

his son in Canoe township, November 12, 1910, at the age of seventy-three, having survived his wife since 1904. In their family were three children. Amelia is the wife of Louis Bender, of Decorah. Emma was born April 21, 1863, and became the wife of Henry Graham. She died October 18, 1903, leaving two daughters. The third and youngest member of this family is the subject of this review.

William Dresselhaus grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Pleasant township, becoming at an early age a prosperous and progressive agriculturist. He continued to reside in Pleasant township until 1904, when he moved to his present farm on section 35, Canoe township, whereon he has since resided. He owns two hundred and thirteen acres of fine land and upon it engages in general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his activities proving under his able management profitable and important. The homestead is well improved, Mr. Dresselhaus having erected a fine modern home, good barns and outbuildings, and having installed the necessary labor-saving machinery. It is one of the finest properties in this part of the state and reflects everywhere the constant and careful supervision of its owner.

In 1888 Mr. Dresselhaus was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ida Deters, who was born in Allamakee county, on the 26th of January, 1867, a daughter of Bernard Henry and Anna Maria (Bucholtz) Deters, the former a native of Germany, born in Schale, February 2, 1830. At the age of twenty-one he came to America, landing after several weeks' voyage at New Orleans, whence he boarded a steamboat and sailed up the Mississippi to St. Louis and from there up the Illinois river to La Salle, where he was transferred to a canal boat and landed in Chicago on June 9, 1851. At the time of his arrival his earthly possessions amounted to just seven dollars, but he soon procured work with his brother-in-law, Henry Franzen, at Addison, Illinois, where he labored for the greater part of the time in an oil mill until the fall of 1855. Two years previously he had purchased some government land in Union City township, Allamakee county, Iowa, and in 1855 he established a home on this farm, marrying in that year Miss Anna Maria Bucholtz, who was born in Chicago, October 5, 1836. The journey into Iowa was made under hard conditions. As far as Dubuque they traveled by rail but from there they were obliged to make their way to their new home in a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen. On the 20th of October they reached the farm, which was entirely unimproved, and the father set to work felling trees and erecting a log cabin. During the first six weeks he and his wife made their home in an old forsaken log hut without floor, windows or doors, and cut hazel brush served as their bed. In the beginning of December they moved into the log cabin which Mr. Deters and Mr. Gerling had erected on Mr. Gerling's premises and here the two families lived for one and a half years, cooking upon one stove, which had to serve for this and for heating purposes. Deer and other wild game furnished their principal rations for the first winter. In the spring of 1856 they set about breaking the virgin soil and it was soon evident that it was rich in productiveness. The two families remained together until the following year, when Mr. Deters erected a log cabin upon his own premises, and upon that property-continued to reside until their deaths. Success steadily rewarded their well directed labors, Mr. Deters becoming finally one of the most prosperous and successful farmers in the section to which he came as a pioneer. He acquired exten