

October of that year formed a partnership with P. H. Whitney in the organization of the Burr Oak Mercantile Company, in which he is still heavily interested. He is also manager of the Silver Creek Creamery Company of Burr Oak and has many other business identifications. To the conduct of his interests he brings keen insight and sound judgment and discrimination. He has therefore gained a success which places him among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in this community.

In 1894 Dr. Emmons was united in marriage to Miss Donna Sayles, a native of Fayette county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of three children: Lucile; Paul Starr, who passed away at the age of nine months; and Theodore Hartwell.

Dr. Emmons was for twelve years president of the board of pension examiners at Decorah, and after a period of earnest and conscientious work in that capacity resigned in 1913. He is a republican in his political beliefs and connected fraternally with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen and the Rebekahs. Along professional lines he belongs to the Winneshiek County and the Iowa State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in touch with the trend of modern medical thought. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of duty in every relation in which he has been found, and his appreciation of the responsibilities which rest upon him make him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged.

CHRIS E. JOHNSON

Chris E. Johnson, who owns and operates one hundred acres of fine land on section 15, Madison township, was born in Wisconsin. October 16, 1858, and is a son of Eric and Isabelle Johnson, natives of Norway. The parents came to America and located in Wisconsin in 1840 and there the father bought land which he operated until 1868, when he came to Winneshiek county, Iowa. He here bought two hundred acres on section 15, Madison township, and improved and developed this fine property until his death, which occurred, however, in 1870, two years after his arrival.

Chris E. Johnson was educated in the district schools of Wisconsin and in Winneshiek county, whither he came when he was ten years of age. He remained with his mother until he had attained his majority and from childhood was thoroughly familiar with the details of farm operation, having learned them **im**practical experience upon the homestead. At the age of twenty-one he purchased one hundred acres from his mother and this he has developed and improved since that time, his farm being today one of the finest in his locality. Mr. Johnson has followed the most progressive and practical methods in its operation and his labors have been productive of excellent results, winning for him a place among the township's • representative and substantial agriculturists.

On the 30th of October, 1888, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Christe Void, a daughter of Ole and Anne Void, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1853 and located in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the father