

farming, Mr. Whalen is also engaged in breeding and raising stock. In 1886 he imported five Percheron stallions, one Percheron mare, one Clydesdale stallion, and one Clydesdale mare, and has since been engaged in breeding stock. In 1892 he purchased shorthorn cattle and also breeds and raises Poland China and Jersey red hogs. He handles only the best grades of stock and takes a deep interest in his stock-raising. He is a man of sound business judgment and is meeting with success in both branches of his work.

Mr. Whalen was married in 1878 to Jane Daugherty, who was born in Howard county, Iowa, in 1860. Unto this union were born ten children: Morris, of Cresco, Iowa; Patrick, of Granada, Minnesota; Mary, the wife of Frank Brady, also of Granada; Loretta, the wife of John Cashman, also of that place; Joe of Butte county, South Dakota; Alice, the wife of William Gaul, a resident of Burr Oak township; Urban, also of Butte county; Lenus and Paul, both at home; and Agnes. The wife and mother departed this life in 1898, and in 1900 Mr. Whalen was married a second time, this union being with Miss Maggie Brady, a native of Illinois.

In his political belief Mr. Whalen is a democrat, and he is a communicant of St. Agnes Catholic church at Plymouth Rock. He has led a busy, active and useful life and his sound business judgment and well directed labors have brought him well merited success, so that today he is numbered among the well-to-do and substantial citizens of Winneshiek county.

ROBERT HEUSER.

Robert Heuser is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sumner and Calmar townships, holding title not only to the home place but also to a valuable farm of three hundred and sixty acres which he purchased and to the cultivation of both farms he gives his entire attention. His land is highly improved with substantial buildings, including a comfortable residence. All modern equipments can be found upon the places and Mr. Heuser ever follows the best methods of farming and has attained to prosperity as the years have passed.

A native of Sumner township, Winneshiek county, he was born September 14, 1863, and is a son of Godfrey and Fredericka (Fogel) Heuser, both natives of Switzerland, who in 1856 came to Winneshiek county, being among its early pioneers. The father located near Fort Atkinson and there followed agricultural pursuits for many years, his labors resulting in a comfortable competence. Both he and his wife are now living in Decorah. To them were born six children : Robert, of this review; Fredericka, the wife of Albert Rordorf, of Sumner township; Frederick, of Spillville; Maggie, the wife of Fred Herold, of Oelwein, Iowa; Henry, of Minnesota; and Bertha, who married Carl Frey, of Sumner township.

Robert Heuser was reared upon the home place and later took over the property. A few⁷ years afterward he bought three hundred and sixty acres of land, all of his property being located in Sumner and Calmar townships. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and has made many notable improvements since he has taken charge of the farm. His house is thoroughly modern.