

remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 30, 1915. His widow still resides on the old homestead entered by her husband about forty-five years ago. Erick Hauske was one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the community in which he had been living for so long a time. He effected many substantial improvements on his holding and erected some good buildings, and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred and ninety-four acres of prime land. He helped to organize and build the Augustana Lutheran church and also the local school.

Erick Hauske was twice married. In 1887 he married Sophia Thompson, a native of Wisconsin, and by that union became the father of one child, a son, Lawrence. His wife died about two years after marriage and in 1904 Mr. Hauske was married to Mrs. Sophia (Thompson) Olson, born in Norway, a daughter of Thomas and Marit (Hones) Johanson, both, also, natives of Norway, where the mother died when Mrs. Hauske was six years old, the father dying there in the winter of 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Hauske became the parents of one child, a daughter Mabel. By a former marriage to Lars Olson, Mrs. Hauske was the mother of one child, a daughter, Elizabeth. Lars Olson died in Norway.

Mr. Hauske was of an enterprising public spirit and for many years was actively engaged in the work of carrying on township duties. In the days of the formation of Halstad township he rendered valuable service in the work of organization and later served as township trustee, bringing to the duties of that office characteristic honesty and ability. He was a road boss for several years and otherwise active in civic affairs. He helped to promote the Halstad Telephone Company and took a prominent and active part in the work of getting the company established.

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#### NELS H. MOE.

Nels H. Moe, who operates the old Moc homestead of one hundred sixty acres in Strand township, Norman county, where he has been and is actively connected with the civil affairs and co-operative business interests of the community, was born in Floyd county, Iowa, December 22, 1873, a son of Helge L. and Bertha (Bagne) Moe, both of whom were natives of Norway where they grew to maturity and married. Some years after their marriage the parents decided to come to America, and bringing with them their daughter Martha, they arrived here in June, 1873. They located imme-

diately in Floyd county, Iowa, and during their residence of one year in that county, their son Nels was born. In 1874 they removed to Mitchell county, Iowa, and after they had resided there about six years, during which time the father carried on farming, the family came to Norman county, Minnesota, in the fall of 1881. Here they located the next spring on a homestead of one hundred sixty acres where their son Nels now lives. On this, the home place, the mother died on April 24, 1904, and the father continued to live here until 1917, when he moved to Willmar, Minnesota, where he now makes his home.

Helge and Bertha (Bagne) Moe preceded their parents to this country by only a few years. The parents of the former, Lars and Margit (Knutson) Moe, both of whom were natives of Norway, immigrated to America in 1878 or 1879, came on out to Nicollet county, Minnesota, and two years later moved to Norman county, where they took a homestead of one hundred sixty acres in section 30, Strand township. Here they made their home until 1900, when they removed to Germantown, Marshall county, Minnesota, where they spent the remainder of their days. Both had remarkable longevity, the latter dying at the age of ninety-four years and the former at ninety. Nels and Bertha Bagne the parents of Bertha (Bagne) Moe were both born in Norway, where they lived their whole lives, the former being a mechanic and farmer. To the parents of the subject of this review were born the following children: Martha, Nels H., Lena and Lewis, both deceased; Belle, Leonard, Helen and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Moe were devoted members of the Norwegian Lutheran church; the former with his father helped to organize the Wild Rice Norwegian Lutheran church.

Nels H. Moe was only eight years of age when his parents brought him to Norman county and it was here that he attended the common schools of the neighborhood. As he grew older, he was able to contribute much to the common effort of the family in the development and cultivation of the home farm. The results of their work are obvious, for where lay a scope of unbroken prairie is now a beautiful and productive farm of one hundred sixty acres on which have been erected large, commodious and substantial farm buildings. Mr. Moe, who is unmarried, has always lived on his father's homestead, where he carries on a scientific form of diversified agriculture. Mr. Moe has been and is actively connected with the civil affairs and the co-operative business interests of the community in which he lives. For twelve or fourteen years he served his neighbors as township supervisor and for one year as township clerk. Throughout his occupancy of official positions he has discharged his duties with impartiality and with open direct-

ness. Politically, he is a strong exponent of the doctrine of the Republican party and his voice is well-known in the local councils of his party. Feeling that the farmers of the community should have better marketing facilities for their grain products, he helped to organize the Farmers Elevator at Gary.

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### LOUIS KNUDTSON.

Louis Knudtson, a member of the board of supervisors for Good Hope township and one of the best-known and most substantial farmers in the northern part of Norman county, was born at Decorah, in Winneshiek county, Iowa, April 4, 1865, a son of Gilbert and Eliza (Paulson) Knudtson, natives of the kingdom of Norway, the former of whom had come to this country in 1848 and the latter, in 1852, who were married in Iowa, but whose last days were spent in Minnesota. Gilbert Knudtson served as a soldier of the Union during the Civil War, a member of an Iowa regiment, and in 1866 moved with his family up into Minnesota and established his home on a quarter-section farm about nine miles south of Albert Lea, in Freeborn county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, the latter living until 1915. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Caroline, Serena, Ole, Theodore, Otto and John, the four latter of whom still make their home on the old home place in Freeborn county, where they have an excellent and well-equipped farm plant. Gilbert Knudtson and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Having been but an infant when his parents moved from Iowa to Minnesota, Louis Knudtson was reared in this state and received his schooling in the schools of Freeborn county. In 1895 he started farming for himself in the neighborhood of Albert Lea and in the summer of the following year was married. In 1900 he disposed of his interests in Freeborn county and moved over west into Lac qui Parle county and bought a farm of eighty-seven acres in Freeland township, that county, where he made his home for twelve years, at the end of which time he traded that farm for the farm of two hundred acres in Good Hope township, Norman county, on which he is now living, and has since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. He has a fine herd of Hereford cattle and has done well in his farming operations. Ever since becoming a resident of Norman county Mr. Knudtson has taken a proper interest in