

supervision of his farm he yet has other interests and is a stockholder in the Nordness Creamery Company, the Nordness Telephone Company and the Farmers Hog Company of Decorah.

Mr. Moe was married, on the 4th of March, 1865, to Miss Esther Munson, a native of Norway, and to this union have been born eleven children, as follows: John, filling the office of postmaster at Ossian, Winneshiek county; Julius, a merchant of Chester, Iowa; Andrew, who is farming on his father's place; Nicholas, a buttermaker in the creamery at Ossian; Charles, living at home; Ole, a resident of Decorah; Caroline, who married Andrew Anderson, a farmer of Frankville township; Mary, the wife of Svenung Tovson, an agriculturist of Springfield township; Emma, who married Peter Guttebo, who is engaged in farming in this township; Amelia, living at home with her father; and Ella, the wife of Carl Hanson, a professor in a school at Roland, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away very suddenly in August, 1899, after only one day of illness, and her death was greatly mourned not only by the immediate members of her family but by many friends who held her in high esteem. Mr. Moe's religious faith is that of the Lutheran church while his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. High ideals of manhood and the sense of honor and integrity which govern all of his dealings with his fellowmen have won Mr. Moe the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact and during his residence in Winneshiek county he has gained many warm friends.

JAMES McMULLEN.

Almost sixty years have come and gone since James McMullen took up his abode in Canoe township, and throughout the greater part of the period he has been closely associated with agricultural interests, now owning and cultivating eighty acres on section 18. He was a youth of but ten years when he arrived in Canoe township, his birth having occurred in McHenry county, Illinois, December 21, 1843, his parents being Robert and Martha (Twynen) McMullen, both of whom were natives of County Armagh, Ireland, where they were married. In 1840 they started for the United States, settling in McHenry county, Illinois, where they resided until 1854, when they came with their family to Winneshiek county, Iowa, taking up their abode in Canoe township on the 28th of May of that year. Both spent their last days on the farm on which they settled in pioneer times. The father died January 10, 1878, at the age of sixty-five years, his birth having occurred in 1813, and the mother passed away February 14, 1895, when more than seventy years of age. He had been a lifelong farmer and was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 19, Canoe township. He had been reared in the Presbyterian church and was always recognized as a man of moral worth. In the family were eight children who reached adult age, while several died in infancy. The record includes: John, deceased; James; William, who has passed away; Samuel, of Canoe township; Lizzie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Sarah, the wife of John Clark, of Colorado; Emma, the wife of H. A. Perose, of Wyoming; and Tillie, the wife of George Headington, of Colorado.