

resides in Winneshiek county and of whose life more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have three children, Howard R., Madge E. and Luella.

Mr. Whitney is a director of the State Line Bank at Prosper, Minnesota, and is connected fraternally with Clement Lodge, No. 567, A. F. & A. M., at Burr Oak. He also belongs to the Yeomen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a progressive in his political beliefs and has held various minor offices. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is interested in the new and scientific aspects of farming and did worthy work along this line as instructor for the Iowa State Agricultural College. He spent one winter at that occupation, during which time he traveled through all parts of the state, remaining one week in each locality, doing much during this time to promote the spread of a more general knowledge of modern agricultural methods. In the township where he resides and where almost his entire life has been spent he has become widely and favorably known, his many sterling qualities of character having gained for him an extensive circle of friends.

JOHN HUBER.

For over fifty-five years John Huber has made his home in Winneshiek county and is therefore entitled to be numbered among its pioneers. Not only has he attained prosperity for himself but has ever shown a progressive public spirit and gives evidence thereof by serving at present as president of the township school board. He is one of the most substantial men of Sumner township, owning over four hundred acres of valuable land on sections 22 and 27. Mr. Huber was born in Franklin county, Indiana, October 22, 1837, and is now nearing his seventy-sixth birthday. Although ripe in years he is still hale and hearty, deeply-interested in all that occurs around him and active in looking after his important property interests. He is a son of Michael and Ursula (Schreiber) Huber, natives of Switzerland, who in 1836 came to America and located in Indiana. The father followed agricultural pursuits and came to Winneshiek county in 1855, locating near Old Mission, whence he removed to Sumner township, making his home on section 22, where he died on December 2, 1872. The mother had preceded him in death, passing away on August 3, 1860. To their union were born six children: John, our subject; Theresa, deceased; George, of Fort Atkinson; Carolina, the wife of Peter Ludwig, of Scott county, Iowa; Jacob, of Montana; and Barbara, of Oregon.

John Huber attended school in Indiana and in 1855, when eighteen years of age, came with his parents to Winneshiek county. He remained at home all his life and after his mother's death the home farm fell to his share. There were at that time three hundred and sixty acres, to which he has since added, owning now over four hundred acres on sections 22 and 27. For many years he has given his labors to the improvement of his property and today it is considered one of the most valuable in the section, his buildings being substantially constructed and his fields in a high state of cultivation.