

On the 24th of November, 1884, Mr. Sharp was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Headington, who was born in Canoe township in 1863. She is a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Powelson) Headington, natives of Ohio and early settlers in Iowa. The father has passed away, the mother making her home in Decorah. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have become the parents of nine children: Floyd, who resides in Sugar Creek, Missouri; Harry and Arthur, at home; Stella, the wife of Roy Tillotson, of Canoe township; Walter; Ruby; Myrtie; Fred; and Clyde.

Fraternally Mr. Sharp is connected with the Masonic order at Decorah, also belonging to the Eastern Star, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He takes an active part in local democratic politics and has been honored by his fellow citizens by election to various positions of trust and responsibility, including that of township treasurer and member of the school board, which latter office he has held for the past fifteen years, his work being at all times conscientious, efficient and beneficial. Having resided in this township during his entire life, he takes a great interest in its advancement and upbuilding and anything tending to promote its progress receives his indorsement and hearty support. He is a public-spirited, able and progressive citizen and well deserves the high regard and esteem in which he is uniformly held.

P. J. SPILDE.

Among Winneshiek county's successful and progressive native sons is numbered P. J. Spilde, who owns and operates a farm of eighty acres lying partly in Springfield and partly in Pleasant township. He was born in Pleasant township on December 16, 1873, and is a son of John P. and Julia (Spilde) Spilde, natives of Norway. The father came to America when he was nine years of age, locating in Winneshiek county, where he was reared and educated. Upon attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Pleasant township which he improved and operated for thirty-three years thereafter, becoming well known as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist and as a loyal and public-spirited citizen. Eventually he sold his property and retired from active business life, buying a ten acre farm in the same township, whereon he still resides, having reached the age of sixty-four. His wife is also living, being now sixty-two years of age.

P. J. Spilde was reared in Pleasant township, upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the district schools. He began his independent career at the early age of twelve and the independence and self-reliance developed in him by being thus early thrown upon his own resources have remained salient elements in his character since that time. Until 1895 he worked as a farm laborer and then rented land which he operated for two years, finally purchasing sixty acres on sections 3 and 4, Springfield township. He began the improvement and development of this property and as his financial resources grew added to his holdings, buying in 1907 twenty acres in Pleasant township, so that he now owns eighty acres of highly improved and cultivated land. His farm is provided with an attractive residence, good barns and outbuildings and is among the most desirable properties in this section of the county. Aside from his agricultural