

ber of the board of directors, which position he occupied for many years. For the past twenty years he has been an auctioneer, crying sales all over this and adjoining counties, which occupation has widened and enriched his field of acquaintances. Finally, it may be said that if any movement is inaugurated in the community for its betterment, socially, economically and civilly, it is sure of the unstinted and loyal support of Theodore Johnson.

JOHN A. RUSTVOLD.

John A. Rustvold, one of the early settlers of Hendrum township, where he now lives, the owner of two hundred forty acres of fine farming land on which he carries on general agriculture, was born in Throndhjem, Norway, on September 23, 1864, the son of Arnt J. and Mollie A. (Holland) Rustvold, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1869 and first located at Newberg, Fillmore county, Minnesota, where the former worked. There they remained until 1877, when the elder Rustvold decided to establish his home farther north in the new country in Norman county. Accordingly, he bought farming implements which he loaded into his wagon with the necessary household goods, joined his family with six others, and they all started to Norman county, driving their ox-teams. When the family arrived at their destination, Arnt J. Rustvold homesteaded at once a quarter section where his son, John A. now lives. Since his holding was raw prairie, great effort was entailed in bringing it into cultivation; but nothing daunted by the size of the task the family set to work and eventually their efforts were rewarded with success. When the father's death occurred in 1908, he was the owner of four hundred and thirteen acres of well-improved land. Being one of the early pioneers of the township and anxious to see the civil organization of his community, the father with his son John A. helped to organize Hendrum township. Arnt and Mollie Rustvold were the parents of six children, namely: Anna, the wife of A. O. Serum; Andrew, John, Carolina, and two daughters who died in infancy. The elder Rustvold and his family were early members of the Lutheran church in their community, and the father was an active participant in the organization of the Pontopedans congregation, and was later one of the leading workers in the movement which had for its object the building of the present church building.

John A. Rustvold received the first part of his common-school education in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and later when he moved with his parents to Norman county in his thirteenth year, he finished it in the early schools of Hendrum township. Since he has made his residence here, he has always made his home on the old place, which at present contains two hundred and forty acres, whereon he carries on general farming.

On July 16, 1892, Mr. Rustvold was united in marriage to Randa Hviding, who was born in Norway, August 27, 1870, the daughter of B. B. and Ellen (Pederson) Hviding, of Stavanger, the former of whom was a sea captain, but now a resident of Perley, Norman county. Mr. and Mrs. Rustvold are the parents of the following children: Arnt J., Ellen, Bertha, Ann, Johnie, Orpha, Bernhart, Arthur, who died in infancy, and Arthur and Charlotte. They also have an adopted son, Martin Crogues. Mr. Rustvold and family are active and consistent adherents to the Lutheran faith, worshiping in the old Pontopedans Lutheran church which his father helped to organize. Mr. Rustvold has also been interested in bettering the marketing facilities of his community by helping to organize the creamery and Farmers Elevator at Hendrum. Mr. Rustvold takes a good citizen's interest in all the movements for the betterment of the community.

NELS J. STROMBERG.

Nels J. Stromberg, a well-known farmer, operating a tract of land in Bear Park township, treasurer of Bear Park township and otherwise identified with public affairs, is a native of Norman county, born on the farm on which he still resides, September 27, 1884, a son of Olof and Mary (Bjerk) Stromberg, both natives of the kingdom of Sweden.

In the year 1880 Olof Stromberg and his wife immigrated to the United States, and on arriving in this country came directly to Renville county, Minnesota, remaining in that county for two years. At the end of the latter period they moved to Griggs county, North Dakota, and were in that place for a further period of two years, engaged at farm work. In June, 1884, they moved to Norman county and settled on the farm in section 16, Bear Park township, still in the occupation of Nels J. Stromberg. On this place Olof Stromberg farmed for the remainder of his life, his death taking place in 1894. On settling here he acquired a tract of school land, containing eighty acres and also purchased forty acres of railroad land,