

leased the farm and purchased and took up his abode upon a tract of land belonging to his father-in-law, Ole Haugen, near Conover, Calmar township, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until 1909. For the past four years he has lived retired at Calmar with his wife, who also still survives. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dyrland are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community for their upright, honorable lives and many excellent traits of character.

John E. Dyrland was reared and educated in this county, pursuing his studies in the district schools. He was twenty-three years of age when his father left his first farm and left him and a brother in charge, the two young men operating the place together for one year. Our subject then rented and cultivated the farm alone for nine years, on the expiration of which period he purchased the property, comprising two hundred and fifty acres on section 3, Calmar township. To the further cultivation and improvement of that place he has devoted his attention to the present time, and his well directed labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success, his fields annually yielding bounteous harvests. Mr. Dyrland is a stockholder in the Calmar Creamery Company of Calmar and the Farmers Hog Company of Decorah.

On the 29th of November, 1893, Mr. Dyrland was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Bolger, a native of this county and a daughter of David and Evelyn (Vanpelt) Bolger. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in Wisconsin. They came to this county with their respective parents in an early day, and David Bolger followed farming in Canoe township throughout his active business career, with the exception of nine years spent near Mitchell in South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Dyrland have five children, as follows: Edwin, a young man of eighteen; Walter, Hazel and Ethel, who are seventeen, eleven and eight years of age respectively; and Melvin, who is in his first year.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Dyrland has supported the men and measures of the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Winneshiek county and enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

THEODORE GULLIKSON.

Theodore Gullikson, the owner of one hundred and eighty-three acres of valuable land on sections 15 and 16, Lincoln township, devotes his attention to farming and stock-raising and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous and representative citizens of his community. That place has remained his home from his birth to the present time, his natal day being November 5, 1867.

His parents, Gullick Thompson and Sarah (Olson) Gullikson, were both natives of Norway. They came to this county in the early '50s, locating on the farm in Lincoln township which is now in possession of our subject. The father devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and met with success in his undertakings. His demise occurred