associated with the district. Mr. Hanson served as township supervisor and clerk of the school board, holding the latter office for four years. Mr. Hanson was one of the men, who ambitious to receive training in the language and customs of the adopted country, enrolled as pupils in the first school organized in that region, of which Ed Stowe was teacher. In 1888, Mr. Hanson was married to Augusta M. Johnson and the ceremony was solemnized in a neighboring school house. She is a native of Sweden, who came from Waseca to Polk county with her father, Andrew Johnson, who settled on a homestead in Lessor township, which since his death has continued in the possession of his family. Mr. Hanson and his wife have a family of two sons and five daughters, Regina, Hilma, Selma, Julia, Henry, Alfred, and Anna. The oldest daughter, Regina, was employed as a teacher in Norman and Clearwater counties before her marriage to Harold Casselman, a farmer near Ada. Hilma taught parochial school in Dakota and Minnesota, is the wife of John Hegge of Williston, North Dakota. Mr. Hanson and his family are members of the United Lutheran church of McIntosh, in which church he is an active worker and trustee. He takes great enjoyment in the good sport afforded the lover of the hunt, by his state and often devotes his vacation to hunting trips after big game.

JOHN A. ORVOLD.

John A. Orvold, of Gully township, is a prominent citizen and well known farmer of the county and was actively associated with the founding of the village of Trail on the Soo railroad. He was born in Norway on February 7, 1853, and was reared on a farm in his native land, coming to the United States when eighteen years of age and joining an uncle who resided in Wisconsin. In 1874, he went to Goodhue county, Minnesota, and spent the next five years in various employments, working as a farm laborer and for two seasons in the lumber regions of Wisconsin and then made his permanent location in Minnesota in 1879, when he bought railroad land in Stevens county. He developed this farm and remained in that county for fourteen years, engaging in farming with the exception of two years residence in Hancock. In 1892 he removed to Clay county and rented a large farm of a Minneapolis land company, which he operated until 1899 when he took a homestead claim in the Red Lake Indian reservation, which is part of his present farm in section twenty-nine of Gully township, three miles west of Gully and sixteen miles north of Fosston. He has since added more land to his estate and owns a quarter section in Chester township. He has devoted all his business activity to his agricultural interests and has met with unvaried success in all his pursuits, developing a fine farm. He raises blooded stock and devotes some attention to dairy farming. Mr. Orvold has ever lived that progressive and broad citizenship which has earned him the respect of all and is widely known in that section for his many worthy services in the public interests. He was present at the organization of the township and has served continuously in the various offices and is a justice of peace and a member of the school board at present. When the Soo railroad was built through the township, he sold eighty acres of his homestead for the site of Trail which is one-half mile west of his home and has been identified with its growth and is a shareholder in the co-operative creamery there and was largely influential in the organization of the Synod Lutheran church. This village has grown to a goodly population and has proved of great convenience and benefit to the surrounding agricultural district and the low plains immediately to the north of the town are being rapidly developed by drainage into valuable farming land. Mr. Orvold was married in Stevens county to Thurine Olson, who was born in Norway and eleven children were born to them, of whom nine are now living. Ida, the eldest daughter, died July 26, 1914, in her twenty-