

ring on April 3, 1914. John Swanson was a good farmer and developed a fine piece of farm property, now owned by his widow and operated by his son, Anthony. John Swanson took an active part in the general affairs of the community in which he settled in pioneer days and for some time during his residence in Moorhead served as overseer of roads in that district.

To John and Mary (Erickson) Swanson were born six children, namely: Martina, who is married and is living in North Dakota; Gus Edward, who is farming east of Barnesville; Anthony G., the subject of this biographical sketch; Arthur, deceased; Selma, at home, and Lillie, deceased.

As noted above, Anthony G. Swanson was about ten years of age when his parents settled on the Alliance township farm and he ever since has resided there, since his father's death managing the farm for his mother. Besides attending to the extensive interests there he also is the owner of a half section of land in section 18 of Barnesville township, a quarter section of which he bought in February, 1909, and the adjoining quarter in the summer of 1913, and which he is improving and developing in excellent shape. In addition to his general farming Mr. Swanson gives considerable attention to the raising of Shorthorn cattle and is doing very well. During the summer of 1917 he had out about eighty acres of potatoes. A year ago he thoroughly remodeled the home farm house, modernized it and installed a hot-water heating plant, running water, baths and the like and the family are now very comfortably situated there. Mr. Swanson is a member of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Neighbors and takes a warm interest in the affairs of both of these orders.

ALBERT C. ALLEN.

Albert C. Allen, an energetic and substantial farmer, owner of a quarter section of choice land in Glyndon township, Clay county, former chairman of the board of township supervisors, was born on June 3, 1868, in Sauk Center, Minnesota. He is a son of Adam and Mary (Barker) Allen, the former of whom died in 1873, when the subject of this sketch was a child of five years old, and the latter died in 1908, having survived her husband about thirty-five years.

Adam Allen was born in the state of Michigan, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He served throughout the Civil War on the side of the Union and saw considerable service during that period of strife

between the states. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge and returned to his family who continued to live in Michigan during his absence on military service. Adam Allen was married to Mary Parker, who was born near the university city of Oxford, England, and some years later came to this country. They became the parents of three children, namely: Bessie, deceased; Ada, who is married, and Albert C., the subject of this sketch.

Albert C. Allen was educated in the schools of Sauk Center and of Clay county, to which he came with his mother in 1878. He followed the life of a farmer and about seven years ago made his first purchase of land. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land in Glyndon township, Clay county, and is successfully carrying on his farming operations according to modern methods of agriculture. He has set out about forty-five acres of his holding to the cultivation of potatoes and in all his farm labors is doing very well, being recognized as a progressive and up-to-date farmer. He carried out several improvements on the place.

Albert C. Allen was united in marriage to Agnes Friday, who was born in the state of Wisconsin in 1873. To this union two children have been born, Merle and Myrtle, both living at home with their parents. Mr. Allen served as chairman of the Board of township supervisors for three years, giving considerable satisfaction in that office, and in other ways he has given evidence of his interest in public affairs. The Allen family are earnestly interested in all the good works of the neighborhood in which they reside.

PETER H. HANSON.

Peter H. Hanson, one of the best-known pioneers of Norman county, now living retired at Gary, where he has just completed a handsome, modern home, is a native son of Minnesota, and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in the near vicinity of Albert Lea, in Freeborn county, August 21, 1858, son of Hans and Carrie Olson (Kernvald) Hanson, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who came to the United States in 1853 and after a short stay at Round Prairie, Wisconsin, moved to Kamrar, Iowa, where they lived until 1858, in which year they moved up into Minnesota, settling in Freeborn county, in the immediate vicinity of Albert Lea. Hans Hanson was a tailor by trade, but upon coming to Minnesota homesteaded a quarter of a section of land near Albert Lea and proceeded to develop the same, at the same time establishing a tailor shop