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this he lived a retired life until 1910, when he was appointed assistant postmaster, serving under his son. He has at all times been interested in local politics and has voted the republican ticket since the first election of Abraham Lincoln. He served as township trustee in a capable and farsighted way and has done a great deal to promote general advancement and development in this section of the state. He is well known in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been a member of that association for the past thirty years. He and his wife became the parents of nine children: William Henry, who died in California at the age of forty-eight, leaving a widow and two children; Mrs. Clara Graham, a widow residing in Sandpoint, Idaho; Alice, the wife of F. O. Potter, of Bairdstown, California; Charles, deceased; Nellie, who married C. V. Manning, of Burr Oak; Mrs. Edna Taylor, who passed away in California leaving three sons; Edith, the wife of E. O. Potter, of Arthur, Iowa; Ethel, who married S. E. Pierce, of Burr Oak; and Herbert G, of this review.

The last named was reared at home and acquired his education in the public schools of his locality. When he began his active career he became a clerk in a general store and after five years turned his attention to the barber business, in which he has since remained. He has a large and well appointed shop and in connection with it conducts also a general merchandise store, which under his able management has become important and profitable. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster of Burr Oak and has since discharged the duties of this important position in a capable and earnest way. In addition to these connections he is also business manager of the Burr Oak Leaf, a monthly paper, treasurer of the Burr Oak Cemetery Association and secretary of the Old Settlers Association of Burr Oak. He is a man of wide interests, all of which he has made forces in the development and growth of his native community. In politics he is a stanch republican and he is connected fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a young man of unusual ability and promise, efficient in the promotion of his individual interests and active in all work of community welfare, and his future, judged by his past, will be marked by continuous progress and successful achievement.

GILBERT A. ANDERSON.

Gilbert A. Anderson belongs to an old pioneer family of Winneshiek county, his parents coming here at an early date, and is now located on a valuable farm of one hundred and eighty acres on sections 15, 16 and 22, Highland township, near the Minnesota border. The property is known as the Bear Creek Farm and Mr. Anderson devotes his time to raising of live stock, making a specialty of horses, although he gives considerable attention to cattle and hogs. He was born in the house in which he now lives on July 10, 1867, and is a son of Thurston and Maria (Nelson) Anderson, natives of Norway. The father was born December 30, 1837, and the mother July 5, 1843. She went to Wisconsin with her parents in