

Anderson, a native of Sweden, in which country she spent her girlhood and attended the common schools. She came to America the latter part of 1880. Her parents lived and died in Sweden. To Peter Westberg and wife nine children have been born, namely: Emma (deceased), Lewis, Jennic, Emma (second), Adolph, Annie, Minnic, Tilda and one who died in infancy.

Adolph Westberg operates the home farm, having assisted his father with the crops and stock raising for years, and he still lives at home. He was married April 8, 1915, to Anna Carlson, a daughter of John E. Carlson, a well-known farmer of Highland Grove township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Adolph Westberg and wife one child has been born, a son, Adolph Willard Westberg.

Politically, Peter Westberg is independent and has never sought public honors or mixed up with political affairs. He helped organize the Ejska Lutheran church, of which he is an active member, he and his family taking an interested part in church work.

HERMAN POSSEHL.

Another member of the well-known Possehl family in Clay county, who is making a success as a general farmer is Herman Possehl, of near Baker, Barnesville township. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, August 2, 1869, and is a son of Fred Possehl and wife, mention of whom is made at proper length in the sketch of H. C. Possehl, appearing on another page of this work, to which the reader is respectfully directed. Suffice it to say here that Fred Possehl was a native of Germany, from which country he came to the United States in young manhood and began life in Illinois, starting with practically nothing; but by good management and hard work he forged ahead, farming in that state and later in Iowa, and now is living in retirement at Baker, Clay county, having accumulated a comfortable competency through his own efforts. He married Minnie Schlede, also a native of Germany, and to their union eight children were born, namely: Sophia, Emma, Herman, H. C., Fred, Jr., Martha, Louis and Minnie.

Herman Possehl grew up on the home farm in Dupage county, Illinois, being but a child when his parents removed there from Cook county, that state. He received his education in the public schools. As a young man he started farming in Franklin county, Iowa, where his family moved upon leaving Illinois. There he became owner of eighty acres, which he

farmed until in February, 1911, when he sold out and came to Minnesota. He bought one hundred and sixty acres in section 6, Barnesville township, Clay county, and there he has since been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has since added another quarter section of land to his fine farm, in the same section. He also conducts a dairy, the output of which is constantly increasing. His place is well improved in every respect and he is regarded as one of the progressive general farmers and stock men of his township.

Mr. Possehl was married in 1894 to Emma Hopkey, a native of this country, who was educated in the common schools. She is a daughter of John and Minnie Hopkey, of Latimer, Iowa. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Possehl, namely: Walter, Herman, Jr., and Aleda.

Politically, Mr. Possehl is a Republican and is at present a member of the board of supervisors of Barnesville township. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, in which faith he was reared. While living in Franklin county, Iowa, he was assessor of his township.

JOHN F. YOUNG.

John F. Young, an energetic and substantial farmer, also renter of land and engaged in general farming, is a native of the Empire state, but has been a resident of Clay county for the past fourteen years. He is the son of John and Ann (Miller) Young, both of whom were natives of England and who left that country while yet young and came to the United States.

John Young was born in England in 1838 and some years later immigrated to the United States and went to Cortland county, New York, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring about twenty-five years ago. He was married to Ann Miller, who was also a native of England and who came to this country when a young girl. They were married in Cortland, New York. Mrs. Young died in the fall of the year 1916. They were the parents of the following children: Wilfred, living; Jennie and Anna, deceased; Ella, married; Rose, married; William, deceased; Henry, John and Nancy, the latter also deceased.

John F. Young, the subject of this sketch, was born in Cortland county, New York, in 1874. He was educated in the public schools and early decided to follow the life of a farmer. He came to Minnesota in 1903 and