

to his general farming he has for some years paid considerable attention to the raising of a good grade of live stock and now has some excellent Shorthorn cattle on his place. Mr. Sprung's farm is well improved and his outbuildings are substantial and modern in equipment. He has recently remodeled the dwelling house and has converted it into a modern residence, provided with all conveniences, including electric lights. He is accounted one of the substantial and progressive farmers of this section of the county.

Mr. Sprung's maternal grandfather, Christian Lau, was a farmer in Germany, where he died at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. Sprung's maternal grandmother, Rika Lau, also died in Germany, at the fine old age of eighty-seven, her death occurring about 1898.

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#### WILLIAM H. RASEY.

William H. Rasey, a well-known and successful lawyer, living at Ulen, Clay county, was born near St. James, Watonwan county, Minnesota, September 14, 1885, a son of Elwin Z. and Helen Adele (Sargent) Rasey, the former of whom is a native of Hartford, Washington county, New York, being born November 23, 1844, and the latter, a native of Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Roy S., Ruth A., Inez E., William H., Jessie A., Flora E., and Nina O. Both father and mother are living in St. James, Watonwan county, in substantial and well-earned retirement.

William H. Rasey received his elementary education in the schools of St. James, Minnesota, graduating from the high school of that place in 1905. In the same year, he entered Hamlin University to pursue a supplementary course of study. In the fall of 1906, he took up a homestead of government land in Williams county, North Dakota, and proved up his claim in the fall of the following year. Since the laws of Ontario, Canada, at that time allowed a homestead to be taken and proved up by an alien without his becoming a British subject, Mr. Rasey went up into that province in the spring of 1908 and there filed a claim. In the fall of that year, he returned to his studies in Hamlin University and completed his sophomore year, but the following winter of 1909 and the spring and summer of 1910 he spent on his homestead, during which time he cleared fifteen acres and marketed the timber. Returning to Minnesota in the fall of 1910, he began a law course in the St. Paul College of Law, but

on the coming of the following spring, he returned again to his Canadian claim, where he remained until the fall of 1913, occupying his time in working on his holding and in reading law. He then resumed his studies in the St. Paul College of Law, and in the summer of the following year, proved up his claim in Ontario. He then returned to college, and in the spring of 1915 came to Clay county and entered the law office of C. G. Dosland, in Moorhead. He then, in the fall of 1915, located in the practice of his profession at Lake Park, Becker county, Minnesota. His business in the northwestern part of Becker county brought him to Ulen on his weekend trips, and, after three months, he decided to locate in Ulen. He came here January 1, 1916, and has been here ever since engaged in general law practice.

In 1915, September 9, William H. Rasey and Una Chambard, daughter of F. G. and Emma C. (Torrey) Chambard, of Valley City, North Dakota, were united in marriage. Mrs. Rasey is a musician of considerable talent, having been a student of music practically all her life. She is teacher of both piano and voice and has attained great success as an instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasey are members of the Congregational church, in Ulen, and are interested in all the activities of that church. Mr. Rasey is affiliated with the local lodges of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Community Club, of which he is secretary.

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### JOHN LINDAHL.

John Lindahl, a venerable farmer of Spring Prairie township, Clay county, who has lived beyond the age of fourscore years, having reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, the last three decades or more of which have been spent in this locality, can relate tales of many interesting events that have transpired here since this locality was first settled. He has witnessed with his own eyes the many changes that have taken place and in the processes which have brought these changes about he has played no inconspicuous part himself.

Mr. Lindahl was born in Sweden, August 8, 1833, a son of Johanas and Ingeborg Swenson, also natives of Sweden, farming people, who spent all their lives in their native land. The father reached the unusual age of ninety-seven. Five of their children grew to maturity, namely: Carl, who