

William Mailey came to America with his mother in 1861 and after residing in Franklin county, Missouri, for about seven years, moved to Iowa, where he has since resided upon his present farm. After the death of his father half of the homestead came into his possession and he has carried forward the work of its development along practical and progressive lines, his labors being attended by a gratifying degree of success. His farm comprises three hundred and ninety-five acres lying on sections 34 and 35, Bluffton township, and is provided with a large modern, nine-room residence built in 1913, commodious barns, substantial outbuildings and all of the necessary labor-saving machinery. Mr. Mailey engages in general farming and stock-raising and his interests, being capably conducted, are proving profitable and important. The farm, for which in its wild and uncultivated state the father paid from five to eight dollars an acre, has become in the course of years a fine agricultural property located on an elevation commanding an excellent view of the surrounding country. The place owes much of its beauty and value to the well directed efforts of its owner, who concentrates his attention upon its further improvement and development.

In 1873, in Bluffton township, this county, Mr. Mailey was united in marriage to Miss Johannah Casey, who was born in Ohio, September 20, 1854, and who came to Iowa with her parents when she was three years of age. She is a daughter of William and Mary (Madden) Casey, natives of Ireland, and is one of a family of ten children, six daughters and four sons. Mr. and Mrs. Mailey have ten children: John, who lives at home; Martin, of Bluffton township; Mary, who married Ed Rooney, of Decorah; Maggie, who is the wife of Patrick McKinney, of Bluffton township; Kate, the wife of Joseph Baburek of Calmar; and Alice, Josie, Lizzie, William and Rose, all at home.

Mr. Mailey gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a devout member of St. Bridget's Catholic church of Bluffton township. He has lived in Winneshiek county since 1867 and has borne an active part in the work of progress since that time. He is now seventy-four years of age and his life has been one in which fidelity to principle has combined with business enterprise to make him a valued and worthy citizen.

FRANK E. CRATSENBERG.

There is hardly a figure in the financial circles of Decorah better known or more esteemed than Frank E. Cratsenberg, the assistant cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank, being appointed to this office in August, 1912, and having since brought his wide experience to the fulfillment of his duties. A native of Winneshiek county, he was born in Burr Oak, February 2, 1875, and is a son of Andrew T. and Julia (Phelps) Cratsenberg, natives of New York. The father came to Winneshiek county at an early date in the history of this section and settled in Burr' Oak, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which he successfully followed until his retirement in 1903. He had been a soldier of the Civil war, serving as captain of the Pioneer Corps in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry, and was well known and