Lutheran church in which he was active as an organizer and faithful member. Upon his suggestion both township and church received the name of Bygland, because of the prevalence among the citizens of natives of that town in Norway. Mr. Ose continued to reside on his homestead until his death, December 28, 1885, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife survived him a number of years, spending the last few years of her life with her son, Torkel Danielson, and died December 14, 1913, at the age of eighty-nine. Of their family of four sons and two daughters, all but Eivind Danielson, who has always made his home on the Norway farm, live in Polk county. The fourth son, Ole Danielson, Junior, is a farmer in Huntsville township. Ole Danielson, Senior, sold his farm of 180 acres some twenty years ago and returned to Bygland fjord, Norway where he now lives retired. Ingeborg, the younger daughter, is the wife of E. Froirak, of McIntosh and Gro, oldest, married E. Aakhus, who resides in Grand Forks. Torkel Danielson is second oldest son and spent several years in Stearns county, Minnesota, before coming to Polk county, where during the many years of his residence, he has not only prospered his farming interests but has ably upheld the worthy record of his father in community affairs as a highly respected and progressive citizen. His first home was built of logs. This was destroyed by fire and he then erected his present house which has since been remodeled. During the years of active traffic on Red river, Mr. Danielson operated a grain warehouse and since has devoted his attention entirely to his farm, engaging in both grain and stock farming. His place includes one hundred and twenty acres in section thirty-five, a short distance from the Red river and he formerly owned a one hundred and eighty tract which he sold to his son. He has given able service on the township board and school board and is a trustee in the Bygland Lutheran church. He was married in Stearns county, in 1872, to Sigrid Bjornson, who some ten years earlier had come with her parents from the neighborhood of his home in the old country. To this union, four daughters and two sons were born, Anna, Josephine, a talented musician; Daniel, who married Matilda Thompson and is a farmer in Huntsville township; Thora, the wife of L. Larson, a commercial salesman, residing at Grand Forks; Bennie, who was married to Bessie Kjelleberg and is on a farm near the old home and Regina. The latter was a musical instructor in the schools at Minot, North Dakota, and is now the wife of J. E. Anderson, the present superintendent of the schools at Janesville, Minnesota.

DUNCAN B. FERGUSON.

Duncan B. Ferguson, prominent farmer of Huntsville township, was born at Fremont, Winona county, Minnesota, April 23, 1861, the son of Duncan and Elizabeth (Roberton) Ferguson, pioneers of the state. The former was a native of County Lanark, Ontario, and his wife was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died December 17, 1915. Her brother, Joseph Roberton, was a pioneer of Huntsville township, where he located in 1875 and lived for many years, his death occurring in 1891. The senior, Duncan Ferguson, came to Minnesota in 1854 and built the first house on the prairie in Fremont township, on his claim in Winona county. He was an influential citizen of the frontier community and served in various local offices and died there at the age of forty-nine. His son, Duncan B. Ferguson, was reared on the homestead and after receiving a rural school education and course of study in a business school at Winona, came to Polk county in March, 1882, and worked for an uncle, Thomas Nisbet, a prominent pioneer. After several months, Mr. Ferguson returned to Winona county but in the following spring, 1883, he became a permanent resident of Polk county, buying a tract of school land, which is his present farm in section