

allegiance to the republican party and is now in the third term of his service as township trustee, a capacity in which he has accomplished a great deal of beneficial work. A resident of this township since his birth, he is widely known here and has gained gratifying recognition as a progressive agriculturist and a public-spirited citizen.

FRANK DREW.

The attractiveness of Winneshiek county as a place of residence is indicated by the fact that many of her leading sons have remained within her borders after reaching the active stage of life. Among this number is Frank Drew, an enterprising agriculturist who was born July 1, 1874, upon the farm which is now his home. It is a splendid place of five hundred acres of rich and productive land, in addition to which he owns one hundred and twenty acres in another farm in Glenwood township and one hundred and sixty acres in Union Prairie township, Allamakee county. He personally operates all three and is one of the leading stock-raisers of this section of Iowa.

Frank Drew is a son of James and Catherine (O'Malley) Drew, natives of County Limerick, Ireland, where they were reared. The father came to the United States in 1852, settling at Batavia, New York, where he worked as a laborer for three years. Believing that the west furnished better opportunities he made his way to Winneshiek county, Iowa, which was then largely an unimproved and undeveloped district. He paid three dollars per acre for his first eighty-acre tract and to this farm he added from time to time as his financial resources permitted, until at the time of his death he was the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land in the old homestead. He was born June 7, 1819, and was therefore in the seventy-fifth year of his age when he passed away on the 3d of April, 1894. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church while his political support was given to the democratic party. His wife, who was born March 17, 1834, came to the United States, alone, in 1855 and in Batavia, New York, on the 30th of January, 1857, she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Drew. For the past fifty-six years she has resided upon the farm on section 11, Glenwood township, which is still her home. She is one of the well known pioneer women of the district and has witnessed the greater part of the growth and progress of the county. In the family were eleven children: Annie, the deceased wife of Charles Lynch; Bridget, the wife of James Kearns, of Decorah; John and Mike, who are living in Madison township; James and William, of Allamakee county; Pat, whose home is in Madison township; Maggie, the wife of Thomas Carlan; Mary, the wife of Thomas Murphy, of Wacoma, Iowa; Frank, of this review; and Ellen, the wife of J. P. O'Neil, of Allamakee county.

Frank Drew spent his boyhood and youth upon the home farm in Winneshiek county and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. As he advanced in years and his strength increased he gave more and more of his time to the actual work of the farm and is now busily engaged in the supervision of the three tracts of land previously mentioned. The five hundred acre tract is part of his father's estate while the other two farms