

and is accounted among the most progressive and able agriculturists of his vicinity.

Joseph Steinmetz was born in Sumner township, this county, August 3, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Sophia (Miller) Steinmetz, natives of Germany, the former of whom came to America in 1851 and the latter in 1855. The father located immediately in Iowa and engaged in farming in Sumner township until his death, which occurred in 1865. His wife survives him and makes her home in Calmar. To their union were born six children: Mary, deceased; Regina, the wife of Philip Herold, of Howard county; Sophia, who married M. Herold, of Minnesota; Joseph, of this review; Margaret, who has passed away; and Bernard, also deceased. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Steinmetz married Ulrich Frey, now deceased, and they became the parents of nine children: Albert and Charles, of Sumner township; Louisa and Catherine, twins, the former the wife of Joseph Brockner, of Calmar, and the latter deceased; Anna, who married Robert Heiser, of Decorah; William, of Cresco; Katie, deceased; and Phillip and Bertha, twins, the former a resident of Spillville and the latter deceased.

Joseph Steinmetz spent his childhood upon the home farm and at an early age became familiar with the best agricultural methods. At eighteen he began earning his own livelihood, working as a farm laborer, and in 1890 he bought one hundred and forty acres lying on sections 21 and 28, Orleans township. To this he later added one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, and he has also purchased one hundred and nine acres of valuable land on section 30, Fremont township. He has made substantial improvements upon his homestead, erecting barns and outbuildings and neglecting nothing which would add to the value or appearance of the place. His general farming and stock-raising interests are extensive and his success places him in a high position in the agricultural circles of this part of the state.

On the 2d of July, 1894, Mr. Steinmetz was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Prinz and they have become the parents of six children, Luella, Leonard, Clinton, Joel, Elmer and Catherine. Mr. Steinmetz is a member of the Lutheran church and is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and has made an excellent official record as a member of the school board and as road supervisor.

JOSEPH K. SCHREIBER.

Joseph K. Schreiber, well known in commercial circles of Fort Atkinson as buyer and manager for the Farmers Produce Company, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on the 6th of January, 1854, and is a son of Anton and Christina Schreiber, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Holland. The father came to America as a young man and settled in Oldenburg, Indiana, whence in 1854 he came to Winneshiek county, where he engaged in farming during the remainder of his life, dying on the 14th of August, 1878. His wife survived him many years, passing away on the 29th of January, 1891.