

ANDREW SCOTT GRAHAM.

One of the most successful young agriculturists and stockmen of Poweshiek county is Andrew Scott Graham, who was born on the farm where he now resides in Madison township on the 4th of July, 1878. His parents are Archie and Christiana (Brownlie) Graham, the father a native of Smith Falls, Canada, and the mother of Iowa. Archie Graham came to the United States in the early '60s, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he resided for several years, and then removed to Poweshiek county, settling upon a farm in Madison township. He met with success in his agricultural pursuits and added to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired four hundred acres of land, in the cultivation of which he engaged until the 1st of March, 1904, when he retired and removed to Brooklyn, where he and his wife continue to reside.

The education of Andrew Scott Graham was obtained in the district schools of his native township, and in the Capital City Commercial College, following which he assisted his father in the cultivation of the homestead until the latter's retirement, at which time he assumed the entire management. In 1910 he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, which he also operates in addition to the 160 contained in his father's farm. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with more than a fair degree of success in both undertakings. Each year he feeds one carload of cattle and two of hogs for the market. He has an excellent farm, which is well improved and highly cultivated, everything about the place giving evidence of the capable supervision and regard for details which bespeaks success in any vocation.

On the 8th of February, 1904, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Graham and Miss Bertha Graham, a daughter of Thomas and Jennie (Lang) Graham,

who were at one time well known residents of Madison township. Thomas Graham originally came from Smith Falls, Canada, but the mother is a native of Scott county, Iowa. When Mrs. Bertha Graham was a child of five years the family removed to Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming for fifteen years. In 1899 the family returned to Iowa, settling in Brooklyn, where Thomas Graham has ever since lived retired. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Graham: Blanch Elizabeth, who was born on the 27th of July, 1906; and Robert Edward, whose birth occurred on the 26th of January, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham hold membership in the Christian church, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Corinthian Lodge, No. 174, A. F. & A. M., of Brooklyn. His political allegiance he gives to the republican party, and for more than five years he has been the choice of the people for the office of township clerk, which office he continues to hold. Mr. Graham is one of the progressive and energetic young farmers of Madison township, and judging by the measure of success awarded his efforts thus far his future appears most promising.