

tunities. Eventually, however, he moved into Festina and in that city established a brewery which under his able management became one of the largest industries of its kind in this section of the state, each year witnessing its further expansion, development and growth. The victory of the prohibition party in Iowa spelled almost complete ruin for Mr. Gardner who had invested his entire fortune in his enterprise, in the failure of which he lost over thirty thousand dollars. He did not allow this disaster to darken his life, however, but to the end of his days remained a highly honored, esteemed and respected resident of Festina, where his death occurred on the 6th of March, 1894.

Antone F. Gardner married Miss Mary Hanse, a daughter of Frank A. and Catherine (Debolt) Hanse, natives of France who spent their entire lives in that country and there died. Mrs. Gardner crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel in company with her brother when she was twenty-one years of age and landed at New Orleans, Louisiana, where three months later her marriage occurred. With her husband she came as a pioneer into Iowa, braving the hardships and difficulties of frontier life, and she has many interesting memories of those early times when the Indians were plentiful around Old Mission and wild game abounded in the forests. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner had no children of their own but adopted a daughter, Dora, now the wife of Martin A. Meyer of Fort Atkinson.

Living in Winneshiek county from early pioneer times, and identifying himself closely with the general interests of this part of the state, Antone F. Gardner became widely and favorably known, his important accomplishments winning him prominence in the field of business and his many sterling qualities of mind and character gaining the esteem, respect and confidence of all who were in any way associated with him. At all times he took an intelligent and active interest in community affairs, supporting with his cooperation many measures and projects of advancement and growth and thus it was that a life of genuine and unostentatious usefulness was brought to a close when on the 6th of March, 1894, he passed away.

#### ALBERT H. FRETTHM.

Albert H. Fretthem, one of the active and progressive farmers of Decorah township, is a native of Iowa, born in Allamakee county in March, 1858. His parents, Ole and Anna (Halvorson) Fretthem, were born in Norway and came to America in 1852, locating in Wisconsin, where they remained for three years. At the end of that time they removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, and there the father purchased and improved a fine farm, selling it finally and removing to Minnesota. From that state the family came to Winneshiek county and the father purchased land in Madison township, which he cultivated for the remainder of his life, passing away in September, 1892. His wife died November 9, 1911.

Albert H. Fretthem was only eight years of age when his parents came to this county and he acquired his education in the district schools of Madison township. At an early age he began assisting with the work of the homestead and before he had attained his majority was an able and progressive agriculturist.