

sive landed holdings and continued active in the management of his property until 1897, when he turned over the homestead to his son Louis and retired, living thus until his death, which occurred in 1911. He and his wife were imbued with a religious zeal and this manifested itself in active cooperation with religious work in Winneshiek county. In the early days, when a few other German families had settled in the community, religious services were held alternately in the various homes until 1860, when Mr. Deters was instrumental in organizing the German Evangelical congregation at Eitzen. He was a staunch supporter of the republican party and he took an active interest in everything relating to community growth and upbuilding, although he never sought public office for himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Dresselhaus became the parents of five children: Lilly, who was born September 20, 1889; Luella, born March 23, 1891; Eddie, whose birth occurred January 26, 1893; Willard, born November 11, 1899; and Elmer, born October 31, 1902. Mr. Dresselhaus is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and guides his honorable and upright life by its doctrines. A staunch republican, he has supported the principles of this party since casting his first vote and has been always more or less active in public life in his native section, being now in the third term of his able service as township trustee. He is a man loyal in citizenship, reliable in business, at all times public-spirited and progressive and his life measures up to the full standard of honorable manhood, his record being a credit to a name that has been known and honored in this part of Iowa since pioneer times.

JAMES O. GROVES.

A native son of Decorah, James O. Groves, as owner of the Decorah Drug Company, has attained a success of which he may well be proud and is conducting a business which is a credit to himself and to the community. Born in Decorah in June, 1877, in the house in which he now lives, James O. Groves is a son of Andrew and Juliette (Christopher) Groves, natives of Norway, both of whom came to this country in their childhood with their respective parents. The father, after having reached manhood, engaged in the implement business in Decorah and conducted an establishment of this kind for several years. He eventually sold out and became connected with life insurance, being so engaged until his death, which occurred in 1908. The mother survived until November, 1911. The former also has a distinguished military record to his credit, having enlisted at Decorah, in the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He participated in a number of the more important battles and skirmishes and was captured at Pittsburg Landing, being held prisoner for some time before he was exchanged, when he came home. Brave and courageous, he always could be found in the front ranks of those fighting for the unity of their country and during the campaign so impaired his health that he ever after was a sufferer from the hardship which he had endured.

James O. Groves was reared under the parental roof, being grounded by his parents in the virtues of industry and honesty and educated in the city schools until he entered the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University