

occasion, in 1883, he did not feel so sure of his safety. As he was on his way to board a train near Ada, in order to go to Crookston on business, he met thirty Indians. As they kept to their course and as Mr. Redland had no hostile intentions, no breach of the peace was effected.

On June 29, 1881, John T. Redland was united in marriage to Carrie Sophia Morrison, who also was a native of Norway, born, March 18, 1862, a daughter of Mauritz and Sarah (Sorenson) Larson, natives of Norway, who lived and died there. To this union six children have been born, namely: Mila Sophia (deceased), William Tenny, Stella, Ruben, Ida and Milton (deceased). Mr. Redland has always lived on the same farm since he came to Norman county; however, he lived on different parts of the farm until he had proved up on that which he had pre-empted. After he had done this, he came to the tract which he had purchased from the railroad. In all, he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of well-improved and valuable land, having built the valuable and substantial buildings incident to the plant of a successful farmer. In addition to his many activities in behalf of the progress of this section, Mr. Redland has also been interested in making available better facilities in the community for the marketing of the farmers' grain. In doing this, he helped to organize the farmers elevator at Shelly. His son Ruben is interested in the creamery at Shelly and rents the home place.

ANDREW T. AABYE.

The late Andrew T. Aabye, who was a well-to-do landowner in Lee township, Norman county, and for years engaged in the mercantile business at Perley, in which place he also had banking and other interests, had the distinction of having been the first white child born in Goodhue county, this state. He was born on a pioneer farm in that county on October 24, 1854, and died at his home in Norman county in 1911. His widow, who is now living on the fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres in section 29 of Lee township, has done much in the way of improvement on that place since her husband's death, having erected a new set of substantial, modern buildings, and is very comfortably situated there.

Andrew T. Aabye's father and mother were of Norwegian birth but were married in this country, where they spent their last days, prominent pioneers of Goodhue county, this state. They came to this country on the

same ship. The vessel was destroyed by fire as it was approaching land and although all hands were saved, the passengers were compelled to take to the boats without their belongings and thus the elder Aabye and the girl who shortly afterward became his bride landed in this country practically penniless. They were enabled, however, to make their way out into the Northwest and settled on a farm in Goodhue county, this state, among the very first settlers of that county, their eldest child, the subject of this memorial sketch, having been, as noted above, the first white person born in that county. Despite the fact that he landed in this country destitute of world's goods, the elder Aabye became a successful farmer, the owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Goodhue county, and was worth thousands at the time of his death in that county about 1901. He was four years older than his wife, who survived him about ten years, she being eighty-six years of age at the time of her death. Of the children born to this pioneer pair, three are still living, Mrs. Ole Finney, of Georgetown township, Clay county; another daughter in Goodhue county, and another daughter in Olmsted county.

Reared on the home farm in Goodhue county, Andrew T. Aabye grew up there familiar with pioneer conditions in Minnesota and remained there until 1882, three or four years after his marriage, when he came up into the Red River valley and bought a quarter of a section of land in section 29 of Lee township, Norman county, and there established his home, the place on which his widow is still making her home. He later bought two adjoining quarter sections and his widow is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of fine land, well improved and profitably cultivated. In addition to his extensive land interests, Mr. Aabye was one of the most influential factors in the development of the village of Perley. He opened a store at that place shortly after the establishment of the townsite and was engaged in mercantile business there practically all the time of his residence in Norman county. For ten years he was postmaster at Perley and in many ways helped to bring about substantial conditions there, one of the organizers of the First National bank and also active in promoting other local enterprises. His widow now owns the brick store building which she built on the same site on which he carried on business and is continuing to operate the store, which is now managed by Mr. Erickson; and the bank shares are now owned by his son, Carl Aabye, who is also managing the home farm.

It was on May 28, 1878, in Goodhue county, this state, that Andrew T. Aabye was united in marriage to Inger H. Vuxland, who was born in Wisconsin on December 13, 1859. Her parents were both natives of the kingdom of Norway, but were married in Wisconsin, where they lived

until moving to Goodhue county, this state, where the mother is still living, being now past eighty-two years of age. The father bought a small farm upon locating in Goodhue county and added to the same until he became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which is still in the possession of the family. He died at the age of sixty-four. Mrs. Aabye has six brothers and one sister, the latter of whom, Mrs. Judge Andrew Hanson, lives in this part of the country, a resident of Fargo, North Dakota. Mrs. Aabye has three children, Olena, who married Gust Erickson, of Perley, and has two children, Arthur and Mildred; Clara, who married Justus Berg, of Hendrum, and has one child, John Vincent, and Carl, managing the home farm, who married Stella Ness, and has one child, Susan Katrina. The Aabyes have ever taken an interested part in the general good works and social activities of their home community and have done much to help promote the substantial upbuilding of that part of the county.

EDWARD T. STENNES.

Edward T. Stennes, the proprietor of three hundred and thirty acres of fine farming land in Halstad township, Norman county, where he carries on general farming, was born on November 7, 1876, on the old home place where he still lives, the son of Theodore and Annie (Serum) Stennes, both of whom were natives of Norway, who came to Minnesota and were married in Norman county in the fall of 1873. The mother was the daughter of Ole and Annic J. (Norby) Serum, both natives of Norway, the latter of whom spent her last days in Minnesota, one of the pioneers of Norman county. Ole Serum was a farmer in his native country, and there he married Annie J. Norby, to which union seven children were born, namely: A. O., one of the real pioneers of Norman county and a well-known resident of Halstad township; Ingeborg, Maret, Karen, Mollie, Annie, the wife of Theodore Stennes and the mother of the subject of this review; and Ole. In 1862 the father, Ole Serum, was drowned while taking part in a log drive on the river not far from his home, and five years later his widow with four of her children, including Annie, came to the United States and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. There she remained until 1872, when she, accompanied by her son, A. O. Serum, and her daughter, Annie, came up into this part of the state and settled in Halstad township, Norman county.