

early times. Here the father purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land in Decorah township and has since improved and operated this property. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell became the parents of six children: John J., aged twenty-seven, an attorney at law in Hobson, Montana; Lola, the wife of George Coughlin, bookkeeper for Ben Bear; Catherine, who lives at home; Walter and Marjorie, who are attending school in Decorah; and Benjamin, who died in 1900, at the age of three years. Mr. Jewell and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Jewell is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is well known in fraternal circles of Decorah. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is interested in the growth and welfare of the section in which he has resided since his childhood. He rendered the county excellent service for two terms as supervisor and made a notable campaign for the office of state senator but was defeated by a few votes by Dr. Jewell, of Decorah. Well known throughout Winneshiek county by reason of his long residence and his honorable and upright life, Mr. Jewell is accounted one of the active workers and progressive farmers of Decorah township and has the unqualified confidence and esteem of the entire community.

#### JOHN A. JEWELL.

John A. Jewell is engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon two hundred and forty acres of land lying on section 7, Decorah township. He has resided within the borders of Winneshiek county since his infancy but was born in Ohio, January 13, 1860, a son of Jacob and Emily (Headington) Jewell, of whom further mention is made in connection with the sketch of Benjamin E. Jewell. He was only a few months old when the family moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and he here grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the district school and at Breckenridge Institute in Decorah. During his childhood he aided with the operation of the homestead and for a number of years after laying aside his books assisted his father, finally renting the homestead which he continued to operate for some time. After his father's death he came into two hundred-and forty acres of land on section 7, Decorah township, and to its operation he now gives practically all of his time and attention, success attending his well directed labors. He rents one hundred and twenty additional acres and the entire tract is under a high state of cultivation, reflecting everywhere Mr. Jewell's careful supervision and practical methods. In addition to general farming he is also extensively interested in stock-raising, specializing in the breeding of thoroughbred Poland China hogs, which prove a profitable source of income to him. He has improved his land and has now a good home and substantial outbuildings, the place presenting a neat and attractive appearance.

On November 8, 1891, Mr. Jewell was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Hatton, a daughter of John and Mary Hatton, natives of England, who spent their entire lives in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have three children: