

forces in the attainment of substantial success. Ambitious to own property, he has invested his earnings in one hundred and forty acres on sections 28 and 32, Canoe township, in addition to which he has the management of the old homestead belonging to his mother, and also cultivates eighty-five acres which he rents. He raises cattle, hogs and horses and is well known as a breeder of shorthorn cattle. His farm is today well improved. Only twenty acres were clear when it came into his possession, but he has cut down the timber, grubbed out the stumps and tilled the fields until now substantial harvests reward his labors and his farm is in excellent condition.

On the 9th of December, 1884, Mr. Headington was married to Miss Ellen Sharp, who was born in Canoe township in 1863, a daughter of William and Sarah Sharp. The four children of this marriage are: May, the wife of Theodore McClain, of Canoe township; and Bessie, Wallace and Paul, all at home.

In politics Mr. Headington is a democrat. Active in support of the party and serving at the present writing, in 1913, as one of the committeemen. He is prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in Decorah Lodge, No. 181, A. F. & A. M., of which he is master; in King Solomon Chapter, No. 35, R. A. M., of Decorah; and in Beauseant Commandery, K. T., of Decorah. In the chapter he is high priest. He is most loyal to the teachings of the craft, exemplifying in his life its beneficent spirit and endeavoring to follow its teachings concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

ADOLPH S. GUNDERSON.

Among the important industrial enterprises of Calmar is the Calmar Bottling Works, owned and operated by Adolph S. Gunderson, one of the enterprising residents of this community. Born in Springfield township, he is a native of Winneshiek county, Iowa, his birth occurring on April 19, 1872. His parents are Peter and Margaret (Hanson) Gunderson, natives of Norway, the father coming to America in 1864, and locating in Springfield township, Winneshiek county, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land at the rate of thirty dollars per acre. He immediately began to clear and improve his land and has operated the same ever since with increasing success. Although he is now seventy-one years of age, he is still hale and hearty and active at his occupation. The mother is also living at the age of sixty-seven.

Adolph S. Gunderson was reared at home and in the acquirement of his education attended district school and also public school at Calmar and the Bieckenridge Institute of Decorah. After completing his education he assisted his father with the work on the farm until twenty-five years of age and then embarked in railroad work for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad, running out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and being so occupied for one year. In 1910 Mr. Gunderson bought the Calmar Bottling Works and has ever since operated the same, equipping its plant with all modern improvements and doing a large and profitable business. He travels in the interest of his firm and the present flourishing condition of the same is entirely due to his unceasing efforts.