

acres of fine land, and upon it Mr. Meyer steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, making it a valuable and productive property. This he sold in 1903 and removed to Ossian, where he erected a fine, modern home in which he has since resided, being numbered today among the most substantial and honored residents of the town. He has of late years given a great deal of attention to public affairs and in 1911 was elected county supervisor, a position which he still holds. He has proven capable, reliable and conscientious in the discharge of his important duties, and his able management of the affairs of the office has reflected credit alike upon his ability and his public spirit.

Mr. Meyer was married on the 24th of September, 1889, to Miss Ida F. Dessel of Festina, Iowa, and they became the parents of ten children: Bertha; Irma, of Rochelle, Illinois; Ursula; Wilfred, who has passed away; Marcella, George, Victor, Jerome, and Inez; and Arthur, deceased.

The family are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Meyer is connected fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Foresters. Always a progressive and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Meyer has rendered the township and county excellent service in various positions of trust and honor, having been township trustee for two terms, a member of the school board and census taker. In the office which he now holds he is proving entirely satisfactory and capable, and his official record is a conclusive evidence of the integrity, conscientiousness, industry and ability which have been the dominating forces in all of his success.

NELS A. EVENRUD.

Nels A. Evenrud, who has been a lifelong farmer and in the wise utilization of his time and opportunities has won success, was born in Glenwood township, March 4, 1867, his parents being Andrew T. and Carrena (Nelson) Evenrud, natives of Norway. The father's birth occurred in 1828 and the mother was born in 1831. They came to the United States in 1853 and for about two years Mr. Evenrud worked in Wisconsin, after which he came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, casting in his lot among its early settlers. He secured eighty acres of school land and later added to the property until the whole comprised two hundred acres, and in addition he had one hundred and twenty acres which he purchased in 1888 and an eighty-acre tract of timber land. Success attended him as the years went by, his knowledge and enterprise enabling him to overcome many obstacles and difficulties, and he worked his way steadily upward to prosperity. It was in 1856, in this county, that he was married, and the remainder of his life was spent upon the home farm in Glenwood township to the time of his retirement, when he removed to Decorah, where his widow still resides. His death occurred in that city in 1909. In addition to the cultivation of his fields he had engaged in stock-raising and was very generous with his means as success attended his efforts. He was one of the most liberal donors to the building of the Lutheran church and was very active in all departments of the church work, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In politics he was a staunch republican but never would consent to hold office, on account of not