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WILLIAM F. VOGT.

Starting out for himself as a young man with the laudable ambition to win for himself an honorable place in the world, William F. Vogt has succeeded, perhaps, even beyond the brightest expectations of his earliest years, and today he is living retired on a beautiful farm in Poweshiek county, while his sons are carrying forward the work which he began. He is a native of Scott county, Iowa, and was born June 9, 1848, a son of John C. and Catherine (Graff) Vogt, both of whom were born in Holstein, Germany. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1847, locating on a farm in Scott county, Iowa, where Mr. Vogt established his home.

Educated in the district schools William F. Vogt grew up under the friendly shelter of the parental home and was early made acquainted with the many details of agriculture and stock-raising. Even as a boy he showed special adaptability to agricultural pursuits, and as he grew to manhood it became evident that he was destined to become a successful farmer. He continued at home until after he had reached the age of manhood and then began farming on his own account in his native county. In 1883 he came to Poweshiek county and for twenty-two years applied himself to farming and stockraising with most gratifying results. In 1905 he moved to Grinnell, and after living for three years in the city returned to the country and took up his residence on a farm which he had acquired adjoining his old homestead. Here, surrounded by every comfort that can be desired, he is enjoying the fruits of many years of labor. He is an extensive landowner, being the possessor of one thousand and nine acres in Poweshiek county, and also of land in Jasper county and three hundred and twenty acres in Minnesota. In addition to his agricultural interests

he is vice president of the Citizens Bank of Grinnell, of which he was one of the founders. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Brick & Tile Company of Grinnell, and is a man whose judgment in business affairs is greatly respected wherever he is known.

On the 13th day of March, 1875, Mr. Vogt was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Brockman, a daughter of C. H. and Anna (Sindt) Brockman, both of whom were born in Germany. The family came to America and located in Scott county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. He passed away in 1898, but the mother is still living on the old homestead with her son. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, namely: C. J., who married Sadie Evans, of Grinnell township and now lives on the home farm; Harry C., also on the home farm; Walter E. and Otis B., both of whom are on the home farm; Clarence, who is now a student in the common schools; Grover Cleveland, who is living with his parents; William McKinley; Anna C.; Julia A., who received a high school education and is now teaching at Montezuma; and Mildred C., at home.

Mr. Vogt and his estimable wife are sincere members of the German Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf. By his ballot he supports the principles and candidates of the republican party, being allied with the progressive element, which believes that the party has within itself the resources and ability to correct the evils of government as they arise. He has always been enterprising and public-spirited and few men have contributed more materially to the welfare of the community. As a result he has a host of friends in Poweshiek county who do not hesitate to declare that William F. Vogt is a model citizen.