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A History of Rural Clay County.*
Alex & Pauline Grover Biography

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**ALEXANDER THEODORE GROVER
AND (SON) CLARENCE GROVER FAMILY**

Alexander Theodore Grover was born in Loony Valley, Houston County, Minnesota in 1860, the second son of Tarjie and Geline Grover. In 1874 the family migrated to the banks of the Buffalo in Clay County and established a homestead.

By surmise, we imagine the teen-age years as being full of pioneer labors for this husky lad.

In 1884 he married a school teacher, Paulina Kroshus, who had been born in Decorah, Iowa in 1862. Their first home was a parcel of land east of Perley known as a "tree claim". There in 1886 their first son, Clarence, was born. The immediate ensuing years Alec spent farming the tree claim, laboring as a lumber jack and working at a grain elevator in Perley. Upon the death of his brother Edward, in 1902 the family returned to Clay County to farm his portion of the estate.

Paulina continued her career as a teacher for a while after marriage. She was dedicated to duty and a perfectionist demanding much of herself and her students, especially in the realm of mathematics. They tell the story of Ivor Klokseth who evidently got into a heated discussion with two companions over a problem in percentage. Eventually Ivor was proved to be correct and his comment was "I knew I was right, because I went to school for Paulina." Needless to say this highly developed sense of duty and devotion to work permeated her entire life.

Caught in the coils of the approaching depression they too,

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were forced into retirement. For several years they lived near the Concordia Church. There Alec suffered a stroke and was an invalid for almost five years before his death in 1940.

Paulina survived her husband, but she was also stricken; bedridden several months, she died in 1941.