

acres which the subject of this review is now occupying. They developed the land from the wild prairie to a good farm, erected buildings and set out a large grove. Peter Stadum helped organize the local Norwegian Lutheran church.

Ole and Anna Hoveland, the maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch, were natives of Norway, where they grew up and were married. They came to America in the seventies and after spending a few years in Iowa came to Minnesota, locating in Trondhjem township, Otter Tail county, where they took up a homestead embracing a quarter section, and there Mr. Hoveland died. His widow is still living in that township. They were parents of fourteen children. They helped organize the Norwegian Lutheran church there.

Oscar Stadum grew to manhood on the home farm where he has always lived. When he became of proper age he assisted with the general work on the farm during the crop seasons, in the winter time attending the district schools. The place consists of one hundred and sixty acres and he has kept the same under a fine state of cultivation and improvement, carrying on general and mixed farming, raising grain and live stock for the markets.

In 1912 Oscar Stadum was married to Ella Solum, who was born in Norway. She is a daughter of Hans Hendrickson and wife, natives of Norway, from which country they came to Minnesota when their daughter Ella was a child, and settled in Tansem township, Clay county. Ella later became the adopted daughter of Ole H. Solum, a biographical sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Three children have been born to Oscar Stadum and wife, namely: Arnold, Margaret and Stella. Mr. Stadum is a Republican and is clerk of the school board in his district at this writing. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church.

OLE JENSON OLIN.

Before settling down to the orderly life of a farmer, Ole Jenson Olin had a varied career at various occupations in several states, including Illinois, Iowa, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana, and this notwithstanding that he is a native-born Swede, but has been a resident of the United States since he was twenty-one years of age. Mr. Olin was born in the kingdom of Sweden on February 8, 1862, a son of Jens and Buel (Hanson) Olson, both born in that same country, where they spent all their lives and where Jens

Olson was a farmer during his active life. They were the parents of the following children: Anders, Marie, Ole J., Hans and Elna, all of whom are living, and two other children who died young.

Ole J. Olin was educated in the schools of Sweden and was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the work of cultivating the land until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1883, he decided to seek his fortune in the United States. On his arrival in this country he proceeded directly to Naporseth, Illinois, and worked in that place for four months at harness-making, which trade he had learned in Sweden. He also had learned the shoe-making trade. He then moved to Geno, Nebraska, and worked during two summers at railroad construction. He then went with three companions to Sioux City, Iowa, driving their mules to that city and selling them there. His next move was to Glyndon, Minnesota, to visit his brother, Andrew; following which he went to Ada, where he worked on farms and on the river in Lake Ida township, remaining in that place for two years. He then crossed to South Dakota and worked at railroad grading, going thence to Black River, Wisconsin, and worked hauling logs in the lumber woods. The next move was to Minot, North Dakota, where he worked on the construction of the Great Northern railroad, and from Minot he proceeded to Great Falls, Montana, finally returning to Benson, Minnesota, and worked near that place on railroad construction.

Finally, Mr. Olin came back to Norman county, where he had a few years previously bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, and commenced to farm. Later he rented a tract of land near his one hundred and sixty acre farm and lived on the rented land. He then built a dwelling house and has since resided here. He is now the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of prime land and is engaged in general farming, meeting with much success. He has put up some fine buildings on the home place and has laid out a grove, which enhances the value and appearance of the holding to a considerable extent. He is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres near Wheatville and is regarded as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the district.

About 1891 Ole J. Olin was united in marriage to Mamie Hopkins, who was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of Frank Hopkins and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Olin are the parents of the following children: Ray, who is now serving in the United States navy; Jay, also in the United States navy; Russell, serving in the marines, and Lawrence, Irene, Ellen, Ellis and Elsie, who are at home with their parents. Mr. Olin is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Olin formerly

served on the school board. In April, 1914, he made a trip to his old home in Sweden and spent three months in that country, returning on the "Mauritania," which was the last boat to leave England before the outbreak of the European war.

ALBERT ANDERSON.

Albert Anderson, a substantial farmer and landowner living in Hendrum township, Norman county, was born three miles south of Scandinavia, Waupaca county, Wisconsin, November 1, 1861, the son of Andrew Anderson and Mary (Hanson) Rustad, the latter being the second wife. Both parents were natives of Norway, and came to America about 1850, settling in Muskego, Wisconsin, where they married and lived for about three years. In 1853, they moved to Waupaca county, Wisconsin, where they bought government land and lived until 1877, in the meantime their son, Albert, the subject of this review, having been born. Feeling that better opportunities in farming awaited them over in Minnesota, the family started for the Red River country on June 14, 1877, in a covered wagon drawn by four horses, and arrived after a journey of some time at their destination in Hendrum township, in what later came to be organized as Norman county. There they settled on school land in section 36; township 144, Norman county, range 49, where their son Martin now lives, and there they remained the rest of their lives. As prosperity smiled upon the endeavors of the family, the elder Rustad added to his holdings until he owned three hundred and sixty acres, which he improved by the erection of substantial farm buildings. To these parents were born the following children: Carrie, Bertha M. (deceased), Christ, Albert, Clara, Edwin, Martin, Gena, and William (deceased). The family were active members of the Lutheran church and the father helped to organize the Emanuel church at Hendrum.

Albert Anderson, who has lived in Hendrum township since he came to Norman county, in 1877, was educated in the common schools of Wisconsin and in the pioneer schools of Hendrum township, where he spent his youth and early manhood on the home place. In 1886 he left the parental roof and started for himself, and his operations were so successful that eventually he became the owner of six hundred acres of land. This area was all raw prairie, but, nothing daunted, he began to improve it by erecting good farm buildings and planting groves. As the opportunity presented