

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Knut E. Haugen in his boyhood and youth. He spent his childhood on the home farm and in fact has always remained upon the old home place. His education was obtained in the public schools and when not busy with his text-books his time was occupied with the work of the fields. He has never cared to change his occupation and is now successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits, living on section 32, Glenwood township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land and in addition he has a tract of twenty acres of timber land in this township. He follows general farming and stock-raising and he has a well improved place, there being a good dwelling and substantial barns and outbuildings, together with well kept fences and the latest improved machinery. The stock which he handles is also of good grades and everything about the place indicates him to be a progressive farmer.

On the 4th of March, 1909, Mr. Haugen was married to Miss Bertha Tinjum, who was born in Norway but was reared in this country, being brought to America by her widowed mother. They now have one child, Gladys Irene.

The parents are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and their well spent lives have won them high regard. In politics Mr. Haugen is a republican but not an office seeker. He served on the township school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Indeed he is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community.

KNUTE H. LARSON.

Although a quarter of a century has passed since Knute H. Larson died upon his farm in Winneshiek county, there are many in this part of Iowa who still remember his genuine personal worth, his sterling integrity and the substantial contributions which he made to the agricultural development of this section of the state. He was numbered among the honored and respected pioneer citizens and for thirty-eight years he cultivated his fine farm in Military township, becoming one of the leading figures in the promotion of the progress and advancement of the community.

Mr. Larson was a native of Norway, born in January, 1822, and he spent his boyhood and early youth in that country, crossing the Atlantic to America in 1849. He settled first in Wisconsin and there remained for one year, at the end of which time he removed to Iowa, settling in Winneshiek county in pioneer times. He purchased land which he sold at the end of a year, buying afterward another tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 3, Military township, to which he later added another one hundred and sixty on section 2. With characteristic energy he began the improvement and development of this property, tilling the fields, and erecting the necessary buildings, which included the fine residence that he made his home for a number of years. General farming and stock-raising engaged practically all of his attention, and his practical methods and unremitting industry brought him well deserved success, both branches of his activities becoming important and profitable.