Anna Larson. Four of the children born of their union are living: Gilbert H., Charles L., Carrie (now Mrs. Simpson, a widow) and Laura, who is unmarried. The mother died in 1913. The father was a Republican in political allegiance and took an active part in the affairs of his party. He was well known throughout Polk county, and was held in esteem by all classes of its people.

Gilbert and Charles Bang, the two sons of the household, are now operating the Crookston Bottling Works, which they purchased in 1908. They sell their products all over Northern Minnesota and in parts of the adjoining states, and have a large and active trade. They are good business men and are enterprising and progressive in looking after the needs of the territory tributary to their establishment.

Gilbert H. Bang was married in 1899 to Miss Thora Griebrok. They have six children, George, Charles, Edmund, Irene, Edna and Florence. Gilbert's brother Charles was married January 6, 1906, to Miss Pearl Fox. Their children number two, Kenneth and Lillian. The brothers were both born in Norway, but they were brought to this county at early ages and here they grew to manhood and were educated, the greater part of their lives to the present time having been passed in Crookston. They are men of sterling worth and zealous in the performance of all the duties of citizenship.

NATHAN P. STONE.

A New Engander by nativity but having passed more than four-fifths of his life to the present time (1916) in the northwest, Nathan P. Stone, a retired business man of Crookston and a valued citizen of Polk county, has been able to acquire an accurate knowledge of the tendencies and aspirations of two widely different sections of the country and become well acquainted with the institutions and methods of thought of each, and he has profited by this sweep of vision and made it of advantage to the locality of his present home in business, in citizenship and in social life.

Mr. Stone was born in Bristol county, Massachusetts, January 21, 1838, the son of Mason and Abigail (Patten) Stone, both of the same nativity as himself. The father operated a cotton mill and kept a general store at Norton, in his native county. He also took a leading part in local public affairs, and was the colonel in command of the state militia which escorted President Jackson when he made his tour through the New England states. The mother died in 1842, and the father afterward married Miss Mary Holman. He died in Pierce county, Wisconsin, in 1888. He was the father of three sons and two daughters who grew to maturity, and one of the sons is still living in Massachusetts.

Nathan P. Stone remained in his native county until 1853, when the family moved to Pierce county, Wisconsin. There the father engaged in farming until he was elected probate judge. He afterward was active in the grain trade until his death. The son began his education at the district school in Norton in his native county and completed it at the academy in River Falls, Wisconsin. After leaving school he followed farming four years, then changed his residence to Prescott, Wisconsin, and engaged in mercantile business.

In 1879 Mr. Stone became a resident of Crookston and a merchant in the farm implement trade, which he carried on alone until 1900, when his sons, William M. and Walter P., were taken into partnership by him. Recently the father has retired from active control of the business and it is now conducted by the sons under the firm name of N. P. Stone & Co.

Mr. Stone was married at River Falls, Wisconsin, in 1873, to Miss Ada L. Powell, a native of the state of New York and a daughter of Lyman and Lucinda (Taylor) Powell, who were pioneers of that state, locating in it in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of five children: William M. and Walter P., who are in business with their father; Ida P., who is a school teacher in Helena, Montana; Gertrude L,