

for eight years was secretary of the district school board. He was road supervisor for one term. Both he and his wife are members of the United Norwegian Lutheran church of Hesper. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Hesper Lodge, and also belongs to the Elks and Owls of Decorah. Mr. Seines is one of those agriculturists who have done much toward promoting the development of Winneshiek county. He is public-spirited and gives an example of what should constitute American citizenship. He has attained success because he has ever applied himself arduously and intelligently to any task he has undertaken, and such prosperity as has come to him is but the natural outcome of labor well applied. He enjoys in a high degree the respect and esteem of the neighborhood and is ever interested in measures which make for better living conditions or promote the people's welfare along material, moral and intellectual lines.

#### WILLIAM DOERR.

Many of the finest farms in Winneshiek county at the present time are owned and operated by the sons of the pioneers in this part of Iowa, who in their development and further improvement of the old family homesteads are ably carrying forward the work begun by their fathers in early times. To this class belongs William Doerr who is carrying on general farming and stock-raising on a fine property of one hundred and eighty acres on section 18, Military township, constituting the farm upon which he was born and reared.

His birth occurred on the 9th of December, 1855, his parents being William and Annie (Drufner) Doerr, natives of Germany. The father came to America when he was about eighteen years of age and settled in Pennsylvania, where he remained seven or eight years before removing to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he purchased land. His entire active life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he gradually attained a position of prominence and importance in farming circles of Military township where he made his home until his death on the 17th of September, 1886. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen he took an active part in local affairs and held various important official positions including that of school director. His wife survived him some time, dying in 1909. To them were born ten children: Helen, the wife of Joseph Emil of Calmar, Iowa; Elizabeth and Mary, deceased; William of this review; Annie, Caroline, Julia and Rosalie, who have passed away; Catherine, a nun in a convent at La Crosse, Wisconsin; and a daughter who died in infancy.

William Doerr was reared upon the family homestead in Military township and from his childhood assisted with the work of its cultivation, becoming at an early age thoroughly familiar with the best methods of cultivating the fields and caring for the stock and grain. When he was twenty-two years of age he rented the property from his father and cultivated it for three years, after which he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 33, Military township, and turned his attention to its development and improvement. At the end of five years he disposed of this property and bought the old homestead of one hundred and eighty acres, which he still owns. He engages in general farming