

Mr. Funke married Miss Johanna Zweibahmer, a daughter of Fred and Annie Zweibahmer, natives of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Funke were born five children: Joseph, who lives at home; Rosie and Regina, twins; Hugo; and Victoria.

Mr. Funke is a member of the Roman Catholic church, holding membership in the Roman Catholic Association, and he is a democrat in his political beliefs. He is interested in all that pertains to the general progress and cooperates in many movements for the good of the community, being at all times a progressive and public-spirited citizen as well as a farsighted and discriminating business man.

HENRY J. GIESEN.

A foremost representative of commercial life in Calmar, Iowa, Henry J. Giesen has for many years owned the only exclusive grocery store in the city and is also extensively engaged in the real-estate and insurance business here. Moreover, he has given evidence of his public spirit by efficiently acting in various public positions, making a creditable record and giving valuable service to the community. Since April, 1912, the grocery store has been conducted under the name of The H. J. Giesen Company, Herman J. Busch becoming a partner in the enterprise and the manager.

Henry J. Giesen is a native of Winneshiek county, being born in Conover on May 6, 1874, a son of Conrad and Anna C. (Huber) Giesen, the father a native of Germany and the mother of Indiana. He was brought to this country by his parents when he was but six years of age, the family locating in Allamakee county, this state. The grandfather of our subject served as captain in a colored infantry regiment in the Civil war, coming at the end of hostilities to Winneshiek county and engaging in the drug business at Conover, but subsequently removed to Fort Atkinson, this state, where he lived retired until his demise. Conrad Giesen, the father, was reared and educated in Conover, attending the public schools, however, for only three months in his life. However, he improved his limited education by studying and reading and became a well informed man upon many subjects. In 1875 he came to Calmar, Iowa, and engaged in the lumber business, so continuing until 1896 with gratifying success. He also maintained a lumberyard at Fort Atkinson. In 1896 he engaged in the general mercantile business in the same building in which our subject is now located, having bought the establishment in 1892 but not becoming connected with its active operation until the aforementioned year. He conducted the store until 1900, when he disposed of his interests and went to Superior, Wisconsin, again returning to the lumber business, being so engaged until his death, which took place in June, 1909. The mother still makes her home in Superior, Wisconsin.

Mr. Giesen was reared under the parental roof and educated in Calmar, attending public school there. To improve his education he then attended Valder's Business College of Decorah, graduating with the class of 1891, and then entered his father's establishment, remaining in the store until 1898, when he engaged in the grocery business in Calmar, having been so occupied ever since.