

giving almost all of his time and attention to its development he has made it a valuable and productive property, reflecting everywhere his careful supervision and intelligently directed labor. He has made extensive improvements upon the place and he here carries on general farming, intending, however, to specialize in the dairy business in the near future.

On the 24th of February, 1901, Mr. Breitsprecher was united in marriage to the widow of his brother Charles. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Emma Meyer, a daughter of William and Charlotte (Onefeldt) Meyer, natives of Germany, who now reside in Castalia. Mr. and Mrs. Breitsprecher have five children, William, Raymond, Lyle, Marie and Evelyn. Mrs. Breitsprecher has also three children by her former marriage, Rena, Edwin and Charles.

Mr. Breitsprecher is a devout member of the German Lutheran church and he guides his honorable and upright life by its principles. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has rendered the township excellent service in various capacities, acting as township trustee for two years and as a member of the school board, which latter position he still holds. He is a man of alert and enterprising spirit, possessing the resolute will that enables him to carry forward to completion whatever he undertakes, and at all times his methods are practical and progressive.

E. W. GREEN.

E. W. Green, one of Winneshiek county's most progressive and successful native sons and one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers of Bloomfield township, was born upon the farm a portion of which he now operates October 24, 1872. He is a son of Melvin and Ann Eliza (Allen) Green, who came to Winneshiek county in 1851, taking up as a government claim three quarter sections of land, the deeds of which are still in the possession of the subject of this review. He turned his attention to general farming and was very successful in his chosen line of work, adding to his holdings from time to time and becoming one of the most substantial farmers in this vicinity. He owned at the time of his death three hundred and fifty acres of land, all highly improved and well cultivated, and upon this property his widow now resides. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company M, First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, and having served three years. In his family were four children: Carrie, who died in childhood; E. W., of this review; Allen, who lives at home; and a son who died in infancy.

E. W. Green acquired his education in the district schools of Bloomfield township and in his childhood assisted with the work of cultivating the homestead, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with agricultural methods and details. When the estate was divided after the death of his father he received as his share one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land and this constitutes his present farm. The land lies on section 12, Bloomfield township, and upon it he has made extensive improvements, erecting from the timber grown on his farm a fine two-story, hardwood-finished dwelling, thoroughly complete in equipment and detail. The buildings upon the property are all substantial and