

In the fall of 1885 Lewis N. Quam was married to Carrie Arneson, who was born in Norway. She is a daughter of Arne Arneson, who died in Norway, but whose widow came to America about the year 1897 and is still living, making her home with her daughter in Spring Prairie township. Fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Quam, namely: John A., Agnes M., Lalia Clarisa, Harry Edwin, Ralph W., an infant (deceased), Nina, Mathia, Andrew L., Goodhue N., Sophia May, Roy F., Anna Gladys, Lewis Norris, and Morrel O'Neil.

Politically, Mr. Quam is an "Independent." He helped organize the school district, which then comprised the entire township. He was the first school clerk and has held that office ever since in his district. As the county was settled there were a number of small districts formed from the old one. He is now chairman of the township board, which office he has held for fifteen years. The Quams have a very pleasant home and have ever taken an interested and influential part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

PETER WESTBERG.

Peter Westberg, one of the older farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, was born in Sweden, September 21, 1847. He is a son of Nels Peterson, a native of Sweden, where he grew up, married and lived until immigrating to the United States in 1879, following his son Peter, with whom he spent the rest of his life. His wife died in Sweden.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood in Sweden and there attended the public schools. He landed in America on October 20, 1878, and came to Minnesota, locating at Lake Park, in Becker county. In 1880 he took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Highland Grove township, Clay county, and here he has lived continuously to the present time. He later purchased forty acres more, making him at present a fine farm of two hundred acres, all of which he has brought up to a high state of improvement and cultivation. He has a cozy residence and such out-buildings as his needs require. Mr. Westberg was a pioneer here, most of the land in his locality being raw prairie when he came here, and he has been very successful as a general farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. Westberg was married in Clay county on June 23, 1881, to Annie

Anderson, a native of Sweden, in which country she spent her girlhood and attended the common schools. She came to America the latter part of 1880. Her parents lived and died in Sweden. To Peter Westberg and wife nine children have been born, namely: Emma (deceased), Lewis, Jennic, Emma (second), Adolph, Annie, Minnic, Tilda and one who died in infancy.

Adolph Westberg operates the home farm, having assisted his father with the crops and stock raising for years, and he still lives at home. He was married April 8, 1915, to Anna Carlson, a daughter of John E. Carlson, a well-known farmer of Highland Grove township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Adolph Westberg and wife one child has been born, a son, Adolph Willard Westberg.

Politically, Peter Westberg is independent and has never sought public honors or mixed up with political affairs. He helped organize the Ejska Lutheran church, of which he is an active member, he and his family taking an interested part in church work.

HERMAN POSSEHL.

Another member of the well-known Possehl family in Clay county, who is making a success as a general farmer is Herman Possehl, of near Baker, Barnesville township. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, August 2, 1869, and is a son of Fred Possehl and wife, mention of whom is made at proper length in the sketch of H. C. Possehl, appearing on another page of this work, to which the reader is respectfully directed. Suffice it to say here that Fred Possehl was a native of Germany, from which country he came to the United States in young manhood and began life in Illinois, starting with practically nothing; but by good management and hard work he forged ahead, farming in that state and later in Iowa, and now is living in retirement at Baker, Clay county, having accumulated a comfortable competency through his own efforts. He married Minnie Schlede, also a native of Germany, and to their union eight children were born, namely: Sophia, Emma, Herman, H. C., Fred, Jr., Martha, Louis and Minnie.

Herman Possehl grew up on the home farm in Dupage county, Illinois, being but a child when his parents removed there from Cook county, that state. He received his education in the public schools. As a young man he started farming in Franklin county, Iowa, where his family moved upon leaving Illinois. There he became owner of eighty acres, which he