

Hans J. Ulven was born in Norway in 1869 and at the age of eleven came with his parents to this country. He is the proprietor of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Highland Grove township and is actively engaged in general farming, being regarded as one of the substantial farmers of the township. Like his brother, Andrew, Hans J. Ulven also takes considerable interest in public affairs and has been serving as township clerk since 1898 up to the present time, and in other ways he has given of his time and energy to the well-being of the community in which he resides.

Bernt J. Ulven also was born in Norway, his birth occurring on April 16, 1874, and at the age of six years he came to this country with his parents and the other members of the family. Ever since he has been living in Highland Grove township, where he was educated in the public schools. Up to 1905, in conjunction with his brothers, he assisted in operating the extensive tract of land which they then held in partnership. Bernt J. Ulven remained on his father's homestead and here he has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which includes the original eighty acres entered by his father, and on this place Mr. Ulven has lived ever since. He has erected all the present buildings, with the exception of the dwelling house. In 1905 Mr. Ulven was married to Mary Johnson, born in Sweden, a daughter of Joe and Breta (Olafson) Johnson, who came to America about 1881, the former of whom is deceased and the latter is now living at Hitterdal. One child, Jerome, was born to this union. In 1911 Mr. Ulven married Hannah Carlson, born in Sweden, a daughter of Carl Johnson and wife, the latter of whom died in Sweden and Mr. Johnson now lives in North Dakota. He came to America in 1903, but Mrs. Ulven did not come for some time later. By his second marriage Mr. Ulven is the father of two children, Agnes and Ragna. The family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

IVER SEMLINGE.

Iver Semlinge, a substantial farmer of Hendrum township, Norman county, was born in Norway, September 7, 1851, the son of Ole and Marit (Bakken) Semlinge, both natives of Norway, the former of whom receives further mention in the sketch of C. K. Semling, one of the editors of this history, presented elsewhere in this volume.

Iver Semlinge, being sixteen years old when he came to America with his parents in 1867, attended the common schools in Norway, this consti-

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tuting the whole of his schooling. His parents first located in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and Iver obtained employment as a farm hand on farms in Houston and Fillmore counties during his stay of eleven years in those parts. He finally decided, when he was twenty-seven years old, to cast his lot with the settlers of Norman county, which had only recently been opened up for settlement; and, accompanied only by his oldest brother, Jacob, drove a mule team through to that county and at once made his home with his brother-in-law, O. T. Nelson, who then owned the farm on which Mr. Semlinge now resides in Hendrum township. After some years of fruitful industry, Mr. Semlinge added to his holdings and at present owns four hundred acres of good farm land. The purchase of the land was only the first step in his prosperity, for much of the land needed clearing; but after the ground was placed under cultivation the owner began adding improvements and now has excellent farm buildings.

On April 13, 1881, Iver Semlinge married Anna Marie Tommerdahl, who was born in Norway, the daughter of Ole N. and Ellen (Maria) Tommerdahl, the former of whom was born in Norway, the son of Nels Tommerdahl, and was there reared to manhood. There he met and married the mother of Mrs. Iver Semlinge. After being a widower for some years after the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Ellen Ellingson, and the two came to America in 1864, bringing the family. After remaining in Houston county, Minnesota, until 1877, they drove overland in a covered wagon to Norman county in the same party with O. J. Hagen, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Tommerdahl took three hundred and twenty acres in Hendrum township, presumably half homestead and half pre-emption, and soon set about to improve the place, residing there until his death.

Ole N. Tommerdahl was a very active member of the community in which he lived and helped to organize Hendrum township, the name of which was suggested by him. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Pontoppidan Lutheran church. By his first wife, Mr. Tommerdahl was the father of three children: Nels and Jens, who are dead, and Anna M., the wife of Iver Semlinge; and by his second wife, Ellen Ellingson, six children, namely: Emma and Anton, who are dead; Oscar, Emma, Ida and Minnie. His second wife, Ellen Ellingson, was first married to John Rustvold, and one child, Nettie, now Mrs. Thom Charlson, of Ada, Minnesota, was born to that union. After the death of Mr. Tommerdahl his widow and family remained on the farm, where they now live.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iver Semlinge have been born thirteen children, all of whom are living but one, namely: Oliver, deceased; Oline, Martin Olai, Anne Matilda, Joseph, Ole, Hannah Emlie, Iver Kornelius, Lydia, Jens Edwin, Marit, Arnokd Norman and Sarah Elvie. Mr. Semlinge and family are zealous adherents to the Lutheran faith, being members of the Pontoppidan church, which Mr. Semlinge helped to organize. He has been interested deeply in the upbuilding and well-being of the community, having helped to organize the creamery company, the Farmers Elevator Company and the State Bank of Hendrum.

CARL N. SCHULSTAD.

Carl N. Schulstad, a well-known and prosperous farmer of Waukon township, Norman county, where he owns a fine farm and operates in all three hundred and seventy-four acres with marked success, a man interested in the civil and local co-operative business agencies of the community in which he has lived for many years, was born in Dunn county, Wisconsin, July 18, 1874, a son of Christian and Mary (Martinson) Schulstad, the former of whom is a native of Norway and the latter of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The maternal grandparents of the subject of this sketch were Iver and Carric Martinson, who were among the first settlers of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, but in June, 1879, they drove overland to Norman county, Minnesota, where Iver Martinson homesteaded a quarter section in Waukon township, where he lived the rest of his life. His wife, the mother of Mary (Martinson) Schulstad, died at LaCrosse. Carl N. Schulstad's paternal grandparents, Nels and Pernele (Hunsager) Bredeson, were both natives of Norway, from which they came to this country and settled first on a homestead in Dunn county, Wisconsin, in 1868. After they had remained there for seventeen years, they loaded their household effects and a few farming implements into a covered wagon and drove through to Norman county, Minnesota, where they heard that excellent farming land could be easily acquired. As soon as they arrived here, Nels Bredeson filed a claim on some land in Waukon township, in the same section where his grandson, Carl N. Schulstad, now lives.

Christian Schulstad, the father of the subject of this review, was reared to manhood in Norway, the land of his nativity, and in the same year that his parents came to America, he decided to follow in their footsteps. He