which have marked his career. Beside the original homestead he also operates an eighty acre tract about one mile distant. All phases of his farming activities have been brought to a high standard of efficiency and he engages extensively in dairy and stock farming, breeding Short Horn cattle, which he regards as the most profitable double purpose stock. He has put all the land under cultivation and has erected good barns and a pleasant home, which is surrounded by the equally attractive and protective grove which he set out over twenty-five years ago. His improvements on the farm have included some drainage. Since the first meeting held for organization of the township, Mr. McCarty has displayed an active interest in the welfare and progress of the community. On that historic occasion, Ephriam King, an honored pioneer was elected township clerk and the township became formally known by his name. Mr. King and his four sons, Ephriam, John, Paul and Peter, had been early settlers in the northern part of the township and were prominent in early affairs. Mr. McCarty has been honored with a number of offices of public trust, the commendation of his worthy services having kept him in the office of township clerk for twenty years. He has also served as assessor and chairman of the township board. In 1896 he was elected county commissioner and continued in that capacity for eight years. He was prominently associated with the short history of Columbia county, being appointed auditor for the new county by the commissioners and serving during the five months of its existence, when he resumed his interrupted duties as commissioner of Polk county. Of later years he has not been a candidate for county office, preferring to give his attention to local responsibilities. Aside from his official service, he has ever given his influence and support in all matters of public enterprise and is a stockholder in all the cooperative business activities of the community, including the creamery, elevator and stock shipping association. His marriage to Georgia Halvorson, a native of Meeker county, Minnesota, occurred in 1885, in Crookston and they have the following children, Fred, Mae, Frank, Ruby, Florence Leona. Mr. McCarty and his family are members of the Congregational church at McIntosh. In fraternal circles, Mr. McCarty has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for many years, during which he has occupied all the chairs and has been a representative to Grand Lodge.

ANDERSON BROTHERS.

Succeeding to a farming and stock raising industry which their father started and conducted with enterprise and profit, Andrew and Arnold W. Anderson, live on and cultivate the northeast quarter of Section 33, in Andover township, this county.

Andrew was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, on February 21, 1872, and Arnold W. in Wabasha county, Minnesota, on April 18, 1880. They are the sons of Andrew and Sarah (Bordahl) Anderson, natives of Norway. The father emigrated to the United States in 1863 and located at Reed’s Landing on the Mississippi river, in Wabasha county, Minnesota. He was a carpenter by trade and built boats for use on the river and also put up houses for dwellings and other purposes, many of which are still standing. He was married in Wabasha county to Miss Sarah Bordahl, and in 1881 they came to Polk county, where the father purchased of the railroad company the land on which the sons now live, paying $6 an acre for it with a rebate.

In 1881 the family settled on the farm and the father began to clear and cultivate it. He also worked at his trade, building houses and doing other carpenter work for his neighbors. He took an active part in the public affairs of his township, serving on the board of supervisors for a number of years. His death occurred on his farm in 1903, March 17, when he was about sixty-seven years old, and the mother died there.