

by his youngest son, Peter. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have nine children, namely: Jensena, wife of Ed. Evans; Adolph, of Greenbush, this state; Andrew, of Upham, North Dakota; Mary, wife of Erick Erickson; Eliza, wife of Mr. Skaurud; Ida, wife of John J. Lindback; Nettie, wife of Henry O. Skaurud; Gilbert, of Upham, North Dakota, and Peter, who is farming the home place.

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### FREDERICK F. TUFTE.

Frederick F. Tufte, who came to this country with no capital except rugged health and the determination to make good in this new land, and is now the proprietor of two hundred acres of fine farming land in Mary township, Norman county, where he lives, was born in Norway, July 17, 1863, a son of Frederick and Maren (Ramners) Tufte, both natives of Norway, where they spent their entire lives. The father was born in 1824 and died seven years ago at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, and the mother was born in 1831 and is now living in her native land, at the advanced age of eighty-six. The senior Frederick Tufte and his wife were the parents of ten children, namely: John, Mathew and Jens, deceased; Selma, who is married and is living in Norway; Frederick, the subject of this review; Hans, who is married and rents land in Mary township, Norman county; Ole, who is working in Oregon; Martine, who is residing in Norway; Invalg, who is living in Norway on the old home place, and Ludwig, who is living in Canada.

Reared on the old home place in his native land across the Atlantic, Frederick F. Tufte received his early education in the common schools of Norway. After he had reached the age of twenty-two years, he decided to leave the home of his fathers and come to America where he could give full play to his bounding ambition. Accordingly, in the year 1885, he landed at New York City alone and there soon found employment as a sailor in the coastwise trade. In the following year he came to Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood of Ada, Norman county, for a period of five years, after which period he returned to Norway to claim his bride. Immediately after his marriage he returned to America, bought property in Ada, where he did teaming and worked on the railroad for seven years. By this time he had acquired enough capital and had chosen this section of the country as the site of his farming operations, hence he and his family moved out to the farm which he owns at present in Mary township,

renting the same for seven years. At the end of this time he decided that this tract of land was suited for his farming purposes and he bought it, after selling his property in Ada. Here he has improved the land, erecting new buildings and improving the old ones until he has one of the best farming plants in the neighborhood.

It was on March 26th, 1891, when Mr. Tufte was united in marriage to Tora Bey after he had returned to his native land, and to his union one child was born, a son, Harold, who is married and is living in section 9, on land which he rents from Nels Hagen. Tora (Bey) Tufte was born in Norway, May 18, 1867, a daughter of Olans Berg. Sometime after her death at Ada on April 6, 1898, Mr. Tufte was married to Anna Krohsus, who was born in Minnesota, November 22, 1875, a daughter of Halvor Anderson, whose biography appears on another page. By his second wife, Mr. Tufte was the father of six children, namely: Frederick, at home; Herbert, living with his half-brother, Harold; Clara, Martin, Hans and Merkle, all at home. On October 16, 1914, occurred the death of Mr. Tufte's second wife and since that time he has remained on the home place with his children. He is a devoted member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and in this faith he has reared his children. Mr. Tufte is a member of the Nonpartisan League, and although he takes a deep interest in the civic affairs of his community, he has never sought office.

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#### S. P. ANDERSON.

The Anderson family, of which S. P. Anderson, well-known farmer and business man of Tansem township, Clay county, is a most creditable representative, has been one of the influential and highly esteemed families in Clay county for a number of decades, and their commendable record is worthy of a place within these pages.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this sketch, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, December 28, 1870. He is a son of Brede and Ellen Martha (Berri) Anderson Stromnes, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and made their home until 1868, when they came to America and located in Winneshiek county, Iowa. In 1872 they made the overland trip from there to Clay county, Minnesota, with an ox team and covered wagon, the trip requiring three weeks. They located in section 8, Tansem township, and there pre-empted forty acres and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres. They developed a good farm there by hard work