

the subject of this sketch; Erick, married, who lives in section 2 of Keene township, and is the father of ten children; Mrs. Lizzie Broset, who lives in Ulen township, and Thea, who is married and lives in Twin Valley.

On arriving in this county Elling Haug took charge of his mother's homestead farm and worked it until the death of the mother, when it was sold. Later, he decided to begin farming life on his own account and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in section 2, Keene township, and immediately proceeded to the task of preparing the land for cultivation and soon had things going in good shape. Mr. Haug erected all the buildings to be seen on the place today and carried out many improvements, finally bringing the place up to a standard not surpassed in the township. He later bought an additional sixty acres in section 3, of the township, improving the farm and bringing it up to date, and is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of choice land and on the two holdings is engaged in general farming and in the raising of Shorthorn cattle.

Elling Haug was united in marriage to Gurine Grandahl, a native of Norway, born there in 1863, who came to this country alone at the age of twenty years. Her parents lived and died in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Haug are the parents of six children, namely: Mabel, living in Viding township; Gena, working at Devil's Lake; Eline, at home; Emma, working at Devil's Lake, and Gilman and Clarence, at home. Mr. Haug is a member of the Synod church, of which he acts as treasurer, and formerly served as deacon and trustee. He takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and was clerk to the local school board for four years, and served as supervisor of the township board for one term. He helped to organize the creamery and co-operative store at Ulen and is a stockholder in the same. In all matters appertaining to the welfare of the community he is ever ready to lend a helping hand and is regarded as one of the progressive men of the township in which he lives.

OLE M. STEEN.

Ole M. Steen, one of the most painstaking farmers of Oakport township, Clay county, was born in Norway, May 12, 1860. Mr. Steen grew to manhood in Norway and there attended the common schools, also a military training school for officers. Upon completing his course he came to the United States in 1882, single, making the long continuous journey to Fargo, North Dakota. Since then he has made his home in Clay county, Minnesota.