

## DICK MEYER.

Dick Meyer, a well-known and substantial farmer of Humboldt township, owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in sections 2 and 3, that township, at present township treasurer and in other ways connected with the public life of Humboldt township, is a native of Germany, born in that country in July, 1860, but has been living in America since 1882. He is the son of Herre and Mary (Hein) Meyer, natives of Germany and who lived and died in that country.

Herre Meyer was born in Germany in 1831 and was educated in the schools of that country. By occupation he was a farmer and continued thus engaged throughout his active life, his death taking place in 1917, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. The intimation of his father's death reached his son, Dick, the subject of this sketch, through a newspaper notice. His wife, Mary Hein, was also born in the fatherland and spent all her life in her native land, her death occurring in 1907, having reached seventy-three years of age. To Herre Meyer and wife the following children were born: Hey, a farmer, living in Germany; Trenty, married and living in Germany; Dick, living in Humboldt township; Volke (1) deceased, and Volke (2), also deceased.

Dick Meyer received a sound education in the excellent schools of Germany and was reared on his father's place, where he assisted in the labors of developing the farm. At the age of twenty-two, in 1882, he immigrated to the United States, his first place of residence in this country being Madison county, Illinois, where he worked on farms for some years. In 1901 Mr. Meyer moved to Clay county and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land in section 2, Humboldt township, the farm on which he now lives. He is also the owner of another one hundred and sixty acres in section 3, in the same township. He carries on general farming and since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his two tracts of land being in excellent condition. The dwelling house in which Mr. Meyer and his family reside was erected before he became the owner of the farm, but all the other buildings, including a new barn, were put up by him. His place is well improved and he is generally regarded as one of the substantial and progressive farmers in the township, operating his place according to modern methods of agriculture. He plants about forty-five acres of potatoes, the yield to the acre being well up to the average for the district.

In 1891 Dick Meyer was united in marriage to Cena Johnson, who was born in Christian county, Illinois, in 1869, the marriage taking place in Iowa. They are the parents of the following children: Herman, John, Mary, Cena and Kattie. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer take a proper interest in the affairs of the community in which they reside, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of neighborhood and township. Mr. Meyer gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and is now serving as township treasurer, filling the office with a marked degree of ability. He also was a director on the district school board for six years, his attention to educational matters during that period being unremitting.

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### HANS J. ULLRICH.

Hans J. Ullrich, well-known grain buyer at the village of Downer, and clerk of the township of Elkton, Clay county, was born in Germany, but has been a resident of this country since he was ten years of age, and of Minnesota since 1885. He was born on October 27, 1870, son of Hans and Wiby (Glohe) Ullrich, also natives of Germany, who came to the United States with their family in 1880 and settled in Boone county, Iowa. Five years later they came to Minnesota and settled on a farm in Martin county, and there Mrs. Ullrich spent her last days. Some time after his wife's death, Hans Ullrich, Sr., moved to Elkton township, Clay county, where he was engaged in farming until his death. He took an active interest in local civic affairs and was serving as a member of the board of township supervisors at the time of his death. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were five of these children, all of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Henry, John and Marcus, and a sister, Anna.

Having been but a boy when he came to this country with his parents in 1880, Hans J. Ullrich completed his schooling in the schools of Iowa and Martin county, Minnesota, where he began farming on his own account. He remained there until the fall of 1899, when he came up into the Red River country, where he has ever since made his home, living in Downer and vicinity. For a time after coming here, he was engaged in farm labor and then for five years was engaged as a clerk in a store at Downer, working first for John Seim and later for Mrs. Hawkins, the latter having suc-