hue county, Minnesota, and there he took a pre-emption claim and developed it into a good and productive farm, remaining on it for a continuous period of about twenty years. In 1878 he sold his farm and moved to Polk county, taking up as a homestead the farm in Northland township on which his widow and daughter now live. When he sold his farm in Goodhue county he was tired of farming and expected to retire, but two years afterward he could not resist the temptation to return to his life-long vocation, and so obtained another farm. His operations had been successful in Goodhue county, and he had about $5,000 when he located in Polk county. On arriving here he rented a house, which was then the best to be found north of the Marias river.

Mr. Eggen, H. H. Flatten and Carl Lindgren, who were all from the same place in Norway, teamed to this county together, Mr. Flatten being the cousin of Mr. Eggen's mother. Mr. Eggen took the Southeast quarter of Section 30 as a homestead and built on it a fairly good frame house which is still standing. He was older than his companions and gave them employment, their first work for him being the erection of this house. The dwelling inhabited by the family now was built in 1889 not far from the first one, and the difference between them as they stand near together marks the progress of the owners between the two periods of their construction. In addition to his homestead the newcomer bought fifty acres of land on the Red river, three miles west of his farm, and during his life he cultivated that also.

While living in Goodhue county Mr. Eggen agreed to pay the passage of his nephew, Erick Eggen, across the ocean if the boy's parents would allow him to come to his uncle in the New World. The youth came over, being about twelve years old then, and was educated by his uncle, with whom he remained about six years, accompanying him to this county and still living with him until he located on the farm he bought from the uncle. When they came to Polk county a neighbor, John Bergen, accompanied them and they drove one of Mr. Bergen's teams, and also settled on land near his.

In January, 1887, Mr. Eggen was married to Miss Oliana Mogaed, a native of Norway, who came to this county the year before her marriage and worked some months for Mr. Eggen. She was a great help to him in the transaction of his business, doing all his clerical work, and she is still carrying on the farm. They became the parents of one child, their daughter, Annie, who is now a young lady and living with her mother. They also reared from the age of seven Lydia Nelson, a relative of Mr. Eggen, who is also with Mrs. Eggen, and is now fourteen and whose mother died while the daughter was a child. Mrs. Eggen and her daughter belong to the Grand Marias Lutheran church in the cemetery attached to which the remains of Mr. Eggen were buried.

OLE A. MICKELSON.

Mr. Mickelson, who is a progressive and prosperous farmer and grain thresher, and has been a merchant, and in all places where he has lived a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, zealously interested in the welfare and improvement of his community, has resided in Polk county continuously since 1883, when he came to the county with his parents, Mickel M. and Ingebor Martha (Olson) Mathison, natives of Norway. The son was born at Thronhjen, in that country, April 9, 1866, and remained there until 1873, when the family emigrated to the United States and located in Jackson county, Minnesota, which was its home until the family residence was changed to Polk county. The father died in the village of Winger in May, 1915, at the age of sixty-eight. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom their son Ole was the first born.

Mr. Mickelson was reared to farm work and he has been engaged in it ever since he was large and strong enough to take a hand at it. For a period of about