

being Andrew Tolson, who died in Clay county, Minnesota, in 1888. There were no children born to this union. Mrs. Larson was born in Sweden in February, 1867, and came to America twenty years afterward, in 1887. She was the daughter of Andreas and Emma (Helstrom) Thysell, both natives of Sweden, where the father died in 1901. The mother, who survived the father, came to America in 1906 to join her children, all of whom have come to this country except one, Albion, who still resides in Sweden; the others are: Anna, the wife of the subject of this review; August, who was drowned near Portland, Oregon; Tilda, the wife of John Larson, living near St. Cloud, Minnesota; Nels, who resides in Hawley, and Carl, living in Hawley township. Andreas and Emma Thysell were devout and conscientious members of the Lutheran church, rearing their children in that faith. Jens and Anna Larson are the parents of eleven children all of whom are living: Lewis, Edward, who owns eighty acres and rents a half section; Anna, Carl, Hilda, Selma, Clarence, Victor, Vendal, Oscar and Ida. Mr. Larson takes a good citizen's interest in the local civic affairs and in the general conditions of the community in which he lives. He served on the township board and as supervisor for ten years, and was treasurer of the school board for two terms. In these representative positions he rendered a good account of himself, serving the people with fidelity and ability.

JENS WINJUM, JR.

If the husbandman is fortunate enough to have the true vision of farming and starts out to make it a reality, he will certainly find this business a most profitable one. He will urge the backward acres of his farm into activity that will make them produce abundantly, keep a good grade of live stock and use the most modern implements. Such a man is Jens Winjum, Jr., of Goose Prairie township, Clay county.

Mr. Winjum was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, February 21, 1871, a son of Jens, Sr., and Margareta Winjum, both natives of Norway, where they spent their earlier years, finally coming to America and locating in Fillmore county, Minnesota. The mother died in 1905 at the age of sixty years. The father was twenty years old when he came to America, coming at once to Fillmore county, this state, where he worked out as a farm hand. He came up to Clay county in 1871 and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in section 12, Highland Grove township, being one of the pioneers of

the county, and there he followed general farming successfully for a period of about forty years. He added to his original holdings by buying eighty-six acres and, later, one hundred and sixty more. He became one of the leading farmers of his township and was influential there in the early history of the locality. He finally sold out and moved to Norman county, where he has since lived retired, after many years of hard work, at the age of seventy-four years. His family consists of nine children, namely: Ella and Louise, who are both dead; Andrew, who owns and operates a farm in Norman county, Minnesota; Clara, Anna, Mary and Sam, all four of whom are deceased, and Jens, Jr., of this sketch, the youngest of the family.

Jens Winjum, Jr., who was an infant when his parents brought him here from Fillmore county, grew to manhood on the home farm where he assisted with the general work during crop seasons, and in the winter time he attended the district schools. When a young man, he began farming for himself, and in 1897 bought his present farm of two hundred acres, one hundred and sixty acres in section 21, Goose Prairie township and forty acres in section 5, Highland Grove township. It was all wild land, and he worked hard putting it under its present high state of cultivation and development. He has erected a substantial and convenient set of buildings, set out a grove, and added other excellent improvements, and has one of the choice farms in his locality. He raises wheat, oats and flax, principally, and also sends large numbers of cattle and hogs to the market every year. He is one of the leading farmers of his vicinity. He is a stockholder and director in the State Bank at Hitterdal.

Mr. Winjum was married June 1, 1898, to Jennie Iverson, who was born in Norway, December 8, 1880. She came to America with her parents when fourteen years old, the family locating near Hitterdal, Clay county, Minnesota, where Mr. Iverson bought a farm. He carried on general farming there until a few years ago, when he sold part of the farm and moved to the village of Hitterdal, where he and his wife are now living in retirement. To Mr. and Mrs. Winjum, six children have been born, all of whom are living; they are: Clara, now (1917) eighteen years old, who is attending the State Normal school at Moorhead, and expects to become a teacher; Ella, aged fourteen; George, who has reached the age of thirteen; Arnt, who has passed his tenth birthday; Norman, who has attained the age of eight; and Murkle, who is now six years old.

Politically, Mr. Winjum is an independent. He served as assessor of Goose Prairie township for six or seven years, but is not now incumbent

of this office. He took the census for the government of Goose Prairie and Keene townships in 1910, and is at present a director on the school board in his district. He belongs to the Lutheran church, in which he is a trustee.

LARS B. LARSON.

Lars B. Larson, one of the real pioneers of Norman county and a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Halstad township, now living in the pleasant village of Halstad, has been a resident of this section of the state from the days of the beginning of permanent settlement up this way, having come here before the city of Moorhead had been laid out and some years before the city of Ada even had been projected in the mind of man. In those days the old Hudson Bay Company was still doing a thriving business in furs throughout this section of the country and for some time after taking his homestead here Mr. Larson found profitable incidental employment as a freighter in the service of that company. When settlers began coming in and there were enough of them in the vicinity of the location of Mr. Larson's place to effect a township organization he took an active part in the organization of Halstad township and afterward served for some time as a member of the board of township supervisors and for two years as chairman of the board, while in other ways he performed well his part in the general development of this section in pioneer days.

Lars B. Larson was born in the kingdom of Norway on January 18, 1846, son of Bjorn and Ingeborg (Johnson) Larson, natives of that same country, who came to the United States with their family in 1854 and located in LaSalle county, Illinois, whence, two years later, in 1856, they came to Minnesota and settled in Fillmore county, where they remained until along in the middle or later seventies, when they came up to this part of the state, whence their son, the subject of this sketch, had preceded them some years before, and located in Halstad township, Norman county, where they spent their last days. Bjorn Larson was a substantial pioneer farmer. Though reared a Lutheran, he died in the faith of the Methodist church. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Andrew B., Martha B., B. B., Lena, Daniel, Eli, William and Christen.

Eight years of age when he came with his parents to this country, Lars B. Larson completed his schooling in the schools of Fillmore county, this