

he brought the first Norman horses ever brought into Winneshiek county. He was married in this county in 1870 to Miss Emma Rollins. He purchased the farm on which our subject now resides, being engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout a long period, or until he retired from active life. He then spent two or three years in California and for the past decade has made his home in Canton, Minnesota. After the death of his first wife he wedded Mary Mitson, who still survives. Of his first union there are two sons and one daughter, the brother of our subject being Edsil M., of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and the sister, Nellie M., the wife of Lyman Hudson, of Colby, Wisconsin.

R. M. Miller completed his education in Nora Springs Seminary, Iowa. After completing his education he engaged in teaching in the common schools for three years. However, he chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and is now operating the old home place known as View Lawn Farm, located on sections 12 and 13, Burr Oak township, and comprising one hundred and sixty acres. The land is very fertile and yields good harvests each year, while the buildings are substantial and are kept in good condition, so that the farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance. Mr. Miller keeps high-grade stock on his farm, breeding black polled Angus cattle, having at the present time forty head of registered cattle, at the head of which is Black Eagle C. He likewise breeds Duroc Jersey hogs, exhibiting his stock at all the local fairs, where he carries off many premiums. For the past seventeen years Mr. Miller has been operating the farm on his own account and during this time he has met with a high degree of success.

Mr. Miller was married in 1896, the lady of his choice being Miss Edna Miles, who was born in Prosper, Minnesota, March 24, 1879, a daughter of Frank R. and Emma Miles, the former now deceased, while the latter makes her home in Canada. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Emma, who died at the age of nine months; and Charles, who is with his parents.

Mr. Miller gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and for six years has served as assessor of his township. His fraternal relations connect him with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an enterprising business man and as a breeder and raiser of stock has become widely known throughout Winneshiek county. He and his estimable wife have a wide acquaintance and their hospitable home is enjoyed by their many friends.

GILBERT C. HORGEN.

Gilbert C. Horgen owns and operates a fine farm on sections 1 and 12, Madison township, and by constant application has surrounded himself with an enviable degree of prosperity. He was born in Norway on the 8th of May, 1866, and is a son of Christian P. and Sigrid (Gulbrandson) Horgen, also natives of that country. The father came to America in 1869 and located in Whitewater, Wisconsin, where he remained until the following fall, removing then to Winneshiek county, Iowa. Here he secured employment as a farm laborer and in 1874 bought eighty acres of land in Madison township, turning his attention to its improvement and cultivation. From time to time he added to his holdings until he owns