

has it under a fine state of cultivation and well improved in every way. He has a substantial dwelling and in 1917 built a modern barn, forty-four by ninety-two feet, at a cost of forty-five hundred dollars. He has been very successful in his diversified farming operations and carries on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale, making a specialty of raising blooded Angus cattle for the market, for which he finds a very ready sale owing to their superior quality. He raises great crops annually of corn, potatoes and clover hay.

On February 26, 1888, Mr. Henrickson was married to Anna Margaret Bendixen, who was born on January 18, 1870, in Pocahontas county, Iowa. Her parents were natives of Denmark, from which country they came to America and established their future home in Iowa, where they engaged in farming. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henrickson, as follow: Carl, who is in a Minnesota light artillery regiment, having enlisted in 1917 from Clay county for service in the European War; Elmer, who is married and lives at home, assisting his father with the work on the farm; Josie, who is married and lives on a farm in Becker county, this state; Harry, who is at home; Alice, also at home, who is studying to be a trained nurse, and Helen, who also is at home with her parents.

Mr. Henrickson is an independent voter, a member of the Non-partisan League. He has served as clerk of his local school district, No. 28. He attends the Congregational church. He is a member of the Clay County Safety Committee and is also a member of the Clay County Farm Bureau.

ANDREW J. VOJE.

Andrew J. Voje, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Hendrum township, Norman county, where he is the proprietor of three hundred and sixty acres of good farming land, was born in Norway, March 24, 1855, the son of John K. and Anna (Voje) Voje, both natives of Norway, where they were reared and married. Some six years after the birth of Andrew J. Voje, his parents hearing of the great opportunities for industrious and thrifty persons, as they were, to become prosperous landowners under the protection of the Stars and Stripes across the Atlantic, bade their friends and relatives in the land of their nativity goodby and came to America in 1861, locating in Waupaca county, Wisconsin, two miles west of Scandinavia. By dint of thrift and perseverance John K. Voje soon acquired a

tract of new land which he speedily brought under cultivation, and there he and his wife remained until their deaths. They were the parents of seven children, as follow: Kjerster, deceased; Knut, who died at the age of eleven years; Bertha Helen, who died at the age of seven or eight years; Andrew J., the subject of this review; Bertha, Knut and Mary. The elder Voje and family were all members of the Lutheran church, which had in them loyal and consistent adherents.

When Andrew J. Voje first breathed the air of free America, he was only six years of age and during his residence in Waupaca county, Wisconsin, where his parents had settled, he attended the common schools, thus receiving his early education. He remained on the old home place with his parents, contributing a goodly share of his effort to its improvement, until he had reached the age of twenty-three, when, as a single man, he came directly to Norman county, Minnesota, having heard that there was ample opportunity in that section for a young man of determination and spirit to successfully establish himself, and pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of section 24 in Hendrum township, but proved it up as a homestead. From 1878 to 1892 he remained there, improving his farm and successfully cultivating the same, until his resources permitted the addition of forty more acres. In 1892 he decided to change his residence from section 24 to section 25, where he has since lived, in Hendrum township, having added one hundred and sixty more acres to his holdings. At his last location he has added improvements with his wonted diligence until he has one of the best improved farms in the township, on which he carries on general farming and makes a specialty of breeding graded Aberdeen Angus cattle.

On September 13, 1881, Mr. Voje married Mary Moirah, who also was born in Norway, the daughter of Peter Hanson, who emigrated to this country in 1869, settling in Winneshiek county, Iowa. To this union have been born six children, all of whom are living, namely: Hans, Ed. Mary, Andrew and Gust (twins), and Christina. Mr. Voje and family, as were his father and his family, are active and conscientious members of the Lutheran church, and he helped to organize the Concordia Lutheran church.

Mr. Voje has also found time, when he has not been busily engaged on his farm, to take an active part in the civil and business affairs of his community. When he came to this township, it was not organized, but when its population reached the requisite number, he, among others, organized it into the present Hendrum township. His industry, integrity and capability so commended him to his neighbors that they conferred upon him local

official trusts, and he has served as township assessor for twenty-four years and is now the incumbent of that office. Being a progressive farmer, Mr. Voje has been deeply interested in the establishment of adequate marketing and credit facilities in the community, and has helped to organize the creamery, the farmers elevator and the Farmers State Bank, all of Hendrum. Politically, Mr. Voje is a Republican. Whenever any deserving movement is started in the community for its social, civil or material betterment, it finds in him an ardent and wholesouled supporter.

PETER THOMAS.

Peter Thomas, a well-known and prosperous farmer, owner of two hundred and forty acres of prime land in Mary township, Norman county, and former member of the school board, is a native of the state of Minnesota, born in the city of St. Paul, May 12, 1857, a son of Jacob and Mary (McLean) Thomas, for the latter of whom the township of Mary was named. Jacob Thomas was a farmer, originally entering a homestead tract containing one hundred and sixty acres, which he improved and developed, and as he prospered in his farming operations he added to his land holdings, finally becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Mary township, on which he carried on general farming for many years. He died at Minneapolis, where he had lived retired, in February, 1912, at the age of eighty years. The land is now owned by his daughters. His wife, Mary McLean, died in 1913, also aged eighty years. They were devout members of the Catholic church and earnest advocates of all movements designed to forward the best interests of the community in which they resided. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, married, and living in Minneapolis, this state; Peter, the subject of this sketch; Melissa, Alice and Fannie, residing in Minneapolis; Emma, married and living in Kendall, North Dakota; Helena, unmarried, who also is living in Kendall, and Bertram, a banker, living in Hansboro, North Dakota. Jacob Thomas was ever active in matters relating to the public welfare and served for a number of years on the school board and also on the township board.

Peter Thomas was educated in the schools of his home district and at the age of twenty-one, in 1878, he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 14, Mary township, later buying eighty acres, and is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of as good land as is to