teen, Lessor township, four miles from the home farm, which he utilizes as hay and pasture land, engaging quite extensively in stock farming and raising Short Horn and Red Polled cattle. Throughout the many years of his citizenship Mr. Johnson has been identified with the public activities of the community and has been honored with the various local offices of public trust, serving for many years on the township board and for twenty years as treasurer of the school board, but perhaps his most notable service to public progress has been as road boss and supervisor, an office which he has held off and on since 1885 and in which capacity he has directed the construction of many roads in the township. He was identified with the movement which instigated the building of the first church by a Swedish congregation. This edifice was erected of logs and stood until 1915, although the congregation had been for some time disbanded. Mr. Johnson has spent two years in Canada, where he held a claim for his son and also invested in a half section of land near the Lake of the Woods. Mr. Johnson has been twice married; his first wife, Bena Hanson, of Chippewa county, Minnesota, to whom he was married in 1886, died in the following year. In 1889 he was married to Hannah Sjoden, like her husband, a native of Sweden, who came to Winnipeg as a young girl and later visited her sister, Mrs. J. E. Carlson. To his second union were born seven children: Henry, Bannard, Fred E. and Arthur, who are located on land at the Lake of the Woods, Canada; William, Hilmer and Olive.

JAMES I. PETERSON.

James I. Peterson, a pioneer farmer of Grand Forks township, was born in Sweden, July 24, 1853, and came to the United States with his parents in 1869, when sixteen years of age. After locating for a short time at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, they removed to Goodhue county, Minnesota, and later to Renville county, where James Peterson secured a homestead of eighty acres. After several years there, in company with Louis Larson, with whom he had been associated in the operation of a threshing machine, he traveled farther west looking for land and after driving through Dakota, located on a pre-emption claim in Polk county. In May, 1877, he was married to Hannah Larson, born in Christiania, Norway, June 26, 1858, at the same time his two sisters were united in marriage, Agnes Peterson to Louis Larson and Emma Peterson to Andrew Norleen, and the three couples immediately set out to find homes in the western part of the state. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Larson located in Polk county and there Mr. Norleen joined them later and for a number of years has made his home at Winger. Mr. Peterson settled on his land in Grand Forks township in June, 1877, and with a few dollars and the thrifty ambition which was the usual capital of the pioneer entered upon the arduous and often discouraging task of developing a profitable farming enterprise. Buying out the right of a settler on a tree claim, he filed on the claim himself and here set out six acres of box elders, which now presents one of the most attractive sights in the county and is one of the finest groves in the northwest. During the first summer he broke some eight acres of land and in the winter was compelled to seek employment in the lumber woods near Brainerd, Minnesota, but this proved an unfortunate year for lumber work and his months of labor brought him little financial advance. Thereafter he devoted his efforts to his land which has since brought him steadily increasing prosperity with the exception of two years when the crops were destroyed by hail storms. He resumed his partnership with Mr. Larson in a threshing outfit and they enjoyed a large patronage among neighboring farmers for a number of years. His first agricultural activities were devoted entirely to the raising of grain, but of recent years his interest has included