

days. The mother, who was born January 20, 1821, died in Madison township, August 2, 1868. The father, who was born January 12, 1822, passed away October 9, 1905. He was a pioneer farmer of both Iowa and Dakota. He entered land here when Winneshiek county was upon the frontier and afterward secured claims in Dakota, but later returned to this county where he continued to reside until called to his final rest. It was in 1871 that he took up his abode upon the farm which is now owned and occupied by Mr. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Sander were the parents of seven children: Jane, the wife of C. M. Hanson, of Lincoln township; Brede, who died in South Dakota; Anton, who won the degree of Ph. D. and was a professor in the Flushing Institute of New York but is now deceased; Anna, the wife of Rev. C. N. Peterson, of Hibbing, Minnesota; Ellen, the widow of O. E. Bakke, of Frankville township; Henrietta, now Mrs. Johnson; and Bernt, of Glenwood township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born nine children: George, who was an electrical engineer but is now deceased; Charles; Emma, the wife of C. D. Hexom, of Allamakee county; Mabel, who died at the age of ten years; Lily; Esther; Anna; William; and Arthur.

Mr. Johnson has been quite prominent in local affairs and his influence is ever on the side of right, progress and improvement. For the past sixteen years he has served as township clerk and for many years was president of the township school board. For a decade he has been the president of the Glenwood Farmers Telephone Company and in this and other directions has aided in the material development of the district. Moral progress is also a matter of interest to him as is indicated by the fact that he was secretary of the First Lutheran Church of Glenwood for eleven years and has been treasurer for the past six years. His political allegiance was formerly given to the republican party but he is now allied with the progressives. He believes in advancement in all things, political as well as otherwise, and his progressive spirit is manifest in what he has accomplished in the business world, working his way steadily upward from the age of twelve years.

JOHN J. DREW.

John J. Drew, who for many years has been influentially associated with farming and stock-raising interests of Madison township, owning four hundred and forty acres of land on section 27, was born in Glenwood township, this county, in February, 1857, and is a son of James and Catherine (O'Malley) Drew, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

John J. Drew was reared at home and acquired his education in the district schools, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. Having from his early childhood assisted his father with the work of the homestead, he was at that time a practical and progressive agriculturist and excellently trained for his independent career. He began it by assuming full charge of the home property, which he operated for three years thereafter, or until 1888, when his father gave him one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Madison township. This he has improved and operated since that time, adding to his