

at home with their parents. The Walker family are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which Mr. Walker has resided for nearly forty years. Mr. Walker is an independent in politics, and has served the public as township supervisor and as treasurer of the district school board. In addition to this, he has in other ways given of his time and ability to the furtherance of all movements having for their object the general good of the community.

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### GEORGE F. FUCHS.

Among the native-born German settlers of Clay county, who are engaged in agricultural pursuits, is George F. Fuchs, who was born in the Fatherland in 1863, but has been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years old. He is a son of Martin and Mary (Bick) Fuchs, also natives of Germany.

Martin Fuchs was born in Germany about the year 1842 and died there in 1872 at the early age of thirty. He was married to Mary Bick, who came to this country some three years after her son, George F., and spent her last days in this county, dying about 1913, after she had reached the advanced age of seventy-seven years. Martin Fuchs and wife were the parents of two children, Charlie W., deceased, and George F., the subject of this sketch.

George F. Fuchs was educated under the excellent school system prevailing in Germany and at the age of seventeen, in 1880, immigrated to the United States. He was but nine years old at the time of his father's death and the responsibility of doing for himself was early cast upon him. On his arrival in this country, he started for Ottawa, Illinois, and remained in that place for three years. He then moved to Chicago, that state, and work in that city for about seven years, at the end of which period he went to the state of Kansas and engaged in farm work for some twelve years. About 1902, Mr. Fuchs made a further change, coming to the state of Minnesota and settling in Clay county, where he has ever since been engaged in farming and has been very successful. He purchased land in Glyndon township, and, as he succeeded in his farming operations, he added to his holdings, and is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of fine land, the equal of any in the township. He follows general farming

and, at the present time, one of his important crops is potatoes, of which he has about sixty acres in cultivation. He is regarded as one of the progressive and substantial farmers, following modern methods in his work.

In 1887, George F. Fuchs was united in marriage to Lena Gutyahr, who was born in 1862. They are the parents of five children, as follow: George M., who is married; Carl F., Archie, Jennie and Emily, who are at home with their parents. The Fuchs family are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Fuchs gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs, having been treasurer of the school board for ten years and is now serving as township trustee, in which office he is giving general satisfaction.

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#### ALFRED OSS.

Alfred Oss was born in Keene township, Clay county, Minnesota, March 27, 1893, a son of John and Johanna (Wenner) Oss, both natives of Norway.

John Oss came to America in 1882 and located in Atlanta township, Becker county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. In 1886, he came to Keene township, Clay county, and took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres of government land. He built him a home and improved this land and continued to live there until 1896, when he returned to Becker county, Minnesota, and bought a farm of eighty acres. Later he sold this farm and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 33, Atlanta township, where he lived, actively engaged in farming until 1914, when he sold out and removed to Hitterdal, Clay county. For fourteen years, while living in Becker county, he was county surveyor; he also served twenty years on the school board, and for two years as township assessor. A more extended sketch of John Oss appears in another place in this work.

Alfred Oss was educated in the public schools of Atlanta township, Clay county. He learned the barber trade, when a young man, and followed that occupation for three years. In 1915, he and his sister, Helga, started a general grocery store at Hitterdal, which they operated jointly until his sister married Julius Schloesser, and then he assumed entire control of the business. Mr. Oss was appointed postmaster in 1914 and now holds that position. On October 5, 1915, he married Lillian Tingdahl, daughter of Theodore Tingdahl. Mr. Oss is a member of the Synod Lutheran church.