John and Hester (Galbraith) MacPhee, natives of Scotland who emigrated to Canada in 1847. They were farmers in their native land and held to the occupation of their youth in their new home, where the mother died in 1894 and the father in 1903. Their offspring numbered six, four sons and two daughters. The parents were highly respected where they were known for their genuine worth.

John D. MacPhee grew to manhood in Canada and was engaged in farming there until 1879, when he came to the Red River valley and took up his residence in Polk county. From the time of his arrival in this county he has been actively employed in farming, having been manager of the Lockhart farm of 6,000 acres for seventeen years and since the end of that period in charge of several farms of his own in Polk county.

Although his private affairs have been exacting in their requirements at all times, Mr. MacPhee has always taken an active and leading part in local public affairs also. He served in the city council of Crookston for some time, and was mayor of the city from Sept., 1906, to Jan. 1st, 1910, being the first mayor under the new city charter. Since 1912 he has been a member of the board of county commissioners. Politically he is a Republican. Fraternally he is a Freemason and a member of the Order of Elks. He is widely known in this part of the county and everywhere he is highly respected. In 1888 he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Cheney, a native of Bellevue, Jackson county, Iowa. They have one child, their daughter Lucy.

Andrew Peterson.

Andrew Peterson, a well known business man of McIntosh, has been a resident of the county since 1883, when he located on land in Hill River township. He was born in Sweden, August 8, 1860, and there grew to manhood, apprenticing himself to the trade of cabinet maker and engaged in that work until 1881 when he came to the United States. He settled in North Dakota and took a preemption claim near Grafton but after two years removed to Polk county and filed a homestead claim on the southwest quarter of section seven of Hill River township, eight and a half miles northeast of McIntosh. Here he built a log cabin and entered upon the task of clearing the land which partly covered with brush and small timber. A few years later he erected a larger log house and for several years devoted his efforts to the development of the farm, putting about one hundred acres under cultivation. He continues to own the homestead which is one of the good farm properties of the region and in 1914 replaced the log house with a modern frame building. In 1901 he withdrew from his farming activities and returned to his trade and engaged in carpentering work in McIntosh for a time and was then employed in the sash and door factory at Crookston for a year. He opened his shop in McIntosh, for cabinet and general wood work, in 1903, and has built up a successful business and is widely known for the skill and thoroughness of his workmanship. He conducts a prosperous trade in the various lines of his production and engages in the construction of store fronts, doors and makes a specialty of church fixtures, his handicraft being represented in a number of the church interiors of the county. He has also given his attention to the contracting business. Mr. Peterson has ever given freely of his services and interests in the promotion of the general welfare of the county and as business man and citizen has won the respect of all his associates. Although his ready support is given any worthy project of public moment, he has always avoided official recognition in local government, preferring not to incur any restrictions on the independence of his activities. He is a member of the Lutheran church. His marriage to Olivia Enarson occurred in 1893, in Hill River township. She was born in Sweden and came to Polk county when eleven years