

then took up their abode in the home of their son Samuel in Alta Vista, Iowa, where the father passed away March 2, 1913, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, ten months and twenty-six days. The mother is still living and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Heimerdinger, in Paris township, Howard county. She is now in her eighty-second year but is still quite active and well preserved.

Albert Reinhart, after attending the district schools near his father's home, assisted in the work of the farm up to the time of his marriage. In 1886 he wedded Miss Anna Albers, of Winneshlek county, Iowa, and the young couple began their domestic life upon their present home farm, which now comprises three hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land. At first, however, Mr. Reinhart bought only one hundred and twenty acres but in the intervening period he has added to his property from time to time until he has become owner of more than a half section and his farm is splendidly improved. He erected all of the buildings upon the place and has carefully cultivated his fields, so that he now gathers golden harvests. In addition to the tilling of the soil he raises black polled cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs, handling only pure blooded stock eligible to registry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart have been born eleven children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: Clara, the wife of Frank Dreckman, of Alta Vista; Henry and Albert, who are engaged in farming in Howard county; Esther, the wife of Clifford Platz, also a farmer of Howard county; Luella, who married Fred Rethamel, of Charles City, Iowa; and Earl, Edwin, Alfred and Harvey, all yet at home.

By reason of his success Mr. Reinhart has been able to provide a most comfortable living for his family. In addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Creamery of Jerico and a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Lumber Company of Alta Vista. In his political views he is an earnest republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists and their sterling worth has made them highly esteemed throughout the community in which they live. In every relation of life Mr. Reinhart has been honorable and upright, and his integrity in business affairs has been one of the strong forces in his success.

O. A. TAYLOR.

O. A. Taylor, alert and energetic, is now successfully managing the interests of the Gilchrist Elevator & Grain Company at Ionia. He is numbered among the substantial residents that the Empire state has furnished to Iowa, his birth having occurred in Tioga county, New York, August 11, 1851, his parents being Luther and Maria (Jacobs) Taylor, both of whom were natives of the state of New York, where they were reared and married. In 1856 they became residents of Wisconsin, settling on a farm near Janesville in Rock county, and about 1877 they arrived in Chickasaw county, Iowa, taking up their abode on a farm near Lawler, where the father passed away three or four years later. The mother afterward made her home with her children and departed this life in 1916, at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where she was living with a daughter.

O. A. Taylor supplemented his common school education by study in the Milton College of Milton, Rock county, Wisconsin, and later he followed the profession of teaching for two years, spending one year of that time in Michigan and the other year in Wisconsin. During this period he worked on his father's farm through the summer months. In 1875 he came to Iowa and entered into active association with the firm of Gilchrist & Company, grain dealers, in whose employ he has remained for forty-four years. No higher testimonial of efficiency, fidelity and capability could be given. He spent one year in their elevator at Cresco, Iowa, and thence was sent to Lawler as manager of their business at that point. He remained there for fifteen or sixteen years and was afterward sent to Fredericksburg, while a year later he was transferred to Ionia as manager of the interests of Gilchrist & Company at this place. Here he has since remained and he is today one of the best known grain buyers of