

those who were originally connected with the early official work of Norman county. Mr. Strand is now in his seventy-first year and is honored and respected throughout the county by a large circle of friends, who recognize his worth and the value of his works to the community at large.

BENNIE BREMER.

Bennie Bremer, a well-known and energetic farmer living in Pleasant View township, Norman county, was born on his father's homestead on December 29, 1882, a son of Peter and Anna (Tomhove) Bremer, natives of Germany, who came to this country in the early seventies.

Peter Bremer was born about 1831 and died in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a farmer in his native land and on coming to this country he proceeded on out to Minnesota and settled in Norman county, where he homesteaded a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in section 6, Pleasant View township, in 1877. Some years later he bought a quarter section in section 28, Pleasant View township, and immediately commenced the task of putting the place into a state of cultivation, engaging in general farming, and from the beginning of his operations met with marked success. He carried out a number of valuable improvements, erected substantial buildings, and was generally regarded as one of the progressive agriculturalists of this part of the township. Mr. Bremer died on this place, where he had been living for two years before his death.

Peter Bremer was twice married. He was married to his first wife in Germany and they became the parents of three children as follow: Peter, who is married and lives near Lockhart; Henry, who is married and lives in Montana; and Dick, who is living in Seattle, Washington. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Bremer was married to Anna Tomhove, a native of Germany, and who is still living at the age of seventy-two years. By his second union Peter Bremer became the father of six children, namely: Katie, who is married and is living in Fosston; Willie, married and living in Dakota; Anna, married and living in Fosston; Fred, living in section 6, Pleasant View township; Bennie, the subject of this sketch, and Clara, married and living near the old homestead. Peter Bremer helped to organize and was a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Ada. While taking a good citizen's interest in all matters tending to the welfare of the public, he was not an aspirant to public office.

Bennie Bremer was educated in the schools of Norman county and was reared on his father's farm, where he became a valuable assistant in the labors of developing and improving the home place and where, under his father's guidance, he learned the rudiments of practical husbandry. On the death of his father he inherited a portion of the estate and later bought additional land from his sisters and brothers, and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of prime land, on which he carries on general farming. Mr. Bremer has effected many improvements to the existing farm buildings and is regarded as one of the energetic farmers of the township. In addition to his farming operations he also has a herd of high-grade stock.

In 1913 Bennie Bremer was united in marriage to Fredia Ollroth, who was born in 1885 on a homestead farm in Green Meadow township. Her parents now reside in Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Bremer take a proper part in the general social activities of the neighborhood in which they reside, ever helpful in all good causes designed to promote the community welfare.

FRED HABERLE.

Fred Haberle, former chairman of the board of supervisors of Skree township, Clay county, and the proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in that township, where he has lived since pioneer days, he having been one of the homesteaders there, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this country since 1880. He was born on September 12, 1848, son of John Melchior and Fredericka (Casemann) Haberle, also natives of that country, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land and who were the parents of five children, Fred, Fredericka, Katherine, Henry W. and Elizabeth, all of whom are still living. John Melchior Haberle and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith.

Reared in Germany, Fred Haberle received his schooling there and grew up a practical farmer. He married in 1874 and after his marriage continued to make his home in his native land until 1880, in which year he came to the United States with his little family, arriving at the port of New York on October 30 of that year. Not long afterward he came on out to Minnesota, and after staying awhile at St. Paul proceeded on out here to the Red River country, arriving at Barnesville on July 9, 1881. After prospecting a bit Mr. Haberle homesteaded a quarter of a section of land in