

a thorough knowledge of the best and most modern methods of farm operation. When he was twenty-eight years of age he purchased one hundred and seventeen acres of land near Ossian, whereon he remained for fifteen years, making it during that time a valuable and productive property. When he disposed of that farm he purchased two hundred and seventy acres upon which he still makes his home, and here he engages in general farming and stock-raising, his practical and progressive methods, his industry and able management bringing him a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Timp married on the 17th of September, 1889, Miss Margaret Bonensteiner, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Geiling) Bonensteiner, natives of Germany. The father came to Iowa as a young man and settled in Fayette county, engaging in farming during the remainder of his active life. He has now retired and makes his home in Festina, Iowa. He and his wife became the parents of ten children: Margaret, the wife of the subject of this review; Engle, who married Fritz Fulmbecker of Festina; Elizabeth, the wife of John Heing; Christina, who married B. H. Bushman of Ossian; Theresa, who married Matt Blong of St. Lucas, Iowa; Joseph, who has passed away; Cecilia, who became the wife of Adam Meyer of Ossian; Joseph, who resides in St. Lucas; Henry, also of St. Lucas; and Mary, the wife of John Holder of Ossian. Mr. and Mrs. Timp became the parents of nine children: Theodore O., born June 30, 1890; Joseph, whose birth occurred on the 29th of March, 1892; Leo, born April 9, 1894; Christina R., who was born May 6, 1897; Philip, born on the 27th of October, 1900; Agnes, born December 22, 1902; Arnold, December 28, 1905; Celia, June 25, 1908; and Hildegard, January 22, 1911.

Mr. Timp is a member of the Roman Catholic church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has always taken an intelligent interest in community affairs and is now serving as township trustee, discharging his duties in an able and conscientious manner. Whatever tends to promote advancement and progress along any line receives his endorsement and hearty support, his public spirit being at all times practical and effective. He is widely and favorably known in his native county, his life and character being such as to win for him the warm and lasting regard of all with whom he is brought in contact.

JOHN J. ZOULEK.

John J. Zoulek owns a valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, partly in Calmar and partly in Sumner townships, which is devoted to diversified farming and stock-raising. He is one of the substantial men of his locality and in promoting his private interests has done much toward raising agricultural standards in Winneshiek county. Born on section 13, Sumner township, Winneshiek county, June 1, 1867, he is a son of John and Mary (Kuntz) Zoulek, natives of Bohemia, who emigrated to America in 1863, locating in Winneshiek county shortly afterward. The father died in July, 1893, but the mother still lives on the old homestead. To their union were born ten children: Mary, the wife of Joseph Mikesh, of Spillville; Joseph, who died in childhood; Annie, who married John Fisher, of Spillville; Rosie, deceased; Kate, the wife of Frank