

from active life on account of old age, coming to Clay county to make their home with their son, Albert H. Here they spent the rest of their days, dying a number of years ago. Eight children, one of whom died in infancy, unnamed, were born to Hans Johnson and wife, namely: John, deceased; Anna, deceased; Lars, Julia and Tilda are all three living; Albert H., of this sketch, and Sena, deceased.

Albert H. Johnson was a small child when his parents brought him from his native land to America. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Decker county, Minnesota, and there he attended the early-day district schools. He farmed there until about 1890, when he came to Skree township, Clay county, where he has since resided. He owns a valuable and well-improved farm of two hundred acres, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising successfully. His land was a wild prairie when he came here. He has not only erected a splendid group of buildings, fences, etc., but has set out a large grove, which is now of much value.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1903 to Mary Hanson, of Parke township, Clay county, and a daughter of Andrew Lee and wife. To this union two children have been born, namely: Lena and Anna. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Gran Lutheran church.

EVEN N. QUALLEY.

Even N. Qualley, a well-known and well-to-do farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, former member of the board of supervisors of that township and for years actively interested in the general affairs of the Hendrum neighborhood, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this country since he was eight years of age and of Norman county since the year 1881, when he came over here from Wisconsin. He was born on October 9, 1859, son of Nels and Mary (Haverud) Qualley, both of whom also were born in Norway and who came to the United States with their family in 1867 and settled on a farm in Manitowoc county, Wisconsin, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Nels Qualley and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Berit, Erick (deceased), Nels (deceased), Thomas (deceased), Thora (deceased) and Emma.

As noted above, Even N. Qualley was but eight years of age when his parents came to this country and his schooling, which had been begun in

his native Norway, was completed in the schools of Manitowoc county, Wisconsin. He remained in that county until he was past twenty-one years of age, when, in 1881, he came over into Minnesota and located in Norman county, having been for some time attracted by the possibilities then offering to the industrious settler in this section of the Red River valley. The next year, in 1882, he bought a tract of two hundred and forty acres of school land in section 36 of Hendrum township, as an investment; renting the same to a responsible tenant and working "out" until 1887, when he took charge of the place himself and after his marriage in the following year established his home there and has ever since made that his place of residence, he and his family being very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. Qualley has a fine grove on his place, has made extensive and substantial improvements on the place and in addition to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of Holstein cattle. He has added to his original land holdings by the purchase of an adjoining tract of ninety acres and is now the owner of a fine and well-kept farm of three hundred and thirty acres. Mr. Qualley has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs and for some time rendered excellent public service as a member of the board of township supervisors. He also has been active in local business affairs and was one of the organizers of the local creamery company and of the Farmers Elevator Company at Hendrum, in the affairs of both of which thriving concerns he has taken a warm interest.

In 1888, at Perley, Even N. Qualley was united in marriage to Emma Ingberg, who was born in Norway, a daughter of Hans O. and Christine (Olson) Ingberg, both natives of Norway, the former born on March 10, 1844, and the latter, in October, 1839, who came to the United States in 1881 and proceeded on out to Minnesota and settled in Hendrum township, Norman county. Hans O. Ingberg, who is now living retired at Perley, is the third in order of birth of the six children born to his parents, Ole Hanson and Ingberg Olson, natives of Norway, the former of whom was born in 1810 and the latter, about one year later. She died in her native land in 1872 and in 1880 Ole Hanson came to Minnesota, his last days being spent in the home of his son, P. O. Ingberg, near Hendrum, where his death occurred in 1892. He and his wife were the parents of six children, namely: Agnet, who is married and is living in Norway; Bertha, deceased; Hans O., father of Mrs. Qualley; Olena, who is married and is still living in Norway; Peter, who established a home in the Hendrum neighborhood in Norman county and there spent his last days, his death occurring some years ago, and Julia, deceased. Hans O. Ingberg married on

August 1, 1867, and continued to live in Norway until 1881, when, as noted above, he came to Minnesota with his family and bought eighty acres of land in section 35 of Hendrum township, Norman county, where he established his home and where his wife died in January, 1905. He prospered in his farming operations and became the owner of a fine farm of two hundred acres, which he sold two years ago and since then has been making his home with his daughter at Perley. He helped to organize the creamery company, the elevator company and the telephone company at Hendrum and still holds stock in these concerns. To him and his wife were born eight children, six in Norway and two in this country. Of these children, Mrs. Qualley was the third in order of birth, the others being as follow: Ole, who is married and living in Canada; Oluf, deceased; Mrs. Lizzie Kirkerseether, of Hendrum; Simeon, who is married and living in Chicago; Mrs. Bertha Ellefson, of Hendrum; Oscar, who is married and living at Hendrum, and Mrs. Clara Haaland, of Perley.

To Even N. and Emma (Ingberg) Qualley have been born twelve children, namely: Nora Christina, Martin, Hans (deceased) Helma, Ida, Martha, Olga (deceased), Henry, Chester (deceased), Alvin, Neal and Victor. The Qualleys have a very pleasant home and take a proper part in the community's general social activities. They are members of the Lutheran church, Mr. Qualley having been one of the organizers of the Concordia church of that denomination, and take an interested part in the affairs of the church and other local good works, helpful in many ways in promoting the best interests of the community in which they live.

OSCAR M. WESTLIN.

Oscar M. Westlin, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Flom, treasurer of the Flom Creamery Company, manager of the Flom Implement Company and justice of the peace in and for Flom township, Norman county, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a pioneer farm up in Marshall county on December 14, 1889, son of Matt J. and Helen (Windedahl) Westlin, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who are still living in Marshall county, and to whose union four children were born, the subject of this sketch having three brothers, Clarence, Arthur and Roy. Mrs. Westlin has been twice married, her first husband having been Ole Natwick, by whom she was the mother of four children, John, Edward, Tillie and Ida. Upon coming to the United States Matt J. Westlin