

father and with his family removed to Bristol, Minnesota, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He had to grub out the stumps from the greater part of this tract, but with characteristic energy he continued the arduous work of developing the place, which he converted into rich and productive fields.

In 1899 Mr. Muller sold his one hundred and sixty acres at Bristol, Minnesota, and removed to Albion township, Howard county, Iowa, where he made investment in four hundred acres of land. He continued to farm that property until 1904, when he again sold his farm and retired from active business. He then removed to Florenceville, Albion township, where he purchased a pleasant home and about an acre and a half of land and through the intervening period he has occupied that place. He is most pleasantly located, his former toil and industry bringing to him a competence that now supplies him with not only all of necessities and comforts but many of the luxuries of life. To Mr. and Mrs. Muller have been born six children: Mary, who is now the wife of Mitchel Bruner; Albert, who married Anne Rung; Herman, who wedded Amanda Walters; Gustave, who married Alvina Biel; Martha M., who lives with her sister Clara, the latter being the wife of Charles Biel.

The Muller family has long been represented in this section of the state. The father of Mr. Muller passed away in 1891, the mother surviving for a considerable period, her death occurring in 1904. In community affairs Mr. Muller has always been deeply interested and he has served as school trustee of his district in Albion township for two years. In politics he is a republican and is keenly interested in affairs of general moment. He is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the county and during the recent war activities was a most earnest supporter of the Red Cross.

JOSEPH A. PECINOVSKY.

Joseph A. Pecinovsky, living on section 12, New Oregon township, Howard county, was born April 17, 1866, in the county which is still his home. His father, Frank Pecinovsky, was a native of Bohemia, born in 1833, and the mother's birth likewise occurred in that land. They came to the United States on the 23d of December, 1854, and after a short time settled in Howard county, Iowa, where the father purchased the homestead farm. This he developed and improved, continuing the cultivation of the place until 1889, when it was taken over by Joseph A. Pecinovsky, and the father retired from active business life to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly merited. He died December 21, 1905, while his wife survived for several years, passing away March 16, 1911.

The educational opportunities which Joseph A. Pecinovsky enjoyed were those afforded by the public schools of Howard county. He was reared to farm work and thus had had broad and valuable practical experience when he assumed the management of the old home farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres. Since that time he has added various improvements and at the present time has one of the fine farms of the county, neat and attractive in its appearance and giving every evidence of the practical and progressive methods of the owner.

On the 11th of November, 1889, Mr. Pecinovsky was married to Miss Katherine Holub, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Holub, of Linn county, Iowa, who were formerly farming people there. Mr. and Mrs. Pecinovsky have become parents of four sons and a daughter who are yet living, these being: Mary, Aloise, Joseph, John and William. The eldest daughter is the wife of John Klimesh, of Chickasaw county, Iowa, where her husband follows farming. Aloise enlisted in the United States army September 18, 1917, as a member of Company E, Three Hundred and Fifty-first Infantry, and was in overseas service for fourteen months. The other children are yet under the parental roof. There was also another daughter, Rosalia, who at the age of thirteen entered St. Joseph's convent at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but died five years later. At the time of her death she was known as Sister M. Mathilda and was a member of the Order of St. Francis.

The family adheres to the Catholic faith, having membership in the church at