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### **Past and Present of Marshall County, Iowa by Judge William Battin. 2 vols. Indianapolis, Ind.: B. F. Bowen, 1912.**

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#### **John Breunig**

It would indeed be difficult to find a more industrious and painstaking citizen and business man than John Breunig, of Eden township, a member of a fine old Marshall county family, members of which have done much for the general progress of the locality. He was born in this township, two miles south of Rhodes, September 19, 1861. He grew up in his native community and was educated in the local school, and up to September, 1910, was always identified with agricultural pursuits in a general way. Upon the date mentioned he and his son in law purchased the hardware store in Rhodes, in which business he intends to continue. He was a successful farmer and stock man and it seems that he has peculiar ability as a merchant also. He has a well arranged and carefully stocked store, handling an excellent grade of most everything that a farmer needs and a large patronage is enjoyed.

Joseph Breunig, an old and influential settler of Eden township, was born in Baden, Germany, February 2, 1827, and there he grew to maturity and was educated, emigrating to the United States in 1851, locating in Chicago. In 1857 he moved to Dekalb county, Illinois, where he remained until 1860, in which year he located on a farm in Eden township, Marshall county, Iowa, and here reared his family. In 1893 he moved to Nebraska, and his death occurred in Humphrey, Nebraska, May 16, 1910. His wife, Catherine Blink, was born in Baden Germany, April 27, 1830. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Clara, born in April, 1854; Lena was born in February, 1857; John, of this review, and Elizabeth were twins, their birth occurring September 19, 1861; Henry was born March 21, 1859; Margaret, born March 15, 1863; Wilhelmina, who died in infancy; Jacob, born June 6, 1864; Lucy, born February 14, 1873.

John Breunig was married at Rhodes on February 1, 1887, to Anna Rohrer, who was born in Somonauk, Illinois, June 29, 1864. Her father, Lester Rohrer, was born in Alsace, France, May 5, 1838. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Breunig namely: Mrs. Isabelle C. Mallicoat, born June 27, 1888; her husband Vern Mallicoat, is the junior member of the hardware firm of which the subject is senior member; Genevieve M., born January 17, 1891, is at home; Lester Joseph, born September 20, 1892, is assisting in the store.

Mr. Breunig has been very successful in a business way, and what he has accomplished has been done by his own energy and good management, with the assistance of a faithful helpmeet. He is the owner of a productive and finely improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Eden township, and he has a modern and well furnished home. This entire family are faithful members of the Catholic church in Rhodes. Mr. Breunig is independent in politics, and he has filled very ably and acceptably many of the township offices. In no instance does his broad, liberal spirit manifest itself so much as in assisting to secure ample accommodations in the local public schools; in fact, he has always stood ready to support any measure looking to the general good of his neighborhood, and he and his wife are held in highest esteem by all who know them.

Mrs. Breunig's brothers and sisters are: Arthur, born December 28, 1862; Emma, born June 29, 1864; Rosa, born July 24, 1866; Adelaine, born April 21, 1868; Edward, born April 13, 1870; Charley, born April 14, 1872; Amelia, born January 21, 1874; Henry, born February 21, 1877; Albert, born October 4, 1879; Minnie, born July 31, 1881.