

in 1868, crossed the Atlantic to America, pushing immediately westward to Iowa, where he obtained work on a farm. As soon as he could sell his property in Germany he purchased one hundred and twenty acres one mile from Ossian and developed this along modern and practical lines for eight years, finally disposing of it and moving into the town where he turned his attention to business pursuits. He purchased a lot and upon it erected a fine brick store with a frontage of sixty-five feet and in this installed a complete line of agricultural implements. In the control of this enterprise he displays keen discernment and excellent management and his business has steadily grown, a large and representative patronage being now accorded him. He has recently purchased one hundred and forty-six acres of land, lying almost entirely within the corporation limits of Ossian, and this property he has developed and improved until it is today productive and valuable.

Mr. Dessel was married to Miss Caroline Meyer and they became the parents of ten children: Andrew, who resides in Ossian; Joseph, also of Ossian; Leo, who makes his home in Portland, Oregon; Louis, of Chicago; Mary, who married Fred Miller, cashier in a bank in Flaxton, North Dakota; Lillie, who lives at home; Henry, who resides in Ossian; Edith, at home; Regina, a resident of Florida; and Frank, who lives at home.

The family are members of the Catholic church, and politically Mr. Dessel gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has been township trustee and a member of the town council and in both positions proved loyal and faithful to the duties which devolved upon him. Wherever he is known he is respected for his unflinching allegiance to principles of honorable manhood as manifested in business relations, in matters of citizenship, and in all phases of life.

HAMILTON CAMPBELL.

Hamilton Campbell, who has resided longer in Winneshiek county than any one else, has made his farm in Bloomfield township his home for sixty-five years. This has covered the period of the greatest growth and development in this section of the state and in the work of progress Mr. Campbell has borne an active and honorable part, his well directed labors proving forces in the promotion of general agricultural advancement as well as of his individual prosperity.

He was born in Galena, Illinois, December 9, 1847, is the son Hamilton and Sarah (Campbell) Campbell, who, although they bore the same name, were not related to each other. Both were natives of Ireland and came to America in early times, settling in Illinois, where the father turned his attention to farming. During the Black Hawk war he served in the same regiment with Abraham Lincoln and became a personal friend of the great emancipator. He removed from Illinois to Iowa in 1848, locating on a farm on section 26, Bloomfield township, Winneshiek county, on June 7, of that year. He accumulated five hundred! acres of land and became one of the prosperous and highly respected citizens of] this locality, his death being widely and deeply regretted by the many friends who had been drawn to him by reason of his honorable and upright life. He] and his wife became the parents of seven children: Robert, who resides in Pas