

thus engaged in that city. He then went to Pittsburgh and after a sometime stay there decided to come up into the Red River country and put in his lot with the people of this valley. Upon his arrival here Mr. Canning secured a tract of land in section 25 of Hendrum township, Norman county, and there established his home. He has been successful in his operations and now is the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and thirty acres, which he has improved in up-to-date fashion. The farm is ideally situated along the banks of the Red river, and everything is kept up in shipshape fashion, the general farm plant being recognized as one of the best in that neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, Mr. Canning engages somewhat extensively in the raising of a good grade of live stock and has on his place about twenty head of horses and more than forty head of cattle. The farm house is modern and up-to-date in its appointments and the farm buildings are in keeping with the same. Not only is Mr. Canning a good farmer, but he gives his attention to the general business affairs of the community.

On January 18, 1893, Charles W. Canning was united in marriage to Mary Canning, who also was born in Ireland, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Robert H. M. Canning, who was born in Norman county on July 15, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Canning are members of the Presbyterian church at Hendrum and take a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in other good works and in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mr. Canning is a Democrat and is interested in political affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. Fraternaly, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Foresters at Hendrum and belongs to the Masonic order and the Shriners, and takes a proper interest in the affairs of the same.

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### THE ULVEN FAMILY.

Among those foreign-born citizens residing in Clay county, who have materially contributed to the well-being of the farming industry as well as to the general uplift of the community at large, the Ulven family, represented in the county since 1880, deserves recognition at the hands of the biographer. In the first instance the family tree in Minnesota counts from Jens Ulven and his wife, Rande Hanson, who left Norway in 1880 and came directly to Lake Park, Minnesota, immediately thereafter proceeding to Highland Grove township, Clay county, and there both Jens and Rande Ulven spent the

remainder of their lives, honored and respected pioneers. In January, 1883, Jens Ulven acquired eighty acres of homestead land in section 26, Highland Grove township, and he at once began the task of breaking and improving the tract, setting out a grove and erecting buildings, and on this place he carried on general farming for the remainder of his active life. Jens Ulven and wife were the parents of the following children: Martha, Andrew, Hans J., Juel, Bernt J. and Mary, and four others who died young. The parents were earnest members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and active in all community good works.

Juel Ulven, son of Jens and Rande Ulven, was born in Norway on December 15, 1872, and came to this country with his parents in 1880. He was educated in the schools of Clay county and was reared on his father's farm, where he assisted in the labors of the place. Later, he and his brothers bought land in partnership and continued to live on the home place until 1905, having accumulated by that time seven hundred acres of land, and in the latter year they divided the land between them. Since that time Juel Ulven has been living on his present place, which contains one hundred and sixty acres of choice land on which he carries on general farming and raises a fine strain of full-blooded Yorkshire hogs. When he took over the farm it was in a raw state and he has since made many substantial improvements and erected some modern buildings. Mr. Ulven was married in 1905 to Lena Carlson, born in Highland Grove township, a daughter of John E. Carlson, further reference to whom is made in another part of this volume. Juel Ulven and his wife are members of the Lutheran Free (Norwegian) church at Dale and are earnest supporters of all its good works.

Andrew Ulven was born on October 9, 1862, in Norway and came to America with his parents, Jens and Rande Ulven, in 1880, and has since lived in Highland Grove township, Clay county. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of prime land, given over to the cultivation of general agricultural produce and also breeds Holstein cattle, doing very well in his farming operations. In 1896 Andrew Ulven was united in marriage to Anna Halvorson, born in Sweden, a daughter of Nels Halvorson and wife. To this union the following children were born: Jens (deceased), Melvin, Raymond, Clara, Albert, Anna, Kenneth and Alice. The family are members of Norwegian Lutheran Free church and liberal supporters of the same. Mr. Ulven takes a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs and has been a member of the township board for the past two years, and for some years has served on the board of the Hawley Creamery Company.

Hans J. Ulven was born in Norway in 1869 and at the age of eleven came with his parents to this country. He is the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Highland Grove township and is actively engaged in general farming, being regarded as one of the substantial farmers of the township. Like his brother, Andrew, Hans J. Ulven also takes considerable interest in public affairs and has been serving as township clerk since 1898 up to the present time, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the well-being of the community in which he resides.

Bernt J. Ulven also was born in Norway, his birth occurring on April 16, 1874, and at the age of six years he came to this country with his parents and the other members of the family. Ever since he has been living in Highland Grove township, where he was educated in the public schools. Up to 1905, in conjunction with his brothers, he assisted in operating the extensive tract of land which they then held in partnership. Bernt J. Ulven remained on his father's homestead and here he has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which includes the original eighty acres entered by his father, and on this place Mr. Ulven has lived ever since. He has erected all the present buildings, with the exception of the dwelling house. In 1905 Mr. Ulven was married to Mary Johnson, born in Sweden, a daughter of Joe and Breta (Olafson) Johnson, who came to America about 1881, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is now living at Hitterdal. One child, Jerome, was born to this union. In 1911 Mr. Ulven married Hannah Carlson, born in Sweden, a daughter of Carl Johnson and wife, the latter of whom died in Sweden and Mr. Johnson now lives in North Dakota. He came to America in 1903, but Mrs. Ulven did not come for some time later. By his second marriage Mr. Ulven is the father of two children, Agnes and Ragna. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

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#### IVER SEMLINGE.

Iver Semlinge, a substantial farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, was born in Norway, September 7, 1851, the son of Ole and Marit (Bakken) Semlinge, both natives of Norway, the former of whom receives further mention in the sketch of C. K. Semling, one of the editors of this history, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Iver Semlinge, being sixteen years old when he came to America with his parents in 1867, attended the common schools in Norway, this consti-