

and remained upon the home farm until October 1, 1864, when at the age of twenty years he enlisted in response to the call of his adopted country for military aid. He became a member of Company B, Fifteenth Wisconsin Regiment, which was wholly composed of Norwegians. The command went south and served under Sherman, taking part in the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea. Mr. Johnson received his discharge April 1, 1865, and returned to his home in Wisconsin, where he spent the succeeding four years. In December, 1869, he removed to Chickasaw county, Iowa, driving through with team and wagon. He was accompanied by his brother Tollif and together they purchased two hundred and forty acres of land, upon which Mr. Johnson now resides. In June of the following year he was married and the brother was married in October of the same year. A division of their landed interests was then made, Peter Johnson taking one hundred and twenty acres which forms a part of his present home farm that now comprises one hundred and sixty-five acres. He has lived continuously upon this farm for a half century and probably not another settler in Jacksonville township has remained for so extended a period upon one farm.

On the 24th of June, 1870, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Martha Attleson, a daughter of Attle Attleson, who came to Chickasaw county from Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of twelve children nine of whom survive, namely: John, who operates the home farm; Edward, an agriculturist of Jacksonville township; Peter a lumber dealer residing at Willow City, North Dakota; Gilbert, who served in the European war and is now assistant cashier of a banking institution at Humboldt, Iowa; Grover, who also served with the American forces in the great World war; Sarah, who is the wife of Martin Johnson, of Dane county, Wisconsin; Martha, the wife of Carl Offerdahl, of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin; Anna, who resides in Madison, Wisconsin; and Hattie, at home.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a democrat and for four terms he filled the office of township assessor of Jacksonville township. He was also for several terms a member of the township board of trustees and for a number of years served on the school board. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and are people of genuine worth, their many sterling traits of character winning for them warm regard. Mr. Johnson certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his success has come to him as the direct reward of earnest labor. Not only is he the owner of a valuable farm property but is also a stockholder in the Jerico Creamery Association. Long residence in Jacksonville township has brought him a wide acquaintance and he is now numbered among her prosperous and valued citizens.

ALBERT HOVORKA.

Albert Hovorka, who is engaged in farming in Howard county, his home being on section 29, New Oregon township, is of Bohemian birth. His natal day was December 18, 1863, and his parents were John and Anna (Rajzner) Hovorka, who came to the United States about eight years after the emigration of their son Albert to the new world. They at once made their way westward to Iowa, settling in Paris township, Howard county, and for many years the father was engaged in farming but eventually retired from active business life and took up his abode in Protivin, where he passed away in 1912. His widow is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. James Berka, who is living in Winneshiek county.

Albert Hovorka was reared upon the old homestead until his nineteenth year and was educated in the public schools of his native country, mastering the branches of learning that usually constitute the public school curriculum. In 1882 he came to the United States, attracted by the opportunities offered in the new world. He made his way at once to Protivin, Howard county, where he began work as a farm hand, and for six years he was thus employed for wages, during which time the highest salary he received was twenty dollars per month. Out of this sum he managed to save more than eight hundred dollars and he then made investment in eighty acres of farm land in Paris township, paying one-half down and having enough money left to buy a team