

born fourteen children, two of whom died unnamed, the others being Ingeborg, Marie, Selma, Martina, Abigail, Alfred (who died at the age of eleven years), Martin, Tillie, Edwin, Severt, Christian and Anton. Mr. and Mrs. Stromstad have always been members of the Lutheran church, in the affairs of which they have a deep and abiding interest. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Stromstad helped to organize the Farmers Elevator Company at Shelly, since he felt that adequate marketing facilities for agricultural products are absolutely necessary to the well-being of this community. Mr. Stromstad takes a proper interest in local civic affairs, but has never sought after public office.

HALVOR ANDERSON.

Among the sturdy pioneers who brought about the development of Norman county few are better known or have been more active in that development work than Halvor Anderson, one of the most substantial land-owners of the Perley neighborhood and one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of that part of the county. In addition to his large land holdings Mr. Anderson is a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Perley, a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Elevator Company at that place, for many years has been connected with the public service in his home township and has been one of the leaders in all worthy enterprises affecting the development and prosperity of that section of the county, as well as of the county at large.

Halvor Anderson is a native son of Minnesota, born in Houston county on June 5, 1853, son of John and Carrie (Snugro) Anderson, early residents of Winneshiek county, Iowa. John Anderson was one of the real pioneers of Minnesota and later of Iowa, having moved to that state when our subject was one year of age, and was thus among the early arrivals of that plucky band of Scandinavian settlers which made possible the speedy development of the great Northwest country. He grew to manhood in his native Norway and was there married. In 1850 he came to the United States and located in Rock county, Wisconsin. There his first wife died. In 1852 he married Carrie Snugro and in the next year proceeded on out to the then Territory of Minnesota and settled near the southern border, in Houston county. By the first marriage was born one child, a daughter, Olenna, now deceased, who was the wife of B. O. Lee, of the state of Washington. John Anderson, as stated, later married Carrie Snugro, who died ten years ago at

state, February 21, 1854, and to this union fourteen children have been born, namely: John, who is married and is the owner of a farm east of his father's place; Anna, deceased; Caroline, deceased; Gustav and Christina (twins), the former of whom is married and lives on a farm in the vicinity of Ada and the latter of whom is deceased; Henry, who is married and lives on a farm in Lee township; Mary, wife of Lars Olson, now living in Montana; Tilda, deceased; Clara, who is living at St. Paul; Martin, who is married and who lives at Perley, where he is the proprietor of a garage; Oscar, who is married and is farming that part of his father's place north of the home place; Joseph, who is married and lives in North Dakota; William, who remains on the home place, and Emma, also at home. The Andersons are members of the Betania Lutheran church and have ever taken a proper part in the various beneficences of the same, Mr. Anderson being one of the trustees of the church. They have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities and good works, helpful in many ways in promoting all movements having to do with the advancement of the common good thereabout. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Gilbert and Anna (Dahl) Melbostad, natives of Norway, who came to America on the same ship with the Anderson family and located in Wisconsin, where they were married, and lived there until 1853, when they moved to Winneshiek county, Iowa. Both are now deceased.

JORIS C. NORBY.

The history of Norman county in the making would be incomplete without fitting mention of the late Joris C. Norby, former clerk of the district court, former county auditor, and one time editor and owner of the *Norman County Herald*, a substantial landowner, mill man and lumberman, who died at his home in the city of Ada, in December, 1902. Enterprise, honesty and the conscientious discharge of public duties placed him at the highest station among the citizens and business men of Ada and at the time of his death he was in the enjoyment of the ample rewards of a well-spent life.

Mr. Norby was a native of the kingdom of Norway, born on a farm in Trondjhem, October 22, 1857. His father, Joris Norby, who was a merchant and farmer in his native land, came to America with his family in 1871 and settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota. Joris C. Norby was the tenth child and the youngest son in a family of twelve children. He was given a liberal