

of Andrew Anderson and lives at home; Johanna, the wife of J. G. Johnson, a resident of Minnesota; Etta, who is the wife of Lewis Qually and lives in North Dakota; Thurenia, the wife of Thomas Johnson, of Jacksonville township, Chickasaw county; and Esther, at home.

In politics Mr. Swenumson is a republican and has filled the office of road supervisor, while for a number of years he has been a member of the school board. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and he is interested in many progressive measures which have had to do with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state. For almost two-thirds of a century he has lived in Chickasaw county and has therefore seen the greater part of its growth and development. In fact there were but very few settlers in the county when the family home was established within its borders and they shared in all of the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of the frontier. Mr. Swenumson's memory now forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and his reminiscences of the early days are most interesting.

HENRY J. NOVAK.

Henry J. Novak, who follows farming on section 6, New Oregon township, Howard county, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, March 19, 1888, a son of Thomas and Veronica (Phillip) Novak, who came to the United States in childhood days with their respective parents, the two families crossing the Atlantic on the same vessel. This was about 1855. The Novak family settled in New Oregon township, Howard county, while the mother's people took up their abode in Winneshiek county, Iowa. Following their marriage the father and mother of Henry J. Novak made three or four removals between Howard and Winneshiek counties but are now living in Cresco, where Thomas Novak has put aside business cares, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in a well earned rest.

Henry J. Novak was educated in the schools of Spillville and in 1910, when twenty-two years of age, purchased his present home farm and began its cultivation. He kept bachelor's hall for one year and in 1911 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hovorka, a daughter of Albert Hovorka, of New Oregon township, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Novak have become the parents of two children, Leonard H. and Virgil G. The home of the family is an excellent farm property comprising a fractional quarter section. It is well improved and constitutes one of the valuable farms of Howard county, for Mr. Novak has brought his land under a high state of cultivation and has added all of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. His methods are at once practical and progressive, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place indicates his careful supervision and enterprise. In politics he is a democrat and he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Both are highly esteemed in the community where they reside and where they have a large circle of warm friends.

FRED W. TUCKER.

Fred W. Tucker, a farmer residing in Bassett, was born in Chickasaw township, Chickasaw county, about a mile and a half from his present home, on the 14th of May, 1874, his parents being Joseph K. and Elizabeth (Warren) Tucker. The father arrived in Chickasaw county when a lad of but nine years in company with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker, who established their home here in 1854. William Tucker had visited the county the previous year in order to find a suitable location for a home and several months later he brought his family from Wisconsin to Iowa, taking up his abode in Chickasaw township. For several