

The last named acquired his education in Germany and spent his childhood and early youth in that country. In 1870, when he was sixteen years of age, he came to America alone and settled in Clayton county, where in the fall he was joined by his parents. He turned his attention to general farming and this occupation has since engaged his attention. In the year 1893 he came to Winneshiek county and purchased two hundred acres of fine land on section 34, Bloomfield township, upon which property he has since continued to reside, carrying on the work of its development along progressive and practical lines. Upon it he has made substantial improvements in buildings and equipment and has now a productive and well managed property, classed with the model farms of this part of the state. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business have become profitable and important under his able management.

On the 22d of June, 1888, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Schroeder, a daughter of Louis and Wilhelmina (Van Hunt) Schroeder, natives of Germany, who came to Iowa in 1892. They were the parents of six children: William, who resides in Postville; Charlotte, the wife of the subject of this review; Louis, also a resident of Postville; Louisa, who married William Fisher, of Clermont, Iowa; Christ, of Allamakee county; and Fritz, of Wellman, Iowa. Louis Schroeder was twice married, his second wife being Wilhelmina Cheeky, by whom he had seven children: Wilhelmina, who married Rube Brainard, of Allamakee county; Henry, who resides in Winneshiek county; Carl, of Fayette county; Sophia, who lives at home; Louis, who makes his home in Wellman; Mary, who lives at home; and William, also of Wellman. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have become the parents of twelve children: Fred L., who resides in Winneshiek county; William L., of Allamakee county; Henry L., also of Allamakee county; Christ C, who lives at home; Emma, deceased; Louis H. Mary Minnie and Edward W., all at home; Walter and Clara, deceased; Ella R.; and Helen L.

Mr. Meyer's religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. In all of his business dealings he has proven thoroughly reliable and in matters of citizenship-helpful and progressive, giving his aid and influence to measures for the public good.

FRED J. FIGGE.

Fred J. Figge is a central figure in banking circles of Ossian, for as president of the Ossian State Bank he controls the destinies of one of the soundest, safest and most conservative financial institutions in that part of Winneshiek county. A spirit of enterprise and initiative actuates him in all that he does and has been the dominating element in his rise to the responsible position which he occupies and which he is well qualified to fill.

Mr. Figge was born in Ossian on the 16th of June, 1871, and is a son of Frank and Catherine (Gleisner) Figge, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father crossed the Atlantic in the early '60s and eight years later settled in Ossian, where he erected the first brick building in