

left the parental roof and struck out independently into farming operations near the place of his birth, and in this venture he experienced substantial success. When he reached the age of twenty-eight years he married and settled near Boltenville attending to his farming interests until 1904, in which year he and his family decided to make a change. Feeling that they could find better opportunities in Minnesota in the Red River country, they came to Norman county and settled in Green Meadow township where the father farmed with much success until 1910, when his death occurred on January 29, of that year.

On May 22, 1881, Mr. Lussenden married Mary Kenney, who was born in Boltenville, Wisconsin, September 26, 1857, a daughter of James and Katherine (Burns) Kenney, both natives of Ireland, from which country they came to America in 1848. They settled in Boltenville, Wisconsin, where they lived until the death of Mr. Kenney in 1881, after which time the widowed mother removed to Norman county, where she now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. John T. Lussenden. Mr. and Mrs. Lussenden were the parents of the following six children: John Joseph, Rose Marie, George James, who operates the home farm; Stella Josephine, deceased, and Luella and Albert M. Since the death of Mr. Lussenden his widow has continued to make her home on the old farm in Green Meadow township. The former was, as is Mrs. Lussenden, a devoted member of the Catholic church, in the faith of which denomination they reared their children. Although Mr. Lussenden's residence in Norman county was comparatively short, his ready support and co-operation with all movements which had for their purpose the social and material betterment of the community in which he lived made for him a place among the progressive and public spirited citizens of the county.

OLE WENNEVOLD.

Ole Wennevold, one of the pioneer homesteaders in Sundahl township, Norman county, and for the past eight or nine years grain buyer for the Cargill Elevator Company at Flaming, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age and of Norman county since 1887. He was born on June 20, 1854, eldest child and son of Ole and Anna (Haaven) Wennevold, also natives of Norway, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land.

The elder Ole Wennevold and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Ole (2), Thor, Ingebright, Gudmund (deceased), Guru, Helga, Randa and Helga (deceased).

Reared on a farm in his native land, Ole Wennevold received his schooling there and remained there until he was eighteen years of age, when, in 1872 he came to the United States and located at Ossian, Iowa, where he remained for about four years, at the end of which time he went over into Wisconsin and was there engaged for about five years in lumbering, working in the timber woods, mostly as scaler of logs, and on rafts in the rivers. He then came over into Minnesota and for two years thereafter was engaged as a clerk in a store in Goodhue county, later going to Crookston, where he worked in a store for two years. Thus qualified by preliminary experience for the mercantile business Mr. Wennevold formed a partnership with Peter Moe and the two came up here into the Red River country and started a store at the townsite of Menter, in Polk county, the first store at that place, which then was thirty-five miles from a railroad. About two years later Mr. Wennevold disposed of his interest in that frontier store and came down into Norman county and married the girl with a homestead, and to whom he had been engaged for fifteen years. It consisted of a quarter of section of land in section 9 of Sundahl township and he proceeded to develop and improve the same. He established his home on the place and has ever since resided there, for many years having been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers in that part of the county. Since settling there Mr. Wennevold has added to his holdings by the purchase of an adjoining quarter section and now has a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm of three hundred and twenty acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Wennevold has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well. In 1909 he was employed by the elevator company at Flaming, as local grain buyer for the concern, now the Cargill Elevator Company, and has ever since been thus engaged, though continuing to make his home on his farm, and his son, Joris Wennevold, has since been managing the home farm. Mr. Wennevold helped organize the Sundahl Mercantile Company and the creamery at Fertile and in other ways has given his thoughtful and intelligent attention to the business affairs of his home community. He also has taken an active part in the general civic affairs of the community and for many years has been serving as clerk, as assessor and as justice of the peace in and for his home township.

On March 29, 1887, Ole Wennevold was united in marriage to Anna Holten, of Sundahl township, who also was born in Norway, daughter of

John Holten and wife, who came to this country and settled in Sundahl township, Norman county, among the very first settlers of that part of the county, and to this union two children have been born, Anna, wife of Reverend Edward Rorem, of Rindal, and Joris, who is now operating the home farm, as noted above. The Wennevolds are members of the Lutheran church and have ever been regarded as among the leaders in good works in the community of which they have been a part since pioneer days.

MAGNUS O. GILBERTSON.

Magnus O. Gilbertson, a well-known resident of Anthony township, Norman county, where he owns and farms four hundred acres of well-improved land, was born in Richland county, Wisconsin, September 7, 1873, the son of Ole and Christie (Monson) Gilbertson, both natives of Norway.

Ole Gilbertson came to America in 1861, bringing with him his father, Gilbert Klemmer; his mother, however, had died some time before he emigrated to this country. Soon after he arrived in America, Ole Gilbertson settled in Richland county, Wisconsin, where he met and married Christie Monson, who had come from Norway two years after her parents, Mons and Mary Monson, had left their native country and located in Grant county, Wisconsin. Later, her parents moved to North Dakota and lived the rest of their lives with some of their children who lived there. After their marriage Ole Gilbertson and wife left Richland county, Wisconsin, removing to Norman county, Minnesota, in 1891, and settled in Halstad township, where the former bought land and farmed until his death, at which time his holdings had been increased to five hundred acres of improved land. Ole Gilbertson, who was the father of fourteen children, was married three times, and Christie Monson was his last wife. By his first wife he had the following children: Gilbert O. and Anna, wife of Pete Hagerston; by his second wife: Janie, who married Stev Nelson; by the third wife: Mangus O., the subject of this review; Olaf, Albert, Cornelius, Gust, Clara, wife of Anton Orvick; Oscar, Andie, Tilla, who married Ole Orvick; Clarence and Marie. The entire fourteen are still living.

Magnus O. Gilbertson spent the early part of his life in Richland county, Wisconsin, where he received a common-school education, and when he was eighteen years of age moved with his parents to Halstad township and there lived with them on the home place until 1898, contributing his share