James Cumming was active in community affairs. He served as chairman of the township for many years. In 1898 he was elected to the State House of Representatives. He served in the 1901-1902-1916 sessions. He was elected State Senator in 1919 and 1921. He was active in prohibition work, worked for agricultural bills, and for the development of rural schools. In religious affairs, Mr. Cumming took an active interest. He was one of the founders and an elder of the Bethel Presbyterian church on the Marais. Years later this church was destroyed by fire and the congregation affiliated with Mendenhall - Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks.

Mr. Cumming was president of the Polk County Fair Association. He was one of the founders of the Huntsville Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1903 and is still active in the area.

James Cumming married Katie Ferguson in 1887. She was a native of Canada but of Scotch ancestry. They had eight children. William graduated from the Agricultural College in Crookston. He married Nettie Hannah and they had six children. William farmed in Huntsville township until his death in 1947. He served for many years on school and township boards. John Cumming, William's son, now manages his father's farm.

Mary Cumming married Melvin Johnson of Kensal, North Dakota. She taught school for many years. She passed away in 1962. They had two sons. Peter attended the University of North Dakota. He married Gen McNamara, and they had five children. Peter worked with the grain business in Minneapolis until his death in 1965.

Elizabeth married John McIver of Grand Forks. He worked for the Great Northern Railroad until his death in 1967. Elizabeth is employed with the Benson Quinl Grain Company. She has been organist of the Red River Chapter of Eastern Star for over 50 years.

Anne married David Robertson. He served for several years and later was associated with the International Harvester Company. He is one of the better known auctioneers of the area. The Robertsons now reside in East Grand Forks. Mr. Robertson served on the city council and was president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was the second Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, being a World War I veteran. The Robertsons are active in the Star, Masonic and Shrine work. They were formerly active in church work in Forest River, North Dakota, where they farmed. Mr. Robertson served as an elder in the church both in Forest River and East Grand Forks. Mrs. Robertson was active in the local Presbyterian and Synodical levels in the Presbyterian church. They have two children.

Mrs. Jean Larson has been worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Minnesota. Their son, James, lives in New Jersey and is affiliated with Monsantos of New York, as administrator in charge of textiles. The James Cumming lost one son, Daniel, in infancy and John died in 1947. Leslie graduated from the University of North Dakota. He was an accountant until taking over his father's farm. He served on the township board for many years. At the time of his death in 1975, he was secretary of the Huntsville Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and treasurer of the Nisbet Cemetery Association. He married Mary Gerszewski of Ardoch, North Dakota. The original Cumming farm is still in the Cumming family but is now being leased out. Mrs. Leslie Cumming resides in East Grand Forks since her husband's last illness.