

mastering English quite perfectly. He was a man of high and honorable principles and his upright life commended him to the confidence and good-will of all who knew him. In the family were twelve children, of whom six are yet living: Andrine, the wife of J. M. Hendrickson, of Glenwood township; Nels A.; Thetoline, the wife of Hans Prestesater, of Minnesota; Clara, the wife of Theodore Fortune, of Glenwood township; Christina, the wife of C. J. Sivesind, of Glenwood township; and Maria, the widow of H. Hanson of Decorah.

Nels A. Evenrud supplemented his early education in the public schools by two years' study in the Lutheran College at Decorah. With the exception of that period he has always remained upon the home farm, devoting his life to general agricultural pursuits. He now owns one hundred acres, constituting a well improved property, for upon his place are found all the modern equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

In 1894 Mr. Evenrud was united in marriage to Miss Emma Ottava Nelselokken, who was born in Glenwood township January 21, 1875, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Nelselokken, who were natives of Norway, in which country they were reared and married. The mother bore the maiden name of Randvei Gulasolien. Their marriage was celebrated just before they sailed for the United States and their remaining days were passed upon a farm in Glenwood township, both passing away during the childhood days of Mrs. Evenrud. They had a family of nine children, all of whom were born in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Evenrud have become the parents of three daughters, Lillian, Evelyn and Cora, and they have adopted a son, Gustave Clifford, the child of Mrs. Evenrud's sister. In politics Mr. Evenrud is a progressive. He has never been active as an office seeker, but for two terms served as justice of the peace. He is also a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has filled the office of trustee. His has been a well spent, useful and active life and many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

GUSTAV A. HEGG.

Gustav A. Hegg, residing on section 35, Decorah township, is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty acres and in its cultivation has met with a well merited measure of prosperity. His birth occurred in that township on the 24th of August, 1868, his parents being Anton and Gunhild (Nelson) Hegg, both of whom were natives of Norway. In 1854 the father emigrated to the United States and, coming direct to Winneshiek county, here worked as a farm hand for two years and then purchased forty acres of land. He improved the property and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase from time to time until it embraced two hundred and twenty acres in Decorah township. In 1902 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Decorah, where he made his home until the time of his death in June, 1912. He had been a resident of this county for almost six decades and enjoyed an enviable reputation within its borders as a substantial agriculturist and esteemed citizen. His wife was called to her final rest in March, 1910.