

marriage, when, in 1883, he established his home on a homestead tract in Brule county, South Dakota, where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Spencer, Iowa. A year later he came to Minnesota and began farming in Martin county, where he remained until 1900, in which year he bought the farm on which he is now living in Elkton township, Clay county, and has there made his home ever since, developing a fine piece of farm property there. Mr. Tucker has two hundred and forty acres which he has improved in excellent shape, erecting substantial buildings, planting a grove and otherwise improving the place until he has one of the best farm plants in that neighborhood. Ever since taking up his residence in Clay county he has given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, has served as a member of the board of township supervisors, and is now serving as clerk of his school district. He and his family are members of the Congregational church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community.

In 1882, while living in Wisconsin, William J. Tucker was united in marriage to Grace James, of that state, daughter of Thomas James and wife, and to this union were born ten children, Thomas William, Jane, Hattie, Anna, Albert, Effie, Jasper, Eugene, Phena and Earl, all of whom are living. The mother of these children died on June 25, 1911.

HENRY MARSTON.

The late Henry Marston, one of the pioneers of Clay county, who died at his home in Elkton township, and whose widow is still living there, was a native of England, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age. He was born in 1847, son of George Marston and wife, also natives of England, who spent all their lives there, and there he received his schooling and spent his youth. When eighteen years of age he came to the United States and not long afterward located at Superior, Wisconsin, where he became engaged as a fireman on lake boats, and was thus engaged until he presently was appointed a grain inspector, with headquarters at Duluth, later entering railroad service, and about 1870 came over into this part of the state as a foreman of a construction crew during the time of the building of the Great Northern railroad. When the station at Barnesville was established Mr. Marston was put in charge of the water tank at that place and was presently appointed station agent, a position he occupied

for several years, or until 1879, when he married and homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Elkton township and there established his home, spending the rest of his life there and becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that section of the county. As he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Martson gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of five hundred and sixty acres, which is still held in the family, his widow and several of the children still living there, very comfortably situated; the Marston farm being highly improved and profitably cultivated. Mr. Marston in addition to his farming interests took an active part in the general affairs of the community and was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Barnesville, in the affairs of which he took an active and influential interest.

In 1879 Henry Marston was united in marriage to Martha Milbeck, who was born in the kingdom of Norway and who had come to this part of Minnesota with her parents in pioneer days, and to that union were born eight children, all of whom are living, namely: George, now a resident of the village of Downer; William, who is on the home farm; Edward, who also is on the home farm, actively participating in the management of the well-ordered farm plant; Arthur, now a resident of Seattle, Washington; Charles, at home; Burdett, at home; Emma, also at home, and Martha, of Baker. The Marstons are members of the Lutheran church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community.

OLE N. STOEN.

Ole N. Stoen, a farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, was born in Norway, March 4, 1870. He is a son of Nels and Mary Stoen, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and made their home until 1874. In August of that year they immigrated to America, locating first in Jackson county, Wisconsin, where they spent six or seven years; then came to Clay county, and bought railroad land in Tansem township, which Mr. Stoen improved and put under cultivation, continuing farming there until 1912, when he moved to Canada, where he has since resided, having taken up a homestead in Saskatchewan. He has devoted his life to general farming. His family consisted of eight children, one of whom died young; the others were named as follow: Anna, Lars, Ole N., Carrie, Thorten, Tilda and Otto.