Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson.

Northern Railway. Since their marriage, they have lived in Crookston. Gunda worked nine years for the Woolworth Co., two years (until her husband's health failed) as a field representative for The Salvation Army in their Service Extension Department. She resigned and returned to Woolworth's for another fourteen and a-half years. For four years she cared for Dr. H. E. Nelson in her home while working. Later she added two more tenants, Mrs. Nellie Dekker and Mr. Milton M elo. Nellie and Milton are still with Gunda who says, "I like what I'm doing! There's really no need for anyone to be without work, not even senior citizens, as long as they still have a bit of wiggle in them. Dr. Nelson was delightful. Nellie is so much happier than she would be in a nursing home; Milton is a charming individual: I'm happy to do this service. As for myself, I very much like the companionship — I hate to eat alone".

P. H. GRAMER

P. H. Gramer, who was known to his many friends throughout the Valley as "Pete". He was a salesman in the early years for the North Dakota Metal Culvert Company of Fargo. He was usually to be seen carrying a "grip", as it was known then, and traveled the upper Valley or northwestern part of Minnesota either by train, horse or buggy, and later was one of the first in Crookston to own a car. He had left the large farm his parents had in upper Michigan near Dearborn, and as a youth, worked on the first road built between Duluth and Bemidji. He later went to Minneapolis where he found work in a farm machinery plant. After working his way up into the selling end of the business, he started a large custom-steam-threshing business and worked the harvest from Kansas up through the "bonanza" farms of North Dakota. My mother often told me about this time in my parents' lives. She would often accompany my father in a handsome black buggy with a spirited horse when he was in the field overseeing the operation. It was an exciting time she said and she told me in particular about the Dalrymple Farm near Casselton where she and Dad stayed in their lovely home which is still standing.

With the advent of their first child, my parents settled in Fargo, North Dakota, where Dad worked for the North Dakota Metal Culvert Company. It was soon after the turn of the century that my parents came to Crookston to live. I don't recall what year it was but my father started the first concrete culvert company in northwestern Minnesota to my knowledge. It still exists as the Elk River Concrete Company in the same location where he started the operation many years ago. My parents wintered in St. Paul during the winters when they operated the custom threshing business. My mother sadly recalled a fire in a hotel that burned up a trunk of old pictures and momentos.

Father could speak low Dutch. His parents were of Luxembourgeois descent. In addition to English and, because he associated with so many Norwegians, he could speak that language also. This was valuable to him because there were quite a few German people and of course, many Scandinavians.

The first death in our family was brother, Bobby, eight years of age. He drowned one hot July day in the Red River near where Mount St. Benedict is located. My father grieved so much and didn't want it to happen to other youths, so he started a drive to erect the first swimming pool in Crookston and as a result the pool was built. My folks wanted a good community and were always working to that end. The Cathedral at Crookston wasn't in existence when my parents came to Crookston. The Catholic church they first attended was, I believe, on the edge of the block opposite the Crookston Clinic building or somewhere near where the old Crookston Granite Building used to be. I recall my mother telling how hard the parish worked to get the Cathedral built. Like many others of my age, I was听着 stories of the day the church was dedicated in 1911, and appreciate and am proud of my parents who laid the substantial foundations which paved the way for our future.

JAMES GREENHALGH

James and Sarah were born in England. James' father was keeper of the Tower of London. James Greenhalgh, Sarah Yerbury and children came to Crookston in the year of 1872. They came when you could stake and claim land. James staked the land where the St. Joseph's Provincial House is now. Charles William staked the land where Stenshoel's Funeral Home is now. He also was one of the signers to hold the first meeting to form the city of Crookston. James Edward staked the area where the Jay Wilder Farm is now. James, father of James Edward, also had a steam boat that went to Fisher and back.

James Edward was a private in the Civil War and served with Co. K. His brother was killed June 1864. After the war they settled on their farm. There were many hard times. One year the grasshoppers were so bad they ate the grain and even the onions they had planted. One way they tried to scare off the hoppers was to take a long rope and two people would hold each end and walk up and down the field to make them fly away. They also had visitors, the Indians would come up from the river and trade for bread. Once they traded a bow and arrow; but mostly the bread was given to them.

James and Sarah had nine children: James Edward, born October 6, 1844; died March 23, 1915; John El is, born August 6, 1846; died June, 1864; Mary Ann, June 3, 1848-1922; married John Carter; Theodore Perry, July 4, 1850; died February, 1929; Charles Williams, October 3, 1852; May 31, 1935; married a Frangie woman Eveline, December 15, 1854; died October, 1915; married Robert Houston; Samuel, May 24, 1860; George, June 14, 1888, died June 24, 1878; Grace Jane, May 24, 1860; married John Darkow, died July 16, 1929; Mary Ann and John Carter adopted Gertrude; and Gertrude married Henry Francis.

James Edward married Maggie Lind. They had five children: Roswell, Alice, Florence, George and Fay. Alice married George Watters. They had three children: Marge, Vivian, and Geraldine, the only living sister. Roswell married Inga Hansen. They had five children: Hazel, married Otto Clausen. Mildred married Ray Kershull; Marlys married Milton Hendrickson; Russel Kenneth married Lucy Thibodeau. They had seven children. Karen Lynn married Keith Forbes; Ralph married Barbara Bennett; William married Marlys Meyer and Pat Scott; Thomas married Sharon Clauson; Mae Cynthia married Warren Asberg; Larry married Jane Clauson and Marian Ann married John Allen Olander.

WILLIAM GUSTAFSON

William Gustafson came to the United States from Vermland, Sweden, June 24, 1891. Alma Larson Gustafson also came from Sweden that year. They met in Crookston and were married here October 25, 1900. They built one of the first houses in Sampson's Addition and lived in this house for 66 years. Mr. Gustafson worked for the Great Northern for a short time, but was a carpenter and cabinet maker most of his life. His daughter still has a Fainting Couch he made by hand for his mother in 1894. He helped build many of the buildings.