

conditions, without outside help, without being helped by foreign means. A man born in a foreign country, he came here when eighteen years of age, retaining the sturdy characteristics of his Norseland race but quickly acquiring the splendid qualities of American citizenship and accommodating himself to the ideals of American manhood. His career is a worthy example of what can be achieved when industry and energy lead the way and is proof of the fact that prosperity is attainable for all and success but ambition's answer.

ERNEST A. GODDARD.

Ernest A. Goddard, one of the most active and progressive farmers of Washington township, was born on the farm he now operates October 26, 1874, a son of Harrison J. and Rhoda (Horton) Goddard, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He acquired his education in the district schools of his native community and from his childhood assisted with the work of the homestead, becoming in this way thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods and proving himself before he was of age a progressive and able farmer. At the age of twenty-two he rented the homestead from his father and has since carried forward the work of its improvement and development, success steadily attending his well directed labors. In 1910 he purchased eighty-five acres of the farm and upon this has erected a fine two-story modern home. The entire property is well improved with barns and outbuildings and equipped with the necessary machinery, and upon it Mr. Goddard carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his activities proving important and profitable under his able management. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising high-grade hogs and his animals command a ready sale and a high price upon the market.

On the 4th of March, 1896, Mr. Goddard was united in marriage to Miss Zelma Jones, and to their union have been born three children, Hazel, Guy and Esther. Mr. Goddard gives his political allegiance to the republican party, taking an active interest in everything relating to the growth, development and progress of his township. A resident of this part of Iowa from his birth to the present time, he has become widely and favorably known and his many excellent qualities of mind and character have commanded for him the esteem, confidence and respect of all who come in contact with him.

GEORGE TODD.

The pioneer history of Winneshiek county contains the record of no more worthy and honored citizen than George Todd, who settled upon a farm in Fremont township in 1857^{and} for forty-four years thereafter gave his undivided attention to agricultural pursuits, making substantial contributions to general growth and development. His death occurred upon his farm in January,