

Wisconsin, where he obtained employment on the railroad in the winters and on farms during the summers, remaining in that place about two years. At the end of that period he moved to Goodhue county, Minnesota, and worked on farms, later renting land, which he operated for about four years. He came to Norman county in 1878 and homesteaded eighty acres of land in section 8, Pleasant View township, the place where he now resides, and presently started to prepare the land for crops and ever since he has been engaged in general farming, marked success attending his labors from the very beginning. Mr. Poppe is the owner of an additional two hundred and forty acres, located near his original holding, and is also engaged in raising a high grade of stock. He has carried out many substantial improvements and he has one of the most compact and best-kept farm places in the township, his operations being conducted according to modern methods of agriculture.

In 1880 August Poppe was united in marriage to Kattie Eckoff, a native of Germany, born in 1851, who came to America in 1874, locating in Red Wing, this state. To this union two children were born, Anna, now deceased, who left a son, Alfred Uslick, now aged sixteen years, who resides with Mr. Poppe, and Carrie, who is married and lives east of her father's place. Mr. Poppe is a member of the Lutheran church, of which he served as trustee and as deacon for three years. He gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and is now in the twenty-fourth year of office as treasurer of the township board and has acted in a similar capacity for twenty-six years to the local school board. He helped to organize and is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Ada and in various other ways he has given of his time and energy to the promotion of movements intended to serve the public welfare.

HERBERT CLAYTON.

The young lad who has parents who are in a position to assist him in getting an education and prepare him for the future responsibilities of life can scarcely realize the responsibility of the lad who must go out into the world and battle alone with the difficulties that inevitably will confront him. Yet we find the lad of this kind in every clime and in every age. Many of these boys thus situated have been made of the right kind of stuff and have succeeded where others have failed. Knowing that their success or failure is

the result of their own efforts, they are perhaps more prone to look with favor upon what they can do under ordinary circumstances. Such a lad as this, who, at the age of eleven years, started life's work unassisted, is Herbert Clayton, of Lockhart township, Norman county, Minnesota, who was born in England on September 8, 1867, and is the son of Isaac and Ann (Darbyson) Clayton, natives of England, in which country they were married and lived their lives, they having died some years ago. They were of the farming class, hard working and industrious and highly respected, members of the Church of England. They were the parents of the following children: George, William, Sarah, Herbert, Mahalah, Anna, Arthur, Nellie and Levina.

Herbert Clayton received his meager education in the schools of his native land, and at the age of eleven years started in life for himself, working as a farm hand, and remained in England until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1887, he decided to come to America, where he might have a better opportunity to make a home for himself. It was with some misgivings that he bade farewell to the home folks and the scenes of his childhood and sailed for the new land. He had but limited funds and he fully realized that his future success depended upon his own efforts. On his landing in the United States he proceeded to near Jacksonville, Illinois, where for a time he worked as a farm hand, and where he later purchased a farm of his own. By hard work and close economy he succeeded in obtaining two hundred and twenty acres of splendid land. This he developed and improved and there he engaged in general farming and stock raising with success until 1913. He then disposed of his interests and his farm near Jacksonville and went to North Dakota, where he purchased five hundred and thirty acres of land in Grand Fork county and was there engaged in farming until the spring of 1916, in which year he came to Minnesota and purchased section 21 of the old Lockhart farm in Lockhart township, Norman county. Here he has made extensive improvements and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and is much interested in Shorthorn cattle, a thorough farmer and an experienced stockman. He is a thorough believer in the systematic and modern methods of the operation of the farm of today, and in the management of his home place he has met with much success, today being recognized as one of the most successful and substantial men of the county.

On August 26th, 1890, Herbert Clayton was united in marriage to Alice Parkin, daughter of Richard and Sarah (Robinson) Parkin, natives of England, who came to the United States and located in the state of Illinois, near Jacksonville. It was in Illinois that Alice Parkin Clayton was born, and

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