

Anon Anderson remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age and then his father gave him one hundred and sixty acres of fine land on section 32, Orleans township. In 1909 he rented out this property and moved to Alberta, Canada, where he purchased a section of land upon which he remained for three years, selling his property at the end of that time and returning to Winneshiek county to take up the development of his farm here. He has since added to it eighty acres and the land under his able management has become a productive and valuable property, reflecting everywhere the intelligent care and labor he has bestowed upon it. He has made substantial improvements in buildings and equipment and his farming and stock-raising interests are important, classing him with the most successful farmers of his locality.

Mr. Anderson married Miss Marie Melaas and they have become the parents of four children: Amos Herbert, who was born August 13, 1898; Spencer Clement, born on the 25th of May, 1901; Hannah Marie, born July 26, 1908; and Agnes M., whose birth occurred July 4, 1913. Mr. Anderson is a member of the Lutheran church and is a republican in his political views. He is a man of exemplary character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and faithful to all ties and obligations, and he commands and holds the confidence and regard of all who are associated with him.

K. P. KNUTSON.

K. P. Knutson is the owner of two hundred acres of some of the best farming land to be found in Winneshiek county, his possessions lying on sections 20 and 17, Madison township. He is a native son of this township, his birth having occurred July 4, 1870. His parents, Peter and Engre Knutson, were both natives of Norway. Upon their emigration to the new world they located for a time in Wisconsin but finally made their way to Winneshiek county, where the father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, located on sections 20 and 17, Madison township. He at once undertook the arduous task of clearing and improving a new farm, enduring all the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home in a new country. As time passed he prospered in his work and became one of the influential and substantial residents of Madison township and Winneshiek county. He died here April 19, 1906, and the mother, surviving for a few years, passed away March 19, 1910.

K. P. Knutson was reared on the home farm and when not engaged in the work of the fields he pursued his studies in the district schools of Madison township. He always remained with his parents and in 1898 the father deeded to him the home farm and he has since given his attention to its further development and improvement. In the fall of 1912 he added an eighty acre tract to his original holdings, the boundaries of his place now embracing two hundred acres. This latter tract is also located on section 20. He has improved his place with good and substantial buildings, has followed the most modern and progressive methods in his work and has met with splendid success.

Mr. Knutson was married on November 1, 1894, to Miss Josie Blekeberg, a daughter of John and Aagot (Helgeson) Blekeberg, who came from their native