and, as he was a man of intelligence and force of character, he had an important part in starting the new township on its course of progress and development when it was organized.

Mr. Morvig was born in Norway December 29, 1848, and grew to the age of twenty-five in his native land, where he was engaged in farming after completing his education. In 1873 he emigrated to the United States and came direct to Freeborn county, Minnesota, and there he was employed at farm labor until the fall of 1877, when he revisited Norway and remained until spring. On his return to Minnesota he again took up his residence in Freeborn county and renewed his farming operations, which he carried on until the spring of 1879 in that county, then moved to Polk county, making the journey from Freeborn with teams, and through the veritable wilderness part of the way.

On his arrival in this county Mr. Morvig took up 160 acres of land in Section 15, in what is now Garfield township, and on this land, with a large additional acreage which he has since purchased, he has lived and expended his energies ever since, greatly to his own advantage and the benefit of the township and all its interests. He now owns a whole section of land and some beyond that, his holdings being partly in Garfield and partly in Garden township, and nearly all under fruitful cultivation. Soon after he located here the new township of Garfield was organized, and the county commissioners appointed Mr. Morvig its first judge. He has also held the offices of constable and township supervisor, and has at all times taken an earnest interest and an active part in all township affairs, serving for a time as township treasurer and frequently in some office in connection with the administration of the public school system. He is a director of the Farmers State Bank of Fertile and of the Cooperative Creamery company and the Elevator company of that village.

On December 28, 1883, Mr. Morvig was married in Garfield township to Mrs. Ingre (Vidder) Nelson, the widow of Ole Nelson, who died in that township. She also is a native of Norway, where her life began July 18, 1859. By her first marriage she became the mother of one child, her daughter Olava, who is now the wife of G. G. Haugen. Mr. and Mrs. Morvig have had eleven children, nine of whom are living, Clara, Matilda, Alfred, Olaf, Ida, Ivar, Lloyd, Melvin and Edwin. Their son Carl T. died January 1, 1915, when he was twenty years of age, and their daughter Anna Maria in childhood. The parents are zealous members of Little Norway church in Garfield township, which the father helped to organize and in which he has ever been an earnest worker.

HAFTOR B. HAFTORSON.

Although not a native of this country Haftor B. Haftorson, one of the enterprising, progressive and successful farmers of Polk county, is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of its people and loyal and devoted to all its public institutions. He came to the United States when he was but five years old, and all of his subsequent years have been passed in the northwest and more than half of them in Onstad township, this county, in the progress and improvement of which he has been a potent factor in private and public life.

Mr. Haftorson was born in Norway March 24, 1860, the son of Berssvend and Anna (Balstad) Haftorson, with whom he came to America and located in Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1865. There the family lived until 1883, and there the son grew to manhood and obtained his education. In the fall of 1883 they all moved to Polk county, Minnesota, and took up their residence in Liberty township, where the parents resided for many years. Late in life they moved to the state of Washington, but four years afterward returned to this county and made their home with their son Haftor. The father died June 24, 1912, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and the mother