Mr. Anderson is a man whose enterprise and ability have carried his influence and activity beyond the marked success of his private interests and have made him a leader in the promotion of best interests and progress of the community in which he lives. He has given able service on the township board and was active in the organization and building of the local church, of which he is still a loyal supporter. He was united in marriage to Miss Aspar Isaacson, whose death occurred in 1908. Six children were born to this union, of whom five survive, Torund, the wife of Ben Krostue, of Thief River Falls; Gunder, who is living at the same place; Isaac, Toney, and Birget, who live in Dakota, the former being the wife of Mr. Gunderson; and Nera, who resides in Bygland township. A son Ormand, died in his sixteenth year. Isaac Anderson lives on the home farm and is associated with his father in its management. He was married to Julia Qualiek and they have five children, Tovald, Aspar, Emma, Oscar and Anna.

THOMAS D. STEWART.

Thomas D. Stewart, a well known pioneer farmer of Polk county, now living retired on his farm in Huntsville township, is a native of Canada, born in County Lanark, Ontario, February 9, 1854. At an early age he became employed in the lumber woods and worked as a lumberman for a number of years, thriftily saving from his wages to later finance his farming venture. In 1878 he came to the United States and took a preemption claim in Grand Forks county, North Dakota, but the soil proving unsatisfactory he soon removed to Polk county where he purchased a quarter section of railroad land in Nesbit township. He owned two yoke of oxen and with these he broke ten acres for his first year’s crop and was able to clear quite a sum of money selling ties and cord wood to the railroad. With thrifty management and industry, his farming venture prospered steadily and he soon built up a fine farm property. After eighteen years in Nesbit township, he sold the tract and purchased four hundred and sixty acres in section eleven of Huntsville township and this place has continued to be his home. His principal interest has been the cultivation of grain and his wheat crop alone in some years has yielded some six thousand bushels. Of later years he extended his activities to stock farming, starting a herd of thoroughbred cattle. In 1912, after many years of successful and creditable accomplishment, he retired from the active management of his estate and the operation of the farm has been assumed by his sons, Robert Stewart and Stanley Stewart. Throughout the years of his residence in Polk county, Mr. Stewart has given his influence and service in all matters of vital import in the development of the community life and has earned the respect accorded to the public spirited intelligent citizenry of a commonwealth. As a pioneer of Nesbit township he assisted in the organization of the district, when it was named in honor of one of its earliest settlers, David Nesbit, and subsequently served during his residence there in various official capacities, as township treasurer, chairman of the township board and clerk of the school board. In Huntsville township he has been prominently identified in the promotion or educational progress, particularly in the district in which he lives, the organization of the local school having been effected through his indefatigable interest and preserving efforts in the face of opposition. Mr. Stewart was married in March, 1880, at Fisher, to Agnes Ferguson, whom he had known in his Ontario home. A year after the marriage, her parents followed her to Polk county, settling on land in Huntsville township which is now included as part of the Stewart farm. Her father, James Ferguson, is now a resident of East Grand Forks. Seven children were born to Mr. Stewart and his wife, Ida, who married Joseph Mills, a surveyor, located at Granada, Minne-