

Mumford bought a couple of sections of land in Canada and for six years was engaged in developing the same, his family spending two summers with him there. He still holds and operates his Canada land, as well as the quarter section homestead farm entered by his father at Glyndon in 1875 and on which he has founded a herd of Shorthorn cattle; he and his family being very comfortably situated in a home in the village, where he is active in the bank work. In January, 1917, Mr. Mumford and others organized the Farmers State Bank of Glyndon and Mr. Mumford was made cashier of the same, a position he now occupies and to the duties of which he is giving his most earnest and intelligent attention.

On September 20, 1902, Hamilton M. Mumford was united in marriage to Anna Osborne, daughter of Luther Osborne and wife, further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union four sons have been born, Leonard Phillips, Kenneth Osborne, Ralph Vernon and Luther. Mr. and Mrs. Mumford are members of the church at Glyndon and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works and in the general social activities of the community in which they live, helpful in promoting all agencies designed to advance the common welfare thereabout.

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### J. FRIDLUND.

J. Fridlund was born in Sweden in 1853, a son of C. M. Fridlund, and a brother of Adolph Fridlund, whose personal sketch appears in another place in this work.

J. Fridlund received his elementary education in the common schools of Sweden. He came to America in 1874 and located in Goodhue county, Minnesota. From 1875 to 1878 he attended Augustana Colege, at Rock Island, Illinois; also attended the high school at Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1881 he located at Fargo, North Dakota, where he was engaged in the flour and feed business for about four years, and has been buying grain since that time. For the last six years he has been manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Hawley, Minnesota.

Mr. Fridlund was married to Matilda Samuelson in 1880, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Minnie, who married C. A. Bye, a general merchant at Pine Wood, Minnesota; Ruth, who is attending the normal school at Mankato, Minnesota; and Carl, who is attending Gus-

tavus College, at St. Peter, Minnesota. Mr. Fridlund is a student and well-read man and is giving his children the advantage of a good education. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of the Masonic Lodge, in both of which he takes a deep interest.

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### THEODORE H. SKREI.

Theodore H. Skrei, a substantial and progressive farmer, engaged in raising blooded Holstein cattle, former township treasurer and former clerk of the school board, is a native son of Minnesota, born on Buffalo River on December 15, 1870, the first white child born here, a son of Norwegian parents, who were married in their native land before coming to America. He is the son of Targe T. and Gunhild (Berve) Skrei, the former of whom was born in 1836 and the latter ten years later.

Targe T. Skrei was educated in the schools of Norway and grew up to the work of the farm. He was married in that country to Gunhild Berve, who was born in 1846 in Norway, and in 1866 they decided to try their fortunes in the new world, where so many of their countrymen had found a home and an ample means of living. On arriving in this country they came on to Houston county, Minnesota, where they remained for four years. Targe T. Skrei then moved west, joining a party, the journey being made by ox-team, and came to Clay county, where he homesteaded the southwest quarter of section 28, Moland township, and on that place he immediately began farming operations and was thus engaged for the remainder of his active life, being regarded as a hard-working and skillful agriculturist, popular with his friends and neighbors. He died in 1895 at the age of fifty-nine years and his wife survived until 1908, when her death occurred at the age of sixty-two. Targe T. Skrei and wife were the parents of the following children: Signa, who is living with Hilbert; Theodore H., the subject of this sketch, and Hilbert, who is married. Targe T. Skrei took a good citizen's part in public affairs, but never sought office.

Theodore H. Skrei attended the public schools of Clay county and was reared on his father's farm, where he became a valuable assistant in the work of improving and developing the holding. At the age of twenty-one he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 29, Moland township, which he improved and now has in an excellent state of cultivation. In 1909 he bought out the old homestead and four years later, in 1913, he