mother and two brothers from Norway to Polk county where they bought the old McIntosh farm, one and a half miles east of the present village of McIntosh. This place continued to be the home of the mother until six years ago when she removed to Brandsvold township where she lives with her younger son, Sam Norgaard. Ben Norgaard is a farmer in Eden township where he took a homestead claim. Mr. Myklejord has developed his land into a prosperous and productive farm of two hundred acres. He has reclaimed much low land with ditching and a county ditch now crosses his place. He has eighty acres under cultivation, devoted mainly to wheat. He also engages in dairy farming, selling cream to the cooperative creamery at Fosston. A comfortable modern home has been erected and the farm is pleasantly situated six miles and a half north of Fosston. Aside from his farming enterprises Mr. Myklejord is associated with the business interests of the community as a stockholder in the Cooperative Creamery company and the Cooperative Elevator company at Fosston. Mr. Myklejord and his wife have five children, Mary, Oscar, Albert, Selmer, and Harold. He and his family are members of the Froen Synod Lutheran church of Brandsvold township.

JOHN A. WIDNESS.

John A. Widness, a successful farmer of Brandsvold township, is a native of Norway, born March 2, 1865. His father, Arne J. Widness, has been a well known citizen and farmer in that township since 1884 when he located on the northwest quarter of section fourteen. He was born in Norway on September 11, 1835, and came to this country and to Rice county, Minnesota in 1880. He engaged in farming and spent the next few years here and in Goodhue and Ottertail counties. In 1884 he removed to Polk county and bought out the claim rights of a homesteader in Brandsvold township, acquiring the possession of a shanty, a few acres of cleared land with the rest of the tract covered with brush and timber. The hard work and able efforts of the next twelve years were attested to by the rapid development of the property and the success of all his enterprises. One hundred and twenty acres of the land were cleared and put under cultivation and a new house and buildings erected. A county ditch which affords fine drainage for several farms was started by him and built across his farm in addition to the private ditches which he installed; the construction of the county ditch costing him $1,400. His sons, Hans C. Widness and John A. Widness, had taken claims and had joined their land and farming interests with his, making a farm of four hundred and forty acres, and were associated with him in the work of developing and improving the land. He also bought one hundred and sixty acres, located one-half mile from the homestead, and devoted his attention to the raising of grain on the two farms until 1896, when he retired. Mr. Widness has never acquired the use of the language of his adopted country but has always been interested in the welfare and progress of the community and gave active assistance in the building of the Brandsvold United Lutheran church, of which all his family are members. His wife, Maren Widness, died in 1910, a faithful companion during the fifty-two years of the trials and successes of their career. They had three sons, Andrew, who is the proprietor of a hotel in Seattle, Washington; Hans C., who lived on the Brandsvold township farm for some time and is now engaged in the mercantile business at Windsor, Minnesota; and John A. John A. Widness was fifteen years of age when the family removed to this country and he grew to manhood on the Polk county homestead. He took charge of the one hundred and sixty acres near the original tract which his father had purchased and remained here for eleven years, clearing the land and erecting farm buildings, and when his father retired, in 1896, he returned to the home farm for a short