

Samuel F. Kuntz was reared in Batesville, Indiana, and there acquired his education. He came to Winneshiek county in July, 1898, and while making his home here bought one hundred and seventy acres of land in Minnesota and one hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota. He never lived on either of these properties and in 1903 disposed of all his holdings, buying two hundred and eighty acres on section **11**, Lincoln township. Of this he has since sold forty acres but retains the remainder, which is well improved property, classed with the finest farms in this locality. Upon it Mr. Kuntz has made substantial improvements, erecting buildings and installing labor-saving machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and by his energy and capable management has won a substantial and well deserved success.

On the 21st of January, 1890, Mr. Kuntz was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Klein and to their union were born seven children: Carl, whose birth occurred December 13, 1890, and who is engaged in the machinery business in Edmonton; Laretta, who was born September 25, 1893; Roy who died in infancy; Mabel, born November 6, 1898; Lillian, born February 2, 1902; George, born January 3, 1904; and Milton, born February 22, 1906.

Mr. Kuntz is a member of the German Methodist church and gives political allegiance to the republican party, serving as treasurer of the school board. In all of his dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship helpful and progressive, giving his aid and influence to many movements for the public good.

#### A. A. HAWKS.

Though a native of Maine, A. A. Hawks has spent practically his entire life in Winneshiek county, coming here when but seven years of age. He well remembers the trip from the Pine Tree state to the middle west, leaving on a Monday morning and arriving in Decorah on Saturday morning. There they hired a farmer to drive them to Burr Oak, the trip being made on a cold evening, the date being March 11, 1865, and all suffered much with the cold, especially the seven-year-old, whom the intense suffering caused to shed many a tear. There was no railroad crossing the Mississippi at that time and the women of the party were taken across the ice in a sleigh, while the men and boys crossed on foot. In the winter of 1896-7 Mr. Hawks returned to his native state, but at that time the trip was made in a comfortable railroad coach and no occasion presented itself for the shedding of tears.

Born in St. Albans, Maine, December 17, 1857, A. A. Hawks is a son of Joseph S. and Deborah W. (Goddard) Hawks, also natives of Maine. Both families were of English descent, the grandfather and great-grandfather having come from the mother country. They settled here soon after the United States government was established. Moses Hawks, the grandfather of our subject, was a millwright by trade, and the grandfather on the maternal side was a farmer. Joseph S. Hawks, the father, also followed agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1865, A. A. Hawks with his parents came to Winneshiek county, the family