

part of the state, occupying a block of ground. Success has attended his efforts and his attainments must be largely ascribed to the ready utilization he has made of every opportunity that has presented itself.

On August 20, 1903, Mr. Ingvoldstad married Miss Sophia Larson, a daughter of C. L. and Josephine (Pederson) Larson, natives of Norway. The father is a bookbinder by trade and at an early date came to Decorah, where he has since resided. He is foreman of the bookbinding department of the Lutheran Publishing Company, with which concern he has been connected for about four decades. The mother passed away in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Ingvoldstad have three children: Carsten W., aged eight; Lester R., six; and R. Kenneth, three. The family home, which is one of the handsome residences of Decorah, is located at No. 816 River street, and Mr. Ingvoldstad owns besides valuable residence property. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church. A man of discriminating judgment and no mean ability, Mr. Ingvoldstad has come to be recognized as one of the forceful elements in the business life of the city, and by his sterling traits of character has won the high regard and confidence of all those with whom he has come in contact in a business or social way.

HENRY A. HOVER.

Henry A. Hover needs no introduction to the readers of a history of Winneshiek county, for his name has been known and honored in this part of Iowa since pioneer times and his worthy record has added greatly to the credit in which it has so long been held. He is one of the most progressive and able farmers in Pleasant township, his attractive homestead lying on section 8, being visible evidence of his thrift, energy and practical methods in its development. He is a native son of this township, born on a farm about one mile from his present property, on the 4th of April, 1868, his parents being Hover Evenson and Bertha (Larson) Hoyme, natives of Norway, the former born June 15, 1818, and the latter March 14, 1822. Their marriage occurred in that country about 1843 and five years later they crossed the Atlantic to America, settling first in Dane county, Wisconsin, where the father worked at the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in the city of Bergen, Norway. In 1851, in company with about thirty families, the parents of the subject of this review journeyed overland with ox teams, locating in Pleasant township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, in the same year. Pioneer conditions prevailed everywhere, the land being covered with timber and unbroken and the prairies being sparsely settled. From that time until his death the father remained an honored and respected citizen of this vicinity, leading in all measures and movements for its progress and advancement and taking an active part in the foundation and upbuilding of some of its most notable institutions. He settled on a farm on section 5, Pleasant township, and upon his property built a blacksmith shop, which was the first of its kind in the northern half of Winneshiek county. In early times he operated this during the nights, the days being spent at hard labor, grubbing up the stumps upon his new farm and carrying forward the work of its improvement and cultivation. For a long period he made all the shoes and clothing