March 17, 1913, when she was eighty-five. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to maturity. They were Haftor, his sister Mary, and his brothers Eleseus, Albert and Louis. Mary is now the wife of G. K. Gullickson. Eleseus died in the state of Washington. Albert is a resident of Idaho and Louis has had his home in Oregon for many years.

Haftor B. Haftorson has lived in Polk county continuously since 1883, except for two years and a half, during which he was engaged in publishing the Evangelia Basun, a Norwegian religious paper. Throughout the rest of his life here he has been engaged in general farming principally. About 1885 he purchased the farm on which he is now living, and this he has greatly improved with good buildings and systematic cultivation until he has made it one of the choice farms in his township. He has taken an active part in all township affairs and has held and ably filled the offices of chairman of the township board and township assessor in Onstad township.

In December, 1883, Mr. Haftorson was married in Liberty township, this county, to Miss Sarah Olson, who died in Onstad township February 23, 1893. They became the parents of five children, only two of whom are living: Carola, who is the wife of Ole Leiran, and Hannah. Bennie and Alton died near together of diphtheria, the former in his seventeenth and the latter in his fifteenth year. Fifth child was born dead and buried with its mother.

On October 1, 1894, Mr. Haftorson contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Belle Olson, who was born in Norway August 28, 1868. Of the eight children born of this union three died in childhood. The five who are living are Harry, Willie, Oluf, Ruth and Irene.

SEVER QUARBERG.

During all of the last forty years this progressive and prosperous farmer and enterprising, public-spirited citizen of Fairfax township, this county, has been a resident of the northwest and at two periods of the time has manfully braved the hardships, privations and dangers of the frontier. Through all difficulties, however, he has made his way with steady progress, relying wholly on his own industry, ability and good management to advance his interests, and forcing every step of his advancement to tell to his benefit.

Mr. Quarberg was born in the city of Ringsaker, Norway, May 20, 1861, and came to the United States with his parents when he was about fourteen years old. The family located in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, on arriving in this country, and there Sever grew to manhood, obtained what education was within his reach and helped to make a tract of wild timber land over into a productive farm. He remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-five, then came to Polk county in 1885 and bought a prairie homestead claim in Onstad township some miles east of his present home. The homestead had been proved up on, and Mr. Quarberg paid $800 for it, although he had only $600 in cash at the time when he made the purchase.

On that farm Mr. Quarberg lived twenty-eight years, making good improvements, adding another for which he paid $1,000, and raising good crops of wheat, oats, flax and barley, and also raising and feeding live stock for his own use and for the markets. In 1910 he sold his land at a good advance over the original cost and bought the old Himmelsbach farm of 400 acres, on which he now lives, and on which he has erected new buildings at a cost of about $5,000 to take the place of the old shacks the farm contained when he bought it. He has also sunk a deep artesian well on the place, and this furnishes him an abundant supply of excellent water for every purpose.

Mr. Quarberg paid $29 an acre for his new farm and has since devoted his time and energy to mixed farming and his dairy business and live stock industry.