

Meyer, of Watertown, who was also of German lineage, her parents having been born in Germany. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm at Watertown which Mr. Heller rented and there they continued to reside for several years. Two children were born to them ere they left Wisconsin. In 1870 they severed home ties in that district and came to Iowa, taking up their abode upon the farm on which Mrs. Heller yet resides. Mr. Heller first purchased one hundred acres of land and from time to time as his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised three hundred and seventy acres of land, upon which he continuously made his home to the time of his death, which occurred on the 31st of March, 1909.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heller were born eight children, namely: Mrs. Frances Worple, Mrs. Dorothy Krueger, Mrs. Annie Schmidt, Mrs. Lizzie Krueger, Willie, Theodore, Emma and Casper A. Mr. Heller belonged to the Lutheran church of Riceville and his family are also adherents of that faith. He voted with the republican party and was keenly interested in the questions and interests of the day. His was an active, useful and upright life which won for him the respect and confidence of all and by reason of his diligence and industry he was able to leave his family in very comfortable financial circumstances.

JOHN N. MUSEL.

John N. Musel, a well known and progressive young agriculturist of Paris township, has for the past six years been actively engaged in the operation of his father's farm of three hundred and twelve acres on section 5. His birth occurred in Tama county, Iowa, on the 15th of February, 1885, his parents being Albert and Anna (Herska) Musel, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of James Musel, brother of our subject.

John N. Musel acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county and subsequently attended St. Procopius College at Lisle, Illinois, while later he entered the Cedar Rapids Business College, being graduated from the latter institution in 1908. He was then employed for one year in the office of the Farmers' Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids and next secured a position in the office of the Linn County Lumber Company of Cedar Rapids, with which concern he remained for eight months. He afterward spent a year and a half in the drug store of H. C. Caulson at Chelsea, Iowa, and then obtained employment in the general merchandise establishment of Charles Tappen at the same place, continuing in the latter position for two years. In 1913 he came to Howard county to take charge of his father's farm of three hundred and twelve acres in Paris township, which he has cultivated successfully throughout the intervening period, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 6th of April, 1910, Mr. Musel was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Polishek, a graduate of the parochial school of Tama, Iowa. They now have two children, Leona Loretta and Raphael Jerome. The parents are devout communicants of the Catholic church and are widely and favorably known throughout the community in which they reside.

F. B. STRIKE.

F. B. Strike, filling the office of city clerk of New Hampton, was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, February 14, 1861, a son of William and Mary A. (Roe) Strike, both of whom were natives of England. They came to the United States after attaining their majority and settled in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where they were subsequently married. In 1882 they removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, establishing their home upon a farm two and a half miles from New Hampton. Two years later they removed