

Mr. Schulz was a member of the Catholic church and in that faith he passed away, his death occurring on the 18th of April, 1906. He was a democrat in his political beliefs and did able and effective work in various official positions of trust and honor, including those of township trustee and school director. He was ever an active worker in the party's ranks at the same time manifesting a deep interest in the general welfare of the community. His influence was ever upon the side of progress, reform and improvement and his salient qualities were those which make for honorable manhood and good citizenship, so that with his passing Winneshiek county lost one of her honored and valued residents.

WILLIAM JOHN HOLTEY.

William John Holtey, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon the fine farm of four hundred and sixty-five acres in Military township upon which he was born and reared, is numbered among the most progressive and successful young farmers of Winneshiek county, his labors having contributed substantially to its agricultural growth and development. His birth occurred on the 27th of December, 1875, his parents being Theodore and Maria Catherine (Seidtegel). Holtey, natives of Westphalia, Germany. They came to America, July 1, 1854, and settled in Illinois, whence two years later they removed to Iowa, locating in the vicinity of Calmar, Winneshiek county in 1856. After four years the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Military township on section 19 and afterward added to this another one hundred and sixty acres lying on the same section. From time to time, thereafter he added to his holdings, buying land on section 18 and 20 of the same township, thus finally accumulating four hundred and sixty-five acres, which still constitutes the Holtey homestead. He continued to develop and improve this property, engaging in general farming and stock-raising, for many years, but eventually retired and removed to Ossian, where he now resides, having reached the age of eighty-six. He is well and favorably known in that town and also in Military township to which he came in pioneer times and to the development of which he made such lasting and substantial contributions, and his genuine personal worth and sterling integrity are honored and respected wherever he is known. Mrs. Theodore Holtey passed away in August, 1901. She and her husband became the parents of eight children : Mary, deceased; Caroline, the wife of William Eimers; Catherine; Barney, who resides in Ossian; Henry, who has passed away; Roman, at home; Annie, the wife of Henry F. Miller of Winneshiek county; and William John, of this review.

William John Holtey was reared upon the farm which he now owns and acquired his education in the district schools of Military township. From his early childhood he assisted his father with the work of the homestead and became in this way thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. In 1897 he purchased the home farm from his father and has since continued to develop and improve it, his unremitting industry and practical methods having won their natural reward. Upon his three hundred and twenty acres Mr. Holtey carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his activities proving