

J. Soukup, of Calmar township; Josephine, who married John Soukup, of Sumner township; Tena, the wife of Clemence Herold, of Sumner township; Frances, the widow of Joseph Swehla, of Spillville; John J., of this review; and Lena, the widow of James Shevik, of Spillville.

John J. Zoulek has always lived on the home place and at the death of his father came into possession of one hundred and ninety-five acres, part of which is located in Calmar township. He is an up-to-date and progressive farmer and has done much toward improving his property. His buildings are substantial and modern and his broad acres show careful attention. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, deriving a gratifying income from both lines of endeavor.

On October 10, 1893, Mr. Zoulek was married to Miss Frances Huber and to this union were born four children: Frank, who has passed away; Clara, born October 9, 1895; Emma, born April 9, 1897; and George J., born April 11, 1899.

Mr. Zoulek is a democrat in his political affiliations, giving his stanch support to the candidates and measures of that organization. He is a devout adherent of the Catholic church and fraternally is a Woodman. He enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him for what he has accomplished and also for those qualities of his character which have made possible these accomplishments.

BYRON A. CHANDLER.

Among the prominent business men of Decorah, Iowa, is Byron A. Chandler, who ably carries on a plumbing, heating and contracting establishment in that city, the outgrowth of a pioneer concern founded by his father. A native of Minnesota, he was born in Fillmore county on May 5, 1864, and is a son of A. A. and Mary (Wheeler) Chandler, the father a native of New York, being born near Jamestown on February 23, 1833. When he was yet a boy he moved with his parents to Michigan, where the family made their home for seven years before going to Wisconsin, where they lived until 1854. In that year they continued their westward march to Fillmore county, Minnesota, passing through Decorah while en route. For seven years the father had charge of a sawmill located on the Canoe river and known as the Baftlett mill. It was built by a Mr. Belding and was one of the first mills in that part of the country. He was married on January 20, 1860, to Miss Mary M. Wheeler, who lived near Bun-Oak, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Ephraim Adams of Decorah. They made their home on the farm in Fillmore county, Minnesota, until 1865, when removal was made to Frankville, Iowa, whence in 1866 they came to Decorah. There the father engaged in selling pumps and moving buildings. He would go to McGregor and buy a wagon load of wooden pumps, retailing them by-traveling through the country. He subsequently formed a partnership with a Mr. McMasters, opening a storeroom in Decorah in order to handle his business from there. This partnership continued until 1879, when the father bought out Mr. McMaster's interest, continuing to be connected with the business until his death. During his later years he also did an extensive trade in windmills, which line he added to the stock he carried. He met his death on July 23, 1910,