

OLE I. ELLINGSON.

Ole I. Ellingson, a well-known and substantial farmer, owner of a compact and well-kept farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Bear Park township, Norman county, is a native of the state of Iowa, but has been a resident of this county for the past thirty-four years. He was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, June 24, 1856, a son of Iver and (Inga) Orve Ellingson, both of whom were natives of Norway.

Iver Ellingson was educated in the schools of Norway and came to this country about 1844, being then twenty-one years of age, going first to Chicago, Illinois. His wife, Inga Orve, at the age of thirteen came with her parents to America, going to Illinois and settling in Boone county, that state. Following the marriage of Iver Ellingson and Inga Orve, they moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa, and there he farmed for the remainder of his active life and in that place his death took place. His widow survived him for some time and later died in South Dakota. They were the parents of the following children: John (deceased), Ed, Ole I., Andrew, Theodore, Anna (deceased), Lena, Betsie (deceased), Lucy and Ada. The maternal grandparents of these children, Ole and Bertha Ovri, were farmers in Boone county, Illinois, where they died.

Ole I. Ellingson was educated in the schools of Iowa and was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the labors of improving and developing the same until 1883. In the latter year he came to Norman county, driving from Jackson, Minnesota, where he had been engaged in railroad work, grading with a team. He drove the journey to this county with a span of mules. He and two friends made the trip, but later he lost sight of them. Mr. Ellingson joined his brother, Ed, who had acquired a homestead in Sundahl township and who had come there the previous year, and here Ole I. took a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres in 1883. He lived on this place, improving and developing it, for about twelve years, at the end of which time he traded it for one hundred and sixty acres in Bear Park township, where he has since lived and where he has been engaged in general farming and the raising of graded Shorthorn cattle, and has been doing very well. Mr. Ellingson carried out some excellent improvements on his holding and erected substantial buildings.

In 1889 Ole I. Ellingson was united in marriage to Josephina Malquist, born in Freeborn county, Minnesota, a daughter of John Malquist and wife, and to this union the following children have been born: John Ira, Rudolph

Elbey and Olive Josephine, all of whom are living. For many years Mr. Ellingson has been giving attention to local civic affairs and has been serving on the township board for two years and is still serving. For many years he has been interested in the cause of education and has served on the school board of Bear Park township. He helped to organize the Rindahl Mercantile Company and is interested in the Rindahl Creamery.

MARTIN O. ANDERSON.

The late Martin O. Anderson, one of the pioneers of Sundahl township, Norman county, who died at his home in that township in the summer of 1917 and whose widow and family are still living there, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of Minnesota since he was ten years of age and of Norman county since the early eighties, when he came up here into the Red River country with his parents and settled on a homestead farm, where he spent the remainder of his life, one of the useful and influential pioneers of that section. He was born on November 8, 1860, son of Ole and Ingre (Olson) Anderson, both also natives of Norway, who came to the United States in 1870 and settled in Sibley county, Minnesota, where they made their home for about ten years, at the end of which time they moved with their family up into this part of the state, driving through by ox-team, and settled on a homestead tract of one hundred and sixty acres in section 28 of what later came to be organized as Sundahl township, Norman county. Ole Anderson died on that homestead farm about a year later and the task of proving up the claim fell upon his only son, the subject of this memorial sketch, who established the claim and on that place spent the rest of his life. Ole Anderson's widow spent the balance of her days in that same neighborhood and lived to a ripe old age. She and her husband had two children, the son, Martin O., and a daughter, Annette, wife of Lars V. Larson.

Martin O. Anderson was about ten years of age when his parents came to Minnesota and he finished his schooling in the schools of Sibley county. From the days of his boyhood he was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm there and upon coming up here into the Red River country entered heartily into the task of helping to develop a homestead farm. Upon the death of his father a year later he took hold of the place and in