

of one summer, when he rented out his land and herded stock for George S. Barnes, near Glyndon, soon after coming here. He worked hard to get his land under cultivation. He first trained steers with which he broke up the sod, and continued farming with oxen for seven or eight years. He erected good buildings in due course of time and set out a large grove, which is now one of the attractive features of his place. He did all this work himself. Prospering with advancing years he added another eighty, buying all his land from a railroad company. He now has one of the choice farms of his locality, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising, with very gratifying results.

Mr. Gustavson was married in the fall of 1886 to Ulricka Gustavson, who was born in Sweden, where she spent her girlhood and attended school. She came to America on the same ship with the subject of this sketch, and on to Minncapolis with him. She was also accompanied by two sisters and her father. This family came on to Clay county and located in Highland Grove township, where the father, Gustav Anderson, located on a farm. Ten children, all living at this writing, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gustavson, namely: Anna, Regena, Alma, Ellen, Einar, David, Effie, Hilga and Freda are twins, and Herbert. Mr. Gustavson is a member of the Lutheran church.

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### HERBRAND ENGEN.

Herbrand Engen, a farmer of Skree township, Clay county, was born in Norway, September 30, 1875. He is a son of Herbrand and Turi (Torsdatter) Engen, both natives of Norway, where they grew up and were married and made their home until 1906, when they immigrated to America, to make their home with their son Herbrand of this sketch. The mother is now deceased. The father was a farmer in the old country. He is a member of the Lutheran church. His family consisted of six children, namely: Bergit, Viel, Herbrand, Thor, Nels and Kittle. The last named is deceased. The living children all make their homes in Clay county, with the exception of Bergit, who lives just over the line in Becker county.

Herbrand Engen grew to manhood in Norway and attended school there. He came to America in 1893, making the long trip directly to Hawley, Clay county. He worked out as a farm hand for some time, and in 1907 bought two hundred and forty acres in Skree township and here he has since

resided, carrying on general farming and stock raising with most gratifying results. He has made many improvements on his place, including the erection of a barn and granary. He is also interested in the Farmers Creamery at Hawley, being one of the stockholders since it was first organized.

Mr. Engen was married in January, 1898, to Ragna Hieberg, a daughter of Soren P. and Maren Hieberg, natives of Norway, where they grew up and married. They immigrated to America about 1880 and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in Skree township, Clay county, which they improved and on which they established a very comfortable home, where her death occurred over twenty years ago. Mr. Hieberg is still living on his fine farm there, which consists of two hundred and eighty acres. He has two children, Hilda, wife of Hans Alm, and Ragna, wife of the subject of this sketch. To Mr. and Mrs. Engen ten children have been born, namely: Trace, deceased; Helena, deceased; Tilda, Selvin, Theodore, Lillian, Helena, Herbrand, Jr., Norman and Vernon are twins.

Mr. Engen has served as justice of the peace and as road overseer, discharging his duties as a public servant in an able, faithful and highly satisfactory manner. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### EMIL EUREN.

Emil Euren, for many years a leading contractor of Moorhead, Clay county, was born in Sweden, September 13, 1859. He is a son of Per and Clara (Hendricksdatter) Euren, both natives of Sweden, in which country they lived and died. The father was a farmer; he also followed the trades of bricklayer and plasterer. His family consisted of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living, namely: Lars, Erick, Aren, Louisa, Sophia, Emil, Gust and Theodore.

Emil Euren grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools and learned the trades of brick mason and plasterer under his father. He was twenty-one years old when, in 1880, he made the long trip from Sweden directly to Fargo, North Dakota, where he soon found work at his trades. In 1881 he located in Moorhead, where he has since made his home, remaining at his present location for thirty-six years. He built the home where he lives—a comfortable, modernly appointed residence that would be a credit to towns much larger than Moorhead. He continued working at his trades until about 1887, when he began contracting for