

1870; Annie, on the 30th of March, 1872; and Julius, on the 6th of August, 1874.

WILLIAM HARTLEY was born in 1815, in Cambridgeshire, England, where he was reared on a farm and remained until 1848. He then came to America, locating in Evansville, Indiana, which was his home for seven years, devoting his time to various occupations. Then, after a residence of several years in Allamakee county, Iowa, first on a farm and afterwards in the hotel business, Mr. Hartley came to this place, arriving in April, 1864, and has since labored in the cultivation of his farm.

ANTHONY HUYCK, a pioneer of Caledonia, and one of the most successful farmers of this region, is a native of Albany county, New York, his birth dating the 4th of January, 1828. His home was with his parents until he came to Kenosha county, Wisconsin, in 1848. After a residence of about four years in the latter place he removed to Caledonia, then to Mayville, and thence to Crooked Creek, remaining till 1858, when he came to his present farm, which contains two hundred and forty acres. On the 5th of June, 1859, he was united in marriage with Miss Emily Colby of Freeborn county. They have had four children, three of whom died of scarlet fever during the year 1870. In 1877, Mr. Huyck was elected to the House of Representatives. He is one of those genial men, whom every one is glad to meet, and with whom it is pleasant to spend an evening, listening to his many incidents of the early settlement.

GJERMUND JOHNSON LOMMEN, one of the first settlers of this town, is a native of Norway, born on the 21st of December, 1824. He was reared on a farm, and came to America, locating in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1849. He remained there until coming to this place in 1853, first settling in section sixteen, but a few months later, removed to his present farm in section seven. On the 15th of November, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Olson. Of eight children born to them but three are living; Mary, Sarah, and Isabel G. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, at Spring Grove.

OLE P. LANSVERK was born in Wisconsin on the 18th of June, 1850, of Norwegian parents. When Ole was about six years old they came to this place, locating in section eighteen. The subject of this sketch assisted his father on the farm and

attended school until 1872, when he, in company with his brother, purchased land in section nineteen. He was married to Miss Caroline Nelson on the 3d of July, 1873. They have had four children, three of whom are living. In 1875, Mr. Lansverk purchased his brother's interest in the farm, and has since made it his home.

HENRY LUEHR dates his birth the 4th of April, 1851, in Hanover, where his early days were spent, engaged in farming. He came to America when sixteen years of age, and located in Wisconsin, remaining one summer; then to Dorchester, Iowa, where his father resided. In 1874, he purchased his present farm, but still resided with his parents. On the 11th of July, 1878, Mr. Luehr was married to Miss Louisa Deters, who bore him one child, Otto, who died in infancy. They moved to their farm in this place in 1878, and have since made it their home.

JOHN MCNELLY, a prominent man of this county, and also one of its pioneers, is a native of Down county, Ireland, born on the 25th of March, 1830. He came to America when about eighteen years of age, and located in Norwich, Connecticut, where he was employed as clerk in a store for a time, and afterward as traveling salesman. In 1855, he came to this place, and resided on a farm in section thirty-six about ten years before purchasing his present home. Mr. McNelly was elected Town Clerk on the organization of Wilmington, and has held the office of County Commissioner and various local positions. From 1874 to 1876, he was a member of the House of Representatives from this district, and then elected State Senator, which office he held two years. He now resides on his farm devoting his time to its cultivation.

OLE O. MYHRE, a native of Rock Run, Stephenson county, Illinois, was born on the 26th of January, 1851. When he was quite young his parents moved to Allamakee county, Iowa, and two years later to this place where our subject has since resided. On the 24th of March, 1876, he was married to Miss Margaret O. Engen. The same year he purchased his present farm which has since been their home. Mr. Myhre has held the office of Supervisor and Treasurer, and is at present Town Clerk.

KNUD OLSEN is a native of Norway and was born on the 14th of April, 1849. He came with his parents to America in 1852, locating in Illinois

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