

ginia; Peter, deceased; Wilbur; and Lillian, who married Fred Wilks, of Ogdensburg.

John Cunningham came to America with his parents in 1854 and at the age of thirteen, after his mother's death, worked as a farm hand in New York, continuing thus for nine years. He then spent one year in Minnesota and in 1873 located in Winneshiek county. He bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Orleans township, and in that locality he has since resided, adding to his holdings from time to time and becoming in the course of years one of the leading agriculturists in this part of Iowa. He owns seven hundred acres lying in Winneshiek and Howard counties and nine hundred and sixty acres of fine Manitoba land, and his business interests are always conducted in a capable and practical way. His Iowa farm is a well improved and productive property, thoroughly modern in equipment and supplied with everything necessary for carrying on agricultural pursuits according to the most scientific methods. Its buildings are substantial and in good repair and include a silo, with a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons. Mr. Cunningham gives personal supervision to his property and the results of his constant and well directed efforts are seen in the excellent condition and attractive appearance of the place.

On the 10th of June, 1875, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Emslie, and they have become the parents of two children: John L. who is associated with his father; and Olive, who became the wife of Mahlon Culbert, of Howard county.

Mr. Cunningham is a member of the Methodist church and is a republican in his political beliefs. Although he has never sought nor desired public office, he served for a time on the school board, the cause of education finding in him a loyal and able supporter. No farmer in Winneshiek county has achieved greater success in agricultural pursuits than has Mr. Cunningham and his individual prosperity is regarded as one of the most important elements in the general development of this section.

OLE HENRY ANDERSON.

Ole Henry Anderson is the owner of a farm of two hundred and ten acres on sections 12 and 13, Orleans township, and since 1897 has operated this property, making many substantial contributions to the general agricultural development. He was born in Norway, December 9, 1879, and is a son of Henry and Randy (Olson) Anderson, natives of that country. The father was a sailor and lost his life at sea, after which the mother brought their only son, the subject of this review, to America, locating near Rochester, Minnesota. There she afterward married Martin Isaacson and to this union was born a daughter, Mary, who resides in Lanesboro, Minnesota.

Ole H. Anderson is in all essential respects a self-made man for from an early age he has earned his own livelihood, attending district school during the winter months and spending his summers at farm labor. He came to Winneshiek county in 1892 and after renting land in Fremont township for five years came in 1897 to Orleans township, where he has since resided. He bought two hundred and ten