Knute Swenson, the oldest son and child of Sven P. and Elizabeth (Aasmork) Swenson, who is now one of the leading citizens of Climax, and a courteous and companionable gentleman, has followed in his father’s footsteps as an active force in the affairs of his township, but in a more direct and energetic way. He has served the public well as a constable and as village recorder, and has had an influential voice in reference to all matters connected with the government of the township. He was born and reared on his father’s farm in Vineland township, and was educated at the country school near it. On July 3, 1912, he was united in marriage with Miss Nora Louisa Poulson. They have one child, their son Earl N.

Martin Hoogenson.

Martin Hoogenson, of McIntosh, a well known farmer and real estate dealer, has been a resident of King township since early infancy. He was born in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, July 12, 1883, the son of Lauris and Kjestine (Rudshaugen) Hoogenson, natives of Norway. On coming to the United States, Lauris Hoogenson located in Otter Tail county and later removed to Polk county and took a homestead in King township, where he made his home until his death in 1900. Martin Hoogenson was the eldest of three children and grew to manhood on the farm in King township and received his education in the common schools. His interests have always been identified with that township, where he is extensively associated with the farming activities, owning two hundred acres of land. Since 1913 he has resided at McIntosh and has established a prosperous real estate business at that place. Mr. Hoogenson has always faithfully discharged the duties of citizenship, taking an active interest in township affairs and has given able service in official capacity, as justice of peace and assessor. He is a member and a faithful supporter of the United Norwegian Lutheran church. Mr. Hoogenson was married in King township, March 1, 1906 to Anne Tronby, the widow of Peter Tronby, and they have three children, Berthur, Melvin and Lillian.

Andrew Steenerson.

Revered as a pioneer of Polk county, successful in business and enterprising and broad-minded in regard to public affairs, the late Andrew Steenerson of Climax was esteemed during his life as one of the county’s useful and progressive citizens, and he is remembered since his death with cordial appreciation as a man of sterling worth, steadfast integrity and a citizenship that was elevated in itself and elevating in its influence on others.

Mr. Steenerson was native to the soil of Minnesota and from it drew the invigorating forces that gave him his stature and his strength. He was born in Houston county February 9, 1855, and became a resident of Polk county in 1875, when he was about twenty years old. Soon after his arrival in this county he took up a homestead of 160 acres near Climax, and this he increased by purchases made later until he became the owner of 480 acres, of which he was the possessor at the time of his death, which occurred in Climax, at the attractive home he had built there, on May 18, 1908. Mr. Steenerson was a brother of Elias Steenerson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere and in which a full history of the family is given.

After living on his homestead for a number of years Mr. Steenerson moved to Crookston and became a dealer in farm machinery. He adhered to this line of mercantile life for five or six years, then returned to his farm and continued to live on it until