOYELLES.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose and it was with great sorrow and regret that the citizens of Cresco learned of the demise of Wellington De Noyelles, who for a considerable period was a well known and prominent hotel man and jeweler of Cresco. The sterling traits of his character gained him many warm friends and won him the respect of those with whom he was associated. He was born in the state of New York in 1856, his parents being Joshua and Almira (Borst) De Noyelles, both of whom were also natives of the Empire state and of French descent. The father engaged in the hotel business in the east and also carried on farming on an extensive scale and owned many fast horses. In his later life he retired from the hotel business but still retained possession of his farm land and continued to make his home in New York until 1870, when he removed westward to Nashua, Chickasaw county, Iowa. There he once more resumed active connection with the hotel business and remained a resident of that place until called to his final rest. His business affairs were wisely and carefully conducted and his interests brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity. His wife also spent her last days in Iowa, passing away in Mason City.

Wellington De Noyelles was largely reared in Cresco and is indebted to the public school system of the city for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. After his textbooks were put aside he began learning the jewelry trade in the store and under the direction of Charles Webber and afterward he returned to Nashua, Iowa, where he engaged in the hotel business with his father. At a subsequent period he established a jewelry store at Northwood, in Worth county, Iowa, where he remained for two years and then removed to Garner, Iowa, where he engaged in the jewelry business to the time of his demise. For an extended period he was