the old Larson farm which he now has charge of; Sophia, who is the wife of H. Ellingson, a railroad man who lives in Grand Forks; Hildah, who is the wife of H. M. Erickson, a banker at Upham, North Dakota; Ole, who resides in Seattle, Washington; Clara, who is the wife of R. M. Jensen, assistant cashier of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Grand Forks, and Gunda, who is the wife of W. M. Ludwig, a council-

man. A daughter named Minnie, who was a stenog-

rapher, died at the age of twenty-one. All the mem-

bers of the family belong to the Lutheran church in

Grand Forks.

After coming to East Grand Forks he helped organ-

ize school district No. 3 into an independent school

and held office as director for seven years and treas-

urer most of that time.


OLE HENDRICKSON.

Having helped to redeem large acreages of land

from the wilderness and make them fruitful in pro-

ductiveness and highly serviceable to mankind, Ole

Hendrickson, for many years one of the leading farm-

ers of Esther township, this county, has well earned

the rest and leisure he is now enjoying in his life at

Grand Forks, North Dakota, retired from all active

pursuits except that of supervising the cultivation of

the land he still owns, which comprises eighty acres

in Higdem township and a half-section in Esther
township, the former taken up as a homestead and

the latter as a tree claim in 1878.

Mr. Hendrickson was born in Sweden, July 27,

1852, and in 1869 came to this country with his

parents, Hendrick H. and Walborg Grubb, who loc-

ated in Carver county, Minnesota, and passed two

years there. At the end of that period the father took

up a homestead in Renville county, where the family

remained seven years. In 1878 they came to Polk

county, and here the father obtained a pre-emption

claim in Esther township, on which he died in May,

1899, after transforming his wild claims into good

farms. His children numbered three, Ole, his sister

Betsy, who is now the widow of Ole Nilson and is

living on her homestead in section 2, Esther town-

ship, and their brother Henry. The last named took

up a homestead in section 34, Higdem township, but

later traded this for Ole’s tree claim, on which Ole

had proved up and planted a ten acre grove. In later

years Henry worked his father’s farm until he moved

to California in 1902. He is now living at Orland in

that state, and Ole A. Olson now owns his old tree

claim farm and his father’s farm in section 2, Esther
township.

After proving up on his homestead in 1902 Ole

Hendrickson bought his half section in Esther town-

ship two miles south of the old place, and he lived

on it until he moved to Grand Forks, which he did

in 1913. He made extensive improvements on the

farm, draining out some lakes whereby he raised about

fifty acres of valueless land to high productiveness.

The draining cost him about $1,000, but the land it

redeemed is now worth as much as the land is around

there. Since he removed from the farm it has been

operated by his son August Herman.

Mr. Hendrickson was married in 1879 to Miss Ber-

tha Halvorsen, of Renville county. They became the

parents of seven children, one of whom, a son named

Oscar Bernhart, died at the age of thirteen years.

The living children are: Johann Wilhelm, who mar-

ried Anna Olena Kleven and lives on his farm in

section 13, Esther township. Henry, who

married Ada Cornelia Dahl, lives on his homestead

in Higdem township. August Herman lives on and cul-

tivates his father’s farm. Walborg Josephine is a

mute. She passed four years being educated at a

school for the deaf and dumb. Anna Maria is house-

keeper for her brother August on the home farm.

Hildah Christine and Olga Berthene are living with

their father. The parents also have an adopted daugh-

ter, Lilah Geneva, who is now four years old and

whom they have had from her infancy.

Ole Hendrickson served as township clerk for many