

there. In addition to his general farming interests, Mr. Fobes has given considerable attention to other interests and is president of the Home Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Company of Minneapolis, which he helped to organize and of which he has been the president since the date of its organization. He also is actively interested in the local telephone company. In civic affairs he likewise has taken a proper interest, and has been clerk of the school board in his home district ever since it was organized.

On September 28, 1892, in Iowa, Arthur L. Fobes was united in marriage to Cora G. Bronson, daughter of G. M. and Margaret (Hendrick) Bronson, natives of New York state, who became residents of Wisconsin and later of Iowa. G. M. Bronson was a veteran of the Civil War, who performed service in a Wisconsin regiment, a member of the Twelfth Wisconsin Battery, and also was for some time connected with the United States secret service. Mr. and Mrs. Fobes have four children: Charles V., Orange G., Joseph and Josephine, all of whom are at home. Mr. Fobes is a member of the Baptist church and the children are connected with the Presbyterian church. Mr. Fobes is a member of the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in the affairs of these organizations takes a warm interest. He is now serving as supervisor of highway construction in his home district.

JAMES LAMB.

The late James Lamb, one of the pioneers of Clay county, who died at Fergus Falls, and whose widow is still living on the home place, the owner of three-quarters of a section of land besides a quarter section in North Dakota, was a native of Scotland, born in Forfarshire in 1847, son of John and Elizabeth Lamb, also natives of Scotland, the former of whom died in his native land and the latter of whom came to Minnesota with her younger son, John, in the seventies. The son pre-empted a claim in Elkton township, Clay county, and here she spent her last days on a quarter section near D~~over~~. In a memorial sketch relating to the late John Lamb and in a biographical sketch relating to Charles Lamb, Sr., of Baker, brother of the subject of this memorial sketch, presented elsewhere in this volume, there is set out at some length further details of the settlement of the Lamb family in Clay county and the attention of the reader is respectfully invited



JAMES LAMB AND FAMILY.

to those narratives for further information of a genealogical and historical character relating to this well-known and influential family.

Reared on the home farm in his native Forfarshire, James Lamb there grew to manhood and in that neighborhood was married in 1868 to Ann Anderson, who also was born in Scotland, a daughter of George and Agnes (Todd) Anderson, the former of whom was an extensive stock dealer and had many business interests. He was an ardent church member and he and his wife spent all their lives in Scotland. George Anderson and wife were the parents of four children, of whom Mrs. Lamb was the last-born, the others being Mary, who is still living in Scotland, and Agnes and James, both now deceased. In 1882 James Lamb came to the United States with his family and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating in Clay county, whither his mother and his brothers had preceded him some years before, settling on a homestead tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Elkton township, where he and his family established their home. Unhappily, not long after locating there, Mr. Lamb became incapacitated for the physical labor necessary to the development of a pioneer farm and the laborious task of developing and improving the place fell upon his wife, who with fine courage and indomitable spirit surmounted the difficulties in her way and presently had an excellent farm plant there, a substantial set of buildings and a profitably-cultivated farm. Mrs. Lamb is undoubtedly one of the most remarkable pioneer women in the state. She did not have a dollar of her own, or a wagon team, implement or seed with which to start her crops, when she took hold of this pre-empted claim. With true Scotch grit she managed to keep her family together and paid off every dollar she borrowed. She succeeded in accumulating the land interests she now owns, all of the work being the outcome of her own energy. She has numerous friends who hold her in the highest esteem. As she prospered in her undertakings Mrs. Lamb bought three hundred and twenty acres more of land and now has three-quarters of a section of valuable land, continuing actively engaged in the management of her well-improved place.

To James and Ann (Anderson) Lamb the following children were born, namely: George, deceased; Mary, deceased; Andrew, now a resident of North Dakota; Agnes, deceased, wife of Gustav Erstad; Albert, of Clay county; William, deceased; James, who is at home assisting his mother in the management of the home farm, and one who died in infancy. Besides rearing this family, Mrs. Lamb reared her grandson, Walter, son of her deceased daughter, Mary (Lamb) Morey, and the young man has adopted

the surname Lamb, being known as Walter Lamb. Mrs. Lamb is an active member of the Presbyterian church and has ever taken an interested part in the affairs of the church, as well as in the general good works of the community of which she has been a resident since pioneer days.

OLE E. TANGEN.

The career of Ole E. Tangen, a farmer of Kragnes township, Clay county, is a good example of what may be accomplished by a man of grit and perseverance, who comes to a strange land without capital. There have been many such in Minnesota during the past half century, principally from Scandinavia, and we have always welcomed them, knowing that most of them would turn out to be good citizens.

Mr. Tangen was born in Norway, January 19, 1851. He is a son of Evan O. and Inge Marie (Stensgard) Tangen, both natives of Norway, the father born on January 1, 1829, and the mother, in 1825. They grew up in their native land, where they married and where they lived until they came to America and established the family home in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where they spent the rest of their lives on a farm, the father dying at the age of fifty-four years. The mother reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. To these parents the following children were born: Andrew, who died in New York City at the age of fifty-four years; Ole E., the subject of this sketch; Kathryne, who died in South Dakota at the age of forty-five; Gust, who is engaged in farming in Montana; Christ, who lives at Livingston, this state; Christina, who married B. B. Hetland and died in Moorhead, Minnesota, June 16, 1917.

Ole E. Tangen was ten years old when he came to America in 1861. He spent his boyhood on the farm of his father in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he attended the district schools; but his education was limited, for he had to go to work when only ten years old. He came to Clay county in 1878 and the following year bought one-half of section 16, Kragnes township, and here he has since resided. During his residence of thirty-eight years in this locality he has seen the country change from a wild prairie to a fine farming section. He made all the improvements on his land, erecting a splendid group of buildings, good fences, etc., and has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser. He makes a specialty of raising