

completing the course there was ordained to the ministry of that church, the ordination ceremony taking place at Minneapolis on June 17, 1900. Following his ordination the Rev. T. A. Hagen was stationed in charge of a congregation in Kittson county and remained there for thirteen years, during which time he organized three congregations and before he left had three ministers in charge of a large field originally covered by his ministrations. It was in 1913 that Mr. Hagen was transferred to the charge at Hendrum, a change which brought him back to Norman county, the scene of his earlier endeavors as a school teacher, and he since has been located there, doing an excellent work. There are four churches attached to Mr. Hagen's pastorate, those besides the church at Hendrum being the church at St. Pauli (north), the church at Concordia (east), and the church at Pontopidan (east), his earnest personal influence and power for doing good thus being directed over a wide territory. During this long period of ministry Mr. Hagen has held several offices in the United Lutheran church. By appointment he, for some time, held the office of visitator for the Crookston circuit and was then elected to that office, serving thus for four years. He also, for four years, was a member of the mission board of the church.

On January 2, 1884, the year after his arrival in America, the Rev. T. A. Hagen was united in marriage to Anna Lee, daughter of Ole Lee and wife, also Telemarkens, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: Clara, wife of the Rev. C. B. Runsvold; Bertha, wife of J. A. Emanuelson, a farmer, and Anna, Alfred, Olga, Esther, Olaf, Valborg and Alice. Mrs. Hagen's parents, both of whom are now deceased, spent all their lives in their native country, their home being on a farm.

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#### OLE L. RINDAHL.

Ole L. Rindahl, a well-known retired farmer of Bear Park township, Norman county, owner of six hundred and eighty acres of land, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this county since 1880. He was born in the county of Faaberg, in Norway on August 23, 1845, a son of Lars O. and Olia (Rise) Rindahl, natives also of that country.

Lars O. Rindahl and his wife immigrated to the United States in 1858 and located first in Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived with relatives for two years. In 1860 they moved to Nicollet county, Minnesota, by ox-

team, the journey occupying three weeks, and in that county Lars O. Rindahl settled on a tract of school land on which he farmed during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1865, his widow surviving until 1879, in which year she died. At the time of the Indian outbreak resulting in the massacre at New Ulm, in 1862, Mr. Rindahl and his family with many others hurried for protection to St. Peter, his son, Ole L. going to the defence of New Ulm, where he remained in defence of the white people until the Indians were finally dispersed and order restored. Lars O. Rindahl and wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister Elie, who married Johan Larson, of Polk county, Minnesota, and who lived across the Norman county line.

Ole L. Rindahl had opportunity for but little education in his native country. In 1880 he came to Norman county from Nicollet county, where the parents had previously been living, in that county having been the owner of a tract of land. He settled on the farm which he still owns, pre-empting one hundred and sixty acres of land directly across the road from his present dwelling, proved up on the same and proceeded at once to improve and cultivate it. He also homesteaded a quarter section where his present home is located and here he has been living ever since. In the aggregate Mr. Rindahl's land holdings amount to six hundred and eighty acres, all but one farm of one hundred and sixty acres being in one body. He is also the owner of a quarter section of pine land in St. Louis county, Minnesota, and one hundred and sixty acres of pine land in Cook county, Minnesota. Mr. Rindahl put some fine buildings on the home farm, including two good houses, and during his active life was engaged in general farming. For the past four years he has been living retired on the home place, having rented his other land, and is regarded throughout the township as one of the most prosperous retired farmers in the community.

In 1869 Ole L. Rindahl was united in marriage to Karen Hoveland, who was born on December 10, 1850, a daughter of Jens and Cherstie (Rindahl) Hoveland, natives of Norway, who immigrated to Wisconsin in 1857 and remained there until 1862, living in Rock county. In the latter year they, in company with twelve other families travelling by ox-team, moved to Goodhue county, Minnesota, driving eighty head of cattle through, where they settled down, except Jens Hoveland and family, who proceeded to Nicollet county, arriving there at the time of the Indian outbreak resulting in the New Ulm massacre in 1862. Jens Hoveland died in Goodhue county, and his wife died in Nicollet county. They were the parents of eight children as follow: Bertha, deceased; Lars, deceased; Ole, deceased; Simon,

deceased; Johanah, living; Johan, deceased; Amund, deceased, and Karen, the wife of Ole Rindahl. Of the foregoing children, Lars Hoveland served with a Minnesota regiment during the Civil War, going from Goodhue county, where he had been living. Ole, Simon and Johan Hoveland enlisted in 1861 in Wisconsin and served until the close of the war, having re-enlisted at the end of their first term of three years, serving throughout with the Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rindahl the following children have been born: Lawrence, deceased; Laura Christina, Jens Oluf, Alexander, Oscar Benjamin, Carl Laurence and Albert Christian. The Rindahl family are members of the Lutheran church and are warm supporters of all its good works. Mr. Rindahl helped to organize the Faaberg congregation of the first Lutheran church at Rindahl, the organizing meeting being held on a pile of logs on Mr. Rindahl's farm. He assisted in the organization of Bear Park township and served on the first township board, and has held township and school offices from time to time. The first postoffice at Rindahl was located in an addition to Mr. Rindahl's claim shanty. He also has been energetic in the promotion of mercantile undertakings and helped to organize the Rindahl Mercantile Company when the farmers bought it of Jens and Carl Rindahl, who had been operating the store as Rindahl Brothers for about eleven years. Mr. Rindahl helped to organize the Rindahl Creamery Company and has held office in that corporation, and he assisted in the organization of the Farmers Elevator Company at Fertile and has been on the board of directors of the same almost from the beginning. Mrs. Rindahl was overseer of the Wild Rice Orphans Home for several years.

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#### MARTIN FREDERICK HANSON.

Among the native sons of Minnesota who have lived their lives in the state of their nativity and are today among the prosperous business men of Gary, is Martin Frederick Hanson, who was born in Freeborn county, this state, July 3, 1876, the son of Hans and Carrie Olson (Kernvold) Hanson, natives of Norway, where they received their education and were married. Hans Hanson was born on January 27, 1827, and his wife first saw the light of day on December 24, 1829. For a time after their marriage they continued to live in the land where they were born, and in the year 1853 they decided to seek a home in America, where they might the better have an