

Minnesota; Ella, who is married and makes her home on a farm in Eglon township; Edward, who has remained with his mother and is assisting in running the farm, and Mabel, who is also at home. These children were all educated in the district schools of Clay county. The family are members of the Solum Norwegian Lutheran church.

The death of Halvor Olson occurred on his farm in Eglon township in 1909.

THOMAS N. SLIPER.

Thomas N. Sliper, a progressive farmer of Cromwell township, Clay county, was born in Norway on July 15, 1852. He is a son of Nels N. and Jaqumina (Peterson) Sliper, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and established their home. They came to Canada in July, 1868, their vessel taking eight weeks to cross the ocean, and stopped first in Quebec; and from there they came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, where the father worked out until the spring of 1871, when he came to Clay county, Minnesota, driving an ox-team to a covered wagon, also drove along his cows, and began life here in typical pioneer fashion, in June, 1871. He took up a pre-emption claim of one hundred and seventy acres in Cromwell township, where his son Thomas N. now lives. He later made it a homestead. He worked hard and managed well and placed the land under a fine state of improvement and cultivation and was one of the successful general farmers of Cromwell township. He spent the rest of his life on this farm, dying in 1888, his widow surviving until 1895. To these parents five children were born, namely: Peter N., now deceased, who came to Minnesota in 1866 and settled in Houston county; Jacob, also deceased, who came to Minnesota in 1867 and settled in Houston county; Thomas N., the subject of this sketch; Kari, and Edward (deceased). The family helped start the first Lutheran church in Clay county.

Thomas N. Sliper spent his boyhood in Norway, where he attended the common schools. He was sixteen years old when he came with his parents to America, living with them in Quebec, Canada, Winneshiek county, Iowa, and Clay county, Minnesota. He worked hard, like all pioneer boys of that period, helping develop the new farm on the wild prairies. When he reached his majority he took up a homestead of one hundred and twenty acres and a tree claim of one hundred and thirty acres, in the same section in which his father had located. Upon the death of his father he bought

out the other heirs and now owns a total of about four hundred and fifteen acres, on which he for years carried on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, but is now retired from active labor, renting his farm. He formerly raised a large quantity of grain, also large numbers of cattle and hogs, and shipped many carloads of live stock to the market annually. He has a modern home, large barns and other first-class improvements. There is a large, fine grove by his home, which he set out many years ago.

Politically, Mr. Sliper is a Republican. He has been township treasurer since 1887 and in other ways has taken an active and an earnest interest in the general public affairs of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days.

C. B. BRODINE.

C. B. Brodine, manager of the Felton Elevator Company at Felton, Clay county, was born in Sweden, September 29, 1855. He is a son of C. B. and Anna (Henrickson) Brodine, both natives of Sweden, where they grew up, married and established their home; in fact, spent their lives in their native country. The father was engaged in the banking business. To these parents eight children were born.

C. B. Brodine grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools. In 1882 he immigrated to America and the first few years of his residence here traveled extensively, visiting places of interest all over the United States. About 1887 he located on a farm near Luce, in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, carrying on general farming there several years. Later he bought and sold grain, also handled lumber. He came to Clay county, about 1898, locating on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, four miles south of Felton, and continued farming there until 1905, when he rented out his land and moved to Felton and has since been manager of the Felton Elevator Company, building up a large and growing business. He handles feed, grain, flour, fuel and machinery.

Mr. Brodine was married on November 14, 1890, to Ida Rasmuson, who was born in Wisconsin, a daughter of B. F. and Margarett (Larson) Rasmuson, natives of Denmark. To Mr. and Mrs. Brodine six children have been born, Anna E., Ruth E., Ada M., Alonzo G., Calvin J. and Philip O.

Politically, Mr. Brodine is a Democrat. While living on the farm in Flowing township he served for some time as chairman of the township