

to other hands. He also retains stock in some of the important financial institutions of the county. During his years of active business life, he owned and operated a large brewery here in Moorhead, but his retirement from business caused him to relinquish his interests in that enterprise.

On October 22, 1872, Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Anna Larson, who was born in Sweden, August 16, 1852, who came with her parents to America when she was only three years of age. The family settled in Goodhue county, Minnesota, where Mrs. Erickson was reared to womanhood. Her death occurred in Moorhead, October 16, 1899. By her Mr. Erickson is the father of five children, as follow: Gust, residing in Reno, Nevada; Carolina, married and living in Scobey, Montana; Edward, a resident of Reno, Nevada; Albert, who lives here and is a candy manufacturer, and May, a teacher in the Breckenridge schools, who is a graduate of the State Normal school here and has taught in this state for seven years. Since his retirement, Mr. Erickson has not given up entirely his interest in the public welfare, for whenever any worthy movement is started in the city for the common social, educational and moral betterment, it is assured of his unstinted support.

GUSTAV KYLLANDER.

Gustav Kyllander, for many years identified with the farming industry either as an instructor or as a practical farmer, now living in Bear Park township, Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of the United States since 1865, having come to this country when he was thirty-one years old. He was born in Westergotland, Sweden, October 6, 1834, a son of Pehr and Marie Elizabeth (Swenson) Kyllander, both also natives of Sweden and in which country they spent their last days. During his active life Pehr Kyllander was a farmer. He and his wife were the parents of one child, Gustav Kyllander, the subject of this sketch, whose mother died when he was but one year old.

Gustav Kyllander was educated in the schools of Sweden and took a course in the gymnasium and took the examination at Upsala University, later attending the Agricultural College at Ultena, Sweden, where he spent two years, and from which institution he was graduated. Thus prepared, he then taught an agricultural school at Halland, Sweden, later going to an uncle to gain some practical experience on the farm. Subsequently, he taught agriculture at Smoland for a time.

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.

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