Marsha in Fargo. Ardith and her husband, James Holen, and son Kevin live in Crookston. They have two sons, Danny and Rodney living in Fargo. Charlotte and her husband, Leonard Swanson, live in Fertile and they have two daughters. Lavon lives in Alex, Virginia, and Cheryl lives in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Robert W. Gullickson died August 8, 1949. His wife, Olida, died February 8, 1975, a few months after her 85th birthday.

LARS JACOBSON

Many pioneers immigrated to America from Voss in Norway. In 1888, Johannes Jounsd’s fourteen year old son came to Blooming Prairie, Minnesota to relatives there before coming to northern Minnesota. Ole and Lars arrived the year before, in 1887, and Jacob came later. Johannes did mason work. Ole took up homesteading on forty acres and later bought another forty acres. They lived in a dugout cellar until a two-room house was built by help of the brothers; lumber cost $150 at that time. The brothers helped to grub and clear away the woods for farming. Ole married Gunhild Ofstedal. She and twin boys passed away in 1906. Ole passed away in 1950.

Jacob changed his last name to Johnson when he took his citizenship papers. In 1893, he married Maggie Horvick and lived in Fertile most of his life. Eight children were born to this union: John, George, Belvina, Josephine, Martin, Obert, Sylvia and Leona. Jacob was engaged in carpenter work his active life. All passed away except one son, Martin.

Lars changed his last name to Jacobson when he took out his citizenship papers. In 1902 he married Martha Aldal. He took up a homestead near Strandquist, Minnesota, and lived there eleven years; later he moved to Fertile, where he bought the farm from his brother, Ole, and where at present, Obert Jacobson is doing the farming. Eleven children were born to this union: Clarence, Julia, Alfred, Marie, Obert, Mathilda, Bertha, Melvina, Alice, Mary and Theodore. Marie died in infancy, and Clarence and Bertha have all passed away. John Ofstedal also had taken up homesteading near Strandquist, Minnesota. He engaged in carpenter work all his active life. The last years he spent his life in homes for the aged in various places. He passed away at the age of 96 in 1970 at the Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile. These old pioneers settled in Garfield Township, in Fertile, Minnesota. The grandparents, uncle and parents settled where now is the place occupied by Obert Jacobson and sisters, Julia and Mathilda.

KNUTE AND KRISTIE JOHNSON

Knute Johnson was born in Telemarken, Norway, February 5, 1846, and came to America in 1853. Kristie Dugstad Johnson was born in Voss, Norway, November 24, 1849, and she came to America around 1873 to a farm near Harmony, Minnesota. She came to America with friends and worked for some distant relatives, the Mikkle Rocknes. She planned to learn about housework, but instead was put to work in the fields. Knute Johnson lived with his mother in Dane County, Wisconsin where he remained until 1860. He moved to Winnesheik County, Iowa, where he spent four years before he went to Rochester, Minnesota, to enlist in the Infantry Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers. Knute Johnson not only enlisted to serve his country, but was paid $100 to replace another man who did not want to serve in the infantry. He went from Rochester to Fort Snelling, then to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and on to Atlanta, Georgia, where he participated in the famous march through Georgia to the ocean. In 1865, Knute went to Fillmore County where he met Kristie Dugstad. Knute and Kristie were married in Harmony or Preston, Minnesota, and for six years engaged in farming. In 1882, Knute and Kristie Johnson and their three children and two other families moved North. They traveled with Peter Christian Ber-tils, Tom and John Neseth, his mother, Margaret Ness, and Alfred Johnson, a half-brother of Knute Johnson. They drove horses attached to covered wagons ahead of the teams. The families slept in their wagons at night. The women took turns cooking during the month-long trip. The travelers milked their cows morning and evening, which they traded for butter and bread.

The Johnsons had seven children: Bertina, Mrs. Lars Ystenes; Malla, Mrs. Mikkolie Gunderson; John Sivert and Lewis; Ida, Mrs. Albert Mattson, and Helmer. Knute Johnson was the last one of the Civil War veterans residing in Fertile. Mr. and Mrs. Knute Johnson were active members of Drange-dal congregation and later Concordia. The church stood where the Concordia church now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Knute Johnson built a home in Fertile and retired from the farm in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Lewyvik own this house now. Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Johnson bought the farm and after farming for 56 years, they retired and moved to Fertile. This farm is now owned by Harvey Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome (Butch) Olson and family live on the place.

Knute passed away December 22, 1928, and his wife, July 22, 1941. Blessed be the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Johnson!

OLE O. AND GURI VIDDEN KASTE

Ole O. Kaste was born September 28, 1842 in Kaste, Gol, Hallingdal, Norway and came to America in 1869 settling in