

for several years, or until 1879, when he married and homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Elkton township and there established his home, spending the rest of his life there and becoming one of the most substantial farmers in that section of the county. As he prospered in his farming operations Mr. Martson gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of five hundred and sixty acres, which is still held in the family, his widow and several of the children still living there, very comfortably situated; the Marston farm being highly improved and profitably cultivated. Mr. Marston in addition to his farming interests took an active part in the general affairs of the community and was one of the organizers of the Farmers Elevator Company at Barnesville, in the affairs of which he took an active and influential interest.

In 1879 Henry Marston was united in marriage to Martha Milbeck, who was born in the kingdom of Norway and who had come to this part of Minnesota with her parents in pioneer days, and to that union were born eight children, all of whom are living, namely: George, now a resident of the village of Downer; William, who is on the home farm; Edward, who also is on the home farm, actively participating in the management of the well-ordered farm plant; Arthur, now a resident of Seattle, Washington; Charles, at home; Burdett, at home; Emma, also at home, and Martha, of Baker. The Marstons are members of the Lutheran church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community.

OLE N. STOEN.

Ole N. Stoen, a farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, was born in Norway, March 4, 1870. He is a son of Nels and Mary Stoen, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, were married and made their home until 1874. In August of that year they immigrated to America, locating first in Jackson county, Wisconsin, where they spent six or seven years; then came to Clay county, and bought railroad land in Tansem township, which Mr. Stoen improved and put under cultivation, continuing farming there until 1912, when he moved to Canada, where he has since resided, having taken up a homestead in Saskatchewan. He has devoted his life to general farming. His family consisted of eight children, one of whom died young; the others were named as follow: Anna, Lars, Ole N., Carrie, Thorten, Tilda and Otto.

Ole N. Stoen was about four years old when his parents brought him to America. He received most of his education in the public schools of Tansem township, where he grew to manhood on the home farm. He lived in Tansem township until 1910 on rented land. Since then he has made his home on his fine farm of two hundred and forty acres near Barnesville, which land is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He also owns some timber land besides his home place. He has set out a large grove on the place, and he has a comfortable home and numerous convenient outbuildings. He raises a large quantity of grain, much of which is fed to live stock. He makes a specialty of raising blooded Duroc-Jersey hogs and Shorthorn cattle. His fine stock brings fancy prices owing to its superior quality. He has done much to encourage the raising of better live stock in his community; he is an excellent judge of stock and is regarded as one of the best farmers in his township. He has been very successful financially, having managed well and persevered. He is one of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator at Barnesville, which he helped organize. He is also a stockholder in the Barnesville Co-operative Creamery, and a member of the board of directors of the same.

Mr. Stoen was married in 1897 to Marie Hoveland, a daughter of Ole Hoveland, one of the pioneer settlers of Otter Tail county, Minnesota. Mrs. Stoen was first married to Andrew Stadum, and to their union two children were born; Matilda and Oscar. Her union with Mr. Stoen has also resulted in the birth of two children, Arthur and Oris. Mention is made of Ole Hoveland, father of Mrs. Stoen, on another page of this volume. Mr. Stoen is a member of the Lutheran church.

JOHN K. TATLEY.

John K. Tatley, one of Clay county's best-known landowners and a prosperous dealer in agricultural implements, with a well-equipped store at Olive, Montana, and land interests in that state as well as in Clay county and in the Dominion of Canada, is a native son of Clay county and most of his life has been spent here. Though his business interests are in Montana, he continues to regard Clay county as his home and his time is spent variously here and in Canada and Montana. He was born on a pioneer farm in Keene township, Clay county, February 18, 1878, a son of Knudt Nelson Rodahl and wife.