

JOHN H. BRAMAN.

John H. Braman, a well-known and substantial farmer of Alliance township, Clay county, was born at Ludlow, Massachusetts, in January, 1868, son of Albert H. and Augusta II. (Pike) Braman, the former of whom was born in Granville, Massachusetts, July 14, 1838, and the latter, in Franklin, New Hampshire, November 29, 1839, who were married on November 20, 1858, and continued to make their home in Massachusetts until in 1869, when they came West and settled in Iowa, remaining there until 1886, in which year they came up into Minnesota and settled in Clay county, where they are now living, honored pioneers of that county. Upon coming up into the Red River country, Albert H. Braman homesteaded a quarter of a section of land, the place where he is now living, in Alliance township, Clay county, and there established his home. In 1909 his house was destroyed by fire and he and his son erected a new and much more commodious residence, the two families making their home together, the father now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, though still making his regular weekly trips to Moorhead with butter and eggs. Albert H. Braman for many years took an active interest in local civic affairs and was for some time justice of the peace in and for his home township and for twelve years served as chairman of the board of township supervisors. To him and his wife six children have been born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Ella, deceased; Charles, of Moorhead; George, deceased; Grant, of Portland, Oregon, and Gertrude, of Thompson, North Dakota.

John H. Braman was little more than an infant in arms when his parents moved from Massachusetts to Iowa in 1869, and in the latter state he received the greater part of his schooling, having been seventeen years of age when the family moved from Iowa to Clay county. From the beginning of his residence here he has been an energetic factor in the labors of developing and improving his father's homestead place in Alliance township and is now farming that place as well as a quarter of a section adjoining, in section 12, which he homesteaded on his own account upon reaching his majority, and is doing well as a general farmer and stockman. In addition to his grain farming, Mr. Braman has of late years been giving considerable attention to the raising of potatoes, and in the current season (1917) had out fifty acres of potatoes. He and his father have made all

the improvements on the place and have one of the best-equipped farm plants in that neighborhood. John H. Braman has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and for some time served as constable in his home township and is now treasurer of the local school board.

In October, 1896, in Fargo, John H. Braman was united in marriage to Anna Johnk, who was born in the city of Chicago in January, 1875, and to that union two children have been born, sons both, Albert H., named for his grandfather, and Clifford. The Bramans have a very pleasant home and take a proper interest in the community's general social activities.

THEODORE S. NELSON.

Theodore S. Nelson, cashier of the State Bank of Georgetown, Clay county, was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, June 23, 1879, a son of Severt and Barbara (Moen) Nelson, both natives of Norway, in which country they spent their earlier years. Severt Nelson immigrated to America about 1862, locating among the early settlers of Fillmore county, Minnesota. About 1881 he came up to this part of the state and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hendrum township, Norman county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1912, when he retired from active life and moved to the village of Hendrum, where he still makes his home. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. His family consists of the following children: Cornelius, Theodore S., Anton, Julia, Martin and Amanda.

Theodore S. Nelson grew to manhood on the home farm in Hendrum township, Norman county, and there attended the public schools, later becoming a student in Concordia College at Moorhead. He worked with his father on the home farm until he was twenty years of age, then began working in a store at Twin Valley, in the eastern part of Norman county, remaining there seven months; then worked three months for G. T. Ingberg in a store in the village of Hendrum. In 1901 he became assistant cashier of the State Bank of Hendrum and continued with that institution for three years. He then took a course in the Dakota Business College at Fargo, and in the spring of 1904, helped organize the State Bank of Georgetown and has been cashier of the same ever since, discharging his duties in a manner that has reflected much credit upon himself and to the entire satisfaction of both the stockholders and patrons; in fact, he has done much