

ion the following children were born: Clara, Ella (deceased), Edwin, Alfred, Eda, Hulda, Anton (deceased), Emma, Anna, Olga and Bernhard. With the exception of Ella and Anton, the other children are living. The Milsten family are members of the Lutheran church and are warmly interested in all its good works. Mr. Milsten has always given a good citizen's attention to public affairs, but has never been a seeker after office.

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### MADS ROBERTSON

Mads Robertson, one of the best-known and most progressive farmers of Lockhart township, Norman county, and the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres there, is a native of the kingdom of Denmark and has been a resident of Minnesota since the year 1900. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Fyn, Denmark, March 13, 1881, the last in order of birth of the eleven children born to Rasmus and Maren Robertson, natives of that same country, who spent all their lives there, the others of these children being Nels, Christ, Hans, Jorgen, Christopher, Frederick, Anna, Cherry, Cena (deceased) and Kirsten. Of these children, but two besides the subject of this sketch came to America, these two being Nels and Christ, the latter of whom is engaged in the railway service, in the employ of the Great Northern Railroad Company. The others are engaged in agricultural pursuits in their native land.

It was in 1900, as noted above, that Mads Robertson came to the United States. He lost little time in making his way to Minnesota and in due time became the owner of the fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres on which he now lives in Lockhart township, Norman county, and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Robertson has made extensive improvements on his farm since taking possession of the same, including substantial farm buildings. In addition to his general grain farming, Mr. Robertson has given considerable attention to the raising of potatoes and has been quite successful. He is a man of method and keeps a careful account of outgo and income, as well as applying up-to-date principles to his farming, and has thus been able to figure that since taking possession of his farm the same has paid him almost a clear ten per cent. on the investment.

On July 31, 1907, Mads Robertson was united in marriage to Lizzie

Lewerenz, who was born in this country and whose parents have a farm in the vicinity of Paynesville, in Stearns county, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Chester and Lillian. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are members of the Lutheran church, and take a proper part in the general good works of the community in which they live. They have a pleasant home, the surroundings of which have been beautified by the planting of shade and fruit trees since they entered upon the possession of their place, and have made for themselves a substantial place in the community.

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### EDWARD C. SCHROEDER.

Edward C. Schroeder, farmer, of Glyndon township, Clay county, was born on the home farm in Elmwood township, this county, June 14, 1880. He is a son of Henry Schroeder, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work.

The subject of this sketch grew up on the home farm, where he worked during the crop seasons, attending the district schools in the winter time, and later was a student in Concordia College at Moorhead. He also attended the Dakota Business College at Fargo. In 1902 he began farming for himself on his present farm in Glyndon township, and he is owner of one of the choice farms of Clay county, consisting of five hundred and seventy acres, which is regarded as one of the best improved farms in the county. It is in a fine state of cultivation and everything denotes thrift, prosperity and good management. Mr. Schroeder has an attractive modern home in the midst of beautiful surroundings, and also a large group of substantial convenient outbuildings, all modern in arrangement. He is not only a close observer and a man of original ideas, but is a diligent student of the best literature relating to advanced agricultural methods. He raises a vast quantity of grain, a large part of which he feeds to live stock, preparing a number of carloads of cattle and hogs for the market annually. He is a breeder of registered Holstein cattle, and he keeps a dairy herd that is unsurpassed in the northwest. He has bred several cows which have won first honors in world tests. He has been offered and refused twenty thousand dollars for the male Holstein that heads his fine herd. His stock always bring fancy prices when offered for sale, owing to their superior qualities and are greatly admired by all who see them. He is widely