

thing that he has undertaken he has displayed a spirit of marked enterprise and progress, and his labors have been attended with excellent results.

On the 30th of December, 1896, Mr. Thorne was married to Miss Lucy E. Sanborn, of Pecatonica, Illinois, and they have become the parents of three children: Beth, who is attending the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa; Grata, a high school pupil; and Frank Eugene, Jr., who is a lad of ten years.

In politics Mr. Thorne is a republican and has served as president of the school board for two terms but otherwise has filled no public offices and has no political aspirations. He is a member of Mount Horeb Lodge, No. 333, A. F. & A. M., and in the Odd Fellows lodge, in which he holds membership, he has filled the position of secretary for several years. His wife is connected with the Order of the Eastern Star. No one questions his right to classification with the representative men of the county. He has long occupied an enviable position in business circles, and his dominant qualities have wrought for success and at the same time have commanded for him the confidence, good will and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

B. A. HOLSCHLAG.

Farming interests of Chickasaw county find a worthy representative in B. A. Holschlag, who is busily engaged in the cultivation of a good tract of land on section 30, New Hampton township. Upon the old family homestead in that township he was born August 16, 1880, and has always lived upon the same land. He is a son of Henry W. and Adelhied (Brus) Holschlag, who were natives of Germany but came to the United States in early childhood with their respective parents. They became acquainted and were married in Davenport, Iowa, to which place the Brus family had removed after living for a time in Missouri, but the Holschlag family established their home in Davenport immediately after coming to the new world. Subsequent to his marriage Henry W. Holschlag engaged in the occupation of farming in Scott county, near Davenport, until 1876, when he removed with his family to Chickasaw county, settling in New Hampton township on the place which is now the home of his son, B. A. He at that time purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and upon the farm he continued to reside until his life's labors were ended, winning a place among the prominent and representative agriculturists of this section of the state. He was very successful in the conduct of his business affairs and prior to his death had acquired about four hundred acres of valuable land. He made all of the improvements upon his property, erected all of the buildings and took great interest in making his place one of the model farms of northern Iowa. He also contributed to the growth and progress of the community at large, manifesting at all times a public-spirited citizenship. He was born September 25, 1843, and had attained the age of fifty-six years when he passed away November 10, 1899. His wife, who was born September 10, 1839, died on the old homestead January 17, 1913, when in the seventy-fourth year of her age.

The youthful experiences of B. A. Holschlag were those of the farm-bred boy. He was reared under the parental roof and no event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him. He attended the district schools and gained experience which later proved of great value to him when he took up farming independently. He was married November 22, 1905, to Miss Justina Speltz, a daughter of Matthias and Katherine (Hentges) Speltz, both of whom were born in Dubuque county, Iowa, and now make their home in New Hampton. Mr. and Mrs. Holschlag have become parents of two sons, Cyril Matthias and Justine John.

Mr. Holschlag has always lived upon the old homestead and has come into possession of one hundred and twenty acres of this tract, in addition to which he rents and farms one hundred and sixty acres, so that he is now busily engaged in the further development and cultivation of two hundred and eighty acres of good land. He buys, sells and ships stock, having made this an important branch of his busi-