

he early became acquainted with agricultural methods and remained upon the home place until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he was married. He then took charge of the home farm for four years, at the end of which time he was enabled to buy one hundred and eighty-five acres on section 15, Sumner township, the farm being now known as the Fairview Stock Farm. He has thereon a fine house, modern and comfortably appointed, and all the barns and outbuildings are in the best of condition. He makes a specialty of stock-raising, giving particular attention to black polled cattle and also deriving a substantial income from the raising of hogs. He is up-to-date in his methods and has provided the latest appliances in machinery to facilitate his labors and increase the productiveness of the place.

On October 9, 1895, Mr. Frey was united in marriage to Miss Anna Frey, who although of the same name is not a relative. She is a daughter of Henry and Louisa Frey, both natives of Switzerland. The mother is deceased but the father survives and makes his home in Howard county. Mr. and Mrs. Frey have one son, David Samuel, born May 12, 1898.

In his political views Mr. Frey inclines toward the democratic party, whose candidates and measures he upholds at the polls. He is a member of the Congregational church. In a few years he has succeeded in founding and putting upon a profitable basis a valuable property and such success as has come to him is highly merited for it is but the outcome of continued and well applied labor.

HENRY BREITSPRECHER.

Henry Breitsprecher, carrying on general farming upon a fine property of two hundred and nine and three-quarter acres near Ossian, was born in Germany, August 19, 1878, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Berndt) Breitsprecher, also natives of that country. The parents came to America in 1882 and located in the same year in Monona, Clayton county, Iowa, where they resided about eight years, moving to Winneshiek county in 1889. They made their home in Military township, where the father purchased land and there he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 24th of July, 1892. His wife survives him and makes her home at Muscatine, Iowa. To their union were born three children: Bertha, the wife of Louis Eckhardt, of Sheffield, Iowa; Charles, who has passed away; and Henry, of this review.

Henry Breitsprecher came to America with his parents when he was yet a child and in the public schools of Clayton and Winneshiek counties acquired his education, spending a great deal of his time in his youth aiding with the operation of the homestead. He assumed the entire management of this property after his father's death and for a year and a half carried on the work of its improvement and development. He then entered the employ of his brother Charles, for whom he worked on section 7, Bloomfield township, for five years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm of two hundred and nine and three-quarter acres near Ossian and upon this he has since resided. By following the most progressive and practical methods in its cultivation and by