

held in high esteem, having many warm friends in Lime Springs, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. No higher testimonial of capability and fidelity on the part of any business man could be given than the record of Mr. Davis, who for about twenty-three years has been a representative of the Hunting Elevator Company, controlling the interests of the company at Lime Springs, where large responsibilities devolve upon him and where he has made an excellent record of faithful service and sound business judgment.

GEORGE B. DARROW.

George B. Darrow, who follows farming on section 4, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, was born May 28, 1870, on the place on which he now resides—a fact indicative of long connection of the Darrow family with the interests of northern Iowa. His parents were Byron R. and Sarah A. Darrow, who removed from the state of New York to Iowa in pioneer times and established their home in Deerfield township. For many years the father remained a resident of this section of the state but passed away about four years ago. His widow survives and now makes her home in Spooner, Wisconsin.

In his boyhood days George B. Darrow was a pupil in the district schools of Deerfield township and through vacation periods he became active in the work of the home farm, assisting his father in its development and improvement for a long period. Eventually he came into possession of the place, which comprises one hundred and thirty acres of arable land. Careful cultivation has kept the farm in excellent condition. He practices the rotation of crops, judiciously employs the use of fertilizers and does everything in his power to keep his farm up to the highest standard in a state where agricultural progressiveness has reached its zenith. In addition to tilling the soil he handles registered shorthorn cattle and registered Poland China hogs and is one of the well known and prominent stock raisers of his section of the state.

Mr. Darrow was united in marriage to Miss Minnie North, a daughter of George and Katherine North, who are natives of Germany but have long resided in Iowa, their home being now in Alta Vista. Mr. and Mrs. Darrow have a family of two children, Adelbert and Grace, both at home. In his political views Mr. Darrow is a republican and votes for the men and measures of the party but does not seek office as a reward for party fealty. His interest in community affairs is manifest in many tangible ways and enterprise and progress along agricultural lines have been conserved and fostered through his efforts.

PEDER NELSEN.

Peder Nelsen, a farmer living on section 28, Saratoga township, Howard county, was born in Norway, April 20, 1853, a son of Nels Peterson and Bertha Nelsen. The father died in Norway in 1885 and the mother remained a resident of that country to the time of her demise in 1888. In their family were the following named, Peder, Nels, John, Belle and Maggie, all of whom are married.

Peder Nelsen remained in the land of the midnight sun until he had reached the age of seventeen years, when he determined to come to the new world. Accordingly he bade adieu to friends and native country in 1880 and with his wife and two children crossed the Atlantic, making Decorah, Iowa, their destination, Mr. Nelsen worked for three years as a farm hand, or until 1883. He then removed to Howard county, settling in Saratoga township, where he again secured work on a farm, and was thus employed until 1890. He carefully saved his earnings throughout the intervening period and in that year bought one hundred and sixty acres of land situated on section 28, Saratoga township. He then took up his abode upon this place, which was at that time largely undeveloped and unimproved. He had to grub out the stumps