

farm on section 23, Glenwood township. He owns ninety-nine acres of rich and valuable land to which he has added many substantial improvements, supplying the place with all of the equipment and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century.

Mr. Ness has been twice married. In 1869 he wedded Annie E. Bakke, a native of Norway, who died in this county. She had eight children: Mina, the wife of John Moe, of Ossian, Iowa; Erik, living in Frankville township; Henry, of Decorah; Gustave, who died at the age of thirty-seven years; John, who died when twenty-four years of age; Melvin, living in Mason City; and two who died in infancy. In 1900 Mr. Ness married Mrs. Martha Lavstrien, who was born in Norway in 1858 and came to the United States with her first husband. She was a widow and had four children when she became the wife of Mr. Ness. The children are: Helena Marie Anderson, of Canada; Anna Anderson, deceased; and Helga and Agnes, at home.

Mr. Ness is a member of the First Lutheran church and honorable principles guide him in all the relations of life. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has held some township offices, the duties of which he promptly and faithfully discharged. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He has ever been as true and loyal in matters of citizenship through days of peace as he was in times of war when he defended the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

#### EVEN TIENDERHOLDT LARSON.

For over fifty years Even Tienderholdt Larson has carried on general farming and stock-raising upon his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Ossian and each year has witnessed an increase in the success which has rewarded his industry, perseverance and well directed labors. He is now in control of an excellent property and is one of the best known and most popular farmers of Military township, his half century of upright living and fair dealing having gained for him the confidence and respect of all who are in any way associated with him.

He was born in Norway on the 17th of January, 1833, and is a son of Lars and Christine Maria (Bamble) Nelson, also natives of that country. The parents came to America in 1844 and located first in Wisconsin, where they remained for several years, finally removing from that state to Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father was a farmer by occupation and engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising in this locality until his death, becoming one of the prosperous farmers and representative citizens. He died in 1893 and his wife passed away in 1885. To them were born seven children: Nels, deceased; Hans, who has also passed away; Peter, who resides in Winneshiek county, Rosina, deceased; Even T., of this review; Soren, also of Winneshiek county, and Maria, the widow of Martin Myhre.

Even Tienderholdt Larson was eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to America and a great deal of his childhood was spend