

On August 23, 1865, Mr. Kyllander landed at New York City, going thence to Virginia for one year, at the end of which time he came to Goodhue and Nicollet counties, Minnesota, and taught school in each of these counties and also taught in Sibley county. While in Nicollet county he bought school land, but did not farm there. In June, 1882, he arrived in Polk county with a relative, driving from Gibbon, Sibley county. There were three families and three wagons, much cattle, horses and oxen. In the following month he located on the farm where he has since lived, pre-empting one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cleared of brush and on which he erected some fine buildings. Later, he added another quarter section by purchase, which he has since given to his sons. Mr. Kyllander taught school in Bear Park township for five or six terms, being the first school teacher in district No. 57, which he helped to organize; he also taught in district No. 56. He assisted in the organization of St. John's Swedish church in Sundahl township. Always displaying a close interest in public affairs, he served as township clerk for a period and served in the office of justice of the peace for fourteen years.

On September 17, 1870, Gustav Kyllander was united in marriage to Maria Olson, born in Dalen, Sweden, a daughter of Ole Olson and wife, natives also of that country. To this union the following children were born: Gustav A., born August 23, 1871, farms the old home place; Anna, April 14, 1873, married Gustav Groberg; Carl O., February 11, 1875, deceased, and Clara, February 13, 1877, died when eight days old.

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### MARTIN J. KVIDT

Martin J. Kvidt, one of Norman county's well-known and substantial farmers and the proprietor of a well-kept farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 6 of Flom township, where he has a very pleasant home, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Norman county since the days of his childhood, his parents having been pioneers of this part of the Red River country. He was born on a farm in Houston county on May 18, 1870, son of John E. and Margareta (Gjertsdatter) Kvidt, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who became pioneers of Norman county and are still living here, the former now in the eighty-ninth year of his age and the latter in the eighty-sixth year of her age.

John E. Kvidt was married in Norway and came to the United States

when he was thirty-eight years of age. After a sometime residence in Houston county, this state, he came with his family up into the Red River valley, in 1878, and homesteaded a quarter of a section of partly wooded land in section 6 of what later came to be organized as Flom township, Norman county, and there established his home, becoming one of the real pioneers of that part of the county. For the first ten years of his residence there Mr. Kvidt farmed with oxen and endured the various privations to which the early settlers of the new country were subjected. As time passed and he got his place under cultivation he made substantial improvements on his place and it was not long until he came to be regarded as one of the well-to-do farmers of that section. On that place he and his wife still make their home, though owning now but thirty-five acres, the balance of the homestead having been sold to their son Gjert, when they retired from the active labors of the farm. They have five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the last-born, the others being as follow: Ingebret, who is married and is living on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in section 8 of Flom township; Gjert, unmarried, who now owns and manages the old home place; Jens, who is married and is living on a two-hundred-acre farm in section 12 of Flom township, and Mrs. Annie Albertson, who lives in section 9 of that same township.

Martin J. Kvidt was eight years of age when he came with his parents into Norman county in 1878 and his schooling was completed in the pioneer schools of his home neighborhood. From the days of his boyhood he was a valuable aid in the labors of developing and improving the home place and early became a skilled farmer, continuing farming to this day. In 1899 he bought a quarter of a section of partly improved land in section 6 of Flom township, established his home there and has since made his home there. When he came into possession of the place it had on it a set of old log buildings and he has since replaced these with substantial modern buildings and has made other up-to-date improvements. He also has brought the place up to an excellent state of cultivation and has done well in his general farming operations. In addition to his grain farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has a fine herd of red-polled cattle.

On June 19, 1910, in the Wild Rice church, not far from his home, Martin J. Kvidt was united in marriage to Annie Lovold, who was born on March 4, 1880, in Highland Grove township, Clay county, this state, a daughter of Seviert and Seneva (Winjum) Lovold, pioneers of that township, who are still living on the farm they homesteaded in section 12 back

in the days of the early settlement of that part of the county, but which homestead place is now owned by their daughter, Mrs. Tom Suprey, of Strandquist, in Marshall county. Mrs. Kvidt has four brothers and three sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Kvidt have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the general social affairs of the community in which they live. They are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and take a warm interest in the various beneficences of the same. Mr. Kvidt helped by his contributions in the organization of that church and for many years has been janitor of the church building. He has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has not been included in the office-seeking class.

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### ALBERT GARTLAND.

Albert Gartland, one of the well-remembered citizens of the past generation, a farmer during the latter years of his life, since he settled in Norman county, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, born in that country on March 15, 1856, a son of Ditlev and Bergita Gartland, also natives of Norway, where they were farming people, and who lived and died in their native land.

Albert Gartland was educated in the schools of Norway and was reared on his father's farm, where he helped in the labors of improving and developing the home place. When about twenty-four years of age he immigrated to the United States, going on arrival to Lanesboro, Minnesota, and later to Minneapolis, where he worked for others part of the time and later operated a meat market on his own account, with considerable success. In 1882 he moved to Norman county and in that year located on the farm on which his widow still resides. He bought one hundred and twenty acres of railroad land, which he immediately cultivated and set out to general farming, in which he was engaged for the remainder of his life. On this holding he erected some buildings, others now on the place having been put up by his family since his death, which occurred on September 2, 1897.

Albert Gartland was a man of considerable public spirit and was identified with many useful projects during his residence in Norman county. For some years he served as township supervisor and as township assessor, giving to the duties of these important positions his unremitting attention. He was no less energetic and earnest in matters appertaining to church affairs, and helped to organize the Norman Lutheran church, in which he was active for