

she was nine months of age she was brought by her parents to America, settling immediately in Iowa, where she has since resided. She is the second in a family of fourteen children, all of whom are still living and all residents of Dakota with the exception of three of the daughters. Her parents are Nels and Anna Martha (Hulvarson) Serdahl, now residents of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have four children, Genevieve, Noretta, Idella and Olga.

The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church. Mr. Olson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and, although he is not active as an office seeker, he takes an intelligent interest in community development. His upright and honorable life has commanded the esteem and regard of all who come in contact with him and he has made many substantial contributions to the agricultural development of the township where he was born.

KNUT GRAVES.

Knut Graves resides upon a farm of two hundred acres on section 18, Glenwood township, and has here made his home from the age of five years, or for more than half a century. He was born June 9, 1856, on the ship Hebe, a sailing vessel, while his parents were en route from Norway to America. He is the son of Ole and Barbara Graves, who spent the first summer after their arrival in the new world in Wisconsin and then came to Winneshiek county, Iowa. The father was in limited financial circumstances when he crossed the Atlantic. He worked as a farm hand for two or three years and by diligence and economy secured the money that enabled him to purchase the farm upon which his son Knut now resides. Taking possession of that place he at once began its development and improvement, living thereon to the time of his death, which occurred in 1881 when he was seventy years of age. The mother afterward went to South Dakota and spent the last seven years of her life in that state in the home of a daughter, closing her eyes in death in 1894, when she was seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of seven children: Lewis enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company K, Thirty-eight Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war and died in a hospital at New Orleans in September, 1863, after defending the northern cause for about a year. Ole and Benny are residents of Minnehaha county, South Dakota, as is also Emma, the wife of I. E. Ellefson. Knut is next of the family. Martin is a resident of Minnehaha county, and John died in 1862 at the age of two years.

Knut Graves was but five years of age when his parents removed to the farm on section 18, Glenwood township, which has since been his place of residence. He today owns two hundred acres of good land, including the old homestead of one hundred and twenty acres, which was known as the Hoiland farm, thus named after his grandfather, Ole Hoiland. The place is today a well improved property, its attractive appearance being greatly enhanced by the efforts of our subject, who has worked diligently and persistently year by year and has wrought many pleasing changes in the farm. He tills the fields in the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and he also raises considerable stock. Diligence and determina