

on the coming of the following spring, he returned again to his Canadian claim, where he remained until the fall of 1913, occupying his time in working on his holding and in reading law. He then resumed his studies in the St. Paul College of Law, and in the summer of the following year, proved up his claim in Ontario. He then returned to college, and in the spring of 1915 came to Clay county and entered the law office of C. G. Dosland, in Moorhead. He then, in the fall of 1915, located in the practice of his profession at Lake Park, Becker county, Minnesota. His business in the northwestern part of Becker county brought him to Ulen on his weekend trips, and, after three months, he decided to locate in Ulen. He came here January 1, 1916, and has been here ever since engaged in general law practice.

In 1915, September 9, William H. Rasey and Una Chambard, daughter of F. G. and Emma C. (Torrey) Chambard, of Valley City, North Dakota, were united in marriage. Mrs. Rasey is a musician of considerable talent, having been a student of music practically all her life. She is teacher of both piano and voice and has attained great success as an instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasey are members of the Congregational church, in Ulen, and are interested in all the activities of that church. Mr. Rasey is affiliated with the local lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Community Club, of which he is secretary.

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### JOHN LINDAHL.

John Lindahl, a venerable farmer of Spring Prairie township, Clay county, who has lived beyond the age of fourscore years, having reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, the last three decades or more of which have been spent in this locality, can relate tales of many interesting events that have transpired here since this locality was first settled. He has witnessed with his own eyes the many changes that have taken place and in the processes which have brought these changes about he has played no inconspicuous part himself.

Mr. Lindahl was born in Sweden, August 8, 1833, a son of Johanas and Ingeborg Swenson, also natives of Sweden, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land. The father reached the unusual age of ninety-seven. Five of their children grew to maturity, namely: Carl, who

came to Minnesota and died in Clay county; Sarah, who died in Sweden; Martha and Johanna, who also died in the old country, and John, whose name forms the caption of this biographical review.

John Lindahl grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the common schools. On January 1, 1857, he married Sarah Johnson, a native of Sweden, in which country her parents spent their lives on a farm. Mr. Lindahl lived in Sweden, where he followed farming, until the year 1884, when he came to the United States, but his wife and some of their children did not follow him until 1885. Two of their sons and two daughters had preceded them here in 1882. Mr. Lindahl located first in Cass county, North Dakota, but after spending one summer there he moved across the river into Minnesota and about a year later settled on the farm on which he still lives in Spring Prairie township, Clay county, taking up a homestead, the north-east quarter of section 30. He endured the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life and by perseverance succeeded in developing a valuable farm and a comfortable home, carrying on general farming and stock raising until old age made it necessary for him to turn the active management of the place over to his sons. They have put up excellent new buildings, planted a large grove and made other important improvements.

To John Lindahl and wife sixteen children have been born, named as follow: Martha, who lives in Sweden, the widow of Carl M. Dahl; Charles, who died in infancy in Sweden; Charles, the second, who died in Minnesota at the age of twenty-seven years; Johanna, wife of Ole Lundecne, of Clay county; Johanas, who is a blacksmith by trade and lives in Minneapolis; Ingre, wife of L. T. Larson, a farmer, of Spring Prairie township, Clay county; Christine, deceased, who was the wife of Nels Thompson, of Spring Prairie township, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume; Frank, who is farming on the home place; Gustav, who died in infancy in Sweden; Matilda, wife of R. P. Chandler, of Fargo; Carolina, wife of Theodore Ekroth, of Minneapolis; Augusta, wife of Gust Eurin, of Moorhead; Gust, who lives in Canada; Louise, a nurse in the United States army, who spent three years in the Philippine Islands and who is now (1917) in Panama; August, who is at home and helping on the farm, and Amanda, the only one of the children born in America, her birth having occurred in Clay county. She is the wife of Herst Miller and lives at Stockwood. The Lindahls are members of the Lutheran church and have ever taken an interested part in local church work. Mr. Lindahl is a Republican and has ever given his earnest attention to the causes of good local government.