

forward the work of development, making the farm today worthy of comparison with the finest agricultural properties in this section of the state.

On the 2d of March, 1893, Mr. Wheatman was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Fristad, a daughter of Haagen and Carrie Fristad, natives of Norway. The parents came to Winneshiek county at an early date and here the father engaged in farming, still making his home upon the property which he bought at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Wheatman have become the parents of three children: Myrtle, aged nineteen; Elmer, seventeen; and Beatrice, eight. Mr. Wheatman gives his political allegiance to the republican party and he takes an active interest in the affairs of the community where his entire life has been spent. He is a man of many fine qualities of character, strong and resolute in purpose, industrious and enterprising; and he is well known throughout the community for his uprightness and honesty, meriting and enjoying the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends.

JOSEPH SCHISSEL

Through well directed business activity and enterprise Joseph Schissel has gained recognition as one of the prosperous farmers of Winneshiek county. He owns an attractive homestead of two hundred acres on section 16, Military township and since 1858 has lived in the county, during a great portion of which time his labors have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have also proven effective forces in advancing the general welfare.

Mr. Schissel was born in Germany on the 15th of June, 1843, and is a son of Peter and Mary Schissel, who came to America in 1845, settling in Pennsylvania. In that state they resided for thirteen years and at the end of that time moved to Iowa, taking up their residence near Festina in Winneshiek county. The father purchased land in that locality and upon that property engaged in agricultural pursuits until shortly before his death which occurred in Ossian in 1907. He had long survived his wife who passed away in 1863. To their union were born five children: Barbara, George, Peter and John, who have passed away; and Joseph of this review.

When Joseph Schissel was fifteen years of age he accompanied his parents to Winneshiek county and he has remained a resident of this part of Iowa since that time, having won in the interval the respect, confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated. In his childhood he assisted with the work of the homestead, becoming a practical and able agriculturist, and at twenty-four he rented the home farm from his father, taking entire charge of its operation for one year. At the end of that time he rented one hundred and sixty acres additional land and for more than two years and a half managed both properties, his well directed labors being rewarded by a gratifying measure of success. He eventually purchased land of his own, buying two hundred acres upon which he resided for seven years, selling it at the end of that time and buying another farm similar in extent, the land lying on section 16, Military township. Five acres are in timber but upon the remainder he carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his enterprise being profitable as a result of his