He was born at Stavanger, Norway, February 19, 1860, which was also the native place of his parents, Ole and Gunhild (Sebby) Rosaaen, who came to the United States in 1861 and settled near Sheldon, in Houston county, Minnesota.

The father took up a homestead, and in his time improved 480 acres of wild land. He died in 1871. The mother was 89 when her death occurred in 1914. They were the parents of five sons and three daughters. During the Indian uprising of 1862 they had some very exciting experiences and narrow escapes from the brutality of the savages. Their son Hans was reared to the age of 19 in Houston county, and in 1879, accompanied by his brother James, came to Polk county and found employment in a lumber yard at Hillsboro, where he worked for one year. Afterward he bought a lumber yard at Fisher, making the purchase of a Mr. Mallory, and later owned other yards at Halstad, Shelly, Nielsville, Climax and Crookston, to all of which he gave close personal attention.

After confining his energies to the management of his lumber business for a number of years he and his brother James founded the Citizens' Bank at Fisher, of which he was president until his death. In addition he carried on a general loan and real estate business. He was married on May 8, 1889, to Miss Maggie Hansen, a daughter of Christopher and Marion (Hansen) Hansen, who came to Polk county in 1874 and took up their residence three miles west of Crookston, journeying to this county direct from their native land of Norway. The father served as county commissioner and also as township clerk, and both he and his wife died here.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosaaen became the parents of five children, Clarence, Mabel (now Mrs. W. E. Peterson), Orrin R., Hugh and Arnold. The father was a Republican in political faith and allegiance and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in religious connection. His widow and children now live in Crookston, where they are universally esteemed. Mrs. Rosaaen's parents were pioneers, and she and her mother were left alone on the homestead, which was in the wilderness and among the Indians, while the father worked at Grand Forks, 30 miles distant, to support them, and made his trips to and from that place on foot. Indians often came to the cabin and ate all the food in it, and sometimes remained over night, harming nothing, however, but the larder and the garden, which they always left empty.

Charles McCarty.

Charles McCarty, a prominent farmer of King township and well known citizen of the county, has given able service as township clerk for twenty years and has ever maintained an active cooperation with the public affairs of this section. He was born in Vermont, at Northfield, June 4, 1856, but has been a resident of Minnesota since infancy, the family having located in Scott county in 1857. His father, F. McCarty, was a native of Ireland and became a homesteader in Scott county, where he lived some fifteen years and then removed to Stearns county. Here he again took up the labors of the pioneer farmer and gave his attention to the development and cultivation of his land until his death in his seventieth year. Charles McCarty left the paternal home as a lad of sixteen to seek his own fortunes and found employment as a farm laborer. In 1882 he came to Red Lake Falls, then in Polk county and worked there until the reopening of the Thirteen Towns for settlement, in 1883, when he filed a claim and secured the land which has since been his home, two miles west of McIntosh, in section twenty-three of King township. He erected a claim shanty and the first years witnessed the slow progress and laborious task of clearing the land, during which time he worked in the harvest field to finance his enterprise. The present prosperous farm attests to the capable management and ambitious industry