

ried to Mrs. Theodore Kendall, of Chickasaw county, a daughter of Erastus Cain, who came to this county in 1856, settling in Fredericksburg. By her former marriage Mrs. Barker has three children: C. A. Kendall, who is engaged in the drug and jewelry business in Earlville, Iowa; R. W. Kendall, a druggist and jeweler of Janesville, Iowa; and Lawrence Kendall, who is also a druggist and in the medical department of the United States army at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan.

In religious faith Mrs. Barker is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. In political belief Mr. Barker is a democrat and both are widely and favorably known in this section of the state. He is a representative of one of the old pioneer families and has witnessed the growth and progress of northern Iowa from early times. Sixty-five years have been added to the cycle of the centuries since he took up his abode in Chickasaw county, then a little lad of but seven years. He has witnessed all of the changes which have occurred, placing the once wild frontier district in the ranks of the progressive counties of the middle west. In his business career he has made substantial advancement through industry, perseverance and determination and is now numbered among the men of affluence of Fredericksburg.

#### WILHELM MANNING.

Wilhelm Manning, a resident farmer of Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, his home being on section 19, is actively engaged in the further cultivation and improvement of a valuable farm property of four hundred and forty acres. This is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift, for whatever he has acquired has come to him as the direct result of his own labor.

He was born in Germany, October 29, 1852, a son of John and Dorothy (Nieman) Manning, who came to the United States in 1862, when their son Wilhelm was a lad of but ten years. Proceeding across the country to the Mississippi valley, they first settled in Cook county, Illinois, where the father worked on the railroad for a year. He afterward rented farm land in that county for a time and his last days were spent in Chicago. Following the great Chicago fire of October, 1871, the mother with her children removed to Iowa, the family home being established in Deerfield township, Chickasaw county, on the section which is now the home of Wilhelm Manning. On this property they built a log house near the site of the present modern farm residence. From 1872 until 1876 Wilhelm Manning was allowed the crops from one hundred and twenty acres in return for fencing the tract and breaking the sod. Later he purchased this one hundred and twenty acre farm from R. M. Cleveland and gradually kept adding to his holdings from time to time until his landed possessions aggregate four hundred and forty acres. He enjoys the reputation of being one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of this section of the state and his progressiveness is evidenced in the fine appearance of his place. The basis of his advancement was a common school education, obtained in Dupage county, Illinois, and to the powers which he thus developed he has added the habits of industry, thrift and perseverance. His fields are splendidly cultivated at the present time, producing large and abundant harvests, and in addition thereto he breeds Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, keeping only registered stock.

On the 27th day of May, 1883, Mr. Manning was married to Miss Emma Hilma, a daughter of Henry and Dora Hilma, who came from Germany to the United States. Mrs. Manning passed away upon the home farm in 1905. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Emil Klingbeil; Ernest, who is married; and William, Eliza, Esther, Henry and Doris, all yet at home. The son William, responding to the call of the colors, served with the Eighty-eighth Division of Iowa in the Three Hundred and Thirty-seventh Machine Gun Battalion in the great World war and was on active duty in France.

Mr. Manning and his family are members of the German Lutheran church of Bassett and in political belief he is a republican, having continuously supported