

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Moorhead and takes a warm interest in the affairs of the same.

On January 4, 1872, Dr. Daniel C. Darrow was united in marriage to Alice M. Stone, who was born at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, daughter of Richard Stone and wife, and who was a schoolmate at Neenah, and to this union two children have been born, Bertha D., who married Charles Loring, an attorney at Crookston, and has two children, Helen and Genevieve, and Edith, who married Joseph V. Godfrey, who died in 1911, leaving two children, Vernon D. and Annabelle. Doctor and Mrs. Darrow are attendants at the Congregational church and have ever taken an interested part in the general good works of the community, as well as in its social and cultural activities, and have been helpful in many ways in promoting movements designed to advance the common welfare hereabout. Mrs. Darrow's father, Richard Stone, was a native of England and for nine years served as a member of the Royal Guard, with the rank of corporal.

TORGE GUNDERSON MUHLE.

The late Torge Gunderson Muhle, whose memory ever will be cherished in this section of the Red River country as one of the very first settlers in Clay county and perhaps the first settler in that part of the county now comprised within the bounds of Moland township, he having pre-empted a claim there in 1870, was a native of the kingdom of Norway, but had been a resident of Minnesota since he was nineteen years of age, he having accompanied his parents to this state in 1866. He became a substantial pioneer farmer in Moland township, owner of a fine farm, where his last days were spent, his death occurring there on September 21, 1897, and where his widow is still living.

Torge Gunderson Muhle was born in Norway in 1849, son of Gunder and Ingeborg (Chestersdatter) Torge, also natives of Norway, who came to the United States with their family in 1866 and proceeded directly on out to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Houston county. There Torge G. Muhle remained until 1869, in which year he made a prospecting trip up here into the then prairie wilds of the Red River country and in 1870 pre-empted a quarter of a section of land in what later came to be organized as Moland township, in Clay county, though that was in the days before Clay county

had been organized as a civic unit. The next year his parents joined him on that pre-emption claim and the family home was established there, one of the very first permanent settlements made in this section of the Red River valley. Upon the enactment of the homestead law in 1872, T. G. Muhle converted his pre-emption into a homestead, "proved up" on the same and gradually improved and developed the place until he had a well-established farm. In 1879 there joined the Torge family a young woman just out from Norway, Guro Olasdatter Rue, and on December 21, 1879, in the little neighborhood school house, there then being no church thereabout in which to celebrate a marriage, Torge G. Muhle and Miss Rue were united in marriage, amid the felicitations and well wishes of many friends. After his marriage Mr. Muhle continued to make his home on his homestead place and became a well-to-do farmer and a man of substantial weight and influence in his community, his death occurring there, as noted above, in the fall of 1897. He was the second in order of birth of the six children born to his parents, the others having been Ole, Carrie, Chester, Ole (second), and one who died in infancy, all of whom are now deceased save Chester.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Muhle has continued to make her home on the old home place in Moland township and has done much to further improve the place, having erected substantial new buildings, and has also increased her land holdings, being the owner now of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land. She is a daughter of Ole and Joraand (Johansdatter) Chesterson, also natives of Norway, who came to this country in 1883, several years after the coming here of Mrs. Muhle, and for about twelve years thereafter made their home with the Muhles, but later settled on a tract of their own; later, however, returning to the Muhle home, where their last days were spent. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Muhle was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Carrie (1), Carrie (2), Chester and Liv, all of whom are still living, Chester Chesterson now being a resident of the territory of Alaska. Mrs. Muhle has a very pleasant home in Moland township and has ever taken an earnest interest in the general affairs of the community of which she has been a resident ever since her coming to this country back in the early days of the settlement of this part of Minnesota.

To Mr. and Mrs. Muhle ten children, eight of whom are living, were born, named as follow: Gust Olaf, Olaus, Oscar (deceased), Oscar, Josephine Emelia, Edward Julius, Eva Olive, Gina Theressa, John and Martin Tidman, the latter being deceased.