

Reared on the home farm in Norway, Claus Engum received his schooling there and remained at home until 1891, when he came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating in Faribault county, where he became engaged at farm labor, working in town during the winters, and where he remained until 1898, in which year he came up into this part of the state and in that same year bought a quarter of a section of land in Skree township, Clay county, and proceeded to improve and develop the same. When Mr. Engum came here he was unmarried and for three years after taking his place he made his home with a family living just south of his farm. He then married and established his home on his farm and has there resided ever since, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Engum has a good set of buildings on his place and has a fine grove, an attractive feature of the landscape. Since taking his original quarter section he has bought a "forty" cornering the same and now has an excellent farm of two hundred acres, on which he is engaged in general farming, doing very well.

Mr. Engum's wife also was born in Norway, Gertrude Dybevik, daughter of Marcus Hoveland and wife, and she came to this country alone not long before her marriage to Mr. Engum. To that union one child has been born, a daughter, Julia. Mr. and Mrs. Engum are members of the church at Grant and take a proper interest in church work and in the other good works of the neighborhood in which they live.

NORMAN H. STADUM.

Norman H. Stadum, cashier of the First State Bank of Glyndon, secretary and treasurer of the Glyndon Grain and Elevator Company, treasurer of the Buffalo River Stock Farm, auditor of the Glyndon Light and Power Company, treasurer of the Glyndon Co-operative Creamery Association, treasurer of the Glyndon Telephone Company, justice of the peace in and for Glyndon township, former secretary of the Clay county Republican Central committee and in other ways actively identified with the civic and commercial interests of this section of the Red River valley, is a native son of Minnesota and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Clay county since he was five years of age. He was born at Farmington, in Dakota county, not far south of St. Paul, February 22, 1878, son of Hans A. and Isabelle (Gjefsen) Stadum, natives of the kingdom of Norway, who came to the

United States about 1866 or 1867 and located in Minnesota, where they are still living, for many years past residents of the city of Barnesville, where they have made their home since 1883.

Hans A. Stadum was trained to the trade of tailor in his native land and upon coming to Minnesota engaged in the tailoring business. After a some time residence in Filmore county he moved to Farmington and was there engaged in the tailoring business until 1883, when, attracted by the possibilities then opening for business in this part of the state, he came up here and located at Barnesville, where he became engaged in the tailoring business and where he ever since has made his home, one of the pioneers in the business life of that city, though now living retired from the active cares of business. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were four of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being Albert H. (deceased), Martin and Edith.

As noted above, Norman H. Stadum was but five years of age when his parents moved from Farmington to Barnesville and in the latter place he received his schooling and grew to manhood, from the days of his youth becoming familiar with business forms. In 1900 he became engaged as a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Barnesville and in that institution became thoroughly familiar with the details of the banking business as relates to this section, remaining there for two years, at the end of which time, in 1902, he organized the First State Bank of Glyndon and has ever since been cashier of that institution, one of the best-known and most progressive bankers in Clay county. In addition to his extensive banking interests, Mr. Stadum has other interests in and about Glyndon and from the very beginning of his residence in that thriving village has given his earnest attention and active support to any movement promising a healthy extension of the general business interests of the place and of the community at large, having taken an influential part in the work of organizing various public and semi-public enterprises there; and is now serving as secretary and treasurer of the Glyndon Grain and Elevator Company, as treasurer of the Buffalo River Stock Farm, as auditor of the Glyndon Light and Power Company, as treasurer of the Glyndon Co-operative Creamery Association and as treasurer of the Glyndon Telephone Company, to the affairs of all of which concerns he gives his earnest and intelligent attention. Mr. Stadum is an ardent Republican and for years has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this part of the state. For some time he served as secretary of the Clay county Republican central committee and has held various

local offices, at present serving as justice of the peace in and for his home township. During the time of the establishment of the consolidated school in that township Mr. Stadum was a member of the school board and did much to promote that valuable movement looking to the advancement of educational standards in that part of the county.

In 1903, Norman H. Stadum was united in marriage to Edna Morris, of Minneapolis, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, Morris and Norman H., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Stadum are members of the Congregational church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in other neighborhood good works, helpful in many ways in promoting causes having to do with the advancement of the common welfare. They have a very pleasant home at Glyndon and take an interested part in the general social activities of their home community. Mr. Stadum is a Scottish Rite Mason (thirty-second degree) and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs. He also is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Royal Legion and in the affairs of these fraternal organizations likewise takes an active interest. For years he has been regarded as one of the "live wires" in the business community of Clay county and his influence for good in the extension of general commercial interests hereabout is felt in many directions.

WILLIAM J. TUCKER.

William J. Tucker, proprietor of a well-kept farm of two hundred and forty acres in Elkton township, Clay county, and former member of the board of supervisors of that township, is a native of Wisconsin, born on a farm in that state on August 7, 1857, son of W. T. J. and Claista (Cole) Tucker, the former a native of the state of Vermont and the latter of New York state, who became pioneers of Wisconsin, but whose last days were spent in Illinois. W. T. J. Tucker was a substantial farmer. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the third in order of birth, the others being Zachariah (deceased), Louisa, Mary, Susan, Ira, Carleta, Sarah (deceased) and John (deceased).

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