

of the following children: Ellen (deceased), Christina, Theodore, Hannah (deceased), Matilda (deceased), and Albert H.

Albert H. Johnson grew to manhood on the farm and was educated in the common schools. He remained with his father and helped him with the general work on the farm and now operates the home place of one hundred and sixty acres in Cromwell township. The place was well improved by his father, who erected substantial buildings and brought a productive farm up from the wild prairie sod.

In the fall of 1914 Albert H. Johnson was married to Tilda Hillestad, who was born in Cromwell township, Clay county, where she grew up and attended school. She is a daughter of John O. Hillestad, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson two children have been born, namely: Gundru and Kaakon. Mr. Johnson is a Republican and has been a member of the school board in his district and has also served as justice of the peace in a very able and satisfactory manner.

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#### ANDREW O. HOUGLUM.

Andrew O. Hougum, auditor of Clay county and one of the best-known residents of the city of Moorhead, was born in the neighboring county of Becker and has been a resident of Minnesota all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm in Lake Park township, Becker county, April 19, 1875, son of Ole A. and Ragnhild (Sande) Hougum, natives of Norway, who came to Minnesota about 1867 and located in Goodhue county, whence, in 1871, they came over to this part of the state and settled on a homestead farm in Lake Park township, Becker county, among the first settlers of that part of the county, and there established their home. Ole A. Hougum spent his last days on that homestead farm and after his death his widow moved to the village of Lake Park, where her last days were spent.

Reared on the homestead farm on which he was born, Andrew O. Hougum completed his schooling in the high school at Lake Park and for two years taught school in his home county. He then entered a business college at Minneapolis and was graduated from the same in 1897, after which for a short time he was engaged as a clerk in a store at Minneapolis. He then returned to Lake Park, where he was engaged as a bookkeeper for three years, at the end of which time he was appointed to

the position of deputy auditor of Clay county and moved to Moorhead, where he since has made his home. For eight years Mr. Houghlum occupied the position of deputy county auditor and during that time made such an admirable record for public service that he was elected county auditor and has since been retained in that office by the people of the county, his successive elections never having been contested. In addition to his official connection Mr. Houghlum also has an interest in the Houghlum Furniture Company, of Moorhead, and is a member of the Moorhead Commercial Club. He has for years given close attention to the affairs of the County Auditors Association of this state, was formerly treasurer of the same and is now a member of the committee of that association engaged in the labor of codifying and revising the laws relating to drainage. Mr. Houghlum from the days of his youth has enjoyed singing, is an active member of the Norrona Singing Society, of which for two years he was president, and is vice-president of the Scandinavian Singers Association of the Red River Valley. He is a member of the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Arcanum. He is now in the military service of the United States, having first served as one of the three members of the registration board for Clay county, and is now a commissioned member of the local board for said county in connection with the military draft.

In 1905 Andrew O. Houghlum was united in marriage to Sophia Ebeltoft, daughter of Peter Ebeltoft and wife, of Lake Park, and to this union four children have been born, Celest, who died at the age of four years, and Muryel, Virgie and Audrey. Mr. and Mrs. Houghlum are members of the United Lutheran church.

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### OLAUS OLSON.

The viewpoint of the twentieth-century farmer has changed greatly with his increased knowledge and he has discarded many of the early-day methods of tilling the soil. One thing he has learned to bear in mind is that it is often quite as important to do a thing at the right time as it is to do it at all. One of the careful farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, is Olaus Olson, who was born in Detroit township, Becker county, Minnesota, December 13, 1872.

Mr. Olson is a son of Ole D. and Ragna (Ingebrihtsdatter) Olson,