thirty-six, Huntsville township, and is located near Mallory and nine miles southeast of East Grand Forks. From a modest beginning, Mr. Ferguson has built up a fine farm property, steadily increasing his operations and improving the equipment of his farm. His first house was a one room frame building which upon his marriage he replaced with a more pretentious structure and the present modern farm home was erected in 1910. The barn was built in 1891. His estate now includes two hundred and eighty acres and is crossed by the Great Northern railroad. Mr. Ferguson is that type of progressive and enterprising farmer and citizen whose activities are largely evident in the advancement and prosperity of agricultural interests. With intelligent and able management, he has successfully demonstrated various profitable phases of farming operations, raising prize corn, which has brought many trophies from fairs and experimenting along original lines with alfalfa. He has given particular attention to stock and dairy farming, raising thoroughbred Short Horn cattle and Percheron horses, being a frequent exhibitor at stock shows. His dairy produce he markets to private customers in Grand Forks. Aside from his Polk county land he was also the owner of timberland, near Black Duck, Beltrami county, which he secured as a claim, in 1900, but later sold. He has ever maintained an active interest in all matters of public activity and has discharged the duties of office as a member of the township board and of the school board for many years and has been active in promoting the development of soil utility through county ditches. In fraternal orders he is a well known member of Masonic lodges at Grand Forks and Crookston, and is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Ferguson finds his favorite recreation as a fisherman and enjoys frequent outings in pursuit of that sport. He was married in 1886, to Margaret Gunness, who was born in Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Christopher and Catherine Gunness, who were of Irish and English descent and settled in Keystone township, Polk county, in 1880. Seven children were born to Mr. Ferguson and his wife, all of whom make their home with their parents: Effie, who was formerly employed as bookkeeper in a store at Barnesville; Arthur, who attended a business college at Grand Forks; Royal, who was a student in the agricultural school, at Crookston; Mollie, who attended the Grand Forks high school; Earl, a student in the high school at East Grand Forks; Lawrence, died at the age of six years, and Lois still attends the rural school at Mallory. The Ferguson family are members of the Bethel Presbyterian church.

T. N. J. REESE.

T. N. J. Reese, of McIntosh, druggist and piano dealer, is a native of Wisconsin, born in Vernon county, on July 13, 1871. The death of his father occurred in his early childhood and he remained with his mother until entering college. He pursued a classical course at the college at Decorah, Iowa, and was graduated from that institution in 1891. When the Red Lake Indian reservation was opened for settlement in 1896 he came to Polk county with the intention of securing a claim, but McIntosh seeming to present a propitious location for a drug business, he decided to embark in that trade. He established the business in partnership with Dr. Nerall and had a very small capital to invest, but the success which attended the enterprise soon enabled him to buy out other interests and he has continued to conduct the store with a steadily growing patronage and owns the building in which he opened operations. The store, under able and progressive management, with modern equipment and a fine soda fountain and refreshment dispensary, is one of the most attractive and popular business establishments in that section. Mr. Reese is a graduate of Dr. Drew's celebrated College of Pharmacy at Minneapolis and is ranked as