

wife, who was also born in Sweden, died in 1900 at the age of forty-four years. They were active and influential residents of the district in which they made their home and Mrs. Akesson's passing at a comparatively early age was a source of general regret to the friends of the family. Ole and Inga Akesson were the parents of the following children: Emil, Ingebor, Gerda, Axel, Anna, in this country; Oscar, also in the United States; Berna and Ake T., the subject of this sketch.

Ake T. Akesson was educated in the schools of his native land and was reared on his father's farm, where as a boy he assisted in the farming operations. At the age of fourteen in 1888, he left Sweden and came to America and immediately engaged in farm work, continuing at the labor for some years, meanwhile saving all the available money with the view to the purchase of land on his own account. In 1906 he moved to Moorhead, Clay county, and resumed work on the farm. In 1912 he bought his present tract of land, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, in section 13, River-ton township, and on this farm he carries on general farming. Since the commencement of his operations he has been most successful, everything about his farm being in excellent condition. He sets out an average of twenty-five acres of his holding to the cultivation of potatoes. Mr. Akesson carried out many valuable improvements, including the erection of out-buildings and fences, and his place ranks among the best in the township.

In 1912 Ake T. Akesson was united in marriage to Annie Norman, who was born in Sweden in 1892 and came to America in 1910, first to Hawley and then to Moorhead, where the marriage took place. They are the parents of three children as follow: Kenneth, Eugene and Phyllis, all of whom are living with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Akesson take a proper interest in the general social activities of the township and are helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the promotion of the common good of the community.

ANDREW ROSTVOLD.

Andrew Rostvold, one of Norman county's well-known and substantial farmers and the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Lee township, is a native of the kingdom of Norway; but has been a resident of this state since he was a child. He was born in Norway in 1862, a son of Arndt A. and Mollie (Helland) Rostvold, natives of that same country, who became pioneers in Minnesota and whose last days were spent in Norman county.

Arndt A. Rostvold was born on December 7, 1826, and remained in his native land until about 1868 or 1869, when he came to this country and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, where he made preparations for establishing a new home. He then sent for his wife and made his home in Fillmore county for seven years, at the end of which time he came up into the Red River country with his family and settled on a homestead farm in Hendrum township, Norman county, having homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in section 32 of that township. He made substantial improvements on that place and bought other land, becoming one of the well-to-do pioneers of that part of the county. There he and his wife spent their last days. He died in 1907, he then being eighty-two years of age, and his widow survived for seven years, her death occurring in 1914. She was born on January 2, 1832, and was also eighty-two years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Anna, deceased; John, who is living on the old home place in Hendrum township, and Caroline, a widow, now living at Tacoma, Washington.

Andrew Rostvold was not yet eight years of age when he came with his mother to this country and rejoined his father in Fillmore county, this state. There he spent his boyhood on a pioneer farm and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools, continuing his schooling for a couple of months after coming up into this part of the state with his parents. He retains the most distinct recollection of the long journey up here behind an ox-team, the trip from Fillmore county requiring four weeks. Upon his arrival here he took an active part in the labors of developing and improving the home farm in Hendrum township and twenty years ago bought from his father the farm on which he is now living, in section 5 of Lee township. He later bought a quarter section in section 4 of that same township and now has a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm of three hundred and twenty acres, all the improvements on the place having been made by himself. In addition to his general farming Mr. Rostvold has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well in his operations.

In 1888, at Hendrum, Andrew Rostvold was united in marriage to Anna Rostvold, who also was born in Norway, in 1869, a sister of Lars H. Rostvold, a biographical sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, and to this union thirteen children have been born, namely: Arndt, who is married and is now operating a garage at Hendrum; Halvor, a carpenter, who also is married and makes his home at Hendrum; Matilda, wife of J.

Stordahl; John, deceased; Alfreda, a professional nurse; Alfred, Martin, Nels, Mollie, Anna, Arnold and Edmund, at home, and Gerhard, deceased. The Rostvolds are members of the Lutheran church and take a proper interest in the affairs of the same, Mr. Rostvold being a deacon of the local congregation. The family have a pleasant home in Lee township and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

G. T. INGBERG.

G. T. Ingberg, a well-known merchant of Hendrum, former president of the council of that village, secretary and treasurer of the Hendrum Co-operative Elevator Company, treasurer of the Hendrum Telephone Company and in other ways actively identified with the expanding interests of that part of Norman county, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since 1888 and of Minnesota since 1890, that having been the year in which he settled in Norman county, where he ever since has made his home. He was born on December 29, 1868, son of Thomas and Julia (Stenseng) Ingberg, also natives of Norway and the former of whom is still living there on his farm in Ringsakar. Thomas Ingberg and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Karen, Johan, Sina, Mary, Ole and Christine, all of whom are still living in their native Norway with the exception of the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Sina and Mary, who came to the United States. All the members of this family are living save the mother, who died some years ago.

G. T. Ingberg was reared on a farm in his native land and received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1888, he came to the United States and proceeded on up here into the Red River valley, his point of destination being Grafton, over in Walsh county, North Dakota. In that vicinity he began working at farm labor and was thus engaged there for about eighteen months, at the end of which time, in 1890, he came over the river into Minnesota and began farming in Hendrum township, Norman county, and remained thus engaged there for about six years. On January 1, 1897, Mr. Ingberg began clerking in a store at Hendrum and a year later, in 1898, started a store of his own in that village and has ever since been