uncle carried him along at a high rate of interest on loans and deferred payments, and in the end he won his way out of all embarrassments and through all difficulties.

While farming his uncle's land Mr. Welter was in partnership with his own brother Frederick until 1894. On April 16 of that year he was married to Miss Susan Clemen, then a resident of Wabasha county, Minnesota, but born in Luxemburg, Germany, August 3, 1867, and brought to America in her infancy. Two years later, in 1896, Mr. Welter came to Polk county, and until April, 1914, he rented land in Fairfax township, 320 acres of which he now owns, having paid $50 an acre for it in the spring of 1914. Four years before buying this land, however, which he had farmed for twelve years as a tenant, he bought 160 acres partially improved in another section, paying $25 an acre for it. He has since built a good barn at a cost of $1,000 and made other improvements of value.

Mr. Welter has one of the best farms in Fairfax township, and it is very productive. But what it is his industry, good judgment and skilful farming have made it. He raises wheat and other grain, and in 1915 his crops reached a total of about 4,000 bushels of wheat and the same amount of oats and barley. He also keeps 18 to 20 head of cattle and 10 horses and always has a few cows for milking purposes. His success in his farming operations in this county is very gratifying to him, especially as it is all the result of his own unaided efforts and good management.

Five children have blessed and brightened the Welter household, all of whom are still living at home with their parents. They are: Frederick Peter, aged twenty-one; Peter Aloysius, aged nineteen; Andrew Nicholas, aged seventeen; Theodore Johann, aged fifteen, and George William, aged five. The members of the family have all been reared in the Catholic faith and belong to the Cathedral parish in Crookston.

ERICK NELSON.

One of the enterprising and progressive and therefore successful farmers of Higdem township, Erick Nelson, who lives on Section 20, sixteen miles north of Grand Forks, has made his own way in the world from nothing to his present condition of worldly comfort and independence, and has taken pride and pleasure in the struggles by which he has advanced. He was born in Norway August 22, 1839, and in 1861 came with his father to this country and located at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. From there he worked in the lumber woods and in saw mills for eleven years, living frugally and saving his earnings.

In the fall of 1880 he came to Polk county with a cash capital of $250 and more due him in Wisconsin, which, however, he never got. He bought seventy-eight acres of his present farm as scrip land, paying $6 an acre for it. The tract lies along the Red river and about eighteen acres of it is in timber. He has since bought eighty acres additional, forty of which adjoins his first purchase and forty lies about two miles and a half east of that on the prairie. For the prairie land he paid $300 and for the other forty acres $600.

When he settled on his land Mr. Nelson first built a little log house, which is still standing, but it is no longer his residence, as he built the dwelling he now occupies in 1902. For the first two years all his labor was in vain. His crops were drowned out and he was driven to other resources to make his venture pay. He began keeping cows, starting with four or five and gradually increasing the number as his butter trade increased. This is no longer extensive, and he now depends on his general farming operations for his profits and they have been so successful that they have fully satisfied him.

Mr. Nelson has taken an active and helpful interest