

and he developed the place from a wild prairie to an excellent farm, planted a large grove of fine trees, erected a comfortable dwelling and numerous outbuildings, fences, etc., and here he engaged in general farming and stock raising with very gratifying results until his death, which occurred in the year 1907.

Nine children were born to Thorsten N. Lunder and wife, named as follow: Nels, the eldest; Rande, deceased; Iver, living; Olavus, deceased; Nickolie, living; Segred, deceased; Thorvald and Dorthea, living, and Julius T., the subject of this sketch.

Julius T. Lunder was three years old when his parents brought him from Norway to Clay county and he grew up on the home farm in Highland Grove township, where he has lived ever since. He received his education in the district schools of his vicinity. He has kept the old farm well improved and under a fine state of cultivation and has carried on diversified farming with success. He has kept the buildings well repaired and erected a new barn, thirty-four by seventy feet.

In July, 1905, Mr. Lunder was married to Hilda Carlson, who was born near Lake Park, Becker county, Minnesota. She grew to womanhood on the home farm and attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Carl G. and Sanne (Ebeltoft) Carlson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lunder, namely: Vivian Gladys, Roy, Howard Joseph and Esther Inez. Politically, Mr. Lunder is a Democrat.

OLE LARSON.

Ole Larson, farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, was born in Scott county, Minnesota, April 16, 1867. He is a son of Andrew and Mary (Engen) Larson, both natives of Norway, from which country they immigrated to America, single, in 1850, making the voyage on the same boat, landing at Quebec, Canada, where they were married. After spending three years in that city, they removed to Chicago, Illinois, and lived there eight years; then went to Muskego, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, where they remained until 1862, when they came to Scott county, Minnesota. Mr. Larson had worked as a laborer all these years, but by living economically he had saved enough to buy land, which he developed and farmed, being one of the pioneer settlers in Scott county. Remaining there until the spring

of 1879, he moved to Clay county, making the trip with team and wagon. He secured one hundred and sixty acres in Humboldt township, which he made into an excellent farm, where he still resides. He set out a large grove and put up a residence and numerous other buildings. His wife died in Scott county. Andrew Larson has always been a public-spirited man and helpful in his community. He helped organize the first church in his locality in Humboldt township, the Lutheran church, and he helped organize the township. While living at Muskego, Wisconsin, he also helped organize the first church there. He worked on the construction of the first railroad which was built west from Chicago. He moved from that city on account of an outbreak of cholera, walking to Muskego, a distance of six hundred miles, later sending back for his family. He worked as a farm hand there until he came to Scott county, Minnesota, making the long journey with his family and household effects in an old-fashioned covered wagon, the trip requiring six weeks. His family consisted of nine children. Six of these died in Scott county. Lars died in Clay county. Ole, the subject of this sketch, and Jose are the only ones now living, the latter keeping house for her father and brother, the three having remained together.

Ole Larson attended the early district schools of Clay county. He has worked hard all his life, assisting his father, who is a typical pioneer, with the general work of developing farms in a new country. The son has added one hundred and twenty acres to the homestead and also owns some woodland. He raises grain, potatoes and live stock, specializing in graded Shorthorn cattle. He has kept the place under an excellent state of improvement and cultivation. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Barnesville and is still a heavy stockholder in the same. He was its first president, is now vice-president, and has done much to make the undertaking eminently successful. He is also a stockholder and director in the Park Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he has been connected since 1910 and in which he has carried insurance for twenty-five years.

Mr. Larson was married in 1897 to Caroline Blegen, a native of Norway and a daughter of Peter and Bertha (Tingelstad) Blegen, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and established their home; but brought their family to America many years ago, locating among the early pioneers of Humboldt township, Clay county, Minnesota, where they became very comfortably established through their industry, buying railroad land in section 13. After living there a number of years they moved to Beltrami county, this state, where they still live. Six children, all surviving, were

born to Mr. and Mrs. Blegen, namely: Caroline, Nettie, Gilbert, Vent, Peter and Henry.

The following children have been born to Ole Larson and wife: Arthur, Peter, Ida Louisa (deceased), Lars (deceased), Clara, Anna and Sever. Politically, Mr. Larson is independent. He has held all the offices in Humboldt township, being assessor five or six years, and chairman of the board of trustees ten years. He is an active member of the Grong Lutheran church of which he has been a trustee for many years. He has always taken an interest in local public affairs and is a well-known and highly respected citizen of Humboldt township.

HANS O. LEE.

Hans O. Lee, a substantial landowner and progressive farmer, of Lee township, Norman county, which township was named in honor of his father, was born in the kingdom of Norway on April 22, 1863, and was not yet six years of age when his parents, Ole J. Lee and wife, came to this country, the family presently locating at Fargo. He was eight years of age when the family located at Fargo and he grew to manhood there, receiving his schooling in the schools of that city and in the college at Northfield. In 1871 Ole J. Lee pre-empted a claim one mile south of the Northern Pacific track, where a part of the city of Fargo now stands, the city waterworks plant being now located there, and remained there until 1878, in which year he came up into what then was a part of Polk county (now Norman) and settled in the township which now bears his name and which he helped to organize. In 1884 he returned to his native Norway, bought a farm there and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring about 1905. His wife, also a native of Norway, was Anna Johanna Aklestrom before her marriage. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, all citizens of the United States.

When twenty-one years of age Hans O. Lee bought a tract of eighty acres of land in section 26 of Lee township, Norman county, and after his marriage in 1890 established his home in that township and has ever since resided there, long having been regarded as one of the most substantial and influential residents of that section of the county. A year after his investment in Lee township he bought a quarter of a section in section 22 and in the fall of 1892 moved onto this latter place; later trading that quarter section for two hundred acres in section 34, where he since has made