was one of the organizers of the township, named for the daughter of ex-President Cleveland, and was chairman of the first township board. In educational and religious affairs his influence was prominent and it was through his efforts that the Bethesda Swedish Lutheran church was established, Mr. Sandin donating some of his land for the site of the church and cemetery. He has ever been a loyal supporter of the Republican party. He was married December 31, 1888, to Ursilla Larson, of Grand Forks, and they have three children, Miranda, who attended North Star college at Warren, Minnesota, and is now engaged in teaching; Lillie and Oscar. Mr. Sandin and his family are all faithful and active workers in the interests of the church of which they are members. From the wealth of his experiences in the days when western Minnesota was frontier country, Mr. Sandin recalls many entertaining tales. He was on friendly terms with the Indians who passed through the territory and they often encamped on his land. One party, in 1878, had in their possession a white horse which had belonged to General Custer and had been given them at Devil's Lake. A blood hound which had also belonged to Custer, became so savage while in this neighborhood that Mr. Sandin was asked to shoot it. As a sportsman he possessed no little skill and at Brainerd brought the noted deer "Stub Toes" to ground, after the latter had been the coveted prey of the local hunters for many seasons. He has also killed deer on his own land and during the first few years, engaged quite extensively in trapping small fur animals.

Knute F. Uggen.

Knute F. Uggen, a well known farmer of Knute township, is a native of Norway, born July 15, 1863, and has been a resident of Minnesota since childhood, having come to Rice county in 1871 with his parents, F. A. and Anne Uggen, who made their home in that county during the remainder of their lives. When he was fifteen years of age, Knute Uggen found employment at farm labor and thriftily saved his earnings that he might embark upon an independent career as a farmer. In five years he has accumulated two hundred dollars and with this and an unflagging capital of ambitious industry, he bought wild land in Ottertail county. He remained on this place for several years during which he cleared some fifty acres of timber land and put it into cultivation. In 1888, he removed to Polk county and bought a claim and filed on a homestead in King township. At this time he had advanced his financial prosperity to two thousand dollars and during the ensuing years he steadily increased the value of his property, through unceasing labor and capable management. He was a resident of King township thirteen years and broke one hundred acres on his tract for cultivation. In 1901 he sold the homestead for $3,200 and bought his present farm at an additional thousand. This is in section twelve of Knute township, a little over two miles east of Erskine and not far from McIntosh and is one of the most attractive country estates in Polk county, with one hundred and twenty acres in the highest condition of productiveness, and a pleasant farm house, delightfully situated on the shore of Oak lake. The Great Northern railroad crosses the farm not far from the house. The tract comprises two hundred and thirteen acres by government survey and upon coming into the possession of Mr. Uggen, had ninety acres in cultivation, with a log house and small barn. He has built it up to its present prosperous condition, erecting the home and a good barn. He gives his attention for the greater part to grain raising and in 1915 harvested some thirty-seven hundred bushels of wheat, oats and barley, his wheat crop averaging thirty-four bushels to the acre. He also engages in stock and dairy farming. During the busy years of his successful career, Mr. Uggen has been actively interested in the promotion of the best interests of the community and has served in local