

he remained for several years. However, he eventually moved back to the farm and has been active in its operation since that time, gaining that success which is the natural result of earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

On the 30th of March, 1899, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Beveridge, a daughter of James and Margaret (Clink) Beveridge, natives of Scotland. The parents came to America as children and located first in Wisconsin, where their marriage occurred. They afterward moved to Winneshiek county and here the father died on the 23d of February, 1897. His wife survives him and makes her home in Mason City. To their union were born ten children: Margaret, deceased; Tena, of Decorah; Charles, who has passed away; Catherine, the wife of the subject of this review; Winifred, who married Frank Schmitz, of Howard county, this state; Nellie, who became the wife of Stephen Taft, of Cresco; and Ida, Allan, Ella and Berenice, all of whom reside in Mason City. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have become the parents of three children: Ralph Leonard, born December 30, 1900; Leon Everett, born November 21, 1903; and Delia Florence, whose birth occurred March 13, 1910.

Mr. Davis is a member of the Congregational church, is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a republican in his political beliefs. He is well known in Winneshiek county, where he has resided almost continuously since his birth, and he merits and holds the high regard and esteem of all who are associated with him.

JAMES WAGNER.

Jackson township has its full quota of progressive farmers who have contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding and development of the county. Among their number is James Wagner, now living on section 3, where his time and energies are fully occupied with the care and further improvement of a farm of one hundred and thirteen acres, which presents a neat and attractive appearance and is a visible evidence of his life of well directed thrift. Mr. Wagner is a native of Iowa, born in Spillville in 1875, a son of Antone and Catherine Wagner, natives of Bohemia. They came to America in 1872 and located in the vicinity of Spillville, where the father turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, developing a fine farm, upon which he resided until he retired from active life, moving to Fort Atkinson, where he now resides. In this family were six children: Mary, the wife of Frank Martinek, of Calmar, Iowa; John, of Jackson Junction; Frank, living in Ridgeway; Joseph, who makes his home in Fort Atkinson; Charles, who resides in Spillville; and James, of this review.

The last named spent his childhood upon his father's farm near Spillville and at an early age had mastered the details of farm operation, dividing his attention during his youth between his duties at the district school and work upon the home property. When he was thirty years of age he purchased one hundred and thirteen acres of land on section 3, Jackson township, and upon this fine property has since continued, carrying on general farming and stock-raising, success steadily attending his well directed labors. He has made substantial improvements upon the place, erecting a new and modern residence and fine barns and