

young man of twentyfive years when he came to Iowa, settling at Vernon Springs in the fall of 1872. Throughout the intervening period he has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and has cleared one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he converted into a fine farm that is his present home. His life has been one of activity and enterprise and his progressiveness has brought him prominently to the front as a leading agriculturist of his section of the state.

In 1869 Mr. Livingston was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Barnett, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to them were born three children: Lillie J., who is the wife of Frank Peckham, of Cresco, Iowa; Inez S., the wife of Leslie D. Barker of Janesville, Wisconsin; and Arthur J. who married Cora Hollenbauh and resides upon the home farm, assisting his father in its further cultivation and development. The wife and mother passed away May 31, 1889, and in 1890 Mr. Livingston was again married, his second union being with Miss Kate C. Cooley, a daughter of Gilbert and Martha (Hammond) Cooley, who were pioneer residents of Clayton county, Iowa.

Mr. Livingston has always been a staunch advocate of republican principles and gives loyal support to the party. He has held the position of road supervisor and was also constable for three terms about forty years ago. He and his wife attend the Baptist church at Cresco and he and his son Arthur are members of the Masonic lodge at Cresco. He is a loyal exemplar of the craft, holding faithfully to its teachings, and the genuine worth of his character is recognized by all with whom he has come in contact. Those who know him, and he has many friends, speak of him in terms of the highest regard and Howard county numbers him among her representative citizens. He has here resided for forty-seven years and has therefore long been a witness of the growth and development of this section of the state.

WENZEL A. PECHOTA.

Farming interests in Chickasaw county find a worthy representative in Wenzel A. Pechota, who lives upon section 1, Utica township. It was upon the farm that he now owns that he was born November 22, 1883, a son of Frank and Mary Pechota, both of whom were natives of Bohemia, belonging to that class of substantial citizens that Bohemia has furnished to the new world. They came to the United States in young manhood and young womanhood and were probably married in Chicago, where they first located. The father was employed for a number of years in a lumberyard in that city and subsequently he removed to Iowa, taking up his abode in Winneshiek county, where he turned to the occupation of farming. He purchased a small place of twenty acres, which he afterward sold, and then returned to Chicago in order to make enough money to buy more land. Subsequently he again came to Iowa and invested in eighty acres in Chickasaw county, this tract constituting a part of the farm of his son Wenzel. During the first few years the father had a hard time to get along, but his diligence and perseverance overcame the difficulties and obstacles in his path and later he prospered in his undertakings and acquired five hundred and sixty acres of valuable farm property in Chickasaw county. He and his wife are still living and make their home in Protivin.

Their son, Wenzel A. Pechota, was educated in the district schools and in August, 1909, he wedded Miss Christina Shileny, a daughter of Frank Shileny, a native of Bohemia who became one of the early settlers of Winneshiek county and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pechota have a family of four children: Helen, Clara, Evalina and Richard.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and in his political views Mr. Pechota is a democrat but has never been an office Seeker. At the time of his marriage his father deeded him his present farm, comprising one hundred acres, and upon this place he has resided since his birth. He is today one of the successful agriculturists and representative citizens of Utica township. No event of special importance has occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him. for he has always preferred to concentrate his efforts and attention upon the work of the fields. He early realized