

When his schooldays were over he assisted more and more largely in the development of the home farm and has always made this his life work. He labors diligently and persistently in the further development of his holdings and is also a stockholder in the Farmers Equity Company of New Hampton.

In early manhood Mathias Ries was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Maiers, a daughter of Peter and Angela Maiers, the wedding being celebrated on the 11th of October, 1892. Her parents came from Germany to the new world and cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Washington township, Chickasaw county, where for a considerable period her father followed farming. He passed away in North Washington a number of years ago, but the mother is still living and yet makes her home at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Ries have become the parents of seven children: Aloysius, Louis Peter, Margaret, Walter, Michael, Reynold and Angela. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and they are communicants of the church in North Washington.

Mr. Ries gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and served as township trustee of Washington township for two terms. He has also been school director for several years. He never hesitates to lend aid and support to public-spirited measures, seeking ever the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which he makes his home and of the state at large. He has always lived in Washington township, where he has a very wide acquaintance.

#### G. A. DREWELOW.

G. A. Drewelow, one of the highly respected and progressive farmers of Chickasaw county, resides on section 28, New Hampton township, where he owns a valuable tract of land of three hundred and twenty acres. He has developed here one of the fine farms of the county and his enterprise is at once manifest in the splendid appearance of his place. Commodious and substantial modern buildings are surrounded by highly cultivated fields and there is no equipment or accessory of the model farm of the twentieth century that is not found upon his land.

Mr. Drewelow is a native son of Chickasaw county, his birth having occurred in Stapleton township, June 2, 1863, his parents being Gustav and Augusta (Drevlow) Drewelow, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to the United States in early life with their parents, the father being at that time a youth of eighteen, while the mother was a young lady of twenty-three. The paternal grandfather, William Drewelow, was a man of considerable means for those times and brought with him to this country three thousand dollars in gold. He settled in Chickasaw county and purchased for each of his four sons and two daughters a farm of eighty acres. His son, Gustav Drewelow, was given the farm upon which G. A. Drewelow of this review now resides, but he increased his holdings until he became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres. For a long period he engaged in the development and improvement of his fields, but following the death of his wife in 1901 he made his home with his children until he, too was called to his final rest in 1910. In politics he was a democrat and was keenly interested in public affairs but never an office seeker. He made generous contributions to charity and many a poor neighbor had cause to bless him for timely assistance. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who needed aid and his life at all times measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

G. A. Drewelow, whose name introduces this record, attended the district schools near his father's home, but his educational opportunities in that direction were quite limited. Through broad experience and wide reading in later years, however, he has become a well informed man, recognized as one of notably sound judgment and keen discrimination. In the spring of 1888 he began farming on his own account, having purchased eighty acres of the old homestead property on which the buildings were located. In the following November he was married and continued to live upon the homestead but tore down the original buildings, which he replaced with modern and substantial structures, making this one of the well improved and valuable farm prop-