

In 1892 Peter Wouters was united in marriage to Margaret Dinsmore, a daughter of Jacob Dinsmore and wife. To this union the following children have been born: Arthur, John, Richard, Margaret and Gordon, all of whom are living. Mr. Wouters has been living on the farm most all his life since coming here. He has always given a good citizen's attention to public affairs and served as chairman of the township board for nine years. He is interested in the Farmers Co-operative Creamery at Hawley and also in the State Bank at Hawley. He has been an active member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen for about twenty years, and in the affairs of that fraternal organization he takes a warm interest.

MARTIN JOHNSON.

Martin Johnson, a well-known and substantial farmer of Pleasant View township, Norman county, now living retired, owner of several tracts of land, aggregating some five hundred and sixty acres of prime land, former township supervisor and otherwise widely known for his activities in regard to public affairs, is a native son of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was seventeen years old. He is the son of John and Johannah Johnson and was born in Norway on December 4, 1850, coming to the United States with his parents in 1867.

John Johnson was born in Norway about the year 1800 and was educated in the schools of that country and in later life worked as a farmer, continuing at that occupation after settling near Red Wing, Minnesota, where he lived towards the end of his life with his son, Tullaf, and died in 1897, having reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years. His wife, Johannah Johnson, also a native of Norway, came with her husband to this country. She died in 1901 at the old age of ninety-three years. They were the parents of the following children: Tullaf, married, lives at Red Wing, this state; Helena, married, also living in Red Wing; Nicholina, believed to have died in Norway, and Martin, the subject of this sketch. John Johnson and his wife were earnest members of the Lutheran church and their children were brought up in the tenets of the same faith.

Martin Johnson was educated in the schools of Norway and at the age of seventeen years, in 1867, immigrated to America, accompanying his parents to this country and proceeding on out to Red Wing, Minnesota, where the family settled and where the subject of this sketch helped in the

labors of the farm, a valuable assistant to his father. In 1885 he moved to Ada, but in the preceding years held a rented farm near Lake City, Minnesota, and on coming to Norman county he settled in Pleasant View township, where he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 17, and as he prospered in his agricultural operations he added to his holdings, and is now the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of excellent land, located in different sections, and is accounted one of the substantial farmers in this part of Norman county, his farming operations being conducted according to modern methods. He now lives retired.

In January, 1875, at Red Wing, Minnesota, Martin Johnson was united in marriage to Martha Hoef, a native of Germany, born in 1850, and who came to America in 1868 with her mother, her father having preceded them a few years earlier. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of the following children: John, Gustav, Clara, Kattie (deceased), Martha, Charlie, Ella and William. The mother of these children died in 1905. Mr. Johnson's son-in-law, Fred Riehl, who married Clara Johnson, works the farm and carries on mixed farming and raises blooded stock cattle. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Lutheran church and in former years served as trustee. He gives a good citizen's attention to public affairs and was elected to the township board and also served as township supervisor. He helped to organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Ada and in various other ways he has given of his time and energies to the promotion of all movements designed to promote the general welfare of the township and county.

JOHN JENSEN.

John Jensen, a well-known and prosperous farmer, owner of two hundred and eighty acres of prime land in Fossum township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of the United States for nearly fifty years and of Norman county since 1872. He was born in Norway on September 28, 1849, a son of Jens Jorgen and Elsie Katherine (Olson) Knutson.

Jens Jorgen Knutson and his wife were born in Norway, and they spent all their lives in that country, each dying in the same year, their deaths occurring in the summer of 1859. Jens J. Knutson was educated in the schools of his native land and in his early years taught school, after which