

in this county until 1894, when he went back to Clay county, there purchasing a farm which he operated until 1910. Selling that place, he removed to Spencer, where he now makes his home. Besides filling the office of steward of the poor farm he was also assessor of Canoe township, this county, for two years and tax collector for the same length of time.

Elliston F. Chase was reared and educated in Winneshiek county, obtaining his early training in the district schools and subsequently attending Breckenridge Institute of Decorah for two years. He then taught in the country schools for three years and on the expiration of that period went to Lansing, Minnesota, where he spent two years as a teacher in the town school. During the following year he was engaged as an instructor at Racine, Minnesota, and then taught school at Barnum, that state, for five months, while later he spent three months as teacher in his own private school. Returning to Winneshiek county, he was here married and took up his abode on his wife's farm in Fremont township, which he improved and has operated continuously since or for a period of thirteen years. The property embraces one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 15 and is devoted to the cultivation of cereals. Mr. Chase likewise raises thoroughbred recorded shorthorn cattle and in all of his undertakings has met with well merited success, being numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

On the 8th of November, 1899, Mr. Chase was united in marriage to Miss Ella Todd, a daughter of Christopher and Jane (Gorman) Todd, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Her father emigrated to the United States in the early '50s and for a short time resided in Elgin but subsequently came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and entered the land which is now in possession of Mrs. Chase. He improved the property and was busily engaged in its cultivation until the period of the Civil war. In September, 1862, at Decorah, he joined Company D of the Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry and served with that command until the cessation of hostilities. After returning from the war he devoted his attention to the operation of his farm until called to his final rest in August, 1893. His wife had passed away in June of the same year.

In politics Mr. Chase is an adherent of the new progressive party, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons at Canton, Minnesota, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Harmony, that state. As a patriotic citizen he keeps well informed on national and local affairs and his constant aim while advancing his own interest is also to promote to the extent of his ability the general welfare of the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chase are well and favorably known here, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

JOSEPH STEINMETZ.

Since 1890 Joseph Steinmetz has been engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his present farm and the years since that time have brought him success and prominence as a reward of his industry and careful management. He now owns three hundred acres of valuable land lying on sections 21 and 28, Orleans township, and one hundred and nine acres on section 30, Fremont township,