

he resided until his death, being laid to rest on his eighty-third birthday. The mother, who is living, has attained an age of seventy-two years.

James F. Conover was but a year and a half old when his parents brought him to Winneshiek county, where he received his early schooling. When he was ten years of age the parents removed to Frankville, where he continued his attendance in the public schools until the age of sixteen. He then engaged for six years in school teaching, being connected with the country schools and those of Decorah at intervals. During that time he also conducted a general store in Frankville for two years, at the end of which period he entered the dental college of Northwestern University at Chicago, attending from 1897 to 1899, and then went to Elburn, Illinois, where he commenced to practice dentistry. He remained in that town for six years. He returned to Northwestern in 1903, however, finishing his course and graduating with that class. In 1905 he came to Calmar and opened an office, having since been engaged in practice there. He enjoys a gratifying patronage which extends beyond the city into the country and which has brought him gratifying financial results.

A man who deeply interests himself in the public welfare, Dr. Conover has closely associated himself with the public life of Calmar, of which city he has served as mayor for two terms, giving the community an excellent administration productive of many valuable and beneficial measures. He is still connected with the city government, being a member of the town council and continuing his valuable work in that capacity. Politically he is a democrat and fraternally a Modern Woodman of America. His offices, which are well and modernly equipped with all appliances of the latest type, are located in the Winneshiek County Bank building. His arrival in the city added a valuable citizen to the community life whose service has been of distinct benefit in the cause of advancement and development.

ALOYS HOLTHAUS.

Aloys Holthaus, one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of Washington township, whose labors have been of material and substantial value to the community in the line of agricultural progress, makes his home on a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres, upon which he has resided continuously since 1885. Winneshiek county numbers him among her most progressive and successful native sons, his birth having occurred in the township where he now lives, June 20, 1862. His parents were Theodore and Elizabeth (Fershaus) Holthaus, natives of Germany, the former of whom came to America in 1848 and after spending two years in Wisconsin came as a pioneer to Winneshiek county, Iowa. Here he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 13, Washington township, and after developing it for a short time returned to Germany and married, bringing his wife immediately to his new home in Iowa. Upon his farm he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits for many years, dying upon his holdings May 29, 1880. His wife survived him only a few years, dying October 27, 1885. To their union were born nine children: Theodore, deceased; August, who lives in Washington township; Agatha,