

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).

Reared on a farm in Wisconsin, William J. Tucker received his schooling in the schools of that state, and there remained until a year after his

marriage, when, in 1883, he established his home on a homestead tract in Brule county, South Dakota, where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Spencer, Iowa. A year later he came to Minnesota and began farming in Martin county, where he remained until 1900, in which year he bought the farm on which he is now living in Elkton township, Clay county, and has there made his home ever since, developing a fine piece of farm property there. Mr. Tucker has two hundred and forty acres which he has improved in excellent shape, erecting substantial buildings, planting a grove and otherwise improving the place until he has one of the best farm plants in that neighborhood. Ever since taking up his residence in Clay county he has given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs, has served as a member of the board of township supervisors, and is now serving as clerk of his school district. He and his family are members of the Congregational church and take a proper interest in church work, as well as in the general good works and social activities of the community.

In 1882, while living in Wisconsin, William J. Tucker was united in marriage to Grace James, of that state, daughter of Thomas James and wife, and to this union were born ten children, Thomas William, Jane, Hattie, Anna, Albert, Effie, Jasper, Eugene, Phena and Earl, all of whom are living. The mother of these children died on June 25, 1911.

HENRY MARSTON.

The late Henry Marston, one of the pioneers of Clay county, who died at his home in Elkton township, and whose widow is still living there, was a native of England, but has been a resident of this country since he was eighteen years of age. He was born in 1847, son of George Marston and wife, also natives of England, who spent all their lives there, and there he received his schooling and spent his youth. When eighteen years of age he came to the United States and not long afterward located at Superior, Wisconsin, where he became engaged as a fireman on lake boats, and was thus engaged until he presently was appointed a grain inspector, with headquarters at Duluth, later entering railroad service, and about 1870 came over into this part of the state as a foreman of a construction crew during the time of the building of the Great Northern railroad. When the station at Barnesville was established Mr. Marston was put in charge of the water tank at that place and was presently appointed station agent, a position he occupied