

Mr. Hentges was born at North Washington, Iowa, February 12, 1886, a son of Nicholas and Anna (Maiers) Hentges. His father was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, September 26, 1857, his parents being Peter and Mary (Schmidt) Hentges. He obtained a district school education in Concord township, Dubuque county, and afterward devoted his efforts and energies to the work of assisting his father upon the home farm until his marriage on the 31st of January, 1882, to Miss Anna Maiers. She was born in Liberty township, September 15, 1862, a daughter of John and Susan (Griner) Maiers.

Following his marriage Mr. Hentges remained upon the old homestead with his parents for a year and then came to Chickasaw county, Iowa, establishing his home in North Washington. Here he and his brother Peter conducted a general store for nine years, at the end of which time their place of business was destroyed by fire. Having thus lost his store, Mr. Hentges turned his attention to farming, having one hundred and twenty acres of land, which was his share of the old family estate. He settled upon this place in September, 1891, and continued its operation until October, 1911, when he retired from active business. In the meantime he had been very successful and had become the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of excellent land in Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, and eighty acres in Richland township. He and his wife now make their home in New Hampton, where they are most pleasantly situated. They have reared a family of three sons and three daughters: Mrs. Susan Nosbisch, Mrs. Mary Hilsman, Frank, Mrs. Barbara Delsing, Arthur and Nicholas.

The youthful days of Peter P. Hentges were quietly passed upon the home farm and he continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he was married and started out in business independently. He wedded Susan Lentz, a daughter of Nick and Susan Lentz, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mrs. Lentz still lives on the old home farm, which is situated two and a half miles west of North Washington, but Mr. Lentz passed away upon that place about sixteen years ago. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hentges was celebrated September 26, 1911, on the anniversary of his father's birth. In the meantime Mr. Hentges after attending the parochial schools of North Washington had pursued his education in the Interstate School of Commerce at New Hampton for a period of six months, taking a commercial course there. He likewise attended the district schools of Deerfield township and thus his training well qualified him for the important duties which have since devolved upon him. He started in business with his present partner, Nick Nosbisch, a year prior to his marriage and through the intervening period the firm of Hentges & Nosbisch has been identified with the agricultural implement trade at Alta Vista. They carry a large and carefully selected stock, including all kinds of farm machinery and tractors, and their patronage is now extensive. Mr. Hentges is also a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company of Alta Vista.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hentges have been born four children: Clifford, Clement, Elroy and Robert. The parents are members of St. Bernard's Catholic church at Alta Vista, and he is a member of Council No. 1697, K. C., of New Hampton. He votes with the democratic party and when matters of public moment seek his aid and support it is generously and quickly given. He is justly numbered among the representative merchants and business men of his section of the county, and the course that he has always pursued well entitles him to the liberal support accorded him.

WILLIAM DRAPE.

William Drape, the period of whose residence in Chickasaw county now covers more than three decades, has made his home in Fredericksburg since 1915 but has long been actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests and still owns two hundred and ninety-two acres of valuable land in the county. He has also devoted considerable attention to contracting and building operations and has moreover been an effective public servant, now acting as a member of the board of county supervisors for the second term. His birth occurred in Germany on the 12th of February, 1865, his parents being Henry and Marie (Shutte) Drape, who