

also belonged. He is a man of unquestioned honesty and his helpful, genial and neighborly characteristics have made him popular with all whom he has come in contact.

AUGUST FISCHER.

August Fischer, a retired lumberman of Georgetown, Clay county, was born in the province of Ontario, Canada, December 14, 1854, a son of Fidilias and Celia (Gould) Fischer, both natives of Germany, where they spent their earlier years. Fidilias Fischer was a civil engineer and was very proficient in his line. He immigrated to Canada when a young man, establishing his future home in Ontario, where he spent the rest of his life. His family consisted of eight children, namely: August, Mary, Pauline, Lucas, John, Lena, George and Eliza.

August Fischer grew to manhood in his native community and there attended the common schools. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, becoming an expert in the same, and he followed that vocation until he was twenty-eight years old. He left Canada in 1881 and came to Minnesota, locating at Georgetown, Clay county, and has been there ever since. He has seen the country develop from a sparsely settled and little developed stretch of wild plains to its present high state of cultivation and improvement during his residence here of thirty-six years. He was local manager of the W. H. White Lumber Company for twenty-seven years, his long retention in this responsible position indicating that he gave eminent satisfaction to his employers, being able, faithful and reliable. He carried on an extensive trade with the people of this section of the state and kept an up-to-date and well-equipped lumber yard. He resigned his position in 1915 and retired from the lumber business, and soon thereafter opened a billiard hall in connection with a soda fountain and owns the fixtures and building. He has met with success in this new venture and his place is very popular. He is living practically retired and merely oversees his business.

In 1883 Mr. Fischer was married to Mary Hoffman, a native of Michigan, who was reared in North Dakota, where she attended the common schools. She is a daughter of John and Grace (Schuler) Hoffman, natives of Germany. John Hoffman was a brewer in Germany for about fifteen years. He moved to North Dakota in 1877 and took up a homestead. Both he and his wife are now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Fischer the following

children have been born: Clara, Mary, Edward, August, Jr., Fred, Frank, Herbert, William and Claude.

Mr. Fischer is a Democrat. He served as justice of the peace for four years, as village treasurer for four years, as health commissioner for six years and as clerk of his school district for thirteen years. He has been active and influential in public affairs since locating at Georgetown and as a public servant he has discharged his duties in an able and conscientious manner. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which he was reared.

JOHN H. NORTHROP.

John H. Northrop, farmer and grain buyer of Georgetown, Clay county, was born in Allegan county, Michigan, May 18, 1865. He is a son of Stephen and Mary (Osterhout) Northrop. The father was a native of the state of New York and when young he went to Allegan county, Michigan, where he engaged in farming until 1882, when he removed with his family to Minnesota, and settled on a farm in Moland township, Clay county, where he continued farming until 1885, in which year he moved to Aitkin county, this state, and there he spent the rest of his life on a farm. His wife died in 1873. Their family consisted of five children, Charles, Albert, Alice, John H. and May, the last named of whom died when she was a child.

John H. Northrop grew to manhood on the farm in Allegan county, Michigan, being eighteen years old when he came with the family to Minnesota. He received his education in the rural schools near Troy, Michigan. During the crop seasons he worked with his father raising the various crops adapted to this latitude. When nineteen years old he began farming for himself in Kragnes township, Clay county, and he has continued general agricultural pursuits ever since, raising grain and live stock and his efforts have been amply rewarded. In 1889 he moved to Cass county, North Dakota, just across the river from Clay county, remaining there until 1903, when he moved back to Clay county, locating at Georgetown and this has been his place of residence ever since. Since 1902 he has been local manager of the St. Anthony elevator and has built up a large and growing business with the surrounding country, making this one of the leading and popular elevators in the county. He is owner of two hundred and twenty acres of valuable and well-improved land in section