

Melvina Hubble were here married and began their domestic life upon a farm, living for a long period on section 2, Frankville township, on the place which is now the home of their son Eugene. Year after year the father carefully tilled the fields and conducted his business interests until he won a substantial measure of success that now enables him to live retired. For the past fourteen years he has resided in Decorah, spending the winter months in California. His prosperity which he gained by operating his farm provides him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. Unto him and his wife have been born four children: Eugene P.; Mary, the wife of Max Walker, of New Hampton, Iowa; Florence, at home; and Edith, the wife of Thomas Webster, of Waukon.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Eugene P. Williams in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields when not occupied with his text-books and thus early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. As he grew in years and strength he devoted more and more of his time and attention to the farm work and at length assumed the management of the old home place. He now has three hundred and twenty acres on section 2 and is carrying on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of handling shorthorn cattle. The stock which he raises is of good grades and everything about the place indicates the careful supervision of a progressive farmer.

In 1899 Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Dora Shattuck, who was born in Waukon, Iowa, May 25, 1876, a daughter of L. and Emily Shattuck, the former deceased, while the latter resides near Waukon. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been born three children, Helen, Ruth and Frances. The parents are well known, having been life-long residents of this section of the state. Mr. Williams is a republican, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day has never sought nor desired public office. He has ever concentrated his energies upon his farm work with the result that substantial success has rewarded his labors.

#### OLAUS VISTE.

Olaus Viste, who is successfully engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising in Decorah township, owns a tract of two hundred acres of land on section 34, on which he has made his home from his birth to the present time. He was born in September, 1870, a son of Ole and Sigrid (Oppen) Viste, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father emigrated to the United States in 1853 and located first in Wisconsin, but the following year came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, purchasing a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Decorah township, which is now included within that of our subject. He turned his attention to the task of clearing and improving the place and there carried on general agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully until 1895, when he sold the farm to his son Olaus. His demise occurred on the 8th of March, 1905, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years, the