

Games, of Charles City, Iowa; Anna, who married Christ Salzgeber, of Postville; Fred, who passed away in 1886; George, who resides in Griswold, Iowa; Lizzie, the wife of the subject of this review; Emma, who married Will Thoma, of Postville; and Charles, of the same city. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have four children, Velma, Lester, Ruby and Valder.

Fraternally Mr. Meyer is connected with the Masonic lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is a devout member of the Lutheran church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is widely known throughout the county as a representative citizen and commands and holds the confidence and high esteem of all who are associated with him.

M. J. DONLAN.

M. J. Donlan is an enterprising and industrious farmer, owning a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, located in Burr Oak and Bluffton townships. He was born in Dover, Racine county, Wisconsin, May 3, 1862, a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Begley) Donlan. The father was born in Ennis, Ireland, March 17, 1829, while the mother claimed Vermont as the state of her nativity. They were married in Racine, Wisconsin, whence they came to Winneshiek county in 1869, establishing a permanent residence in Bluffton township. For one year he rented land and then purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Burr Oak township, whereon the remainder of his life was passed. He spent about three months in the service of his country, serving during the latter part of the Civil war. He was a democrat in his political views, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donlan were born eight children, as follows: Mary Jane, who died at the age of fourteen years; Sarah Agnes, the wife of R. F. Lyons, of Vermillion, South Dakota; Catherine, the wife of John N. Grossman, a resident of Burr Oak township; M. J., of this review; Ann, who died at the age of six years; Edward, who died when three months old; John F., who owns the old homestead farm; and Caroline, the wife of J. W. Hanlon, of Prosper, Minnesota. The wife and mother departed this life on the 15th of January, 1874, at the comparatively early age of forty years. The father survived for many years, passing away October 7, 1909.

M. J. Donlan was a little lad of seven years when he was brought from Wisconsin to Winneshiek county, so that he has spent practically his entire life here, although for twelve years at intervals he has been in South Dakota, where he was employed by R. F. Lyons, a brother-in-law, who is engaged in the grain business. Mr. Donlan is now engaged in farming and stock-raising, owning one hundred and sixty acres of land, forty acres of which are on section 3, Bluffton township, while the remainder lies on sections 22 and 23, Burr Oak township. He also rents of his brother the one hundred and twenty acres which formerly constituted the old home place. He leads a busy and active life and his well directed labors are bringing him success.