

Lodge, No. 183. His wife and daughter attend the Congregational church. The family are widely and favorably known in New Hampton, where the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

GEORGE H. MILLER.

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George H. Miller, residing on section 10, Paris township, Howard county, is a native of Iowa, his birth occurring in Chickasaw county on the 15th of September, 1869. His parents, Charles' G. and Julia (Wise) Miller, were both born in Germany and in early life came to the United States, locating first in the state of New York, where they were subsequently married. Not long afterward they came to Iowa and first located in Winneshiek county, but about 1867 removed to Chickasaw county, the father acquiring two hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Jacksonville township, one hundred and eighty acres of which he still owns. He was actively engaged in general farming until 1903, when he retired and removed to New Hampton, which city is still his home. His wife died on the 19th of November, 1914.

In this locality George H. Miller was reared and educated, attending the district schools near his boyhood home. He assisted his father in the work of the farm until his marriage, which was celebrated in November, 1894, Miss Lena Natvig, of Saude, Utica township, Chickasaw county, becoming his wife. They have become the parents of two children, Carl J. and Homer A. G., both at home.

In the spring following his marriage Mr. Miller purchased his present farm on section 10, Paris township, Howard county, becoming the owner at that time of one hundred and sixty acres. Subsequently he bought another forty acre tract on section 14 in the same township and also five acres of timber land in New Oregon township. He has erected all of the present buildings upon his place, doing all of the carpenter work himself, as for two years prior to his marriage he had followed that trade and had become thoroughly familiar with the builder's art. He now has one of the best improved farms of the locality and has met with excellent success in his life work. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery Company of Jerico and for several years was a member of its board of directors. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber & Coal Company of Alta Vista and is a most enterprising and progressive business man.

Mr. Miller has been a lifelong republican in politics, taking a very active and influential part in public affairs and serving for the past twenty years as chairman of the republican central committee of his precinct. For six years he was a member of the board of township trustees and he has always given hearty support to any enterprise which he believed would prove of public benefit. In religious faith the family are Lutherans and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

GERD MILLER.

Gerd Miller is a farmer and a stock buyer living on section 35, Deerfield township, Chickasaw county. He was born in Germany, November 9, 1857, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Lauges) Miller, who spent their entire lives in Germany. There the son was reared to manhood and acquired his education in the public schools. His father was a veterinarian and in his youthful days Gerd Miller assisted him in work of that character. In young manhood he became employed by the year on neighboring farms and in 1880 he resolved to try his fortune in the new world and came to the United States first making his way to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he secured employment as a farm hand. He there remained for seven years and during one year of that time engaged in raising tobacco. In 1888 he removed to