

the Schroeder family there are twelve children: Minnie, Frank, Emil, Clara, Rosalie, Christine, Otto, Henry, Herbert, Walter, Hulda and Margaret, all of whom are all living in Clay county. Minnie is the wife of H. G. Wendland, postmaster at Sabin. Clara is the wife of Chris Legler, living on a farm. Henry married Ella Miller and lives near Moorhead.

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### ISAAC JONES.

Isaac Jones, a well-known grain buyer of Baker, in the southern part of Clay county, was born in Jackson county, Iowa, January 30, 1872. He is a son of William and Rowena Jones, the father a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and the mother, of Jackson county, Iowa. William Jones spent his boyhood in his native county in the old Keystone state and there attended the public schools. When a young man he came West, locating in Jackson county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until 1880, in which year he came to Minnesota, taking up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Clay county, and tree-claimed one hundred and sixty acres also, in Elmwood township. He worked hard clearing and developing his land, but by perseverance he made a good home and there he followed general farming until about 1897, when he rented his land out and retired from active life, moving to the village of Baker. He subsequently sold his farm to R. N. Lewis. He had been quite successful during the last years of his active life as a farmer and stock raiser. He spent his last days in Baker, his death occurring there in July, 1915. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and his wife was a Presbyterian. To these parents four children were born, namely: Mary, the wife of J. H. Wright; Hettie, wife of A. C. Duke; Isaac, the subject of this sketch, and Hannah, who is the youngest child.

Isaac Jones grew to manhood in Jackson county, Iowa, and in Elmwood township, Clay county, Minnesota. He attended school in both, and later attended the high school at Barnesville. He grew up on his father's farm and assisted with the general work, remaining with his father on the farm until he was about twenty-seven years old, when he started farming for himself in Elmwood township, continuing successfully thus engaged until 1910, when he moved to Baker and for four years was manager of the local affairs of the Anchor Grain Company. Since 1914 he has been buying grain for the Red River Seed and Produce Company, and is accounted one

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.

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#### 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