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his wife became the parents of three children: Eber, who is engaged in farming in Springfield township; Charles, deceased; and Walker of this review.

Walker De Cou was reared upon the family homestead in Military township and acquired his education in the district schools. From his early boyhood he assisted with the work of the farm and thus he early became familiar with the details of farm operation, gaining an experience and knowledge which has been invaluable to him in later years. He has never left the homestead, which he now owns and operates, giving his attention to farming and stock-raising, and success has steadily attended his well directed and practical labors. He is today in control of one of the finest agricultural properties in this part of Iowa, well managed and substantially improved and reflecting in its neat and attractive appearance the careful supervision of its owner.

Walker De Cou married Mrs. Cornelia (Rusling) McWade, the widow of George McWade, by whom she had two daughters: Delia, the wife of Arthur Soell, a chemist in La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Marie, who married Harry Alexander, accountant with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. De Cou have a son, Oliver, who lives at home.

Fraternally Mr. De Cou is identified with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Episcopal church. Like his father, he is a staunch democrat and interested in the welfare and growth of the party, although he never seeks office for himself. His record is a credit to his name, which has long been an honored one in this part of Iowa, and he commands the respect and confidence of all who are in any way associated with him.

ODE GULLIKSON.

Ole Gullikson, who since 1897 has been prominently connected with agricultural interests of Lincoln township, owning and operating his present farm of eighty acres on section 16, was born in this part of Winneshiek county, March 21, 1861. He is a son of Gullik Thompson and Sarah (Olson) Gullikson, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of Theodore Gullikson.

Ole Gullikson remained at home until he was seventeen years of age and then went to South Dakota, where he remained for about two months. He then spent eight months in North Dakota and in the spring moved to Minnesota. After a short stay in that state he returned to Winneshiek county and at the end of eight years went again to Minnesota, where he spent two years in the Red River country. However, his property was destroyed at the time of the floods in that district and he returned home. Here he farmed on rented land for three years but in 1897 purchased the eighty acre tract upon which he has since resided. This property has been improved with substantial barns and outbuildings and Mr. Gullikson has neglected nothing that would add to its attractive appearance or its value. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and as the years have gone by his energy, industry and capable management have brought to him well earned and justly merited success. For the past thirty years he has oper