

erties of New Hampton township. He has also made additional purchases, thus extending the boundaries of his farm from time to time until it today comprises three hundred and twenty acres, including some of the most valuable land in Chickasaw county, Mr. Drewelow refusing two hundred and fifty dollars per acre for his home place during the summer of 1919.

On the 13th of November, 1888, Mr. Drewelow was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schlatter, a daughter of Gottfried and Selina (Pfenninger) Schlatter, both of whom were natives of Switzerland. The father, after attaining man's estate, crossed the Atlantic to the new world and the mother made the voyage to the United States in her girlhood with her parents, who settled in Winneshiek county, Iowa. There they were married and afterward took up their abode in Fayette county, Iowa, where the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1899. His widow still survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Drewelow have been born three sons: Wellington A., who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Wesley, Iowa; Irvin R., one of the well known stock buyers of northern Iowa, still living at home; and Waldon G., also at home. The sons, Wellington and Waldon, served in the European war, the former being stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and the latter at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Drewelow is a democrat. By the consensus of public opinion he occupies a position as one of the leading and representative citizens of New Hampton township. Here he has lived for fifty-six years, witnessing the growth and development of this section of the state and at all times bearing his part in the work of public improvement. In the conduct of his business affairs he has displayed ready adaptability and sound judgment and, placing his capital in the safest of all investments—real estate, he is today the owner of one of the fine farm properties of Chickasaw county.

OTTO L. GESELL.

Otto L. Gesell, living on section 25, Afton township, Howard county, is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Winneshiek county, November 23, 1883. His parents are John and Mary (Falck) Gesell, residents of Elma. The father was born in Indiana, while the mother was a native of Chickasaw county, Iowa. When a lad of ten years John Gesell came to this state and took up his abode at Ridgeway, where he was reared to manhood. After reaching adult age he was married at Fort Atkinson, Iowa, in 1881.

Otto L. Gesell pursued his education in the district schools near his father's home and in the high school at Elma, which he attended for two years before entering Ames College, in which he was a student for a year. He then returned home to assist his father in the further development and improvement of the farm and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead until he was twenty-three years of age. At that time he was married to Miss Ida Bartels, a daughter of Ernest and Sophia (Eikoff) Bartels, both of whom have passed away. Her father was a native of Illinois, while her mother was born in Germany. It was at Mapleleaf, Iowa, on the 25th of August, 1904, that Mr. and Mrs. Gesell were married and they have become the parents of six children: Harold J. E., Raymond P. F., Elsie S. M., Arnold H. C., Lester P. H. and Erma L. S., all of whom are under the parental roof.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Gesell took over the cultivation and management of the home farm, upon which he has since lived, and he has long been classed with the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community. He has charge of two hundred and forty acres of land, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation, and he is meeting with very substantial success in the development of his farm. He is likewise the president of the Afton Equity Local.

Mr. Gesell and his family are members of the Lutheran church at Elma, and his political belief is that of the republican party. He served as school director for a year but has never been ambitious to hold public office, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his business affairs, which have been wisely directed and are bringing to him a