David Will, a successful farmer of Huntsville township, is a native of Wisconsin and came to Polk county in 1882. He was born in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, July 29, 1862, and at an early age removed with his parents to Blue Earth county, Minnesota, where he grew to manhood. On coming to Polk county, he worked at whatever livelihood the country afforded, at Fisher for a time and for several years on the farm of Mr. Gilmour in Nesbit township. After six years of steady labor he had accumulated a small capital which enabled him to finance a farming enterprise on rented land, where he remained for three years and then bought the quarter section in section two of Huntsville township, which is his present home. This tract contained no buildings and but a few acres of cultivated land and Mr. Will entered upon his operations under the handicap of debt. He erected buildings and began the development of his property and has worked his way to success through determination and unfailing industry, energetically overcoming failure and discouragement. In the first year he suffered the loss of his crops and for a number of years was able to make but little progress toward prosperity but able management and hard work have brought him to the goal of the successful agriculturist. He later bought eighty acres of railroad land and for many years has rented land and operates two hundred and forty acres aside from the home quarter. He engages principally in grain farming, harvesting some 8,500 bushels in 1915 and also is interested in stock and dairy farming, and selling dairy products to private customers in Grand Forks. Mr. Will is interested in all matters of public moment and community welfare and is a township supervisor. His marriage to Mary Ferguson occurred in 1892. She is the daughter of Donald Ferguson, a farmer in Winona county, Minnesota.

LUDWIG LARSON.

With a farm of 306 acres in Esther township, fourteen miles north of Grand Forks, in section ten, which is one of the best farms in the Red River valley, and owning in addition a well improved homestead, which is occupied and cultivated by his son, Ludwig Larson is well fixed in a worldly way and in a position to almost bid defiance to adversity. He was born in Norway, June 12, 1862, the son of Johannes and Maren Larson, and came with them to the United States in 1872. The family at first located in Renville county, Minnesota, and lived there until 1877, when its residence was changed to Polk county. On his arrival in this county the father took up a homestead, which is the northwest quarter of section ten, and is a part of the farm on which his son Ludwig now lives. The father built a log house which is still standing, but which he was not allowed to occupy long, for he died about two years later at the age of forty-seven. His widow afterward married Martin Hillard and passed the remainder of her days on the adjoining farm, where she died in 1892, and where Mr. Hillard also died.

The Larson family was one of the first to settle in this locality. Its nearest neighbor was Mr. Hanson,