

Skree township, built a house on the same and there established his home and proceeded to improve and develop his place. In 1902 he bought an adjoining "eighty" on the north and moved his buildings onto the same, erected additional buildings, and has since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Haberle has a well-equipped farm plant and has done well in his farming operations. He also has given close attention to local civic affairs and was for three years a member of the board of supervisors of Skree township and one year chairman of the board.

In 1874, while living in Germany, Fred Haberle was united in marriage to Gottlieb Loenhardt, who also was born in that country, daughter of Fred Loenhardt and wife, the latter of whom was a Miller, who spent all their lives in their native land, and to this union have been born eleven children, Gottlob, William, Fred, Mary, Katie, Herman, Anna, Charles, Jacob, Henry and George, all of whom are living save Katie, who met her death in the dreadful prairie fire in the neighborhood of her home in 1887. The Haberles are members of the Lutheran church.

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### LOUIS POSSEHL.

Louis F. Possehl is one of the painstaking farmers of Felton township, Clay county. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, November 2, 1876, a son of Fred and Minnie (Scheide) Possehl, natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to America when young, locating in Cook county, Illinois. Later they moved to Dupage county, Illinois, after which the family removed to Franklin county, Iowa, where the father remained until 1911, in which year he located at Baker, Clay county, Minnesota, where he has since been living in retirement. By his own efforts and untiring industry he became very comfortably established, although his early environment was unpromising. Fred and Minnie Possehl were the parents of the following children: Sophia, Emma, Herman, H. C., Fred, Jr., Martha, Louis and Minnie. The mother of these children is deceased.

Louis F. Possehl spent his childhood in Illinois, but received his early education in the rural schools of Franklin county, Iowa. He assisted his father with the work on the home farm as soon as old enough, and began farming for himself in Franklin county, Iowa, in 1891, becoming the owner of a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he continued general farming and stock raising until 1910, when he disposed of this farm and removed to the village of Baker, Minnesota, where he engaged in the

general merchandise and hardware business, which he carried on with ever-growing success until in October, 1916. He carried a large and well selected stock of goods, everything wanted by a farming community, and his customers came from over a wide territory. Upon the last mentioned date he traded his store for his present farm in section 28, Felton township, Clay county. He is the owner of the entire east one-half of the section, and has a valuable and well-improved farm, on which he is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. He raises large numbers of live stock which he prepares for the market, and he is also engaged in a dairying business and finds a very ready market for his products. His property adjoins the town of Felton, and is admirably located for dairy purposes. Mr. Possehl has a family and a cozy home and good and substantial buildings for farm and dairy work. He has a large silo and commodious barn and is well equipped for handling stock.

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#### THOMAS L. TODD.

Thomas L. Todd, the owner of four hundred acres of fine land in Hendrum township, Norman county, where he raises stock and carries on general farming, was born on July 25, 1876, in Montreal, Canada, the son of Samuel and Eliza (Ligget) Todd, the former of whom was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, where he received his education and married Eliza Jane Ligget in 1869. While he lived in Canada he was a farmer, but the opportunities for men in such work being better farther West, he moved with his family to Minnesota, and bought land in section 30 of Hendrum township, Norman county, becoming an important land-owner and grain farmer, having eight hundred acres in the home place, four hundred elsewhere and at one time was the owner of about two thousand acres. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, namely: John A., a grain dealer in Duluth, Minnesota; Roxana Margaret, who lives in Minneapolis; Samuel F., living at Seattle, Washington; Thomas L., a farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county; William Thornton, deceased; Chester A., of Seattle, Washington, and Victor Charles, who lives on the old home place. The family are members of the Presbyterian church, in the affairs of which they have always taken an active and conscientious part. On the death of Samuel Todd, in January, 1907, his widow removed to Minneapolis, where she has since lived, leaving the care of her holdings to her sons.