years here was very discouraging. His land was so wet that he could not get his team over it, and his crops were more frequently less than half of what they should have been. But he was a man of resolute spirit and adhered to his industries until success attended his efforts and prosperity followed them.

Soon after he became a resident of Polk county Mr. Hendrickson was married at Cokato to Miss Anna Nelson, also a native of Sweden but brought to this country and state in her childhood. She died in 1898 leaving a family of children, seven of whom are now living (1916). They are: Christine, who is keeping house for her brother Nels on the family homestead, as has been stated; Henry, who married Miss Christine Nequist and lives in section 28, Higdem township; Matilda, who is a trained nurse in Grand Forks; Nels A., who owns and cultivates the homestead; Alma, who is the wife of John Lind and lives near her old home; Esther, who is a student in the University of Minnesota and has her home at her brother’s Nils Thompson, and Annie, who has had her home in the family of Axel Mathisen, of Sandsville township, since the death of her mother, which occurred in giving her birth. Mr. Hendrickson contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Mina Hendrickson. They had one child, their daughter Ruth, who is with her mother on the Sandsville township farm.

Nels A. Thompson, the second son of Thomas Hendrickson, was born June 20, 1889, on the farm on which he is now living, and has passed almost the whole of his subsequent life on it. His education, which was begun in the district school near his home, was continued at the State Agricultural College at Crookston, which he attended when it was only an experiment station and later for some terms, being one of its first students. He raises wheat, oats and barley, principally, and breeds Duroc-Jersey hogs. For some years he worked with his father on the threshing outfit, but latterly he has devoted himself exclusively to his farm. He is one of the enterprising, highly respected and influential young men of the western section of the county and a very forceful agency for good in his immediate neighborhood, with a firm hold on the confidence and esteem of the people in all other parts of Polk county.

WALTER LATTA.

Now living in comfort on his fine farm of 120 acres on the edge of Crookston, two miles east of the county courthouse and on the south bank of Red Lake river, Walter Latta, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Crookston township, this county, has not reached his present condition of independence without a struggle and some very discouraging mishaps. Yet he never lost courage or slackened his industry, and has long been triumphant over every obstacle and difficulty that once impeded his progress.

Mr. Latta was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1856, and reared on a farm on the Grand Prairie in that state on which his parents settled about 1848, moving to it from Niagara county, New York. They were among the earliest settlers on the Grand Prairie and lived on their farm there over sixty years. Their son Walter remained at home with them until he reached man’s estate and then passed two years working on a farm in Wisconsin. In 1879 he came to Crookston to get land of his own. He took up a homestead in Fanny township on the prairie, ten miles and a half from Crookston. There were then only two other buildings in the township, one being at a gravel pit on the road leading from Crookston.

Having no capital, Mr. Latta had to begin operations on a very limited scale. He put up a frame house 18 by 14 feet in dimensions, and for two years worked out to make a living, hiring help to plow his land and put his crop in. He lost his first crop by hail and two or three times later suffered the same disaster, one year having 140 acres of wheat destroyed. At the end of twelve years of only partial success on