

Tail, Wabena, Becker and Clay, and held that position continuously until in January, 1900, when he engaged in the practice of law at Moorhead and has since been thus engaged. During his many years of experience as reporter for this judicial district, Mr. Russell gained an acquaintance throughout the district and a familiarity with legal procedure that has been invaluable to him since he entered upon the practice of the profession, to which he had been giving his studious attention since the days of his young manhood, and there is perhaps no better known lawyer throughout this whole section of the state than he. Mr. Russell has ever given a good citizen's attention to the general affairs of his home town and is an active member of the Moorhead Commercial Club, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest. Mr. Russell is the owner of a half section of well-improved land in the neighborhood of Moorhead and gives considerable interested attention to the operation of his farm.

In 1901, William Russell was united in marriage to Esther Davis, of Marshall, this state, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in the general good works of their home town.

ELMER G. HANSON.

Elmer G. Hanson was born in Badger, Iowa, August 17, 1890, a son of H. P. Hanson, born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and Rena Hanson, born at Rushford, Minnesota. The former is a retired merchant, of Badger, Iowa, and is now living at Driscoll, North Dakota, the owner of several farms which he operates by tenants.

Elmer G. Hanson received his elementary education in the public schools of Iowa, and then attended St. Olaf College, at Northfield, Minnesota, where he took a course of preparatory studies, after which he entered the University of Wisconsin for a regular college course. He completed the course and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving college, he took up the banking business and received his training in that line in Iowa. In October, 1916, he came to Hitterdal, and in November of that year he opened up the Clay County State Bank. He was made cashier of this bank and has held that position since.

On January 4, 1917, Mr. Hanson was married to Annette Davenport, daughter of N. S. Davenport, of Dennison, Minnesota. Mr. Hanson is a member of the United Lutheran church.