

(twins), Marian Bernice and Dorothy Vivian, born in July, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Fridlund are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and they and their family take a proper interest in church work. Mr. Fridlund takes an active interest in lodge work and is a member of the local lodges of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of the Knights of Pythias, of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of the Mutual Benefit Association, of the Royal Arcanum, the Order of Yeomen, and the Modern Brotherhood of America.

ALFRED ANDERSON.

Alfred Anderson, one of the real pioneers of the village of Twin Valley, for years a merchant there, former recorder of the village, formerly and for many years postmaster and now assistant to Postmaster Meighen, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was twenty-one years of age and of Norman county since 1884, thus very properly being regarded as one of the old settlers hereabout. He was born at Toten on August 22, 1860, son of Christian and Marie (Paulson) Anderson, the former a steamboat engineer, who spent all their lives in their native Norway and who were the parents of eight children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Helen, Carl, Annie, Nettie, Christian, Anton and Johannes.

Reared in his native town in Norway, Alfred Anderson received his schooling in the public schools and remained at home until he was past twenty-one years of age, when, in 1882, he came to the United States and proceeded directly on out to Minnesota, beginning work on a farm in the vicinity of Rushford, in Fillmore county. In 1884, attracted by the possibilities then awaiting settlers up in the Red River valley, he came up here and located in Norman county, spending his first winter here as a clerk in a store at Faith. He then went to Lake Park and was there engaged until in October, 1885, when he became engaged as a clerk in the store of Thorpe Brothers at Ada and was there thus engaged until Christmas time in that year, when he was transferred to the store the Thorpe Brothers had opened at the old Twin Valley townsite. In the fall of 1886 that store was moved to the new Twin Valley townsite and Mr. Anderson continued connected with the same, in the employ of Thorpe Brothers, until the spring of 1888, when he transferred his services to D. Swenson and was employed by the latter for a year, or until the spring of 1889, when he received his first com-

mission as postmaster of Twin Valley. Entering upon the duties of that office in the spring of 1889 Mr. Anderson remained postmaster until in November, 1893, after which he engaged in the drug business at Twin Valley and was thus engaged until 1896. He then became employed in the store of J. K. Weisem and after a year or two transferred his services to the hardware store of Froshaug & Myron and was there employed when, in 1899, he was again appointed postmaster of Twin Valley. Under his second commission as postmaster Mr. Anderson served for more than fifteen years, or until May 1, 1915, since which time he has continued in the postoffice, acting as assistant to the present incumbent, J. J. Meighen. Mr. Anderson has for many years taken an active part in the civic affairs of his home town and of the county at large and for sixteen years served as recorder of the village of Twin Valley his records being kept in a fine clerkly hand.

In the year 1887 Alfred Anderson was united in marriage to Keren Undelind, also a native of the kingdom of Norway, born near Bergen in 1866, and to this union eleven children have been born, Gena M., Clarence, Arnold, Nettie, Alette, Harold (deceased), Oscar, Howard, Elmer, Ernest and Morris. The Andersons are members of the United Lutheran church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other local good works. Mr. Anderson was one of the organizers of the local congregation in 1891 and has been an officer of the same ever since the church was organized, at present serving as clerk of the congregation.

JOHN A. LIBOK.

John A. Libok, one of Norman county's substantial farmers, the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and eighty acres in Good Hope township and who also is interested in the grain and lumber business at Shelly, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of the Red River country since the days of the pioneers here. He was born on December 19, 1858, a son of Andrew and Anna (Olson) Anderson, also natives of Norway, who were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Margretta, who is now living in Canada, and Gunil and Katrina, who are living in North Dakota. In 1881 Andrew Anderson and his family came to the United States, arriving here on May 23, of that year, and came up into the Red River country. In 1884 Andrew Anderson homesteaded