

five of whom are still living, Clara, Sandra, Olaf, Myrtle and Johnnie. Two other children, Johnnie and Eda, have passed away.

Mr. Fretheim gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a devout member of the Lutheran church. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Hog Buying Company of Decorah and his ability is recognized and respected in business circles. For several years past he has been influentially associated with the agricultural development of this township and he is a man whose high character and sterling qualities have always merited him the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

HENRY J. ALBERS.

For seventeen years Henry J. Albers has been prominently identified with agricultural interests of Winneshiek county and since 1901 has owned and operated a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Lincoln township. He is a native son of this county, born in Canoe township, December 31, 1869, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Herr) Albers, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was about eighteen years of age and after spending two years in Illinois moved to Winneshiek county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years. He eventually retired from active life and moved into Cresco, where his death occurred on the 1st of February, 1910. His wife survives him and makes her home in Cresco. They were the parents of eleven children: George, who resides in Lake Benton, Minnesota; Anna, who became the wife of Albert Reinhardt, of Howard county; Ida C, the deceased wife of John Bender; Henry J., of this review; John J., who is operating the old homestead; Clara, who married John Kuntz, of Luck, Wisconsin; Emma R., who is the wife of Frank Blackburn, of Lincoln township; Albert and Fred W., of Cresco; a daughter who died in infancy; and Edward R., also a resident of Cresco.

Henry J. Albers was reared at home and in his childhood divided his time between attendance at the country schools and work upon his father's farm. He began his independent career in 1896, when he rented one hundred and forty-seven acres in Lincoln township, whereon he resided for one year. At the end of that time he rented the homestead and operated this for three years, after which he rented one hundred and ninety acres in Lincoln township. At the end of two years he purchased land of his own, acquiring one hundred and twenty acres on section 8. This he has operated since 1901 and by following progressive and practical agricultural methods has made it a valuable and productive property. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and has met with success in both, standing today among the representative and able agriculturists of his township.

On the 16th of September, 1897, Mr. Albers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Blaser, a daughter of John and Mary (Luete) Blaser, natives of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Albers became the parents of three children: Raymond H., who was born September 15, 1898; a son, who died in infancy; and Arthur Edward, born April 3, 1901.