

west they went through Chicago and from that point to Belvidere, Illinois, by train, which was then the terminus of the railroad. There they outfitted for the trip across the country and the journey was made with eleven yoke of oxen. In the party with which they were traveling there were nine families. The trip by wagon covered six weeks and they reached Butler county in 1852, forming one of the first colonies to settle within the borders of that county. William Jacobs, father of Dr. W. F. Jacobs, had been a soldier in the German army before coming to the new world and fought in the Franco-Prussian war. He was a baker by trade but on coming to America took up his abode upon a farm in Butler county and continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his active life. He is still living and makes his home in Clarksville but the mother passed away in 1917 at the age of seventy-three years.

Dr. Jacobs attended the Clarksville high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1905. He afterward became a student in the Jones National School of Auctioneering in Chicago and completed his course there by graduation in 1912. He next entered the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago and received from that institution his D. V. M. degree as a member of the class of 1917. When his course was completed he came at once to Nashua, where during the intervening period of two years he has built up a remunerative practice. Four months after opening his office here he was appointed assistant state veterinarian, in which official capacity he has since served.

In 1908 Dr. Jacobs was married to Miss Helen O. Miller, of Butler county, and they have made many friends during the period of their residence in Nashua. Dr. Jacobs belongs to Bradford Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nashua, and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with Nashua Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Nashua Lodge, No. 110, K. P.; and the Modern Woodmen camp. He belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been a lifelong resident of Iowa and in all that he does or undertakes is actuated by the spirit of western enterprise and progress.

#### CHRIS RUSSLER.

Chris Russler, who is the capable butter maker with the Fredericksburg Butter Company at Fredericksburg, Chickasaw county, was born in Germany, September 16, 1875, his parents being Simon and Margaret (Koehler) Russler, who spent their entire lives in their native land. There Chris Russler was reared to his seventeenth year and the public schools afforded him his educational opportunities. In 1892 he determined to enjoy better conditions by emigrating to the United States, and having a sister in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, made that city his destination. After spending thirty days with his sister, however, he continued his westward travel until he reached Hawkeye, Fayette county, Iowa, where he had a brother living. For five years he resided at Hawkeye and engaged in farm work. In 1897 he entered upon an apprenticeship to the butter maker's trade and for seventeen years was associated with that business at Hawkeye. In the winter of 1901-2 he attended the State Agricultural College at Ames and further qualified for the difficult task of the scientific making of good butter. He subsequently occupied the position of butter maker with the Hawkeye Creamery for ten years and in 1914 came to Fredericksburg to take charge of the plant at this place. In the past six years he has been one of the dominant factors in placing the products of the Fredericksburg Butter Company among the highest rated butter products of the country. During the summer of 1918, from the 1st of May to the 15th of November, this company made one hundred and seventy-eight thousand pounds of butter for the United States navy and since the 15th of July, 1919, the navy has taken the entire product of the Fredericksburg plant.

On the 11th of February, 1904, Mr. Russler was married to Miss Anna M. Reichel, of Hawkeye, Iowa, and they have become the parents of three children: Luella F., Hazel M. and Howard E. Mr. and Mrs. Russler are members of the German Lutheran church and they are well known in Fredericksburg, where they have many friends.