brother Nels the southeast quarter and Mr. Onneland the northeast quarter of Section 8, in Sullivan township. They decided to pool their issues and built a shanty nine by fourteen feet in size on the line between the homesteads of Nels Hotvedt and Mr. Onneland, with a bed on each side of the one room. They then cut basswood logs on railroad land on the Red river five miles away, and with them they built a house fourteen by eighteen feet for Peter, who had been married the year previous. The three had about $300 among them and they bought two yoke of oxen at $125 a yoke. The two bachelors slept in their own house but boarded with Peter after the arrival of his wife and first child. The wife was Miss Clarissa Lind before her marriage, and they were married young. Soon after they settled here Andrew Anderson, who had been their neighbor in Wisconsin, homesteaded on the remaining quarter of Section 8.

A little later Mr. Hotvedt bought eighty acres of railroad land in Section 9 at $6 an acre, with a rebate of $3 for each acre he should break up, and his brother and Mr. Onneland made similar deals. Peter passed his time on his land until the death of his first wife five years after she came to this county, and for some time longer, his sister keeping house for him. He then passed two years keeping store at East Grand Forks, but in 1889 returned to his farm and remained on it the rest of his life. He served as township clerk for several years and in other ways rendered good service to the people, as he was always interested in their welfare and ready to aid in promoting it.

By his first marriage Mr. Hotvedt became the father of two sons and one daughter, William L., Charles and Gertrude. Charles is now a resident of Rocky Ford, Colorado, but still owns a farm near the family homestead. Gertrude died in infancy. William was born in Portage county, Wisconsin, March 31, 1878, and was reared on the Sullivan township farm. He attended school in the country near his home and at East Grand Forks, and was with his father until the death of the latter except during five years which he passed on a homestead he took up in Marshall county, Minnesota, in 1899, which he still owns and now devotes to raising hay. He also owns 160 acres near his old home, the father assisting him in the purchase of it, as he aided the other son in making a similar purchase. They all worked together with their father, and the two sons remained in partnership for two years after the father’s death.

William withdrew to his own farm at the end of the partnership and Charles worked the home farm until 1909, when William returned to it and Charles rented a farm in Grand Forks township. Now William works his own farm, the home place and Charles’ farm, 560 acres in all, and raises large quantities of grain and other products, his crops in 1915 being more than 10,000 bushels of grain and a great output of potatoes from the twenty to thirty acres devoted to that vegetable. He also plants a few acres in corn and keeps a number of cattle of good strains and raises his own horses, having three four-horse teams with which he plows and does other work.

Mr. Hotvedt is a Democrat in his political faith and allegiance, and is at present (1915) a justice of the peace. His father was a Republican in the early life but became a Democrat before he died. By a second marriage he became the father of four children, Gertrude M., Clara, Walter and Arthur. Gertrude married O. E. Bjoring and died at the age of twenty-five, leaving a daughter, Margaret, who lives with her grandmother. Clara, Walter and Arthur are living at home. Clara has been a teacher in the schools in North Dakota. She was educated in Grand Forks, pursuing the summer normal course and also a course in business training. For two years she was employed as a stenographer in Grand Forks.

Peter A. Hotvedt's second marriage took place in East Grand Forks, November 28, 1888, and united with him Miss Mary Bergman. His venture in mercantile life was an unfortunate one. The business was conducted largely on credit and turned out disastrously. When he died his estate was heavily encumbered, but his widow displayed rare business ability as the head of affairs, and within a few years had all