

public schools and Bristol Academy. In 1882 he accompanied his father to Minnesota, where they settled in Fergus Falls and he commenced taking a law course with the view to practicing as an attorney. In 1891 he moved to Barnesville, Clay county, where he resided until 1911, and where he served as city attorney from 1891 to 1901. From 1901 to 1907 Mr. Marden was county attorney for Clay county, and from 1911 to 1915 he represented the Sixtieth district in the Minnesota state Senate. During all those years of public service he commanded the unstinted confidence of the electors and was generally recognized as one of the leading and public spirited men of Clay county. In April, 1911, Mr. Marden removed his practice to Moorhead. In January, 1911, he organized the Red River Farm Loan Company, and has been president of the company ever since.

On January 2, 1886, Charles S. Marden was united in marriage to Elise E. Cayo, who was born on April 15, 1863, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. They are the parents of two children, Irene Emily, who married L. V. Repke and is living at St. Paul, this state, and Edith Josephine, who became the wife of Fred M. Brophy and lives in Moorhead, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Marden take a proper part in the general social activities of the community in which they reside, helpful factors in the promotion of all causes having for their object the common good of the community. Mr. Marden is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution; he is also a member of the Masonic order and is a Shriner and also holds membership in the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Elks, and in all these several organizations takes an active part. He served two years in Company C, Second Regiment, State Militia, at Winona, Minnesota.

KNUD WEFALD

Knud Wefald, well-known lumberman of Hawley, Clay county, was born in Kragero, Norway, November 3, 1869. He is a son of Knut and Karen (Pederson) Wefald. The father was born June 10, 1843, in Drangedal Parish, Norway, June 10, 1843, and the mother was born in Songedal, Sondeled Parish, Norway. They grew to maturity, were married and established their home in their native land. The father was a non-commissioned officer in the regular Norwegian army for about twenty-five years. He was a surveyor by profession, but spent the latter part of his life on a farm. His was the oldest family in Drangedal Valley, the old Wefald home-

stead being the oldest dwelling in the valley. They were all known as good citizens and were influential in the affairs of their locality. Four children were born to Knut and Karen Wefald, namely: Knud, of this sketch; Martin, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Peter, who is farming in Mountrail county, North Dakota, and Emma, unmarried, who resides in Minneapolis.

Knud Wefald grew to manhood in Norway, and there he received a public school education; he also attended high school. He immigrated to America in 1887, landing in New York City on May 29th of that year. He came on West and located in Fossum township, Norman county, Minnesota, where he worked on farms until 1896, in which year he came to Hawley, Clay county, and accepted a position with the Wilcox Lumber Company, with which he remained until 1902, giving eminent satisfaction and doing much during that period to increase the business and prestige of the firm in the locality of Hawley. He took his family on a visit to Norway in 1902, remaining in the old country one year. He had redeemed the old home place, which he sold while there. In the fall of 1903 he returned to Hawley, Minnesota, and in the spring of 1904 he organized the Hawley Lumber Company in partnership with Andrew Johnson and H. F. Mensing, and he has been manager and secretary of the same ever since. The venture proved successful from the first and the business has gradually increased with advancing years until it has now reached vast proportions, which result has been due very largely to the efforts and judicious management of Mr. Wefald. A large and well-stocked yard is maintained and a complete line of building material and paints is handled. It is one of the best known and most successful lumber companies in Clay county.

Mr. Wefald was married in 1899 to Sarah Skree, a daughter of Mikel Skree and wife, natives of Telemarken, Norway. To Mr. and Mrs. Wefald nine children have been born, namely: Magnus, Harold, Egil, Karen, Martha, Olav, Nana, Else and Sarah.

Mr. and Mrs. Wefald are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, in which he served several years as secretary. Fraternaly, he belongs to the Woodmen and the Sons of Norway. Politically, he is a progressive Republican. From 1906 to 1912 he served as president of the village council of Hawley, to which office he was again elected in 1917. In 1912 he was elected representative and served two terms in the state Legislature, or during the sessions of 1913 and 1915. He made a most commendable record, of which his constituents and friends were justly proud. During the session of 1913 he, with the assistance of Senator Charles Marden,

secured an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars with which to erect a science building for the Moorhead State Normal school. He made his influence felt for the general good of Clay county and the state. He is a man who is well informed on current topics of the day and has kept well abreast of the times. He is widely read and is a close observer. He is also public-spirited and scrupulously honest. He has done much for the upbuilding of Hawley, whose interests he has long had at heart and sought to promote in every legitimate way, and is eminently deserving of the good will and high esteem in which he is held by all who know him, irrespective of party alignment.

EUGENE ELLSWORTH LEACH.

Eugene Ellsworth Leach, member of the board of township supervisors of Elkton township, Clay county, and the proprietor of a fine farm of four hundred and eighty acres in the northern part of that township, is a native of Illinois, born at Franklin Grove, in Lee county, that state, on August 27, 1864, son of James and Lucy (Miller) Leach, who later moved to Dows, Wright county, Iowa, where the latter is still living.

James Leach was born in New York state in 1839. He later moved to Franklin Grove, Illinois, and was there married in 1863, to Lucy Miller, who was born in Illinois on June 16, 1846. Two or three years after his marriage James Leach established his home on a farm in the immediate vicinity of Dows, Iowa, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1889. His widow is still living there. They were the parents of four sons, the subject of this sketch, the first-born, having three brothers, Claud, of Dows, Iowa; Mont, who is married and is living in Clay county, and Harry, of Dows, Iowa.

Eugene E. Leach was but a child when his parents moved from Illinois to Iowa and settled in the neighborhood of Dows, where he received his schooling and grew to manhood, from the days of his boyhood a valued assistant in the labors of improving and developing the home place. In 1891, in Wright county, Iowa, Mr. Leach was united in marriage to Eva McCoy, who was born at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1872, and in the spring of 1904 he bought the farm on which he is now living, in Clay county, and has ever since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Leach is the owner of four hundred and eighty