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Masonic circles, and has been a member of the Blue Lodge thirty-five years. Of this lodge he has served as master several terms. He also belongs to the Royal Arch chapter, of which he has served as high priest several terms, and to the lesser Masonic degrees. He has been commander several years of Scofield Post, No. 121, G. A. R. While he has never been an active politician, he is a Republican in politics, and has served on the village council and the school board. Mr. Warren was married September 19, 1866, to Cordelia A. Gaskell, of New York state, who died October 24, 1908. They have had the following children: Lelah M., born in November, 1867, married to Carl L. Strom, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank at Minneapolis, and Sheldon Deforest, born in December, 1876, who is in partnership with his father; Herbert, who died at the age of three and a half years. The family worships at the Congregational Church.

Olaf O. Nordvold, of Zumbrota village, a retired farmer and former well-known school teacher, is a native of Norway (Lesje, Gudbrandsdalen), son of Ole and Marit Nordsette n. The parents spent their entire lives in Norway, with the exception of the years from 1878 to 1881, which they spent with their sons in America. They are now deceased. Olaf, as he was then called by his friends, attended a high school in Norway, and graduated from the Asker Seminary for Teachers in 1864. The high grade of scholarship which he maintained while at the seminary secured for him the position as teacher in his home district, a situation he held four years. His fifth year as a teacher was spent in the south part of Gudbrandsdalen, and in 1869 he migrated to America, locating in Iowa. While perfecting himself in the English language he followed farming a short time and in the fall of that year came to this county as parochial school teacher and choir leader of the Minneola congregation. He was beloved by the pupils and honored by the parents, but in 1876, desiring more out-of-door employment, he purchased 256 acres in Zumbrota township, grubbed and improved 80 acres of this, and erected a new building, carrying on general farming until 1906, when he sold his farm to his sons and moved to Zumbrota village, where he has since resided. His public office holding includes service in the legislature in 1887, as town treasurer of Zumbrota for eight years, supervisor three years and postmaster at White Willow eight years, his tenure of office in the latter position extending through the administration of Harrison and one term of Cleveland. He is secretary of the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Zumbrota, and chairman of its finance committee. He is also a director in the Wanamingo, Minneola & Cherry Grove Mutual Farmers' Insurance Company. Throughout his life Mr. Nordvold has taken a deep interest in church matters, and is now serving as

chairman of the board of trustees of Land's Church. Starting in life as a poor boy, he has acquired an education, position, and a comfortable income, all by his own efforts. Mr. Nordvold was married March 25, 1873, at the Church of the Minneola Congregation, to Esther C. Klevgaard, daughter of John Klevgaard, natives of Norway, who came to America in 1850, and located in Dane county, Wis., where their daughter Esther was born, October 18 of the same year. Later they located in Goodhue county, and still later in Jackson county, this state. The father died March 7, 1908, and the mother April 9, of the same year. The home of the Nordvolds has been blessed with eight children. Olaf M., born December 15, 1873, is a farmer in Zumbrota township. Maria J., born March 25, 1876, married Swen T. Swenson, also a farmer in Zumbrota township. Jesse C., born February 11, 1879, follows a similar occupation. Olga M., born June 8, 1880, is married to Peter T. Swenson, the Standard Oil agent at Zumbrota. Adolph E., born November 22, 1882, married Alice Langum, of Anoka, and is now in the furniture and undertaking business in Zumbrota. Agnes O., born May 16, 1885, lives at home. Sverre P., born December 30, 1887, is a graduate of the Northwestern University, of Chicago, department of pharmacy class of 1909. Harold O., born April 12, 1892, a student in the Zumbrota high school, is clerking in the post office and lives at home. The family faith is that of the Lutheran Church.

Henry J. Weiss, retired farmer of Zumbrota township, is a worthy example of those men of a sturdy race who left the shores of Europe for the new world, where by dint of frugal habits and hard labor they achieved for themselves a name and a fortune which is an honor to themselves, and a noble heritage to posterity. He has been a county commissioner and has served as chairman of Minneola township and school clerk for several terms. He has also been clerk of the German Lutheran Church at Zumbrota many years. Mr. Weiss was born in Germany, August 8, 1849, and there received an excellent education. In 1862 he came to America with his mother and brother, and worked on a farm in Minneola township with them until 1870, when he assumed charge of the old homestead. From that date until 1902 he carried on general farming on 400 acres of good land, and then retired, renting his farm and moving to a pleasant home which he erected in the village of Zumbrota. In this residence he has since lived. Mr. Weiss was married October 30, 1873, to Mary Starz, daughter of Jacob and Rosina Starz, natives of Germany, who upon coming to this country located in Zumbrota. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss has been blessed by three children. Anna L., born October 11, 1875, is now Mrs. Charles Grover, of Zumbrota. Henry E., born November 19, 1878, is cashier of the Security State Bank,