

became manager of the Farmers' elevator at this place and has been in this business since. He also has a farm implement business here, and is interested in other business enterprises.

Mr. Haagenson was married, in 1904, to Sigrid E. Bolinder, daughter of Andrew Bolinder, of Maine township, Otter Tail county, Minnesota, and to this union three children have been born: Alfred, Jr., Margaret, and Ida. Mr. Haagenson is an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. He served as alderman of Barnesville in 1911 and 1912; as mayor in 1913 and 1914; clerk of the board of education since 1915, which position he holds at the present time. He is a member of both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Erickson, born in Sweden, as was his wife, Louvisa. They came to America in the spring of 1849 and located in Minnesota. At that time the entire white population of Minnesota, not yet a territory, was estimated to be one thousand. They were among the first of the Swedish colony to come to Minnesota. John Erickson was among the men from Minnesota who enlisted in defense of his adopted country when it was threatened with disunion in 1861. He as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and was killed in the battle of Gettysburg.

GILBERT PETERSON.

Gilbert Peterson was born in Norway, January 11, 1860, a son of Peter and Matilda (Peterson) Gubbrandson, both natives of Norway, the former being a carpenter by trade and spending his entire life in Norway.

Gilbert Peterson was educated in the public schools of Norway. In 1878, he came to America with his uncle, Gilbert Hanson, and located in Polk county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1880, when he came to St. Croix county, Minnesota. In 1883, he removed to Ada, Norman county, Minnesota, and was there for eight years engaged in farming and carpenter work. In 1911, he came to Hitterdal, Clay county, and has made this his home since that time. He is engaged in carpentering and contracting work, making a specialty of the latter, and has been doing most of this work in North Dakota.

Mr. Peterson was married in 1883 to Anna Anderson, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Bernie, Gunda Christina, Carl and Emma. They are members of the Synod Lutheran church.