

endeavor. As the years have passed he has attained success and is recognized as one of the substantial men of his township.

On September 21, 1887, Mr. Herold was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Baker and to this union have been born four children: Benjamin Bernard, born May 15, 1889; Mamie Agnes, whose birth occurred on the 15th of August, 1893; Emma Katherine, born March 27, 1895; and Gertrude Celia, born July 12, 1897.

In his political affiliations Mr. Herold is a democrat and now serves as township trustee and school director. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which faith his family has been reared. In promoting his own interests he has done much toward bettering agricultural standards and improving general conditions and his labors have been of importance in the development of his township and county.

GEORGE HAAS.

George Haas, who for the past twenty-seven years has owned and operated his present fine farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres on sections 21 and 22, Jackson township, has contributed during that period in substantial measure to the agricultural development of his native state of Iowa and has taken his place among the most substantial farmers and farsighted business men of Winneshiek county. He was born in Allamakee county, on the 17th of March, 1862, and is a son of Joseph and Julia (Ramstein) Haas, natives of Germany, who came to America about the year 1852, locating in St. Louis, where they spent four years. At the end of that time they moved to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there from pioneer times until his death on August 30, 1900, the father engaged in farming, becoming well and favorably known throughout his locality. His wife survived him several years, dying in Mankato, Minnesota, April 25, 1913. To their union were born thirteen children, the three eldest of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Joseph, who died in early manhood; Lawrence, of Hamar, North Dakota; George, of this review; Ferdinand, who lives in Wilmont, Minnesota; Mary, the wife of Henry Shulte, of Axtell, Kansas; Matilda, who makes her home in Williston, Montana; Julia, the wife of Mr. Bray, also of Williston; Henry, living in Waukon, Iowa; Charles J., of French Creek township, Allamakee county; and Catherine, who married Joseph Shultes, of Wilmont, Minnesota.

George Haas spent his childhood upon his father's farm in Allamakee county, aiding in its operation and becoming thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age and then, in the fall of 1886, came to Winneshiek county, locating on the farm whereon he has since resided. The property lies on sections 21 and 22, Jackson township, and comprises one hundred and ninety-six acres of well cultivated land, upon which Mr. Haas engages in general farming and stock-raising, substantial success rewarding his well directed labors through the years. He makes a specialty of breeding Chester White hogs and shorthorn cattle and this branch of his business is important and profitable, his animals commanding a high price and a ready sale upon the market.