

there she was educated and married. To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton have been born the following children: Sarah, Albert, Ada, Leota, Genevieve, Richard, Ruth, Lena, Frank, Howard and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are active members of the Presbyterian church, take much interest in church work and are liberal supporters of the local society. They are a most estimable couple and are held in high regard.

OLAF ANDERSON.

The late Olaf Anderson, for years one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of McDonaldsvillè township, proprietor of a fine farm in that township and on which he had resided for about thirty-six years, was a native of the kingdom of Sweden, born in that country in 1842, a son of Anders Anderson and wife, who lived and died in that country.

Olaf Anderson was educated in the schools of Sweden, after which he worked at farm labor until he was twenty-nine years old, at which time, in 1871, he came to the United States and proceeded directly to Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he farmed until 1879. In the latter year he moved to McDonaldsvillè township, Norman county, the trip, which was made by oxen, occupying about four weeks. Mr. Anderson homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and commenced the task of preparing the ground for tillage and presently had things going in a satisfactory manner, his farming operations proving a success from the very beginning. As he prospered in the labors of the farm he continued to add to his holdings, finally getting together three hundred and twenty acres of as fine land as is to be found in the county, and here he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on November 26, 1903, he then being in the sixty-first year of his age. He put up all the buildings to be found on the place today and laid out a grove, which adds considerably to the appearance of the farm.

In Fillmore county, this state, Olaf Anderson was united in marriage to Turie Gilbertson, who was born in Norway, a sister of Thor Gilbertson, mention of whom is made in another part of this work. Mrs. Anderson came to America in 1870 and went to Fillmore county, this state. She died on December 29, 1916. To Olaf Anderson and wife the following children were born: Mrs. John J. Running, living in Winchester township, Norman county; Gilbertson and Belle, both living on the old home farm, which

Gilbert Anderson has been operating since his father's death, being recognized as one of the progressive and substantial farmers of the township, conducting his agricultural operations on modern lines and achieving commendable success.

The late Olaf Anderson was ever an active and zealous member of the Lutheran church, the first church of which congregation he helped to organize at West Wild Rice, and he was an earnest supporter of all good movements designed to improve the general social conditions of the township and neighborhood in which he had been for so many years a resident.

JOHN I. SMITH.

John I. Smith, a well-known and prosperous farmer and stockman, chairman of the township board, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Moorhead, Clay county, for about forty years, and has thus been a witness to the community development of this part of the state of Minnesota during that time. He was born in the province of Ontario on November 26, 1867, a son of Moses and Mary (Heath) Smith.

Moses Smith was born in Canada in 1839 and came to Moorhead about the year 1879. Mary Heath was also born in Canada, in 1841, and came to Moorhead with her husband, they having been married in Canada. Both are still living in this county. On coming here Moses Smith took up farming and has been following that occupation ever since. He and his wife are well known throughout the community as excellent citizens and are warmly esteemed by a large circle of friends. To Moses Smith and wife the following children were born: John, the subject of this sketch; James, deceased; Mary, who is married, and Emma, also married. These parents are members of the Methodist church and are interested in all neighborhood good works.

John I. Smith left Ontario, Canada, in December, 1879, and came with his parents to Moorhead. He received his early education in Canada and on coming to this county assisted his father with the work on the farm. After the lapse of some years he commenced farming on his own account. He has been living on his present farm in Kurtz township for the past twenty-six years and during that period has carried out many valuable improvements on his land and buildings. He is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land and is engaged with the cultivation of his tract for mixed farming, and has been very successful. He also raises a good strain