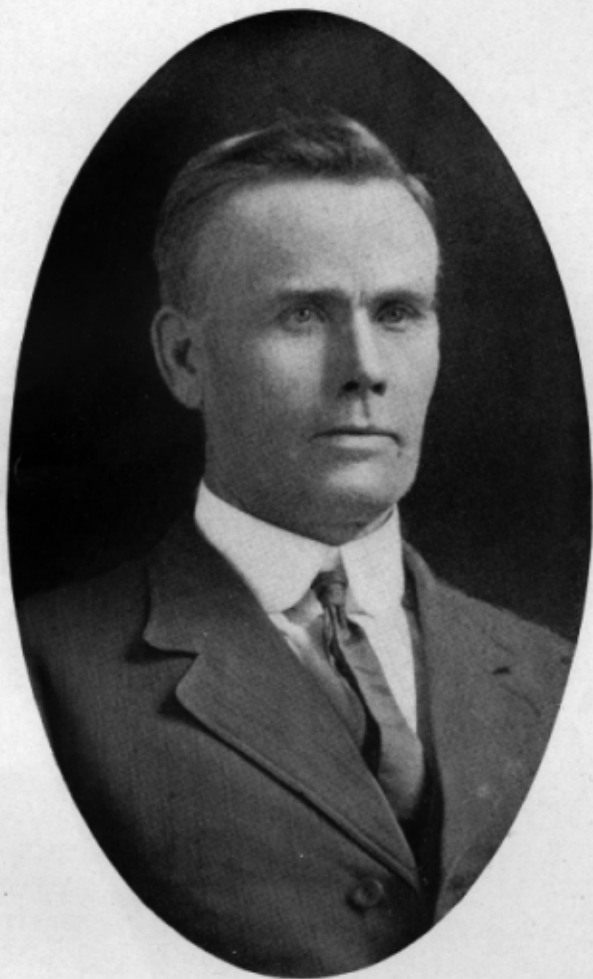


On December 12, 1896, Henry O. Skaurud was united in marriage to Nettie Erickson, who was born in the neighboring county of Becker, a daughter of Anton Erickson, now a resident of Lake Ida township, Norman county, and to this union have been born three children, Grace Myrtle, Florence Emilia and James Arthur. The Skauruds are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper part in church work, as well as in the general social activities and good works of the community in which they live and in which the family has been honorably represented since the days of the beginning of permanent settlement there.

ANUN G. ANDERSON.

The mind of the farmer must be as well balanced as to farm affairs. With a good mental grasp on the situation a farmer should be enabled to get enjoyment and much profit out of his specialties without interfering with the known necessity for diversified farming. One of the farmers of Goose Prairie township, Clay county, who is making a success of diversified farming is Anun G. Anderson, who was born on February 4, 1858, in Norway. He is a son of Gunder and Oslog (Torbenson) Anderson, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home, but brought their family to America in 1873, coming on West to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they remained until 1881, when they located in Clay county, on the farm on which their son, the subject of this sketch, now lives, and here these parents spent the rest of their lives. However, the father never owned any land, working as a laborer all his active life. His death occurred in 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The mother's death occurred in 1896, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Eight children were born to Gunder and Oslog Anderson, namely: Mrs. Tona Erickson, who lives on a farm in Goose Prairie township; Torben, who died in Highland Grove township, leaving a widow and a large family; Mrs. Carrie Olson, who lives on a farm in Goose Prairie township; Mrs. Christine Storsely, who lives in the state of Washington; Anun, the subject of this sketch; Aslake, who is engaged in buying and sellings hops in Silverton, Oregon; Anna, who is the wife of a farmer and lives in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and Mrs. Anluge Torgerson, of Moorhead, this state.



ANUN G. ANDERSON.

Anun G. Anderson spent his boyhood in Norway, coming to America when fifteen years old, in 1873, with his parents, two brothers and two sisters. He lived in Fillmore county, this state, until 1881, when he came with the rest of the family to Clay county. As a young man he worked on the farm and in 1879 he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in section 28, Goose Prairie township, later adding eighty acres in section 21 of that township, and now owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable and well-improved farming land, on which he has been very successful, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He has brought the land up to a high state of cultivation during his residence here of thirty-eight years. He made all the improvements on the place, including the erection of suitable buildings, fences, setting out a grove, etc.; has lived to see the community developed from a wild, sparsely settled prairie to one of the choice farming sections of the state and has played well his part in this transformation. He now rents his land, but still lives on the place. He sells all his stock to his renter. Wheat, oats and flax are the principal crops. Mr. Anderson used oxen in his first farming operations on this place, paying the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars for a team.

Politically, Mr. Anderson is independent and has never been particularly active in public affairs, nor has he held office. He belongs to the Synod Lutheran church and was a trustee of the same for several years. Mr. Anderson has remained unmarried.

GEORGE JOHNSON.

George Johnson, a substantial farmer and landowner and a well-known citizen of Lake Ida township, Norman county, where he was one of the early settlers, was born in Norway on June 11, 1847, the son of Jens Jorgan and Elsie Katherina (Olsdatter) Knutson, both natives of Norway where they lived and died in the same community, the father being a farmer and landowner. Besides George Johnson, they were parents of eight other children, namely: Knut, Ole, Anna, Margareta and Ole Bijon, all of whom died in Norway; John, of Fossium township, Norman county; Jens, of Alberta, Canada; and Elsie Marie, who married Elwig Clausen and now lives in Alberta, Canada.

After George Johnson had received his education in Norway and had grown to maturity, the opportunities in the New World beckoned him to