

To Mr. and Mrs. Milham were born thirteen children, namely: Mrs. Augusta Brown; Mrs. Carrie Patri; Mrs. Minnie Weipert; Amelia M., deceased; Mrs. Annie Klein; John; Benjamin and Joseph, twins, deceased; Frederick, also deceased; August; Leo, who was with the Eighty-first Machine Gun Battalion and went overseas during the world war, seeing much active service, but has since been honorably discharged and is now at home on the farm with his mother; Mrs. Noretta Bohardt; and Arthur, who was with the Headquarters Company, Eighty-eighth Infantry, stationed at Camp Dodge for about six months, and is now on the home farm.

Mrs. Milham still resides upon the home farm. Mr. Milham was a member of the German Lutheran church, of which his family are also adherents, and his political endorsement was given to the democratic party. He was a man who stood loyally in defense of whatever he believed to be right or for the benefit of the community at large and his sterling worth was recognized by all with whom he came in contact.

#### CHARLES MICHAEL GAMROW.

Charles Michael Gamrow has throughout his entire life been a resident of Howard county and makes his home on section 7, Afton township. He was born on the 27th of September, 1861, a son of Frederick and Annie Gamrow, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to the United States with their respective parents at an early age and in young manhood the father worked for a time in Wisconsin but eventually removed to Iowa and purchased land in Howard county which he developed into an excellent farm property. It was largely wild and unimproved when it came into his possession, but his labors soon wrought a marked change in the appearance of the place, converting it into rich fields that annually produced substantial crops. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gamrow were two sons: Charles M., of this review; and Frederick, a resident farmer of Howard county. The latter married Minnie Sprung, of this county, and he is well known among the agriculturists of the district.

Charles Michael Gamrow spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of the farm-bred boy of Howard county. He attended the district schools, enjoyed the pleasures of the playground and worked in the fields during vacation periods. He thus became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of cultivating the soil and caring for the crops and was well qualified to take up farming on his own account after he had reached adult age. He has carried on farming independently for thirty years and is meeting with success in all of his undertakings.

In his political views Mr. Gamrow is a republican but has never been an office seeker. However, he manifests a deep interest in all plans and projects looking to the development and upbuilding of his section of the state and is regarded as a substantial citizen. His religious faith is indicated by his attendance at the Lutheran church of Riceville. Having spent his entire life in Howard county, he is well known and those with whom he has been brought in contact speak of him as a thoroughly reliable business man.

#### NELSON I. MEAD.

Nelson I. Mead, who follows farming on section 10, Chickasaw township, in Chickasaw county, and whose activity in public affairs of the community is indicated by his service as a member of the present board of township trustees, was born September 18, 1855, in the township where he still lives and in which he has now made his home for sixty-four years. His parents were Isaac and Helen (Rice) Mead, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, where they were reared and married. Subsequently they made their way westward to Illinois and thence removed to Wisconsin, while in the spring of 1855 they came to Iowa, settling in Chickasaw township, Chickasaw