

## ANDREW ANDERSON.

One of the pioneer farmers and sterling citizens who has helped turn the wilderness of this part of Norman county into a fine farming section is Andrew Anderson, who was born on August 12, 1854, in faraway Norway, the son of Andrew and Martha (Olson) Monson, both of whom were natives also of Norway, where the father lived all of his life. After his death, the mother, with her son, Ole, and daughters, came to America in 1878, to join her other son, Andrew, the subject of this review, who had come to this country some years previously. The family located on a farm in McDonalds-ville township, Norman county, where the mother died. Of the seven children born to his parents, Andrew is the only one now living, the others being as follow: Ole, who died in Norman county in 1902; Inga, who died in Norway; two infant sons, who also died in Norway, and Anna and Agatha, who both died in Norman county.

Andrew Anderson received his education in the schools of Norway, and in 1873 decided to come to America, the land of opportunities. After coming here he located first in Iowa county, Wisconsin, where he lived for four years, working as a farm laborer, grubbing and chopping cordwood. In 1877 he came to Norman county, and on October 14, of that year, he filed on a homestead located in the southeast quarter of section 10, Lake Ida township. His land at that time was all wild and unimproved; not even the township was organized, but he set to work with a will and improved and cultivated his land, erecting good and substantial buildings, and planting trees. He gradually increased his land holdings, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres in section 11, of the same township, and later sixty acres more in the same township in section 15. He engaged in general farming and stock raising, and was very successful in his work. In 1909 he retired from active farming, after erecting good buildings on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and since that time has lived on the smaller place.

In 1876 Mr. Anderson was married to Anna Erickson, while he was living in Wisconsin. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Erick Erickson, and was born in Norway. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are earnest and faithful members of the Lutheran church, and helped to organize the church of that denomination in West Wild Rice township, in which they take an active and interested part.

Mr. Anderson ranks among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his community, and has always been prominent and active in the civic

affairs of his neighborhood. He helped organize Lake Ida township, and served as treasurer of the township two or three years, and has been a member of the school board of the township many terms, serving both as treasurer and school director. Besides farming, Mr. Anderson is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Ada.

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### ERIC H. FLOM.

One of the progressive and enterprising farmers of Norman county is Eric H. Flom, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Flom township, where he carries on general farming and dairying and who was one of the organizers of Norman county, was born in this county, June 4, 1860, a son of Hans and Margretta (Regslund) Flom, both natives of Norway, from which they came to America after their marriage. Soon after they arrived on American soil, the father and mother came on out to Minnesota, and took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 14, Flom township, about a mile and a half from the farm on which the subject of this sketch now lives. Both spent their lives on the home farm, which was sold after their deaths occurred. They were the parents of four children, namely: Martha, now residing in Dakota; Elling, living in section 20, Flom township; Eric H., the subject of this sketch, and Seamen, deceased.

Eric H. Flom received his early education in the schools of Norman county, although the educational advantages of his school days were nothing to compare with those that the children of the present enjoy, because the country was then new. Living under pioneer conditions on his father's farm, he there gained the hardihood, thrift and industry which were invaluable to him when he started for himself a short distance from the home place. For the first twelve years of his farming operations, he used oxen, and now he uses horses as draught animals. He has now one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, all well improved with a good farm plant and under a high state of cultivation. The plant consists of excellent buildings, including a large barn and silo, which are absolutely indispensable to the progressive and enterprising farmer. His comfortable farm house is beautifully situated in a fine grove. Here on his farm he carries on mixed farming and has some stock.

Mr. Flom was united in marriage to Anna Nelson, who was born in