

father came to America in 1853, but the mother arrived in this country some years previous, and in 1860 they were married in Iowa, making their home upon a farm in Pleasant township, Winneshiek county, during the remainder of their lives. Christian Liquin died December 22, 1893, and was survived by his wife until February 4, 1903. The latter was very prominent in religious work and in company with Mrs. Holver Garden and John W. Thune established the first Norwegian Methodist Episcopal church at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Liquin became the parents of two children: John O., who died at the age of four; and Mary, the wife of the subject of this review.

Mrs. Thune was reared on her father's farm in Pleasant township and attended the public schools there and also the Decorah Institute, after which she taught school for a few terms. She then decided to secure a business education and for this purpose went to Burlington, Iowa, where she completed a business course. After the death of her parents she attended the Chicago Training School for Nurses for one year and then entered the Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Omaha, Nebraska, but was taken ill and was unable to complete the course there. Subsequently she made her home with an aunt in St. Peter, Minnesota, until her marriage and then returned to the old homestead in Pleasant township.

Mr. Thune is a devout adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has become well and favorably known, commanding and holding the esteem and confidence of all who are associated with him.

WILLIAM FUNKE.

Among Winneshiek county's most progressive, able and successful native sons is numbered William Funke, who since 1871 has been engaged in farming in this part of Iowa, his activities in the development of two farms forming important elements in the general agricultural development. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres of land lying partly, in Military township and partly in Springfield and his well directed and practical labors have made it one of the finest properties in that locality.

He was born in Winneshiek county, Washington township, on the 15th of August, 1855, and is a son of Clemence and Gertrude (Feller) Funke, natives of Germany. The father came to America in June, 1853, and after spending one year in St. Louis came to Winneshiek county, locating in Washington township. He there remained until 1865 and then moved to Military township, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred on the 6th of June, 1884. His wife survives him and makes her home in Winneshiek county. To their union were born ten children: Henry, a farmer in the vicinity of Calmar; William, of this review; Clemence A., who is connected with the Winneshiek county poor house; Mary, the wife of Frank Dessel, of California; Lizzie, who married Joseph Fox, of Norfolk, Nebraska; Herman, a resident of Cottonwood, Idaho; Annie, the wife of Louis Freich, of Ossian, Iowa; John, who makes his home in Cottonwood, Idaho; Josephine, who married A. Holthouse, a farmer in Washington township; and Gertrude, who has passed away.