

1918, Mr. Enos passed away on the homestead farm. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had become very favorably known throughout the section of the state in which he lived, his sterling traits of character being recognized by all who knew him. In politics he was an earnest republican and was called upon to fill a number of local offices, serving as township trustee for several years and also a director on the school board for several years. He attended the Congregational church, which Mrs. Enos also attends, and he was a very liberal contributor to the church and to various projects for the public good. His was indeed a well spent life and he left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. Mrs. Enos occupies the old homestead and her circle of friends in this community is almost coextensive with the circle of her acquaintance.

J. J. SWENUMSON.

J. J. Swenumson is proprietor of The Old Homestead farm, situated on section 34, Utica township, Chickasaw county. He has lived in this section of the state from pioneer times and has therefore witnessed the entire growth and development of this region and has borne his full share in the work of general progress and improvement. A native of Norway, he was born November 7, 1846, a son of John Swenumson, who came to the United States with his wife and five children in the spring of 1848. He first took up his abode in Racine county, Wisconsin, where the family lived for six years, and in 1854 a removal was made to Chickasaw county, Iowa, where the father secured a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the farm upon which J. J. Swenumson now resides. The journey from Wisconsin to Iowa was made with ox team and prairie schooner and the family lived in the wagon while the log cabin was being built upon the homestead claim. Mr. Swenumson continued to occupy the log cabin for a number of years but as he prospered in his undertakings erected a more modern and pretentious residence, which remained his home to the time of his demise. He passed away some time in the '90s. There are only two representatives of the father's family who are still living, J. J. of this review and his brother, Ole Swenumson.

J. J. Swenumson, while born in the land of the midnight sun, was less than two years of age when the family came to the new world and was a lad of only eight years at the time of the arrival of the family in Iowa. Accordingly his education was largely acquired in the district schools of Chickasaw county and when he had reached early manhood he took charge of and operated the home farm. He was the youngest of the children and his father was growing old, being incapacitated for hard work by reason of his advanced years. The burden of the farm therefore devolved upon Mr. Swenumson of this review, who, remaining at home, continued to look after his parents to the time of their death. During these years he came into possession of a part of the old homestead and bought other lands from time to time as his financial resources increased until his holdings comprised five hundred and five acres. However two farms of one hundred and five acres and one hundred and twenty acres respectively have been cut off from his property for two of his sons, so that his present possessions include two hundred and eighty acres. His work has been attended with a high measure of prosperity, coming to him as the direct reward of his persistency of purpose, his honorable dealings and his indefatigable energy. In addition to his farm property Mr. Swenumson is a stockholder in the Saude Cooperative Creamery Company.

In 1875 Mr. Swenumson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Johnson, a daughter of John Johnson, who came to Chickasaw county from Wisconsin with the Swenumson family in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Swenumson have become parents of nine children, four sons and five daughters, as follows: Alfred O., who passed away at the age of eight years; Carl, who is a resident of Rochester, Minnesota; Oscar, who follows farming in Utica township; Thomas, at home; Anna, who is the widow