

acquiring land for himself. In this latter purpose he was successful and settled on his present farm eleven years ago. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land in section 22, Riverton township, on which he carries on general farming, and since the commencement of his operations he has been very fortunate, everything about his farm disclosing an air of prosperity. Mr. Olson has carried out a systematic series of improvements on his place and in the summer of 1917 remodeled the dwelling from the foundation up.

In 1902 Hakan Olson was united in marriage to Freda Knutson, who was born in Sweden in 1879. Mrs. Olson came to this country when about nine years old and later came to reside in this county, her marriage taking place at Moorhead. To Hakan Olson and wife the following children have been born: John, Clara, Adolph, Olof, Annie, Henry, Herman and Lilly, all of whom are living at home with their parents. The Olson family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and are warmly interested in the affairs of the same, as well as in all the general community interests of the district in which they live. Mr. Olson takes a good citizen's part in the public and civic welfare of the township, but has never been a seeker after political office.

ELLING HAUG.

Elling Haug, a well-known and substantial farmer of Keene township, owner of two hundred and twenty acres of splendid farming land, engaged in raising a fine grade of Shorthorn cattle, former supervisor of the township and former clerk of the school board, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of this county since he was nineteen years old. He is a son of Gilbert and Gunel Haug, both natives of Norway and who were of the farming class in that country.

Gilbert Haug, who died many years ago, at the age of sixty years, spent all his life in Norway, where he was a farmer, holding rented land. After the death of Gilbert Haug, his widow, Gunel Haug, came to America, about 1877, accompanied by a brother and two sisters, and proceeded to the state of Minnesota, locating in the southern part of Minnesota, where she lived for one year. She then moved to Ulen township, Clay county, and took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 18, and lived there up to the time of her death in 1889. Gilbert and Gunnel Haug were the parents of the following children: Carrie, deceased; Maria, who died in 1915; Elling,

the subject of this sketch; Erick, married, who lives in section 2 of Keene township, and is the father of ten children; Mrs. Lizzie Broset, who lives in Ulen township, and Thea, who is married and lives in Twin Valley.

On arriving in this county Elling Haug took charge of his mother's homestead farm and worked it until the death of the mother, when it was sold. Later, he decided to begin farming life on his own account and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in section 2, Keene township, and immediately proceeded to the task of preparing the land for cultivation and soon had things going in good shape. Mr. Haug erected all the buildings to be seen on the place today and carried out many improvements, finally bringing the place up to a standard not surpassed in the township. He later bought an additional sixty acres in section 3, of the township, improving the farm and bringing it up to date, and is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of choice land and on the two holdings is engaged in general farming and in the raising of Shorthorn cattle.

Elling Haug was united in marriage to Gurine Grandahl, a native of Norway, born there in 1863, who came to this country alone at the age of twenty years. Her parents lived and died in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Haug are the parents of six children, namely: Mabel, living in Viding township; Gena, working at Devil's Lake; Eline, at home; Emma, working at Devil's Lake, and Gilman and Clarence, at home. Mr. Haug is a member of the Synod church, of which he acts as treasurer, and formerly served as deacon and trustee. He takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and was clerk to the local school board for four years, and served as supervisor of the township board for one term. He helped to organize the creamery and co-operative store at Ulen and is a stockholder in the same. In all matters appertaining to the welfare of the community he is ever ready to lend a helping hand and is regarded as one of the progressive men of the township in which he lives.

OLE M. STEEN.

Ole M. Steen, one of the most painstaking farmers of Oakport township, Clay county, was born in Norway, May 12, 1860. Mr. Steen grew to manhood in Norway and there attended the common schools, also a military training school for officers. Upon completing his course he came to the United States in 1882, single, making the long continuous journey to Fargo, North Dakota. Since then he has made his home in Clay county, Minnesota.