

married and living in Iowa; Josephine, who is now living in Fargo; James, who is assisting with the management of the home farm; William, deceased; Patrick, who is assisting with the management of the home farm, and Margaret and Cecelia, also at home. The Griffins have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Besides her extensive farm holdings, Mrs. Griffin also is the owner of a house and lot in Barnesville, and she and her family are quite well situated. They attend the Catholic church at Barnesville.

JOHN S. BARRY.

John S. Barry, clerk of Alliance township, Clay county, owner of a fine farm of five hundred and sixty acres in that township and president of the Baker Telephone Company, is a native of the great Empire state, but has been a resident of Clay county since 1881 and a landowner there for the past twenty-five years and more. He was born on a farm in St. Lawrence county, New York, on January 21, 1859, son of John and Margaret (Clemmons) Barry, both natives of Ireland, who were married in St. Lawrence county, New York, and there spent their last days, the former dying in 1902, at the age of seventy years, and his widow surviving until 1909, she being over ninety years of age at the time of her death. The Barrys are genealogically connected with the famous Commodore Barry of Revolutionary fame. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the eighth in order of birth, the others being as follow: Hannah, who is now living in Wisconsin; Mary, deceased; Bridget, died in Felton; Thomas, who came to this part of Minnesota and spent his last days in the village of Felton; Kate, deceased; Julia, who lives at Massena, New York; Joseph, of Louisville, New York; William P., of Felton; Samuel, deceased, and Henry, who is now a practicing attorney at Dickinson, North Dakota.

Reared on the home farm in St. Lawrence county, New York, John S. Barry received his schooling in the neighboring schools and early began teaching school. In 1881 he came to this part of Minnesota and began to teach school at Georgetown and was for seven years thereafter engaged in teaching there and in other schools in the county, during the summers giving his attention to farming, and after his marriage, in 1891, bought

a farm and established his home. In 1900 he bought the farm on which he is now living, in section 2 of Alliance township, and has since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Barry has an excellent farm of five hundred and sixty acres and has the same improved in admirable shape, one of the best general farm plants in that part of the county. In addition to keeping up his farming interests, Mr. Barry has long given his earnest attention to the civic affairs and general business life of the community and for seventeen years served as a member of the school board and is now serving as town clerk. He is also president of the Baker Telephone Company and has done much to extend the telephone service throughout that part of Clay county.

At Moorhead, Minnesota, June 25, 1891, John S. Barry was united in marriage to Cora Agnes Burns, who was born in Mason county, West Virginia, near Glenwood, June 25, 1867, and to that union have been born seven children, namely: Irwin, who was married on June 2, 1917, and who is the owner of a quarter of a section of land in the neighborhood of his father's home; Edith, who is a teacher in the schools of Clay county; Paul, deceased, and Malcolm, Russell, John and Philip, who are at home. The Barrys are Catholics, members of the church at Barnesville, and take a proper interest in parish affairs, as well as in the general social and cultural activities of their home neighborhood, and are helpful in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common welfare thereabout. Mr. Barry is a member of the local lodge of Woodmen and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

VICTOR E. VERNE, M. D.

Dr. Victor E. Verne, a practicing physician at Moorhead since the summer of 1909, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born in the city of Minneapolis, March 2, 1883, son of Olof and Charlotte (Blom) Verne, natives of the kingdom of Sweden, who are still living at Minneapolis, where Olof Verne is engaged in the merchant tailoring business and where he has made his home since he came to this country in 1871. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. They have four children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest, the others being Dr. Paul C. Verne, a well-known dentist at Moorhead; Dr. Arthur Verne, of Cando, North Dakota, and Charlotte.

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