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county, Iowa, in 1868. They located on a farm on section 21, Washington township, and there the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired from active life in 1902, removing to Fort Atkinson in the same year, where he lived until his death July 5, 1913. He and his wife became the parents of eight children : Agatha, the wife of John Schreffler, of Ida Grove, Iowa; Pauline and Alary, both deceased; Henry, the subject of this review; Fred, of Ossian; Frank, living on the old homestead ; Albert, who resides in Fort Atkinson ; and Josephine, the wife of George Roach, of Dubuque, Iowa.

Henry Leibold was only three years of age when he came to Winneshiek county and he here acquired his education, dividing his time in his childhood between the books and work upon his father's farm. By the time he attained his majority he had become a practical and able agriculturist and at twenty-seven purchased land, buying one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Washington township, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred and sixty acres. In addition to his general farming he is also extensively interested in the breeding and raising of stock and this branch of his activities is an important source of income.

Mr. Leibold was married May 30, 1893, to Miss Annie Sudtelgte, and they became the parents of eight children: Olevia and Eleanora, twins, the former of whom is at home and the latter deceased; Hugo, Bertha, George, Arthur and Emma, all of whom are still at home; and a daughter who died in infancy

Mr. Leibold is a devout member of the Roman Catholic church and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, having served as road supervisor and as treasurer of school district No. 4. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, he is interested in the growth and advancement of the section where he has resided for forty-five years and to the agricultural development to which he has made so many substantial contributions.

NELS GUNVAL.

Nels Gunval operates a valuable farm of two hundred and ten acres on section 36, Lincoln township, Winneshiek county, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He was born January 15, 1855, a son of Gunval Olson and Ingeborg (Nelson) Gunval, natives of Norway. They came to America in 1845, locating near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they remained for nine years before coming to Winneshiek county, where they made settlement on an eighty-acre farm. The father followed farming all his life and died January 3, 1892, greatly beloved and highly esteemed by all who knew him. The mother survived for about ten years, her death occurring on the 2d of February, 1902. The father was for seven years a member of the board of supervisors and had the distinction of having represented Lincoln township on that board the first time a supervisor was elected from the township. In the family were eight children: Lollie, the wife of Iver Engbretson, of North Dakota; Ole, of Taylor, North Dakota; Carrie, of Dickinson, that state; Nels, deceased; Nels, of this review; John, of Taylor, North Dakota; George, of Sumner township; and Annie, deceased.