

fields under a high state of cultivation, so that large crops are annually gathered therefrom. He also established himself in the live stock business in the early years of his residence here and developed the Homeside Stock Farm. For the past ten years his two hundred and forty acre tract of land has been conducted under the name of the Homeside Stock Farm by the firm of J. R. Whitcomb & Son, the latter being now an equal partner in the stock business and also the owner of eighty acres of their land holdings. They breed thoroughbred Durham cattle and are very extensively engaged in the dairy business, milking sixteen cows. Their place is splendidly equipped for carrying on dairying, as they have large barns and every facility to take care of the milk in the most sanitary manner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb have been born a son and a daughter: Floyd W., the partner of his father in business; and Blanche, the wife of W. G. Case, a resident farmer of Fredericksburg township.

Since age conferred upon Mr. Whitcomb the right of franchise he has voted with the republican party and is a staunch advocate of its principles. He is now serving on the present board of township trustees for the third term—a fact that indicates his loyalty to the best interests of the community. He has long been a stockholder of the Fredericksburg Creamery Association and for some years he served as a member of its board of directors, thus aiding in shaping its policy and in guiding its development. Fraternally Mr. Whitcomb is connected with Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 333, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 163, O. E. S., of which Mrs. Whitcomb is a past matron, while for several years she served as secretary of the chapter. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church, guiding their lives by its teachings, and they are held in the highest esteem as people of genuine worth. Their geniality, their social qualities and their thorough reliability have gained for them the respect and confidence of all and they are numbered among the leading and representative residents of northern Iowa.

#### C. A. LOWRY.

C. A. Lowry, proprietor of the Fredericksburg Stock Farm and living within the corporation limits of the town of Fredericksburg, was born near Geneva, Nebraska, on the 30th day of May, 1881, a son of David W. and Lillie E. (Thorne) Lowry, the former a native of Illinois, while the latter was born in the state of New York. They were married in Chickasaw county, Iowa, to which district the mother removed in young womanhood in company with her parents, while David W. Lowry arrived in this section of the state in young manhood. Prior to coming to Iowa Mrs. Lowry had taught for nineteen terms as a primary teacher in the schools of Illinois. Following their marriage Mr. Lowry took his bride to Nebraska, settling near Fairmont, where he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits for some years. In the fall of 1883 he returned to Chickasaw county and at that time purchased one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land situated a mile north of Fredericksburg. Later he bought another quarter section adjoining his first purchase and the fractional quarter section he sold a short time prior to his death. He had three hundred and twenty acres which still remain a part of the estate. He carefully and systematically developed his property and made a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle, becoming one of the prominent cattlemen of the county, his labors being attended with marked success. He passed away November 30, 1913, and is survived by his widow, who makes her home in Fredericksburg.

In the acquirement of his education C. A. Lowry attended the schools of Fredericksburg and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1900. He remained at home assisting his father up to the time of his marriage, which occurred on the 5th of November, 1902, when Miss Grace Kidder, of Dresden township, Chickasaw county, became his wife. She passed away September 1, 1917, leaving a daughter, Helen Janet. On the 12th of September, 1918, Mr. Lowry was married to Miss Nellie Wesp, a daughter of Philip Wesp, one of the well known retired farmers of Fredericksburg.