

of the best-known grain buyers in this section of the state and one of the best-informed men in his line. His work in connection with these two companies has been entirely satisfactory to the stockholders and all concerned.

On January 25, 1899, Mr. Jones was married to Ella Lafayette, who was born in Iowa and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of James and Elizabeth Lafayette, the former of whom was born at St. Charles, Illinois, and the latter, at Ironton, Ohio. James Lafayette was a carpenter. He died in June, 1914, at Plummer, Minnesota, at the age of eighty-four. His widow, who is seventy-eight years of age, is living with her daughter, Mrs. Jones. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones two children have been born, Hettie and Clarence. Mr. Jones is a Democrat, but he has never been very active in public affairs. Fraternally, he belongs to the Masonic Order and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ALBERT H. JOHNSON.

Albert H. Johnson, a farmer of Cromwell township, Clay county, was born on his father's homestead in Highland Grove township, Clay county, May 6, 1882. He is a son of Henry and Betsey (Jensen) Johnson, both natives of Norway, from which country they came to America in the early fifties, the parents of each accompanying them. They all settled in Winneshiok county, Iowa, and there the parents of each spent the rest of their lives and died. Henry Johnson came to Minnesota, in 1876, accompanying a big train of wagons to Moorhead, the overland journey requiring three weeks. He located on a farm in Highland Grove township, Clay county, taking up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in section 18, where he developed a farm on which he made his home until 1907, when he moved to the farm on which his son, Albert H., now lives, in Cromwell township. He became one of the leading public men in Clay county, and was very active in politics. He was a delegate to county, state and national conventions of the Republican party. During the Civil War he served in Company G, Twelfth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was a member of the township board in Highland Grove township for many years. He helped organize the creamery at Hitterdal, also the one at Hawley, and was president of the former for some time. He helped organize the United Lutheran church at Hitterdal. His family consisted

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.

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