

general farming and the raising of stock up to the time of his death in February, 1912; his death, however, occurred in Fargo, North Dakota. Robert Richards and wife were the parents of seven children, as follow: John, deceased; Tom; Max, the subject of this sketch; Alexandria; Margaret; Will and Gill. Of these children, Tom, Gill, and Margaret, are noticed in other parts of this volume, and to these reviews the reader is referred for further particulars respecting their individuality.

Max Richards was educated in the schools of Calumet, Michigan, and of Clay county, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. In common with his other brothers and sister he inherited land in Clay county, about three years ago, his share being eighty acres, located in Kragnes township, and on this land general farming is carried on. Mr. Richards has a house and two lots in Moorhead, this county. He lives in Fargo, North Dakota, where he is deputy sheriff and jailer, of Cass county. He has been living there for about fifteen years, for more than eleven years of which time he has occupied his present position. Mr. Richards has money invested in the Calumet mines in Michigan.

On February 18, 1915, Max Richards was united in marriage to Jennie Gravell, who was born in 1892 in Watertown, South Dakota, the marriage taking place in Fargo. Mrs. Richards' parents live in Fargo, where they are the owners of house property in the town and are also engaged in the wholesale paint and wall-paper business. They lived originally in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but have been residents of Fargo for the past twenty years, and are well known in the business life of the community.

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### BERNT ANDERSON.

Bernt Anderson, a well-known retired farmer, living in Spring Creek township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, born in that country on November 1, 1846, a son of Andrew and Anna Bright, both natives of Sweden, who came to America some years after their son, Bernt, had settled in this part of Minnesota. Andrew Bright homesteaded a quarter section of land in Spring Creek township and there spent the remainder of his life. His widow died at the home of her son, Bernt Anderson. By a former marriage Mrs. Bright was the mother of one son, Ole Lofgren, who died. By her marriage to Mr. Bright she was the mother of three children, Carrie, Ole and Bernt.

Bernt Anderson immigrated to America in 1865, going on arrival to the state of Wisconsin and there married Johanah Stephenson. He went west to Pembina county, North Dakota, and took a homestead tract, and during his absence in that place his wife died. They were the parents of one child, Albert, also deceased. Later, in Wisconsin, Mr. Anderson married Anna Stephenson, sister of his first wife. In 1881 they moved to Norman county and located at Rindahl and there he operated the first store the place ever had; later he gave up the store and bought a relinquishment right of one hundred and sixty acres in a homestead in Spring Creek township. He was one of the early settlers there and having proved up on the holding, proceeded to get the place improved and ready for crops, in a short time having everything going in good shape. As he prospered in his farming operations he added more land, finally acquiring four hundred and twenty-one acres of prime land. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left the farm, first making a trip to old friends in Wisconsin, and established themselves in the following year in Fertile, this state, where they have since lived retired from the active affairs of farm and business life.

By his second marriage Mr. Anderson became the father of two children, Julia and Bilof, the latter of whom lives in North Dakota. Mr. Anderson for years had given close attention to local civic affairs and was chairman of the township board while living in Spring Creek township and also was clerk of the school board and treasurer of the same for many years. He helped organize the first school district and helped build the first school house, which is still standing. He helped to organize the Sundahl Lutheran church, assisted in the work of promoting the creameries at Fertile and Betcher and during his active years was regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of the community with which he has been identified almost from the days of its first settlement, he and his wife carrying with them in their retirement the good wishes of all.

In 1901 Julia Anderson was married to Hans Hemming, who was born in Norway, a son of Knut and Martha (Stockland) Hemmingstad, farming people, the former of whom died in that country, where the widow still lives. Hans Hemming, on coming to this country, settled in Norman county in 1900 and started farming in Spring Creek township. After his marriage in 1901 he moved to Nobles county, Minnesota, and farmed there for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Spring Creek township and farmed for two years. His next move was to Adams county, North Dakota, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land, remaining there for two years, at the end of which time he moved to Polk county, Minne-

sota, and farmed for five years. In 1913 Mr. Hemming moved onto his father-in-law's old homestead, on which he has since resided and where he contemplates making his permanent home. To Mr. and Mrs. Hemming the following children have been born: Alice M., Gladys B., Helen E., Harry L., Kermit R., Arnold (deceased), Ernest G. and Leona M. The family are members of the Lutheran church and are warmly interested in all its good works. Mr. Hemming was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Fleming and is also interested in the Peoples Supply Company at Gary.

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### CHESTER S. PILOT.

One of the promising young business men of Clay county is Chester S. Pilot, cashier of the bank at Baker. He was born in Kent, Minnesota, October 20, 1887, and is a son of Sidney S. and Louisa (Kruger) Pilot. The father was born at Osseo, this state, and the mother was born in LeSueur county, Minnesota. Sidney S. Pilot teamed for the government across the wild plains of the Northwest in the early days. He was a teamster in the army of General Custer for some time prior to the massacre at the Little Big Horn in Montana, in 1876, and he was at Ft. Abercrombie when the Indians were disarmed by Captain Potter. About 1880 he came to Minnesota and took up a homestead in Roberts township, Wilkin county, which he developed into a good farm and which he operated with gratifying results until 1900, when he retired from active life and moved to Moorhead, where his death occurred on November 4, 1907. His widow is still residing in Moorhead. She belongs to the Congregational church, of which he was also a member. To these parents the following children were born: Ruby, Chester S., Arnold, Eckly, Alvin and Catherine.

Chester S. Pilot grew to manhood on the home farm in Wilkin county, Minnesota, where he worked during vacation periods. In the winter time he attended district school No. 9, in Roberts township; later was a student at the McCauleyville school, then studied awhile in the schools of LeSueur county, in 1899. After 1900 he went to school in Moorhead and was graduated from the high school there in 1907. During the two years following he worked for a grain company under Colonel Morton, of Fargo, then was in the railroad service with the Northern Pacific, stationed at Dilworth. His services with both the above named companies were eminently satisfactory. The bank at Baker, Clay county, was organized in 1911 by