

Mr. Donlan was married on the 13th of April, 1896, to Mary Josephine Ryan, who was born in Fremont township, Winneshiek county, November 28, 1875, a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Whalen) Ryan, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They were married, however, in Winneshiek county, becoming two of the earliest settlers of this section of the state. The mother is deceased, but; the father survives and makes his home in Cresco, this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Donlan have been born six children: Mary Josephine, who died at the age of three months; Walter Joseph; Leonard Michael; Mary Josephine, the second of the name; Catherine Agnes; and Alice Loretta. In his political views and affiliations Mr. Donlan is a democrat and he is a communicant of the Catholic church. His fraternal relations connect him with the Yeomen of America. Through his industry and economy, and the assistance of his estimable wife, he has acquired a fine farm property from which he derives a good annual income and he bids fair to attain still greater success in the future.

J. H. McMILLEN.

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Among the most prosperous farmers of Winneshiek county is numbered J. H. McMillen, who owns five hundred, eighty-two and a half acres on sections 10 and 15, Hesper township, with three sets of good buildings. His place is known as the Banner Stock Farm and is exceptionally well improved, there being three large barns and a large and commodious residence.

Mr. McMillen is a native of Hesper township, born April 11, 1865, and is a son of James and Nancy (McNaughton) McMillen. The father was born in New York, October 3, 1832, and settled in Winneshiek county, June 1, 1852, among its first pioneers. He died here in February, 1905. The mother, a native of Pennsylvania, was born March 7, 1839, and in April, 1864, married Mr. McMillen, having come to this county with her parents. Her death occurred March 6, 1907. All their married life they spent on the home farm in Hesper township. The father owned two hundred and forty acres of land which had been secured by the grandfather, John McMillen, from the government. The latter was among the first to die and be buried in this county. His wife, Ann, also died here. Mr. and Mrs. John McMillen had three children: Robert; Jane H. Hallock; and James, the father of our subject. All three are now deceased. J. H. McMillen is the oldest of eight children, the others being: R. A., of Esmond, North Dakota; W. H., residing on the home place in Hesper township; George, who moved to Oregon, where he married and was drowned while fording a river with a horse; J. C., of Hesper, North Dakota; Anna, who married Fred Koppen, of Hesper township; Maggie, the wife of John Freeman, of Oregon; and Jane, who married Guy Freeman, a brother of John, and they reside in North Dakota.

J. H. McMillen has always lived in Hesper township, where he received his educational advantages and early became acquainted with agricultural labors. He resided at home until his marriage and then for three years rented his grandfather's place. For the following five years he made his home on the Holloway place. He then bought his present farm, which he has extended as his means