children were born to this union, two of whom are now living, Margaret, the wife of Mr. George W. Capser, and Henrietta, who makes her home with her father. Mr. McKinnon is a member of the Catholic church.

JOHN A. HAGEN.

John A. Hagen, a pioneer farmer of Queen township, is a native of Norway, born February 8, 1855. He was married there to Olava Gunderson, and in 1883, in company with her father, Ole Gunderson, came to the United States, locating in Wisconsin. In the following year he was joined by his wife and three sons, August, Olaf and Julius. In the spring of 1886 John A. Hagen removed with his family to Polk county, taking as a homestead a quarter section which lay in both Queen and Eden townships and has continued to devote his interests to this farm. Since 1896 Ole Gunderson has also been a resident of the county and a member of the Hagen household, and has reached the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mr. Hagen contends with the usual privations and hard work of the pioneer farmer, with no resources but native ingenuity and untilled acres. It had taken his small capital to make the payment on his land and the first log shanty which he built was destroyed by fire before ever occupied by his family. The second house was also constructed of logs and was used as the residence until 1907 when the present farm home was erected. Mr. Hagen later bought an additional forty acres and now has two hundred acres, one hundred and forty of which he has put under cultivation. Although the land was not naturally adapted for most successful farming purposes, either by location or soil conditions, by intelligent study and able management, he has through his own efforts developed it into one of the most productive farms in that region. With an extensive drainage system he reclaimed some fifty acres of marsh for profitable use and has steadily advanced the efficiency of his operations. He has erected a good barn, which stands in Eden township, but his home has always been on the Queen township land. He is a shareholder in the cooperative creamery at Olga and a member of the Salem or Norwegian Synod Lutheran church at the same place, and during the many years of the faithful service of his membership has been actively identified with its interests. His wife died May 9, 1915, at the age of sixty-two years. Five children were born to Mr. Hagen and his wife after they came to this country: Helena, who married Andrew Alrick of Clearbrook, Minnesota; Ingmar, a farmer near Williston, North Dakota; and Orgine Josephine, Evan and Otto, who live with their father. Of the older sons, August Hagen is a well known farmer of Eden township, a sketch of whose life is included in this work; Olaf Hagen is engaged in the restaurant business in Crookston, and Julius Hagen resides in Clearwater county, where he is a farmer.

AUGUST HAGAN.

August Hagan, a prominent farmer and influential citizen of Eden township, has been a resident of the county since 1886, when a lad of eleven years, he accompanied his father to the old homestead in Queen township. August Hagan was born in Norway, July 28, 1875, the son of J. A. and Olava (Gunderson) Hagan, and came to the United States with the family in 1884. He grew to manhood on the Polk county farm, assisting in its management, and was associated with his father’s successful farming operations until 1908, dividing his work and interests between the home place and his own farm, which he had bought in 1898. He paid $950 for this land, which was in Eden township, and had been the homestead claim of