

Isaac W. Brunt obtained his early education at Sigourney, Iowa, and continued his studies at Grand Island, Nebraska, while subsequently the family home was established in Lincoln, Kansas, where he was graduated from the high school. He then took up the study of chemistry in the University of Kansas at Lawrence but before completing the course was enrolled as a student in the Northwestern University at Chicago, where he was graduated in pharmacy with the class of 1893. In that year he came to Decorah, Iowa, and took charge of the drug store of C. Rudolph, in whose service he remained for one month. At the end of that time, in association with E. J. Parman, he purchased the establishment of Mr. Rudolph and successfully conducted business as senior partner of the firm of Brunt & Parman until January, 1911, when he sold his interest to his partner. He then became secretary of the American Drug & Press Association and has held that important position continuously since, proving an able and valuable official. As above stated, this is an association of druggists and newspaper men of the United States and is carried on for the manufacture of toilet articles and medicinal preparations. Mr. Brunt is interested in several other enterprises of Decorah and has always been an active factor in the work of progress and development here.

On the 10th of June, 1898, Mr. Brunt was united in marriage to Miss Netta L. Merrill, her parents being M. H. and Sarah (Hardiman) Merrill, natives of New York, who came to Decorah in an early day. Mr. Merrill first followed farming but later turned his attention to the lumber and grain business, being successfully engaged therein until 1903. The remainder of his life was spent in honorable retirement, his demise occurring in February, 1912. His wife was called to her final rest in 1893.

Mr. Brunt is a democrat in his political views and was one of the first democratic presidential electors from his district since Franklin Pierce was chosen the chief executive of the nation. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. They own a commodious and attractive residence at No. 504 East Water street. In the field of commercial activity Mr. Brunt has made steady advance along substantial lines that has brought him success.

OLE SANDERSON.

A native of Lincoln township, Winneshiek county, Ole Sanderson has here attained to success and now owns a valuable place of one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, to the cultivation of which he gives his entire attention. He was born May 28, 1861, and is a son of Kettle and Levina (Brenhofson) Sanderson, natives of Norway, who came to America about 1851, locating in Wisconsin for one year and then making their home in Glenwood township for an equal period of time before coming to Lincoln township, where they settled on section 22. The father was a successful agriculturist, gradually winning financial independence, and his death occurred on Christmas day, 1911. The mother survives him and now makes her home with a brother, being over eighty years of