

county, but in the following year, 1882, he followed her here and this county has practically been his home since. Since he was under age when he came up to the Red River country, Mr. Malakowsky could not take a homestead; instead he worked out in northern Minnesota, gathering funds in preparation for the time when he could start farming operations for himself. This he did in 1889 when he began the improvement of the homestead which his mother took for him in his minority by planting a grove and erecting the necessary farm buildings. Since he has been fortunate in his operations, Mr. Malakowsky has been enabled to add to his original quarter section and is now the owner of two hundred forty acres. In addition to farming his own holdings, he rents another quartersection; in all there are four hundred acres on which he carries on general farming.

In 1892, Mr. Malakowsky was united in marriage with Katie Wolf, who was born in Rochester, New York, a daughter of Michael Wolf, who now lives in Ada, this county. To this union ten children have been born, all of whom are living, as follow: Ida, Edward, Helen, Amie, Esther, Raymond, Westley, Ruth, Irene and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Malakowsky are consistent and conscientious members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former helping to start the first church of that denomination in the community. Mr. Malakowsky formerly served as chairman of the township board, and is now township treasurer.

ALBERT H. JOHNSON.

The career of Albert H. Johnson, a farmer of Skree township, Clay county, is a splendid example of what many of the thrifty sons of Norway have accomplished in this great western republic, after landing within our borders with little capital and being compelled to start out in a strange environment without assistance from anyone.

Mr. Johnson was born in Norway, August 24, 1871, a son of Hans and Margaret (Polgrud) Johnson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and established their home, but in the early part of 1872 they immigrated to America, locating at St. Peter, Minnesota, but remained there only a short time, then came on to Becker county, this state, and were pioneer settlers there, taking up a homestead in the early seventies, which they developed into a farm and lived there until they retired

from active life on account of old age, coming to Clay county to make their home with their son, Albert H. Here they spent the rest of their days, dying a number of years ago. Eight children, one of whom died in infancy, unnamed, were born to Hans Johnson and wife, namely: John, deceased; Anna, deceased; Lars, Julia and Tilda are all three living; Albert H., of this sketch, and Sena, deceased.

Albert H. Johnson was a small child when his parents brought him from his native land to America. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Decker county, Minnesota, and there he attended the early-day district schools. He farmed there until about 1890, when he came to Skree township, Clay county, where he has since resided. He owns a valuable and well-improved farm of two hundred acres, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. His land was a wild prairie when he came here. He has not only erected a splendid group of buildings, fences, etc., but has set out a large grove, which is now of much value.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1903 to Mary Hanson, of Parke township, Clay county, and a daughter of Andrew Lee and wife. To this union two children have been born, namely: Lena and Anna. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Gran Lutheran church.

EVEN N. QUALLEY.

Even N. Qualley, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, former member of the board of supervisors of that township and for years actively interested in the general affairs of the Hendrum neighborhood, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eight years of age and of Norman county since the year 1881, when he came over here from Wisconsin. He was born on October 9, 1859, son of Nels and Mary (Haverud) Qualley, both of whom also were born in Norway and who came to the United States with their family in 1867 and settled on a farm in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Nels Qualley and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Berit, Erick (deceased), Nels (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Thora (deceased) and Emma.

As noted above, Even N. Qualley was but eight years of age when his parents came to this country and his schooling, which had been begun in