

being highly esteemed and respected in commercial and social circles. He died in Decorah in 1878, his wife surviving him until November 6, 1907. To B. and Helma Beatha (Hegg) Anundsen was born, on June 16, 1902, one son, Brynjulf Bjorkholt, a student in the Decorah public schools. Mrs. Anundsen presides with loving care over her household, being a devoted mother and finding her greatest happiness with those dear to her.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Anundsen as readily conceived the true American spirit of citizenship as he understood the spirit of his native country. While active in life he could always be found in the front rank of those who seek moral and material betterment for their fellowmen and has perhaps done more along these lines than any one man in Winneshiek county. He gave his adherence to the republican party, upholding the principles and policies which made possible the rapid rise of the republic. He was a member of the United Lutheran church of Decorah, in the work of which he always took helpful interest, which is continued by his wife. For years he was a member of the Decorah school board, always exerting his influence in the cause of education. Among his countrymen in the United States Mr. Anundsen was very popular. This is especially true in his relation to his colleagues in the Scandinavian-American press. When, in 1895, the Norwegian-Danish Press Association of the United States was organized he was unanimously chosen president, a position he held for a number of years, and would have held for a number of years more, had he not insisted on being relieved from its duties. Mr. Anundsen was one of the organizers of the national Norwegian society, *Det Norske Selskab i Amerika*, founded for the purpose of perpetuating among the Norwegian-Americans the interest in Norwegian culture and literature. He was its first president, and was reelected to that position until he finally declined. He continued one of its directors until his death, being one of its staunch supporters, also, when funds were needed in order to carry out its aims. For many years he was also a prominent figure in the *Symra* and *Luren* Norwegian societies, where are fostered those stalwart characteristics peculiar to the people of the northern kingdom and where is kept alive the spirit of brotherhood between the Norwegian residents of this section, he being among the foremost to preach devotion and veneration of native land and loyalty to the newly found home. In 1899 the *Decorah Posten* had its twenty-fifth anniversary. On this occasion Mr. Anundsen was honored by citizens of Decorah and non-residents alike, speeches at a banquet being made in his honor by some of the most prominent men of his nationality in the country. In 1906 Mr. Anundsen visited his native land, being the object of marked attention while there. Upon his return he was made a knight of the Order of St. Olaf by Norway's elected king, Haakon. Mr. Anundsen always manifested the most distinguished public spirit in supporting worthy enterprises, contributing liberally to any good cause of a public or charitable nature. Especially was he interested in young men, and youths trying to obtain an education without the necessary means always found a responding heart in him. Mr. Anundsen's name is deeply engraved in the annals of Decorah and Winneshiek county, where he was beloved and venerated by old and young, high and low, and no death in many years has caused a greater sorrow throughout this county and state than his.