

On the 13th of November, 1894, Mr. Schissel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stepan and they have become the parents of six children: Leona P., born April 10, 1896; Gertrude, whose birth occurred on the 23d of August, 1898; Leonard G., born January 20, 1900; Alma F., born March 27, 1904; Paul A., whose natal day was November 12, 1905; and Beatrice W., born September 13, 1912.

Mr. Schissel is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party, having served for one term as township assessor. He is well known in his native community as a man of tried integrity and worth, reliable in business and loyal in citizenship, and he and his family stand high in the estimation of the community.

ABRAHAM JACOBSON.

On the list of Winneshiek county's honored dead appears the name of Abraham Jacobson, who had passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten ere death called him. His was a long and active life in which he did valuable service to his fellowmen, and his memory remains enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him as one whose ideals were lofty and whose purposes were high. He was one of Norway's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in Telemarken, January 3, 1836. He was a son of Jacob Abrahamson, who came to America in 1848, the family home being established near Muskego, in Racine county, Wisconsin. The parents later removed to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and here their remaining days were spent, the father passing away in 1879 and the mother in 1884.

Abraham Jacobson was a lad of twelve years when the family came to the new world, and at that early age he began working for the proprietor of a hotel, store and postoffice at Little Muskego Lake, Wisconsin, his wages being but twenty-five cents per week. He was thus engaged for two years, or until his parents removed to Iowa in 1850, locating in Winneshiek county near Decorah. Here the lad worked for two years but, ambitious for an education and desiring to enter the ministry, he in 1852, entered what was then known as the University of Illinois, at Springfield, an institution built and supported by the Lutherans. In order to bear his own expenses and pay his way through school Mr. Jacobson accepted the position of janitor and later served as custodian in the courthouse, in which Abraham Lincoln delivered many addresses before meetings while Mr. Jacobson was engaged in the latter capacity. After completing his course at college he was appointed pastor of the First Lutheran church at Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for one year, when he returned to Iowa but was soon called to the newly organized territory of Dakota, making the trip overland by ox team. His mission fields were at Yankton, Elk Point and Vermilion, where many Norwegian emigrants had formed settlements, and after assisting his countrymen at those points for a time he went to the quarantine station at Quebec, Canada, to give his aid to the Norwegian emigrants who were landing in that city in large numbers. In the fall of 1864 he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where, desirous of extending his knowledge, he