each, but he has never held or sought a county office.

For two years after settling on his farm Mr. Flatten lived in the barbaric splendor of a bachelor's hall, but in 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Gina Larson, a sister of Ludwig Larson, and a Polk county arrival of 1877, coming here with her father, Johannes Larson, who took up a homestead that year in Section 10. Mr. and Mrs. Flatten have two daughters, Hilma and Julia. Hilma is now the wife of Carl Thompson of Esther township and has one child, their daughter Genevieve. Julia is the wife of Richard Rice and is living at home with her parents. She attended the high school in Grand Forks and the State Normal in Moorhead, and for four years was a teacher in the Polk county public schools. All the members of the family belong to the North Lutheran church at Grand Marais, of which the head of the house has been treasurer for fifteen years.

JAMES ADAIR.

The late James Adair, of Esther township, who died February 17, 1909, at the age of sixty-three years and eight months, and who was for over twenty years one of the wide-awake and energetic farmers and live stock men of Polk county, was born in Simcoe county, province of Ontario, Canada, the son of an Irish father and Irish mother. He was reared and educated in his native county, and at the age of twenty-five married there Miss Margaret Patterson, whose father was Irish and mother Scotch, both born in Ireland but married in Canada, where her life began in the same county as her husband's.

In the spring of 1878 Mr. and Mrs. Adair emigrated to the United States and located in this county. Mr. Adair's brother, Thomas Patterson, had come across the line four years before and settled on the Red river five miles north of Grand Forks. He lived there several years, then moved to Grantsdale, Montana, where he now has his home. Mrs. Adair also had a sister in this county, Mrs. Robert Anderson, who is now deceased, and whose life story is briefly told elsewhere in this volume.

On their arrival in this county the Adairs bought railroad land in Esther township at $10 an acre, the same being part of the farm in Section 35 of that township on which Mrs. Adair is still living. They bought cows, oxen and other necessary things for the farm, and built a small log house with a floor and shingle roof but no chimney, the smoke being allowed to escape through a hole in the roof. When they settled in their new home they had just enough means to supply them with the absolutely necessary things for their living for a year. They had a stove and made benches and a table, but were without dishes. In a little while Mr. Adair had sixteen acres ready for a crop, and after that matured they were able to live in some degree of comfort.

When his progress enabled him to do it Mr. Adair bought an additional tract of eighty acres of land at $25 an acre, and still later 160 acres more, paying $5,000 for the last tract, which is half a mile distant from the home farm. He raised grain and cattle, milked 8 to 10 cows and made butter for private customers, and worked as hard as any man in the county, keeping up his industry without abatement until seven years before his death and retaining the care of his cows to the last. In 1886 he built the dwelling house which is now on the farm and the home of the family.

Mr. Adair had no taste for public life and never sought office or took an active part in political contests, although he was an unwavering Democrat and loyal always to his party. But he always manifested a deep and helpful interest in the building of roads and other public improvements. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian and at first belonged to church of his sect in Grand Forks, but later he helped to start the Presbyterian church in East Grand Forks and was a member of that until he died.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Adair number three,