over. She came and they were married in Duluth, and when they took possession of their Polk county home they had one child.

This first child, a son named Alex, died at the age of fourteen. Six others were born in the family, and they are all living. Abel is a well digger. Axel is living at home. Lena is the wife of R. Oms, of North Dakota. Mary is the wife of Christ Engen, of Larimore, and Julia, Hulda and Lottie are milliners at Larimore, North Dakota. Mr. Erickson has been something of a hunter and fisherman in his time, and in the early days his wife often shot prairie chickens. She died in 1896, and her remains and those of the deceased son are buried on the farm. For many years Mr. Erickson rendered good service to the community.

JOHN G. VRAA.

This gentleman is one of the prosperous, progressive and successful farmers of Polk county and also one of the leading citizens of Vineland township, on Section 33 of which his fine farm of over 200 acres is located. It is two miles southeast of Climax, and is improved with a very good dwelling house, and he is now (1916) completing a large and substantial barn on it. He was born in Norway January 7, 1865, and came to this country in 1872 with his parents, Germand Nereson and Leve (Olafsen) Vraa, who located in Faribault county, Minnesota. The mother died in Norway in 1868, and in 1876 the father brought his five children to Polk county and took a homestead in Vineland township eighty acres of which are included in the farm now owned and occupied by his son John G.

The father, who died in 1897, also owned eighty acres of railroad land and had all of both tracts under cultivation. He devoted his whole attention to his farm and the rearing of his children, who are: Ole, a resident of the village of Climax; Michael, who lives on the farm adjoining the home place; Gunner, who has part of the family homestead; Hage, who was the wife of Ole Bramseth (and the youngest of the children), and who lived also on a farm adjoining the homestead, she died in 1902, and John G., who carried on the home place in partnership with one of his brothers for six years before their father died.

On the death of his father John G. Vraa got 125 acres of the old farm, and to this he has added eighty acres half a mile distant but cultivated as a part of his farm. Raising grain has been his main dependence and industry on the farm, and his crop in 1915 aggregated 1,800 bushels of wheat, 1,200 of oats and 600 of barley. But he also keeps eight to ten cows and does some trading in dairy products. This is, however, only incidental, as his general farming activities engage nearly all of his attention, as they always have from the time when he entered upon them.

Mr. Vraa was married in December, 1887, to Miss Maria Anderson and they have four children, Lena, Albert, Cecil and Minnie, all of whom are still at home with their parents. He has been supervisor of the township board for five years and clerk of the school district for twenty-five. He and his wife are members of the church congregation near his home whose meetings are held in the schoolhouse, and they take an active part in all its work.

JOHN LOGAN.

Living on an excellent farm of 300 acres fronting on Red river and lying sixteen miles west of Crookston, John Logan is very comfortably fixed in a worldly way, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that all his possessions are the fruits of his own energy, thrift and good management. He was born in County Galway, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1865. Until 1878 he lived in New Jersey and worked at