

native of the Emerald Isle, remaining as firm as in the days when it was cemented by their mutual interest upon coming up here into the Red River country to look for homes. Mr. Thompson has improved his place in admirable shape and has been quite successful in his operations, for years having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that neighborhood.

In 1881 Frank P. Thompson was united in marriage to Katie A. Galignan, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and to this union five children have been born, Stephen, Thomas, Marie, Marjorie and Katheryn, all of whom are living. The Thompsons have a very pleasant home on their well-kept farm and from the days of the beginning of their residence there have ever given their thoughtful attention to the general improvement of the community in which they have lived since the days of the pioneers.

JOHN CONNELLY.

John Connelly, proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred acres in Glyndon township, and one of the best-known young farmers in that part of Clay county, was born on a pioneer farm in that township on April 10, 1883, son of Patrick and Bridget (Lundy) Connelly, natives of Ireland, who became pioneers of this section of Minnesota and the latter of whom is still living on the old homestead farm in Glyndon township, where the family settled about the year 1880.

It was in 1877 that Patrick Connelly and his wife came to the United States from their native Ireland and located in New York City. Not long afterward they moved to Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1879, Patrick Connelly started West on a prospecting tour and his good fortune directed his way up here into the Red River country, his destination being Moorhead. Becoming deeply impressed with the possibilities of this region, Mr. Connelly returned East and in the fall of that same year brought his family here and located at Moorhead. Three years later, he settled on the farm in Glyndon township, where he established his permanent home and where he spent the rest of his life, a well-to-do farmer, his death occurring there on May 12, 1912. Patrick Connelly from the very beginning of his residence there took an active part in local civic affairs and for fifteen years, or more, served his home township in the important capacity of a member of the board of supervisors, and in other ways contributed of his time and his energies to the public service. He and his wife were

members of the Catholic church and took an active part in local parish affairs. They were the parents of three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, William and James Connelly, who are still living on the old home place with their widowed mother.

John Connelly was reared on the home farm in Glyndon township and attended the common schools of that neighborhood. As a youth, he learned the carpenter trade and worked at the same until 1909, two years after his marriage, when he bought a quarter of a section of land in Glyndon township, not far from his old home, and has ever since made that place his home. In 1914, he bought an adjoining tract of two hundred acres and is very successful in his farming operations, being regarded as one of the substantial farmers of that neighborhood.

On February 27, 1907, John Connelly was united in marriage to Mamie Krabbenhoft, who was born in Elmwood township, Clay county, daughter of W. C. Krabbenhoft and wife, pioneers of that township and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. To this union three children have been born, Lawrence, Edna and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Connelly have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they have lived all their lives. Mr. Connelly is a member of the Masonic lodge at Moorhead and of the Modern Woodmen of America at that place. In the affairs of both of these organizations he takes a warm interest.

EDWIN C. BENEDICT.

Edwin C. Benedict, clerk of Glyndon township, Clay county, and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers of that part of the county, is a native of Wisconsin, but has been a resident of Minnesota and of Clay county since he was seventeen years of age, his parents having settled here in 1887. He was born at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, January 19, 1870, son of Stephen D. and Sarah F. (Pride) Benedict, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Maine, who were married in Wisconsin and later came to Minnesota, becoming pioneers of Clay county, where the former died, the latter going to California, where her last days were spent.

Stephen D. Benedict, who was an honored veteran of the Civil War, was but a child when his parents moved from Ohio to Wisconsin, becoming pioneers of the Oshkosh neighborhood, where he was reared on a pioneer