

1866, and is a daughter of Shelby P. and Louisa E. Brock. The former was born near Nashville, Tennessee, while the latter was born at Terre Haute, Indiana. Her father was born February 6, 1836, and is still living. He is a farmer by occupation, and was four years of age when brought to Wapello county, where he remained until 1873, when he went to Pottawatomie county, Kansas, where he now lives. His father, James Brock, was a farmer in the South, where he was born, and his grandfather, Thomas Brock, came to America from England at an early day and followed the trade of a carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Wellman have two children: George B., who was born October 21, 1889; and Julia May, born July 6, 1892.

JOHN THEUNISSON (children spell the name Tennyson), a highly respected farmer of Center township, Wapello county, Iowa, is living on section 32, township 72, range 14. He is a native of Holland, and was born in 1835. He was put to work on his father's farm very early in life, and, therefore, his education was much neglected, although he learned to read and write. He was ambitious to better his condition, and at the age of eighteen years came to America. He spent some time in Chicago before coming to Iowa. He first settled in Keokuk, Iowa, where he worked at teaming. After saving some money he removed to Eddyville, Wapello county, where he remained five

years, then moved to his present neighborhood and rented for five years, and then bought his present home farm. He first bought 52 acres in Center township for \$450, paying \$250 down. The land was in a wild state, and there was nothing on the place but a very rude log cabin, not fit to live in. He managed to spend the following winter in this cabin, and early in the spring which followed fixed up the house. In 1878 he erected his present large frame house. The land is in an excellent condition, and everything about the place is suggestive of Mr. Theunisson's thrifty and energetic management. His farm consists of 131 acres of valuable land.

In 1859 Mr. Theunisson married Dora Vandaloo, whose parents came from Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Theunisson have eight children, namely: Mary Ann, born in 1861; John H., born in 1863; Cornelius, born in 1865; William H., born in 1867; Nellie, born in 1869; Anna Mary, born in 1871; Elizabeth, born in 1873; and Thomas, born December 21, 1882. The children spell the family name Tennyson.

Mr. and Mrs. Theunisson are members of the Catholic church, and their children were baptized in that faith.

SHELTON HALE, deceased, who was a prominent farmer of Center township, Wapello county, Iowa, died October 21, 1901. He was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1844, and was a son of Peter and Mary Hale.