death has never been fully solved. His body was not consumed or injured in the fire but was found in a woodshed that the flames did not reach. No investigation of the case was ever made and the immediate cause of Mr. Driscoll’s death has not yet been disclosed.

John Driscoll was born in County Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada, January 14, 1855, and came to Polk county, Minnesota, and was soon joined by his older brother Michael, a sketch of whom, including the family history, will be found in this volume. John Driscoll entered a homestead soon after coming here on section 28, and in the course of a few years bought one-quarter of section 34, Sullivan township, for $1,500. A little later he paid $2,500 cash for 160 acres in section 29, then paid $2,000 for another quarter section and later became the owner of more land. He sold some of his land and owned only one whole section at the time of his death.

During his life Mr. Driscoll cultivated all the land he owned that was tillable and built all the improvements on it except the present dwelling house, which was erected by his widow in 1909, two years after the fire. Some years before his death he and his brother Michael began operating a threshing outfit, and they continued in this enterprise together until death ended his labors. He was also school director from the organization of the school district, and when he died was serving as a county commissioner, having been first elected to this office in 1904. He was an ardent Democrat in political relations and a very energetic and effective campaigner for the principles and candidates of his party. His religious connection was with the Catholic church of the Sacred Heart in East Grand Forks, in the service of which he was always effectively active.

Mr. Driscoll was married in 1882 to Miss Nellie O’Brien, who was also a Canadian by nativity. She died young leaving one child, John J. Driscoll, who owns a farm in Sullivan township but is still a bachelor. On March 3, 1886, at Grand Forks, the father contracted a second marriage which united him with Miss Catherine Enright, another Lanark county, Ontario, lady, who came to Grand Forks three years before her marriage with her parents, Michael and Catherine Enright. Mr. Enright took up a claim in Polk county but passed his remaining years mostly in East Grand Forks, where both he and his wife died. By his second marriage Mr. Driscoll became the father of five children, James Edward, Catherine, William, Anselm and Loretta. James Edward is a high school graduate and pursued a course of special training at a commercial college. He is now a bookkeeper in a Grand Forks wholesale house. The other children are still living at home with their mother. They are all members of the church of the Sacred Heart.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Driscoll assumed her great responsibility of rearing her children and caring for the property of the family. She built a new house in place of the old one, and it is one of the finest in the township. She has also directed the operations of the farm with great vigor and success and made them very profitable. She is a heroic lady and richly deserves the high and universal esteem in which she is held.

OSCAR ULVE.

Owning a highly productive, well improved and pleasantly located farm in section 8, Sullivan township, this county, seven miles northeast of East Grand Forks, which he has helped to make what it is, and standing well in the regard and good will of the people of his township, Oscar Ulve is as comfortably fixed in a worldly way as most men, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that all he has he has accumulated by his own efforts and good management. He was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, November 25, 1872, and first came to Polk county in 1891. He passed the summer of that year working for Andrew E. Odegard,