

farmed until in February, 1911, when he sold out and came to Minnesota. He bought one hundred and sixty acres in section 6, Barnesville township, Clay county, and there he has since been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has since added another quarter section of land to his fine farm, in the same section. He also conducts a dairy, the output of which is constantly increasing. His place is well improved in every respect and he is regarded as one of the progressive general farmers and stock men of his township.

Mr. Possehl was married in 1894 to Emma Hopkey, a native of this country, who was educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of John and Minnie Hopkey, of Latimer, Iowa. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Possehl, namely: Walter, Herman, Jr., and Aleda.

Politically, Mr. Possehl is a Republican and is at present a member of the board of supervisors of Barnesville township. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, in which faith he was reared. While living in Franklin county, Iowa, he was assessor of his township.

JOHN F. YOUNG.

John F. Young, an energetic and substantial farmer, also renter of land and engaged in general farming, is a native of the Empire state, but has been a resident of Clay county for the past fourteen years. He is the son of John and Ann (Miller) Young, both of whom were natives of England and who left that country while yet young and came to the United States.

John Young was born in England in 1838 and some years later immigrated to the United States and went to Cortland county, New York, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring about twenty-five years ago. He was married to Ann Miller, who was also a native of England and who came to this country when a young girl. They were married in Cortland, New York. Mrs. Young died in the fall of the year 1916. They were the parents of the following children: Wilfred, living; Jennie and Anna, deceased; Ella, married; Rose, married; William, deceased; Henry, John and Nancy, the latter also deceased.

John F. Young, the subject of this sketch, was born in Cortland county, New York, in 1874. He was educated in the public schools and early decided to follow the life of a farmer. He came to Minnesota in 1903 and

immediately proceeded to rent some land in Clay county. He succeeded in his early venture and later acquired a tract of land by purchase and is now the owner of one hundred and fifty acres of choice land, in addition to which he rents three hundred and twenty acres. He carries on general farming, including the cultivation of potatoes, and since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition and the improvements of modern class. Mr. Young contemplates raising Red Polled cattle and success in this line is also predicted for him.

In August, 1900, John F. Young was united in marriage to Christina Larson, who was born in Olmsted county, Minnesota, in 1879. To this union the following children have been born: Ruth, Robert, Arthur and Helen. Mr. Young takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and in the general affairs of the community, but has never been a seeker after political office, preferring to devote his time to his agricultural interests.

AUGUST F. HOPPE.

August F. Hoppe, one of the progressive young farmers of Alliance township, Clay county, the owner of a quarter section of fine land adjoining his father's place in that township, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born at Winona in 1884, a son of August and Augusta Hoppe, natives of Germany, the former of whom was born in 1856, who came to this country with their family in the early eighties and settled at Winona, this state, where they lived until about 1895, when they came up into this part of the state and settled in Clay county, where they have since made their home. August Hoppe is the owner of a half section of land in Alliance township and has developed a fine bit of farm property there, his place being well improved and profitably cultivated. His son August owns a quarter of a section adjoining, the places being in sections 20 and 21. August Hoppe and wife have nine children, William, Fred, Charles, Frank, John, August, Bertha, Annie and Ida. Of these, Fred, August, Annie and Bertha are married.

August F. Hoppe was about eleven years of age when his parents settled in Clay county and his schooling was completed in the schools of his home neighborhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued aid in the labors of improving and developing the home place and in time