

lurist and he is numbered among the successful and representative citizens of the community.

On the 19th of February, 1887, Mr. Lane was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Bye, a daughter of Ole B. and Ida (Hofgaard) Bye, both of whom were natives of Norway. The father, who passed away in that country in 1880, held an office which is similar to that of sheriff in America. His widow afterward emigrated to the United States and resided in Decorah, Iowa, until the time of her death, which occurred in November, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Lane are the parents of four children, as follows: Ida, who is twenty-four years of age; Anna, a young lady of twenty-two; Roy, who is twenty years old; and Albert, a youth of fourteen.

Mr. Lane is a republican in his political views and has ably served in the capacity of assessor of Decorah township for a period of fifteen years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife and children also belong. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers almost four decades and the circle of his friends is a wide one. Coming to the United States in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and has attained a substantial position as an agriculturist of Winneshiek county.

MIKE J. DREW.

Alike T- Drew, a prosperous and successful farmer of Madison township, owning two hundred and forty-five acres of valuable land on section 28, is a native of Winneshiek county, born in Glenwood township, July 10, 1860. He is a son of James and Catherine (O'Malley) Drew, natives of Ireland, the former of whom came to America and located in New York. After remaining there for a short time he and his wife came to Winneshiek county and bought land in Glenwood township. James Drew cleared, improved and developed this property during the remainder of his life, dying upon his holdings April 3, 1894. His wife survives him and still resides upon the homestead.

Mike J. Drew was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the district schools of Glenwood township. Until he was twenty-two years of age he remained with his parents, becoming thoroughly familiar with the details of farm operation by assisting his father with the work of the homestead. When he began his independent career he rented land and operated this for three years, at the end of which time he joined his father and his brother, working the farms on shares. Eventually the father gave Mike J. Drew a quarter section of land on section 28, Madison township, and upon this property he has since resided, its neat and attractive appearance being evidence of his careful supervision. He has from time to time added to his holdings, which now comprise two hundred and forty-five acres of well improved land, and his standing in agricultural circles is high.

In May, 1890, Mr. Drew was united in marriage to Miss Jane Sexton, a daughter of John and Johanna (Jones) Sexton, natives of Ireland. The father came to Winneshiek county at a very early date and turned his attention