

Gustav J. Seines acquired his education in the schools of the neighborhood and early adapted himself to an agricultural life. He has resided upon the home farm all his life and now owns a property of one hundred and six acres on section 8. Its improvements are modern and substantial and most of them were made by our subject. He follows modern and up-to-date methods and his years of close application have brought him prosperity.

On September 12, 1906, Mr. Seines married Miss Gina Augedahl, who was born in Houston county, Minnesota, August 31, 1886. She is a daughter of Andrew and Anna M. Augedahl, natives of Norway, who now reside in Allamakee county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Seines have three sons, James, Clifford and Gerhard. The parents are members of the Lutheran church. It is interesting to note that the father of our subject used the name of Thorson, reverting to the old Norwegian family name, while the son has adopted the patronymic Seines. Mr. Seines has made a good start toward prosperity and although he is yet young has already accomplished much that comes to many only in later life. He is industrious, painstaking and possesses good judgment and has made use of these qualities in promoting his fortunes.

ELMER W. CUTTING.

Elmer W. Cutting, attorney at law of Decorah, has here followed his profession for the past seventeen years and has been accorded a gratifying and well merited clientage. He is likewise prominent in fraternal circles, now acting as grand master of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Iowa. His birth occurred in Howard county, Iowa, on the 2d of June, 1868, his parents being Charles and Almeda (Preston) Cutting, who were natives of Massachusetts and New York respectively. Charles Cutting accompanied his parents on their removal to Howard county, Iowa, and on attaining his majority turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, which he followed in that county until the time of his death in 1874. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1900.

Elmer W. Cutting was reared and educated in his native county and when a lad of ten years came to live with his grandparents. After leaving the common schools he began teaching, following that profession for two years. In 1889 he came to Decorah, Iowa, and entered the Breckenridge Institute, being graduated from that institution in 1892 and then spending about three years as one of its teachers. Subsequently he took up the study of law in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City and was graduated therefrom at the end of two years, in June, 1896. While pursuing his law course he also taught school. Coming to Decorah, he has here practiced his profession continuously since and has been accorded an enviable and gratifying clientage. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He has remarkable powers of concentration and application and his retentive mind has often excited the surprise of his professional colleagues. In connection with his legal work he deals in farm mortgages and also loans money.