

Shorthorn cattle. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Kragnes.

Mr. Tangen was married in Houston county, Minnesota, on March 30, 1878, to Gelina Studlien, who was born in that county June 6, 1860, and there she grew to womanhood on the farm and received a common school education. She is a daughter of Ole and Bertha (Lien) Studlien, both natives of Norway, where they grew up and married and from there immigrated to America in 1850, and established the family home in Houston county, this state, being pioneers there. The father owned a good farm there, which was sold a number of years ago. They moved to Clay county and here both passed away.

Fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tangen, namely: Mrs. Bertha Montgomery, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Edward, who died in 1900 at the age of nineteen years; Bernice, who is at home; Clara, who lives in Missouri; Mrs. Genelia Whitsel, who lives in Montana; Selma, at home; Oberlin, also at home; Jennette, at home; Martin Walter, who died at the age of eighteen months; and Winnifred, Walter, Esther, Rudolph and Norman, all at home.

Politically, Mr. Tangen is a Republican. He has held all the offices on the school board in district No. 24 and is now a director. He has also held all the offices on the township board and has been assessor, etc. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is chairman of the board of trustees of the same.

WILLIAM RUSSELL.

William Russell, formerly and for years the official reporter for the seventh Minnesota judicial district, with residence at Moorhead, and for the past seventeen years a practicing attorney in that city, is a native of the Dominion of Canada, but has been a resident of Minnesota since the middle eighties and is thus thoroughly familiar with the development of this part of the state for more than thirty years. He was born in Stratford, in the province of Ontario, and there received his schooling and grew to manhood.

In 1883 Mr. Russell left his native Canada and came to Minnesota, locating at Moorhead, where, and at Fargo, he began the study of law. In the year 1886 he removed to St. Cloud, Minnesota, having been appointed to the position of reporter for the seventh judicial district, comprising the counties of Stearns, Benton, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Todd, Douglas, Otter

Tail, Wabena, Becker and Clay, and held that position continuously until in January, 1900, when he engaged in the practice of law at Moorhead and has since been thus engaged. During his many years of experience as reporter for this judicial district, Mr. Russell gained an acquaintance throughout the district and a familiarity with legal procedure that has been invaluable to him since he entered upon the practice of the profession, to which he had been giving his studious attention since the days of his young manhood, and there is perhaps no better known lawyer throughout this whole section of the state than he. Mr. Russell has ever given a good citizen's attention to the general affairs of his home town and is an active member of the Moorhead Commercial Club, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest. Mr. Russell is the owner of a half section of well-improved land in the neighborhood of Moorhead and gives considerable interested attention to the operation of his farm.

In 1901, William Russell was united in marriage to Esther Davis, of Marshall, this state, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in the general good works of their home town.

ELMER G. HANSON.

Elmer G. Hanson was born in Badger, Iowa, August 17, 1890, a son of H. P. Hanson, born at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and Rena Hanson, born at Rushford, Minnesota. The former is a retired merchant, of Badger, Iowa, and is now living at Driscoll, North Dakota, the owner of several farms which he operates by tenants.

Elmer G. Hanson received his elementary education in the public schools of Iowa, and then attended St. Olaf College, at Northfield, Minnesota, where he took a course of preparatory studies, after which he entered the University of Wisconsin for a regular college course. He completed the course and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving college, he took up the banking business and received his training in that line in Iowa. In October, 1916, he came to Hitterdal, and in November of that year he opened up the Clay County State Bank. He was made cashier of this bank and has held that position since.

On January 4, 1917, Mr. Hanson was married to Annette Davenport, daughter of N. S. Davenport, of Dennison, Minnesota. Mr. Hanson is a member of the United Lutheran church.