

schools and at the same time gaining some practical business experience which, when he came over to this part of the state in 1882 with his parents, he presently put into use. Mr. Pederson was twenty years of age when he came up into this section and he secured employment at Moorhead, where he ever since has made his home. Some time after locating there he engaged in the wholesale liquor business in that city and later engaged in the lumber business over the river in North Dakota, though continuing to make his home in Moorhead. Gradually he acquired other interests and it was not long until he came to be recognized as one of the most active business men in his home town. In 1913 he became connected with the Moorhead Hardware Company, as a partner in that concern, a corporation, and presently became the sole owner of the same, now operating the business alone. Mr. Pederson also is president of the Equity Manufacturing Company of Moorhead and is vice-president of the Bergerth Fish Company at Fargo.

In 1893 P. H. Pederson was united in marriage to Emma Thorson, and to this union four children have been born, Irene, Esther, Clifford and Earl. The Pedersons are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take an active interest in church work and the general good works of their home city.

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### HENRY WILLIAM HABERLE.

Henry William Haberle, one of the pioneers of Clay county and the owner of a half section of excellent land in Elkton township, where he and his family make their home, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this county since 1882. He was born on December 25, 1854, son of John and Fredericka (Caesemann) Haberle, also natives of that country, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land and who were the parents of five children, Fred, Fredericka, Katherina, Henry W. and Elizabeth, all of whom are still living. John Haberle and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared on the home farm in his native land, Henry W. Haberle received his schooling there and remained at home until 1882, when he came to the United States and after a year spent in New York state came to Minnesota, in 1883, and homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in Elkton township, Clay county, and proceeded to improve and develop the same. After his marriage in 1887 he established his home on that place and has ever since resided there. As he prospered he added to his land holdings until he now owns three

hundred and twenty acres, one of the best-improved farms in that part of the county. Mr. Haberle has long given his earnest attention to the general civic affairs of his community and was for years road overseer in his district.

Mr. Haberle has been twice married. In 1887, about four years after settling in Clay county, he was united in marriage to Paulina Beck, also a native of Germany, who died leaving two sons, Henry John and William Fred. In 1895 Mr. Haberle married Christina Weber, who also was born in Germany, daughter of Eberhart Weber and wife, and to this union four children have been born, Emma, Fred, Christina and Mary. The Haberles have a pleasant home on their well-kept farm in Elkton township and take a proper interest in the general affairs of the community.

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### JOHN GRIFFIN.

The late John Griffin, one of the pioneers of Clay county, who died at his home in Barnesville, that county, in the fall of 1913, was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, but had been a resident of this country since the early seventies, he having come to the United States shortly after reaching his majority. He was born in 1850 and grew to manhood in Ireland. Upon coming to this country he located in Massachusetts, but after awhile came West, proceeding on up into the Red River country, and after awhile homesteaded a tract of land in Alliance township, Clay county. In 1885 he returned East and at Holyoke, Massachusetts, in that same year, married Margaret Griffin, who also was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and who had come to this country in 1882.

After his marriage John Griffin returned to Clay county with his bride and established his home on the homestead farm in Alliance township, one of the most substantial pioneers of that part of the county, a continuous resident of Clay county for more than forty years. Mr. Griffin was the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres of land, which he had improved in admirable shape and brought to a high state of cultivation, he long having been regarded as one of the most progressive farmers of his neighborhood. He developed that land from its virgin state, built up an excellent farm plant and was very comfortably circumstanced at the time of his death, which occurred on October 29, 1913.

To John and Margaret (Griffin) Griffin were born ten children, namely: John, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Mamie, who is