

Eva, Agnes, John, Mary and Rose, all of whom are living with their parents on the farm. Mr. Arends takes a warm interest in township and general community affairs and is now serving as township clerk and is also a member of the township school board, his interest in educational matters being recognized throughout the township, and in other ways he has contributed of his time and energy in various directions tending to the public good.

JACOB LERUD.

Jacob Lerud, another of the substantial farmers of Home Lake township, is a native of the Kingdom of Norway, who came to America in search of fortune and found it. He was born in 1864 in that country and at the age of nineteen years immigrated to the United States, going on arrival to Lansing, Iowa, near which place he worked on farms for about six or seven months. He then came to Ada and worked for his brother Anton during the winter and in the spring on farms in North Dakota. The next winter he attended school in Ada, the following summer again finding employment at farm work in North Dakota, returning the next winter to Ada and resuming school work. In another part of this volume is published an extended account of Anton Lerud, brother of the subject of this sketch, the notice appearing under the caption of Emil Lerud.

• Jacob Lerud commenced farming operations on his own account by the purchase from Austin Hanson in 1887, of eighty acres in section 8, Home Lake township, later adding forty acres in section 7, same township, and still later another forty in the same section—the total being one hundred and sixty acres in the foregoing sections and a further forty acres in section 20. Mr. Lerud has carried out some valuable improvements on his different holdings, including the setting out of groves and fences. For the first years of the farm life he used oxen in the work. He is now engaged in general farming and stock raising, the oxen have long since been discarded and all his operations are conducted according to modern methods.

In 1885 Jacob Lerud was united in marriage to Johanna Monson, a native of Norway, born in 1867, who at the age of nineteen years came to America with two sisters. Her parents are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Lerud the following children have been born: Carl, Helmer and Alfred, owning two hundred and eleven acres of land in sections 5 and 6, north of their father's place; Alma, who keeps house for these brothers; Albert,

Julia, Clara, Alvin and Emil, all at home, and Clara, deceased. Mr. Lerud is a member of the Synod church and served as trustee to the congregation for some time. He has always taken an active and intelligent part in the affairs of the township and served on the township board and also on the school board, bringing to the duties of these offices a ripe intelligence. He acted as assessor for five or six years. He helped to organize the local creamery and is a stockholder in the same with a seat on the board of directors. He also is a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company of Ada, and in many other directions has given of his time and energy to projects calculated to serve the best interests of the community in which he resides.

THOMAS T. NATWICK.

Thomas T. Natwick, a substantial farmer of Wild Rice township and member of the board of commissioners of Norman county, was born in Norway on February 20, 1863, the son of Thomas George and Christina (Offerdahl) Natwick, both natives of Norway who emigrated to America with their son, Thomas T., in 1878, proceeding directly to Iowa, where they settled in Shelby county, farming there for four years. While residents there, Thomas T. Natwick supplemented the education he had received in Norway by attending the schools in Iowa.

In the spring of 1882 the family pushed northward into Minnesota and arrived at their destination, the town of Ada, in Norman county, on the 9th of March. The family settled at once in Wild Rice township, where the subject of this review still lives, his parents having lived with him until their deaths. The title to the tract of land whereon Thomas T. Natwick settled, which contained about one hundred and fifty acres, was at first disputed, but eventually he won out in the controversy and now for years has had undisputed possession, improving the land by the erection of fine farm buildings and by planting groves. By tireless industry and good management Mr. Natwick has been enabled to extend his holdings by the acquisition of eighty acres of land, thus he is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres, whereon he raises grain and stock, specializing in Shorthorn cattle.

On December 5, 1895, Thomas T. Natwick married Beatte Hagen, who was born in Norway on September 30, 1875, the daughter of Hans and Serena (Peterson) Hagen; and to this union six children have been born,