

Mr. Evans has ever given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and for fifteen years served as township assessor, in which office he served with fidelity and ability. He helped to organize the local school district and served on the school board for a considerable time. He also helped in the organization of the local telephone and creamery companies and has held official positions in both, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the public welfare.

ANDREW HUSEBY.

Andrew Huseby, a farmer of Tansem township, Clay county, was born in Norway, April 19, 1860, and, like many of his countrymen, he came to the great Northwest with no capital; but with plenty of courage and grit, consequently he has succeeded. He is a son of Andrew and Anna (Huseby) Huseby, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and established their home, never coming to the United States. The elder Andrew Huseby was a shoemaker by trade. To these parents eight children were born, named as follow: Gilbert and Erick, who are still living in Norway; Ragna and Sarah, both of whom died in Norway; Gertrude, who came to America and died in Wisconsin; Andrew, the subject of this sketch, and Ole and Knut, who are both engaged in farming in Tansem township, Clay county.

The junior Andrew Huseby spent his boyhood in Norway and there attended the common schools. When twenty-five years of age, in 1885, he came to America, and almost immediately thereafter started on the long journey directly to Clay county, Minnesota. He secured employment as a farm hand in Tansem township, where he worked for some time, then bought railroad land, which he improved into a good farm, on which he has since resided, owning one hundred and sixty acres in section 15, Tansem township. He has put on all the improvements on the same, including a comfortable residence and numerous outbuildings, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Huseby was married in Norman county in 1890 to Marie Narum, who was born in that county. She grew up on the farm and attended the district schools. She is a daughter of John and Caroline Narum, both natives of Norway where they spent their earlier years. They came to America and took up a homestead in Norman county, Minnesota, about 1874, being among the first settlers there. They endured many hardships, as did

most of the pioneers, but by perseverance they established a good home. Their family consisted of eight children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Huseby twelve children have been born, namely: Albert, Clara, Julia, Ella, Clifford, Rena, Selma, Cora, Delphin, Esther, Emil (deceased), and Oliver. Mr. Huseby and his family belong to the local Norwegian Lutheran church, which he helped organize. The building was erected in 1917. There had never been a church of this denomination in their vicinity before.

MALKER O. VALEN.

Malker O. Valen, an energetic and substantial farmer of Kurtz township, Clay county, owner of nineteen hundred and twenty acres of prime land, as well as raising hogs on an extensive scale, was born in Trondjhem, Norway, in 1871. He is the son of O. O. and Albertina Valen, the former of whom, born in 1823, has been dead for some years and the latter of whom died about five years ago at the advanced age of eighty-one years. The parents were natives of Norway, where O. O. Valen farmed for many years before coming to the United States.

O. O. Valen and wife were the parents of the following children: Anna, deceased; Ove, living in Norway; Nicholi, in this country; Julia, Ergania and Mary, all in Norway; Andrew, Odin and Anna, all deceased, and Malker, the subject of this sketch, and Lina, in this country. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and earnest supporters of all its good works.

Malker O. Valen was educated in the schools of Norway and on coming to this country commenced to work for himself as a farmer. He bought a tract of land after the lapse of some time, and as he prospered in his farming operations he continued to add to his holdings until he is now the owner of nineteen hundred and twenty acres of land, four hundred acres of which he set out to the cultivation of potatoes in 1917. In addition to his general farming he is also engaged in the raising of Duroc-Jersey hogs and all his agricultural efforts have been attended with success. He is now known to be one of the largest and most substantial landowners in this part of the county. His outbuildings and dwelling house are in excellent shape and all the improvements on the holding have been placed thereon at considerable expense, Mr. Valen's entire farming equipment being modern in all details.