in this four years and then built his present residence. The barn on the place was erected some eight or nine years ago. He has also sunk an artesian well 225 feet deep at a cost of $500, and this supplies his house and barn with excellent water.

Mr. Volland devotes his energies principally to raising grain. In 1895 he raised 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. 1896 was a year of partial crop failure, but 1897 was a good year. His yield for the present year of 1915 amounted to about 6,500 bushels of grain in all, 3,681 bushels of which were oats, 1,271 barley, and the rest corn and millet, part of the crop being produced on land which he has rented. He keeps regularly a number of head of Holstein cattle, milking nine cows and selling cream to the creamery and confectionery stores. He is a Republican in politics and has served three years as township supervisor. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church. In 1893 he was married to Miss Julia Anderson, the daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Bordahl) Anderson, of Andover township. They have four children, all living at home, Andy, Stella, Laura and Edna. Mrs. Volland is a member of the local Ladies’ club.

J. FRAZER MONTGOMERY.

J. Frazer Montgomery, of Angus, a successful lumber and hardware dealer of Polk county, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1859, and came to Minnesota and to Angus in 1884, when he took charge of the general mercantile store owned by G. C. Winchester. This business had been started by the company of Flint and Winchester in 1882 as a branch of the W. A. Warren store in Marshall county and had been under the management of J. E. Flint previous to Mr. Montgomery’s employment. The latter entered upon his commercial career in Angus with a capital of $7.50 and native business talent and ambition sufficient to guarantee the success and prosperity which have attended his efforts. Under his able management the operations of the store increased rapidly and won a large patronage from the surrounding territory, which is one of the richest grain sections in the county and whose citizens are thrifty members of the Scandinavian, Bohemian and German peoples aside from the native residents. In 1897 he extended the company’s interests to the lumber business and this department, with the hardware business, now constitutes the principal interests of the store. Since 1898, which marked the zenith of the lumber trade, the other branch has grown steadily and in 1915, enjoyed its largest trade. In 1908, Mr. Montgomery became sole owner of the business, which requires a fifteen thousand dollar stock and stands a material evidence of a successful business career. The postoffice of Angus was established in this store in 1884 and Mr. Montgomery served as assistant postmaster until 1895 when he was appointed postmaster. Aside from his commercial activities, he has also invested considerably in farm lands. He is a member of the Democratic party and has served as a county commissioner. Mr. Montgomery was married in 1898 to Helen M. McAvoy of Crookston.

JOSEPH CROY.

Joseph Croy, who is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of East Grand Forks, and has been, in his time, largely engaged in general farming and market gardening with his own labor and direction as the principal factors in his industries, but has lately put most of his land in the care of tenants, was born in Jasper county, Iowa, January 26, 1860, the son of John and Hannah (Hale) Croy, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania, but both reared in Indiana and married in that state. They moved to Iowa soon after their marriage, and the mother died there when Joseph was but six years