

has married Christian Kirkeby, their home being near Waukon, Iowa. By her first marriage the mother had four children: Peter A.; Clara, the wife of Albert Johnson, living near Waukon; Emma, the wife of Albert Ash, of Mason City; and Albert, of Walsh county, North Dakota.

Throughout his entire life Peter A. Rocksvold has resided upon the farm which is now his home, his youth being spent in the usual manner of farm lads. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools and during his vacation periods he worked in the fields. During seven years in his early life he was employed by the month as a farm hand. He possessed much natural mechanical ingenuity and for the past twenty-one years has operated a sawmill and threshing machine and he also has a blacksmith shop upon his farm. When his labors had brought him a sufficient amount to enable him to purchase property he bought the old homestead of one hundred and forty acres to which he has since added until he now has a valuable tract of two hundred and forty acres on sections 11 and 14, Glenwood township. He has brought his farm under a high state of cultivation and in connection with the development of the fields and his other business interests he raises stock.

On the 12th of October, 1905, Mr. Rocksvold was married to Miss Ida Randine Berge, who was born in Glenwood township, April 12, 1882, a daughter of Baard and Carrie Berge, of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Rocksvold have one son, Russel Anton Burton. In politics Mr. Rocksvold is an independent republican, usually supporting the men and measures of the party yet casting an independent ballot if his judgment directs him in that way. He is a member of the First Lutheran church and for four years was one of its trustees. He is interested in all that pertains to the material and moral development of the region and is regarded as one of Glenwood township's most respected and valued citizens.

PETER F. MEYER.

Among the most prominent and progressive residents of Ossian is numbered Peter F. Meyer, who since 1911 has served with credit and ability as county supervisor. He is a native of Iowa, born in Festina on the 19th of October, 1863, and is a son of Andrew and Regina (Bechel) Meyer, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. As children the parents came to America, the father locating in New York, but they were married in Cincinnati and afterward came to Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born eleven children: Mary, the widow of J. W. Cramer; George A., who resides in San Antonio, Texas; Frances H., the widow of P. J. Huber of Fort Atkinson; L. A., who resides in Ossian; Agnes, the wife of H. A. Kout of St. Paul, Minnesota; Philip J., of Kissimmee, Florida; Catharine W., deceased; Caroline, the wife of F. W. Dessel, of Ossian; Lizzie, who has passed away; Julia, also deceased; and Peter F., of this review.

Peter F. Meyer acquired a public-school education and spent his childhood on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the best and most modern agricultural methods. After his marriage he assumed entire charge of the old homestead, buying the property in 1893. This comprised two hundred and eighty