

At the end of that time he went to Ward county, North Dakota, taking up a homestead claim which he afterward sold, going from there to Detroit, Michigan. In that city he entered the employ of a wholesale drug company but after one year returned to Winneshiek county and bought one hundred and fifty-three acres of land on section 9, Springfield township, a property which he has operated since 1908. Upon it he has made substantial improvements, carrying forward the work of cultivation along modern and practical lines and standing today among the most successful and able agriculturists of this township.

On the 1st of June, 1911. Mr. Winger was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Bang, a daughter of Anton and Berit (Hoyne) Bang, natives of Norway, who came to America at an early date and settled in Winneshiek county, where the father has since engaged in farming.

In addition to his farm in Springfield township Mr. Winger owns also a one hundred and sixty acre tract in North Dakota. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Hog Company of Decorah, the Decorah Cooperative Company, the Nord-ness Creamery Company and the Nordness Telephone Company, and his ability is widely recognized in business circles. He gives his political allegiance to the progressive party and is now serving in a capable and efficient way as township clerk. He is alert, energetic and enterprising and his sterling worth has gained him many friends in the community, the high regard in which he is held meriting his classification with the representative and honored citizens of his native county.

FRANK GEHLING.

Frank Gehling is engaged in general farming and stock-raising upon one hundred and fifty-five acres of the old Gehling homestead in Washington township, section 1, upon which he was born on the 2d of November, 1872. He is a son of Henry and Clara (Leitkenhaus) Gehling, natives of Germany, the former of whom came to America when he was eighteen years of age and after spending a few years in Wisconsin came to Winneshiek county, where he followed farming during the remainder of his life. He was township trustee for a number of years and served also as school director, taking a prominent and active part in public affairs. He died upon his farm in Washington township August 23, 1908, having survived his wife since March 13th of that year. To their union were born seven children, three of whom are still living: Elizabeth, the wife of Barney Holtey, of Ossian; Barnard, of Washington township; and Frank, of this review.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and has never left the homestead. He spent his childhood assisting in its operation and upon his father's retirement joined his brother in its management. After the estate was divided he secured one hundred and fifty-five acres and upon this fine property has since made his home, success steadily attending his well directed efforts in its development. He has all the land in a high state of cultivation and upon it has made substantial improvements, erecting a comfortable modern house and