accompanied her father, K. N. Newton, in his removal to Polk county in 1883. She, like her husband, is popularly known in the social life of the community and is a member of the various local organizations. They have reared a family of twelve children, Newton, living at Grand Forks, where he is engaged in the auto livery business; Grant, a ditch contractor, operating in Iowa and southern Minnesota; Sarah, the wife of Barney Davis, who is the proprietor of a hotel at Kellog, Idaho; Nobel, who is a teacher in the schools at Trail; Charles, who is associated with Grant Stowe in the contracting business, and Dewey, Joyce, Nellie, Eunice, Laura, Phyllis and an infant.

ADOLPH N. ANDERSON.

Actively and profitably engaged in general merchandising at Birkholz, in this county, twelve miles north of Grand Forks, during the last eleven years, and for fifteen rendering the township of Higdem good service as a public official, first as a justice of the peace for two years and since then as township clerk for thirteen, Adolph N. Anderson has well earned the cordial regard and good will of the people around him which he enjoys in such full measure as a merchant, as a progressive citizen and as an upright man.

Mr. Anderson was born in Chippewa county, Wisconsin, February 11, 1871, and became a resident of Minnesota in August, 1893. He is a son of Jens and Dorothy (Nelson) Anderson, natives of Norway. The father came to the United States prior to the Civil war and settled in Wisconsin. During that war he served in the Fifteenth Wisconsin Infantry, and felt the effects of the hardships and privations he was obliged to undergo in the army to the end of his life, which came on his Wisconsin farm in 1877.

Adolph N. Anderson left the farm in 1891, when he was twenty years old, and during the next two years worked as a hired man on other farms. In 1894, having relatives in Polk county, he came here in search of employment and soon obtained an engagement on a threshing outfit, on which he worked as a hand one season and was then given full charge of it. During the next six seasons he operated this outfit for the Eliason brothers and during the next six seasons he operated one for Ole H. Bang. The business was extensive and gave him plenty to do, the aggregate of his threshing in 1895 being about 60,000 bushels of grain, with other seasons in proportion.

When Mr. Anderson first came to Minnesota he located at Hinckley, in Pine county, and was there on September 1, 1894, when the great fire in which 380 lives were lost and the town was entirely destroyed occurred. He lost all his possessions by the fire and escaped out of the burning town on the ill-fated train which was destroyed by the same fire at Skunk Lake. At Skunk Lake, six miles north of Hinckley, it was discovered that the fire was getting ahead of the train and it was stopped on the bridge to give the passengers a chance to save themselves by getting into the water, which many of them did. The train was entirely destroyed by the fire where they left it on the bridge.

In 1904 Mr. Anderson bought the store he is now keeping. It had been opened three years before by M. O. Kleven. The stock and buildings at that time amounted to $1,500. Now the investment in the business, including the real estate used for it, aggregates several thousands of dollars and the trade is growing all the time. On January 1, 1915, the store and its contents were destroyed by fire at a loss of about $2,000 above the insurance. Mr. Anderson immediately rebuilt his store and opened up on a larger scale than before. He handles farm produce, butter and eggs as specialties and a regular stock in general, and his business has more than doubled within the last few years.

In 1900 Mr. Anderson was elected a justice of the