

born fourteen children, two of whom died unnamed, the others being Ingeborg, Marie, Selma, Martina, Abigail, Alfred (who died at the age of eleven years), Martin, Tillie, Edwin, Severt, Christian and Anton. Mr. and Mrs. Stromstad have always been members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they have a deep and abiding interest. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Stromstad helped to organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Shelly, since he felt that adequate marketing facilities for agricultural products are absolutely necessary to the well-being of this community. Mr. Stromstad takes a proper interest in local civic affairs, but has never sought after public office.

HALVOR ANDERSON.

Among the sturdy pioneers who brought about the development of Norman county few are better known or have been more active in that development work than Halvor Anderson, one of the most substantial land-owners of the Perley neighborhood and one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of that part of the county. In addition to his large land holdings Mr. Anderson is a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Perley, a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Elevator Company at that place, for many years has been connected with the public service in his home township and has been one of the leaders in all worthy enterprises affecting the development and prosperity of that section of the county, as well as of the county at large.

Halvor Anderson is a native son of Minnesota, born in Houston county on June 5, 1853, son of John and Carrie (Snugro) Anderson, early residents of Winneshiek county, Iowa. John Anderson was one of the real pioneers of Minnesota and later of Iowa, having moved to that state when our subject was one year of age, and was thus among the early arrivals of that plucky band of Scandinavian settlers which made possible the speedy development of the great Northwest country. He grew to manhood in his native Norway and was there married. In 1850 he came to the United States and located in Rock county, Wisconsin. There his first wife died. In 1852 he married Carrie Snugro and in the next year proceeded on out to the then Territory of Minnesota and settled near the southern border, in Houston county. By the first marriage was born one child, a daughter, Olenna, now deceased, who was the wife of B. O. Lee, of the state of Washington. John Anderson, as stated, later married Carrie Snugro, who died ten years ago at

the age of eighty-four years. To that union five children were born, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being Mary, Anna, Albert and Paulina; of these latter Paulina being now the only survivor. John Anderson died in 1879, in Winneshiek county, Iowa, he then being fifty-seven years of age.

Rearred on a pioneer farm, Halvor Anderson received his schooling in the public schools of Winneshiek county, over the line in Iowa, and early became a practical farmer. In 1874 he married and in the summer of 1878 came up into the Red River country and homesteaded a tract of one hundred and thirty-seven acres in section 30 of what later came to be organized as Mary township, Norman county, arriving here on June 13, of that year. At the same time he entered a tree claim to an adjoining quarter section and in due time "proved up" both his homestead and his tree claim. Upon his arrival here Mr. Anderson erected a log cabin on his homestead tract and there established his home, living in that cabin, which is still standing, for six years. He then bought the half section on which he is now living in section 29 and moved onto the same, erecting there more comfortable buildings, and has ever since made that his place of residence. As he prospered in his early farming operations, Mr. Anderson bought more land and is now the owner of one thousand three hundred and seventy-two acres of land in the vicinity of his home, besides a valuable farm in North Dakota. His home place is improved in admirable shape and the dwelling house has been added to and remodeled until it is one of the most commodious and comfortable in that section, the house having a steam-heating plant and all the modern conveniences of an up-to-date home. The farm buildings are in keeping with the house and Mr. Anderson's farm plant is regarded as one of the best in that part of Norman county. He has for years given his chief attention to wheat farming and has done well. In public affairs Mr. Anderson has ever taken a warm and active interest. For twenty-six years he was a member of the town board, from the time the town was organized, has been treasurer of his home township and since 1884 has also been the treasurer of his local school board. In the general business affairs of the community he also has for years been regarded as one of the leaders, is a director of the First State Bank of Perley, a director of the Farmers Elevator Company of that place and in other ways has done his part in developing the business interests of the community in which he has lived since pioneer days.

On May 18, 1874, at Bicknow, Iowa, Halvor Anderson was united in marriage to Christe Melbostad, who was born in Winneshiek county, that

state, February 21, 1854, and to this union fourteen children have been born, namely: John, who is married and is the owner of a farm east of his father's place; Anna, deceased; Caroline, deceased; Gustav and Christina (twins), the former of whom is married and lives on a farm in the vicinity of Ada and the latter of whom is deceased; Henry, who is married and lives on a farm in Lee township; Mary, wife of Lars Olson, now living in Montana; Tilda, deceased; Clara, who is living at St. Paul; Martin, who is married and who lives at Perley, where he is the proprietor of a garage; Oscar, who is married and is farming that part of his father's place north of the home place; Joseph, who is married and lives in North Dakota; William, who remains on the home place, and Emma, also at home. The Andersons are members of the Betania Lutheran church and have ever taken a proper part in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Anderson being one of the trustees of the church. They have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities and good works, helpful in many ways in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common good thereabout. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Gilbert and Anna (Dahl) Melbostad, natives of Norway, who came to America on the same ship with the Anderson family and located in Wisconsin, where they were married, and lived there until 1853, when they moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa. Both are now deceased.

JORIS C. NORBY.

The history of Norman county in the making would be incomplete without fitting mention of the late Joris C. Norby, former clerk of the district court, former county auditor, and one time editor and owner of the *Norman County Herald*, a substantial landowner, mill man and lumberman, who died at his home in the city of Ada, in December, 1902. Enterprise, honesty and the conscientious discharge of public duties placed him at the highest station among the citizens and business men of Ada and at the time of his death he was in the enjoyment of the ample rewards of a well-spent life.

Mr. Norby was a native of the kingdom of Norway, born on a farm in Trondjhem, October 22, 1857. His father, Joris Norby, who was a merchant and farmer in his native land, came to America with his family in 1871 and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. Joris C. Norby was the tenth child and the youngest son in a family of twelve children. He was given a liberal