(on land bought from the railroad in Huntsville Township, Section 29). The Knut Knutsons' grandson, Knut O. Knutson, and his wife Bergit (Thorson) still live on this place in 1975. The log home was replaced in 1914, by a huge two-story frame structure.

Osmund Knutson, a friendly and pleasant man always with a smile and a good story, married Bergit Hegland in 1891. Bergit Hegland, daughter of Olaf Hegland and Thora Nickleson, was born in Setesdal, Norway, in 1863, and came to America with her brother, Paul, in 1888. Osmund's father, Knut, had died in 1885 and his mother died in early 1891 and Osmund and his wife, Bergit, lived on the Knutson place and farmed there.

They had ten children: Minnie, Knut, Ole, Andrew, Gilbert, Thorold Henry, Thelma, John, Gladys, and Mable. The descendants of the Knutsons represent a wide variety of occupations including: farming, trucking, public accounting, home economics, law, teaching, pharmacy, and pastors to mention a few. Bergit passed away in 1919, and Osmund in 1923.

HERBERT JAMES NISBET

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert James Nisbet were married December 11, 1942. Mrs. Nisbet was the former Beatrice I. McVeety. Both were born in Polk County, attended rural school in Mallory, graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, and both are descendants of early settlers who homesteaded in Huntsville and Nisbet townships. Their parents, William J. and Eva (McDonald) Nisbet, and Archie and Bertha (Erdmann) McVeety also farmed in Huntsville township, and were among the first farmers in the area to grow sugar beets. Most of the farms at that time were diversified livestock and grain farms, and the introduction of beets promised to be a boon to the farmers. This was partly true, though at times it seemed to be a bane because of the uncertainty of the weather, beet worms, grasshoppers, the rush at harvest time, and in many cases, the stress of trying to understand both the language and the customs of the migrant labor, proved that only the hardiest survived those early years in beet history.

Grandparents who were among the first white settlers in this area were: James and Christina (Morrow) Nisbet; James and Isabella (Miller) McDonald; Thomas X. and Isabella (McDonald) McVeety all coming from Perth and Paisley, Ontario, Canada, and homesteaded in the Mallory and Davidson area between 1875 and 1878. This area was soon known as a Scottish Community for it was predominantly settled by those of Scottish descent. Even as late as 1916 when the community numbered 289, twenty-two were Irish, six were Norwegian, twelve were German, and 249 Scottish. In 1900 the Mallory Burns Club was organized to celebrate the birthday of the Scotch poet, Robert Burns. The first president of the club was James Nisbet. The celebration was held on January 25 each year with a dinner, program of bagpipe music, Scottish readings, songs and dances, followed by a lunch and a dance. Families came from miles around to make it a gala occasion, often lasting until daylight. This celebration was held annually until 1963 when it was discontinued, but not forgotten by the many who enjoyed this special celebration.

Grandparents William and Christine (Rosenthal) Erdmann came from Berlin, Germany, and Wisconsin, before settling in Crookston, Minnesota. Mr. Erdman was an architect, trained in Berlin, Germany, and built many of the early buildings and houses in Crookston and the surrounding towns. Among the buildings built by William Erdmann was the first Polk County jail, which was used until the new one was built in 1975.

Herbert and Beatrice now farm and live on the land homesteaded by James Nisbet in 1875, and later farmed by Herbert's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nisbet are members of the Mendehall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks, where both are elders. Herbert also serves as supervisor on the Huntsville town board, and is sexton in the Nisbet Cemetery Association. Mrs. Nisbet was formerly a rural school teacher. They are parents of: Roy Herbert, a graduate of Wahpeton State School of Science, who is a machinist and employed in Grand Forks. He married Joan Hanson in 1966, and they are parents of one daughter, Debbie.

Doris Janette, a graduate of Bemidji State College, was an elementary teacher, and is presently employed in the State Bank of LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

William James, a graduate of Wahpeton State School of Science, was married to Nancy Vasek in 1974, and they are now residents of this area, farming in the land homesteaded by William's great-grandfather, Thomas X. McVeety.

Lori Bell is at home and attends Valley Elementary School in East Grand Forks.

OLE G. OLSON

Ole G. Olson homesteaded on the south half of S.W. Section 4 of Huntsville Township, in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Olson arrived with their family: Gust, fifteen years old; Ellen thirteen years old; Andrew ten years old — the first week of April 1879, from Decorah, Iowa. They left Decorah because Cinch bugs had destroyed crops three years in a row; so they left to homestead and make a new life.

Ellen married G. L. Holten in 1895. They moved to Emerado, North Dakota, to farm, later moving to Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Olson retired and moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1895. Mr. Olson died in 1910. Andrew Olson married Bertha Olson, also from Iowa, in 1896. They had four children: Oscar B., Anna, Theodore, and Bertha. Andrew and Gust farmed together until the illness and death of Gust in 1927. They had a dairy farm, in addition to raising grain. In 1900 they sold bottled milk, 20 quarts for $1. Later they sold cream for the making of ice cream. In the twenties they sold five gallons of milk for $1, and to families, two gallons for 50¢. Andrew farmed with his sons until his death in April 1934. Later his sons discontinued the dairy operation, but raised pure-bred Shorthorn cattle, besides growing wheat, barley, and field peas. Oscar continues to live on the homestead, 96 years since his grandfather homesteaded there.

Theodore married Dorothy Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sullivan, in 1943, and they live one mile west of the home place. Dorothy died in 1968. They have two children, Tom, who lives in Chicago, and Susanne, who is married to Richard Budge. He teaches in East Grand Forks. They have three daughters, Elizabeth, Christine, and Jennifer.

Anna taught school for several years in Oregon, and married George E. Johnson. They have one son, Richard, who lives in