

variously employed, and then returned to Iowa. He next engaged in buying cream for the firm of Hood & Bailey of Williamstown for three years and while thus employed he was married in the summer of 1881 to Miss Jennie McGee, of Williamstown. In the spring of 1882 he removed to Wisconsin, where, in connection with Mr. Hood, he operated a creamery at Reedsburg for a Mr. Harris. Mr. Wesp remained in that locality for a year and a half, after which he again came to Chickasaw county and began farming on rented land. Two years later, as a result of his industry and economy, he was enabled to purchase a farm of forty acres, on which he lived for four years. He then sold that property and in 1892 bought a home in Fredericksburg, taking up his abode in the town. Some time later he established a butcher shop, which he conducted for two years, and later he spent several years in buying and selling live stock. Subsequently he removed to Fairbank, Iowa, where he managed an implement business for the firm of Wesp & Shaffer of New Hampton, conducting a branch house for them. He remained for eighteen months in that connection, after which he returned to Fredericksburg, where he was engaged in various lines of business for two years. On the 16th of October, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Fredericksburg, in which capacity he has since served, and has made an excellent record in office by his prompt and faithful discharge of duty.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wesp have been born six children, four of whom are living: Frances, who is the wife of A. H. Milne, of Fredericksburg, and is acting as assistant postmaster; Florence, the wife of Charles H. Boiler, of Greene, Iowa; Charles F., who was attending the Chicago Technical College, pursuing a course in architecture, and would have graduated in June, 1919, but entered the service of his country and was on duty in the registry department of the United States postoffice at Greves, France; and Ruth, who is attending the Upper Iowa University at Fayette.

Mr. Wesp is a member of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 661, I. O. O. F., and he and his wife and two daughters, Ruth and Frances, are identified with the Rebekah Lodge. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he is a loyal supporter of its principles. He is regarded as one of Fredericksburg's leading and progressive citizens and is widely and favorably known in this section of the state.

WILLIAM BANDLE, JR.

William Bandle, Jr., a representative of the farming interests of Howard county, where he is busily engaged in the cultivation of a good tract of land on section 17, Howard township, was born September 27, 1868, on the same section where he now resides, his parents being William and Mary (Fallgetter) Bandle, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born near Watertown, Wisconsin. They were married, however, in Howard county, Iowa, where the mother had taken up her abode in her girlhood days when her parents removed to this state, while the father arrived in young manhood. He had come to the United States from Germany when a youth of eighteen years and as it was his intention to become a loyal American citizen, he at once allied his interests with those of his adopted land and soon after his arrival joined the Union army as a member of the Thirteenth Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry. He thus served through the Civil war and after the close of hostilities he removed to Howard county and later purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres from General Jones of Dubuque. In subsequent years he has purchased other land from time to time and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm property in Howard county. In 1901 he left the farm and for a number of years resided in Pocahontas county, but during the past eight or ten years has made his home in Cresco, Iowa, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

William Bandle, Jr., obtained a district school education and while his opportunities were limited in that direction he has been a broad reader and is today classed among the well informed men of his section of the state. When the father left the home farm in 1901, William Bandle took charge of the property and has since given his