

On June 22, 1870, Mr. Grindeland was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Staen, who was born in Highland township, this county, June 21, 1853, and is a daughter of Ole and Julia Staen, natives of Norway, the parents being among the first settlers of Highland township, securing their lands from the government. The father has passed away but the mother still makes her home on the same farm on which they first settled. Mr. and Mrs. Grindeland became the parents of ten children: Julia, who was the wife of Theodore Sanders and has passed away, leaving three children—two daughters, Idella and Mildred, who make their home with our subject, and a son, Carl, who resides with his uncle Louis; Louis, a resident of Highland township; Emma, the wife of Clifford Rozelle, of Chicago; Olof, at home, who served for three years in the regular United States army during the pacification of Cuba with the Twenty-eighth United States Infantry, being two years and three months in Cuba and nine months in the United States; Albert, who takes care of the home farm; Bennie, who died at the age of four years; Clara, who passed away when sixteen years of age; and Cora, Bennie (second of the name) and Jeanette, at home.

Mr. Grindeland has exhibited the same patriotic spirit which led him to defend the Union cause during all his life and ever gives his support to worthy public enterprises. He is considered one of the most substantial men in his neighborhood and enjoys the high respect and esteem of all who know him. He is a self-made man in the most noble sense of the word and is admired as much for the qualities which have made his success possible as for the substantial position which he has made for himself in life.

ANDREW T. ISTAD.

No farmer in Winneshiek county has met with greater or more deserved success in agricultural pursuits than Andrew T. Istad, whose fine property comprises one hundred and sixty acres and lies on section 27, Madison township. Since he was seven years of age Mr. Istad has lived in Iowa and since 1890 has owned and operated the farm upon which he now resides. He was born in Norway, on the 13th of May, 1862, and is a son of Tollef and Engrid (Vik) Istad, also natives of that country, who came to Winneshiek county in 1869. The father rented land in Madison township and operated his original farm until 1876, when he purchased another in Madison township. His crops failing the first year, he sold the property and afterward rented land for six years. At the end of that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Madison township, and this he operated for seven years, selling it in order to go into partnership with his two sons. Together they bought two hundred and forty acres on sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, but the father was never active in the conduct of this place, although he still makes his home upon it, being now seventy-seven years of age. His wife has passed away, her death having occurred in 1902.

Andrew T. Istad was seven years of age when he came with his parents to America. He was reared and educated in Winneshiek county, attending district school and Breckenridge Institute at Decorah. Immediately after laying aside