

married and living in North Dakota; Mrs. Olga Viner, married and living in Highland Grove township; Minnie, Oden, Clifford, Leona and Harry, are all five at home.

Mr. Hitterdal was a Republican. He served as a member of the school board in his district; also as a member of the township board. He was a member of the United Lutheran church, of which he was a trustee. He was a man who believed in keeping abreast of the times. He raised full-blooded live stock and did much to encourage raising better stock in his township, especially cattle. He and his brother, Bens, owned the first steam tractor engine in their locality.

The death of Lars Hitterdal occurred on November 21, 1900, at the age of forty-one years. Mrs. Hitterdal later married for her second husband Carl Broton, who owns a harness shop in Hawley, Clay county, also a store there. This last union has been without issue.

CHRISTIAN REHDER.

Christian Rehder, owner of seven hundred and twenty acres of fine land in Alliance township, Clay county, for many years chairman of the board of supervisors of that township, president of the Farmers Elevator Company of Comstock, vice-president of the State Bank of Comstock, a member of the board of directors of the Northwestern Hospital at Moorhead, formerly treasurer of his home township, formerly overseer of roads in his district and in other ways for years actively identified with the civic and business interests of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of this country since he was twenty-one years of age and of Clay county since the year 1884, one of the most substantial citizens and homestead farmers in the southern part of the county. He was born on August 15, 1860, son of John and Magdalena Rehder, both also natives of Germany, the former of whom died many years ago in his native land. The widow Rehder later married Fred Kuehl, father of Bendix Kuehl, a biographical sketch of whom is presented elsewhere in this volume. About 1889, some time after he had become well settled in Clay county, Christian Rehder sent for his mother and his step-father and they came from Germany and located at Sabin, where Mr. Kuehl spent his last days, his widow thereafter making her home with her son Christian, her last days being spent there.

Reared in his native land, Christian Rehder received his schooling there and remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, when, in 1881, he came to the United States and located at Davenport, Iowa, in which city and in the vicinity whereof he remained for about eighteen months, the most of that time being engaged in farm labor. He then went to Des Moines and was there engaged, driving a delivery wagon and working in the coal mines, until his marriage in 1884, in which year he came up here into the Red River country, Sabin being his destination, and in June of that year homesteaded the southeast quarter of section 30 of Alliance township, in Clay county, established his home there and has ever since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. When Mr. Rehder settled on that quarter section it was raw prairie land and for six years after settling there he farmed with oxen. He planted a fine grove, which is now an attractive feature of the landscape thereabout, and gradually improved his place; replacing his original homestead building with buildings of a substantial character, and has for years had one of the best-ordered farm plants in that part of the country. As his affairs prospered Mr. Rehder added to his homestead holdings by purchase of additional land and now has a well-improved and profitably cultivated farm of seven hundred and twenty acres. Of late years he has given considerable attention to the raising of potatoes, which have proven to be such a desirable crop in this region, and has done much to encourage potato culture among his neighbors. Not only has he done well in his farming operations, but Mr. Rehder has for years given his intelligent attention to the general business affairs of his community. He helped to organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Comstock and is now president of the same. He also assisted in the organization of the State Bank of Comstock, a member of the board of directors from the beginning of that sound financial institution, and is now vice-president of the same. In all measures having to do with the community's general welfare he also has taken a warm personal interest and is a member of the board of directors of the Northwestern Hospital at Moorhead. In civic affairs Mr. Rehder also has taken an active interest and for many years has been serving as a member of the board of township supervisors, for years past chairman of the board. He also for years served as overseer of roads in his district, in that capacity doing much to encourage the better-roads movement hereabout, and also served for some time as treasurer of his home township. He also helped to organize the Comstock and Holy Cross Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is treasurer.

In 1884, about three years after coming to this country, Christian Rehder

was united in marriage to Christina Schnoor, who also was born in Germany, and to this union eight children have been born, Franz, Adelia, Bertha, Selma, Paulina, Henning, Edward and Max, all of whom are living. The Rehders are members of the Lutheran church at Sabin, with the affairs of which they have been closely identified for years, Mr. Rehder having helped to build the present house of worship and parsonage of that congregation, and take an earnest interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community in which they live.

H. H. HANSON.

H. H. Hanson, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Hendrum township, now living retired in the village of Hendrum, former member of the township board and actively identified with the interests of that part of the county since pioneer days, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was seven years of age and of Norman county since shortly after attaining his majority. He was born on July 17, 1858, and was seven years of age when his parents, Hans and Bertha (Gilbertson) Hanson, left their native Norway in 1865 and came to the United States, proceeding on out to Minnesota and settling in Houston county, whence, two years later, they moved over into Fillmore county and there established their home. Hans Hanson became a substantial farmer in Fillmore county and remained there until 1881, the year in which Norman county was organized, when he disposed of his interests in Fillmore county and with his family moved to Norman county. He bought a tract of two hundred and twenty acres in section 21 of Hendrum township, established his home there and there he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring in 1903. Hans Hanson and wife were members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There are two children, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having a sister, Annie, who married R. H. Thompson.

Having been but a child when his parents came to this state, H. H. Hanson completed his schooling in Fillmore county and from the days of his boyhood was a valuable aid to his father in the labors of the farm. Upon moving to Norman county with his father he practically took charge of the operations of the new farm in Hendrum township and did well, at one time, in association with his father, owning about five hundred acres of land.