

affiliated with the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America, Improved Order of Red Men, Degree of Honor, the Royal League and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is president of the Moorhead Retail Merchants Association and is a member of the board of directors of the State Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Evenson is also keenly alive to the civic progress of his community and was elected a member of the city council in January of 1917.

CHARLES LAMB, SR.

Charles Lamb, Sr., the first permanent settler in Elkton township, Clay county, one of the organizers of that township and for twenty-four years a member of the board of supervisors of the same and for ten years township clerk, a substantial landowner and retired farmer, who is now varying his residence between his fine farm home in Elkton township and his town house in Baker, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since 1872, one of the early residents of the Red River country and one of the most influential pioneers of the section in which he settled back in the days of the beginning of the development of this region. He was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, April 30, 1844, son of John and Elizabeth Lamb, also natives of Scotland, the former of whom died there many years ago and the latter of whom came to this country with her younger son, the late John Lamb, a memorial sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume, in 1873, and lived in Becker county, this state, until about 1878, when she homesteaded a quarter section in Elkton township, Clay county, where she spent the remainder of her life, making her home with her son William and family. That quarter section is now owned by her grandson, Charles Lamb, son of the subject of this sketch, whom she reared and who is now making his home there. Of the children born to the senior John Lamb and his wife, the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being David, Ann, Magdaline, Charles, James, John, Alexander, Mary, Jane and William.

Reared on the home farm in his native Forfarshire, Charles Lamb there grew to manhood and was married. In 1872 he came to the United States with his family and proceeded on out to Minnesota, settling in Becker county, which not long before had been opened for settlement, and there made his home for five years, or until 1877, when he moved over into Clay county

and homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in what later came to be organized as Elkton township, the first permanent settler in that township. At the same time he bought the tree-claim right to an adjoining quarter section, the original claimant having become discouraged and willing to dispose of his claim, and later bought an adjoining tract of one hundred acres of railroad land, thus making him a place of four hundred and twenty acres, which he gradually improved and which he still owns, now one of the most valuable farms in the township. As the premier pioneer of that section of the county, Mr. Lamb took an active part in the organization of the township when increasing settlement presently necessitated the organization of the community for civil purposes, and was elected a member of the first board of township supervisors, a position he occupied for twenty-four years and in the performance of the duties of which he did much for the development of the substantial interests of Elkton township and of the community in general. For ten years he also served as clerk of the township and likewise helped to organize his home school district, the first school district in the township. He also was a prominent factor in the organization of the first religious congregation in that community and was a charter member of the Presbyterian church, which at first conducted services in the school building, but later erected a house of worship at Baker, of which congregation Mr. Lamb is still an active member. During the days of the Good Templar crusade in this country Mr. Lamb helped organize a branch of the Good Templars in his community and was active in the work of the same, the meetings being held in the school house, which was the general social center of the community in those days. Mr. Lamb improved and developed his land in fine shape and in due time had an excellent farm plant there, continuing actively engaged in farming and stock raising until his retirement, since which time he has divided his time between his town house in Baker and the farm. In addition to his extensive farming interests, Mr. Lamb is the owner of a tidy bit of real estate in Baker and is quite well circumstanced.

Mr. Lamb has been twice married. In Scotland he married Jessie Taylor, who also was born in Forfarshire and who died some years after the family settled in Clay county. To that union were born seven children, Mary, David A., John, Jennie, Charles, James (deceased), and Jessie (deceased). Some time after the death of the mother of these children, Mr. Lamb married, in Clay county, Elizabeth Stewart, also now deceased, who was born in Scotland and who came to Minnesota with her parents, Charles and Elizabeth Stewart, natives of Scotland, in 1877, the family

settling on a homestead farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 8 of Elkton township, Clay county. To this second union seven children were born, Elizabeth, Fred, Mabel, Ronald and three who died young. As one of the pioneers of Clay county Mr. Lamb has a remarkable fund of reminiscences relating to the early days of the settlement of this region and his stories of pioneer days are interesting and informative. He has been a witness to and a participant in the development of Elkton township and of the Baker neighborhood since the days of the very beginning of a social order thereabout and has done well his part in that development.

O. N. IVERSON.

O. N. Iverson, the present postmaster at Baker, where he is an enterprising merchant, is well known in the southern part of Clay county, although he is but a young man. He was born in Tansem township, this county, January 9, 1887, a son of S. O. and Anna (Herbranson) Iverson, the father a native of Dakota county, Minnesota, and the mother, of Wisconsin. About 1880, the father came to Clay county, Minnesota, and took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Tansem township. He developed the raw land into a good farm and there he has since resided. He put all the buildings and improvements on the place, and, prospering through hard work and good management, has added to his original holdings until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, and is one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers of his township. To S. O. Iverson and wife eight children have been born, as follow: O. N., of this sketch; Theodore, Emma, Cora, George, Nettie, Melvin and Alexander. S. O. Iverson and wife belong to the Norwegian Lutheran church. He has been active in local public affairs for many years, serving on the board for Tansem township for about fifteen years, and as a member of the school board ten or twelve years.

O. N. Iverson grew to manhood on the home farm, and he received his education in the rural schools of Tansem township. When seventeen years old, he began clerking for Thompson Felde & Company of Barnesville, this county, remaining in that capacity about four years, giving satisfaction in every respect, for he was alert, courteous and faithful. He then spent two years in Adams county, North Dakota, on a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres. He left there in the spring of 1910 and came