

deceased; Johanah, living; Johan, deceased; Amund, deceased, and Karen, the wife of Ole Rindahl. Of the foregoing children, Lars Hoveland served with a Minnesota regiment during the Civil War, going from Goodhue county, where he had been living. Ole, Simon and Johan Hoveland enlisted in 1861 in Wisconsin and served until the close of the war, having re-enlisted at the end of their first term of three years, serving throughout with the Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rindahl the following children have been born: Lawrence, deceased; Laura Christina, Jens Oluf, Alexander, Oscar Benjamin, Carl Laurence and Albert Christian. The Rindahl family are members of the Lutheran church and are warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Rindahl helped to organize the Faaberg congregation of the first Lutheran church at Rindahl, the organizing meeting being held on a pile of logs on Mr. Rindahl's farm. He assisted in the organization of Bear Park township and served on the first township board, and has held township and school offices from time to time. The first postoffice at Rindahl was located in an addition to Mr. Rindahl's claim shanty. He also has been energetic in the promotion of mercantile undertakings and helped to organize the Rindahl Mercantile Company when the farmers bought it of Jens and Carl Rindahl, who had been operating the store as Rindahl Brothers for about eleven years. Mr. Rindahl helped to organize the Rindahl Creamery Company and has held office in that corporation, and he assisted in the organization of the Farmers Elevator Company at Fertile and has been on the board of directors of the same almost from the beginning. Mrs. Rindahl was overseer of the Wild Rice Orphans Home for several years.

MARTIN FREDERICK HANSON.

Among the native sons of Minnesota who have lived their lives in the state of their nativity and are today among the prosperous business men of Gary, is Martin Frederick Hanson, who was born in Freeborn county, this state, July 3, 1876, the son of Hans and Carrie Olson (Kernvold) Hanson, natives of Norway, where they received their education and were married. Hans Hanson was born on January 27, 1827, and his wife first saw the light of day on December 24, 1829. For a time after their marriage they continued to live in the land where they were born, and in the year 1853 they decided to seek a home in America, where they might the better have an

opportunity to obtain a home for themselves and their family. Following their arrival in the United States they established their home at Round Prairie, Wisconsin, where they lived for a short time before locating at Kamrar, Iowa. In the latter place Mr. Hanson worked at his trade, that of a tailor, which he had learned in Norway, and remained there until 1858, when he moved with his family to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he established the first tailor shop in the place. He later located on a homestead near that town and there he carried on his trade, in connection with his work on the farm. His homestead consisted of one hundred and sixty acres of splendid land, although it was for the most part wild prairie when the family established their home on the tract. The farm was in time developed and improved and there the father died on February 25, 1911, and his widow on July 27, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were active, hard-working people, and until within a few years before his death Mr. Hanson was active in the management of his farm and continued at work at his trade. They were the parents of the following children: Anna, Helen, Marie Ole, Charles, Peter, Bertha Louisa, Adolph Wilhelm, Bertha Louisa (second), Hans Thomas, Caroline Marie, Emma, Sophia Randine, Albert and Martin F., of whom Helen, Charles, Peter, Adolph, Hans, Emma, Sophia, Albert and Martin are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson were active members of the Lutheran church and took much interest in all religious work.

Martin Frederick Hanson received his education in the schools of Freeborn county, Minnesota, and there he grew to manhood. For a time he worked in a drug store at Albert Lea and at Hartland, after which he came to Norman county, where he worked, as a farm hand, for his brothers, Charles and Peter, from 1895 to 1898, in which latter year he was then united in marriage to Randa Sulerud, the daughter of Carl Sulerud and wife, highly respected people of the county. After his marriage he returned to Freeborn county and there purchased the half of his father's old farm and engaged in general farming until the year 1901, when he returned to Norman county and purchased a farm, which he operated, in connection with the farm of his father-in-law, for three years. He then sold his farm and purchased an interest in the Gary Mercantile Company and at the same time became manager of the Wilcox Lumber Company, which later position he still holds, having not only given satisfaction to his employers but by his business methods has won the confidence and the respect of the entire public. He has always taken a keen interest in such enterprises as have had to do with the general growth and prosperity of the district, is one of the interested stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Gary, a stockholder in the Wilcox Lumber Company and also does quite a business in the real-estate way.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have two children, Mertle C. and Harrold C. The family are active members of the Lutheran church, have long been identified with the social and the religious life of their home community and are held in the highest regard by all who know them, their interest in the moral and educational development of the community having much to do with the high standing of their home town. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are stanch supporters of the public schools and are liberal supporters of the local religious institutions. They have a fine home, nicely located, and their generous hospitality is widely recognized by their many friends.

Mr. Hanson is a worthy member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and has had much to do with the success of the local organization, and is a member of the American Geographical Society, Washington, D. C. He has always taken a keen interest in the civic affairs of his home city and his worth and ability have been recognized by the voters of Gary. For a time he served as village clerk and also during his residence on the farm served as township clerk. He has also served on the village council and was for a time president of the local school board, to all his official duties giving the same careful thought and attention that he gives to his own business.

P. A. OTTERSON.

P. A. Otterson, well-known and enterprising young dealer in agricultural implements, threshing-machines and tractors at Twin Valley, was born on a farm in Worth county, Iowa, March 19, 1885, son of Peter A. and Regina (Serspet) Otterson, natives of Norway, who came to the United States about 1879 and settled in Iowa. Peter A. Otterson developed a good piece of farm property in Worth county and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1900. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were eight of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the sixth in order of birth, the others being Clara, Nicholas, Ottalie, Olaf, Ruth, Christine and Ida.

Reared on the home farm in Iowa, P. A. Otterson received his schooling in the schools of his home district and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1902, he came up into Minnesota and located at Audubon, in Becker county, in the vicinity of which place he for two years thereafter was engaged working on farms. In the fall of