

profitable, his animals commanding a high price and a ready sale on the local markets.

On the 8th of February, 1877, Mr. Riveland was united in marriage to Miss Kjeste Johnson and to their union were born five children: Thone, the wife of the Rev. Ole Rolfsen of Presho, South Dakota; Olava, the wife of Herman Bloom of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the mother of two children, Audrey Marcella and Curtis Riveland; Josephine, who married Otto Lee, who is employed on the Riveland homestead; Carnell, who is a resident of Ossian, and who is married, having one child, Adrian Carnell; and Alma, who lives at home.

Mr. Riveland is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party. He has served as township trustee but is not active as an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, which being capably and progressively conducted are bringing him gratifying and well deserved success.

#### ERICK O. SCHJELDAHL.

In the death of Erick O. Schjeldahl on the 13th of January, 1913, Highlandville and Winneshiek county lost one of their representative and valued citizens. He had filled the office of postmaster for a longer period probably than any other postmaster of the state, and in mercantile circles he was well known, having conducted a store in addition to managing the postoffice. He was found enterprising and thoroughly reliable in every connection and the record which he made was a most creditable one.

His birth occurred in Voss, Norway, on the 23d of June, 1848, his parents being Ole and Randvei Schjeldahl, who spent their entire lives as farming people in the land of the midnight sun. On crossing the Atlantic when a young man, Erick O. Schjeldahl made his way direct to Iowa, reaching Winneshiek county on the twentieth anniversary of his birth. During the winter seasons for a few years he resided with relatives in Pleasant township and attended school to acquaint himself with the English language, while during the summer months he was employed for a time as a farm hand. Desirous still of improving his education, he attended the Upper Iowa University at Fayette through two winters and secured a teacher's certificate in Winneshiek county but did not engage in teaching. Instead he turned to commercial pursuits, securing a position as clerk with S. W. Landers, proprietor of a general store at Decorah, with whom he remained for about three years. In 1875, in connection with Frank Landers, a son of S. W. Landers, he purchased a store at Highlandville, conducting it under the name of Schjeldahl & Landers until 1877, when the former purchased the interest of the latter. He was appointed postmaster of Highlandville in 1876 and continued in that position until his death. At the same time he conducted his general mercantile establishment and in connection with his brother-in-law, H. O. Ford, built a store at Bryant, South Dakota, which was conducted by Mr. Ford. They had a large business there and Mr. Schjeldahl also owned a half interest in a creamery at that place. His property holdings included a quarter section of land in that locality and at the time of his