

Williams, on July 15, 1889. She was born July 15, 1859, and was the daughter of Michael Williams, a farmer of Norfolk, and his wife, Margaret (Foley) Williams. By this marriage there was one child, Mary Angela Margaret, born May 16, 1891, now of Minneapolis. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Henry A. Peterson, one of the influential farmers of Sacred Heart township, was born in Sweden, March 1, 1861. His stepfather, John Peterson, came to Goodhue county in the early sixties and in 1868 located in section 20, in Sacred Heart township, where he secured a preemption right to 160 acres, later relinquishing it for a homestead of 80 acres. Here he built a log cabin and began breaking the land with an ox team. He used to bring his produce to New Ulm and later to Willmar. Coffee, tea and such luxuries were dispensed with, and in their place were substituted ground wheat for coffee, or toasted bread crumbs and berries were used in making tea. He had two cows which he had brought with him from Goodhue county. He improved his farm, bought more land, increasing it to 280 acres and built new buildings.

Mr. Peterson was interested in the public affairs of the township and held the position of supervisor several terms. He also served on the school board. He was a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church and the first services of that church were held in his cabin. John Peterson died in 1883, at the age of forty-six years, and his wife died at the age of sixty-six years. Henry Peterson grew to manhood in the township of Sacred Heart, and received his early education in the country school held in the old log school house. He remained on the home farm and, after his father's death, took upon himself the responsibility of the home. After his marriage he moved to his present location, which he had purchased in 1891, moving the next year. It was a tract of 240 acres. It has since been increased to 300 acres and is a well-kept and fine looking farm, known as the "Altamont Farm." He raises a good grade of stock and carries on general farming, using the most modern machinery. Mr. Peterson has held several township offices and has served on the school board. He has been greatly interested in all the co-operative movements of his county and is a member of the Co-operative Milling Company, the Co-operative Elevator, and the Co-operative Creamery. He was the secretary and manager of the creamery when it was organized. In 1881 he represented his district in the State Legislature on the Alliance ticket. He came before the people on the People's ticket later, but was not then elected. Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Bertha Kringsberg, born in Sweden. She came to America in 1869 with her parents, who located in Hawk Creek township, becoming pioneers of that section. Five children were born to this marriage: Mabel, a graduate of the

Sacred Heart high school and now studying music; Spencer, who is attending high school; Ethel C., who is attending the state university; Bertram, a student at high school, and Thelma, who attends the rural schools.

Olof Kringsberg, deceased, an early pioneer of Hawk Creek township, was born in Vermeland, Sweden, Sept. 9, 1836. He came to America in 1869, locating at Hawk Creek the same year, where he took a homestead in section 2, of eighty acres. He first lived in a dugout and later built a log cabin which, in time, was replaced by a frame house. He planted groves, erected buildings and became one of the representative farmers. At the time of his death he had 360 acres. He died Sept. 29, 1901. He was married in Sweden, Aug. 9, 1865, to Martha Peterson, born in Vermeland, Sweden, March 20, 1847, and died in Sacred Heart village, Nov. 1, 1913. Twelve children were born to these parents: Bertha, Matilda, Ole, Albert, Emelia, Ida, Hilmer, Emil, Peter, Peter, Mathilda and Ludvig.

Johannes Haug, better known as John Haug, was born in Norway, Jan. 13, 1844, son of Johannes and Bertha (Gjerdrum) Haug, who were farmers in Norway. There were eight children in the family: Severen, Martin, Arne, Karnelius, Johannes, Johan, Bertha and Lena. John was the only one of the family who came to America, coming to Quebec in 1866 and going immediately to Minnesota. He located at Northfield and for three years worked around among the farmers. In 1868 he secured a homestead in Renville county, in section 28, in Sacred Heart township. He did not move upon his claim until 1869, after his marriage. He built a log cabin, 14 by 16 feet, and, with one cow and an ox team, began farming upon this tract of 80 acres. All supplies were hauled from New Ulm. The land was wild prairie land without a tree on the place, no roads, but in time Mr. Haug set out groves of trees, built modern buildings and barns and increased his farm to 450 acres. Mr. Haug has held the township offices of supervisor and treasurer, having held the latter position for twenty-five years. He is also a member of the church in his neighborhood and helped organize the first church and was one of its first trustees.

In 1868 Mr. Haug was married in Rice county to Bertha Hoff, born in Norway, Feb. 13, 1851, daughter of Christopher Hoff. She came to Minnesota with her uncle when she was fourteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Haug have had twelve children: Idan, born Sept. 24, 1869, is now in the machinery business at Winnipeg, Canada. He married Selena Johnson and has four children, Jesse, Esther, Florence and Winfield. Minnie, born May 3, 1871, and died Jan. 30, 1904, was the wife of John Listerud, and left the following children: Hjelmer, Morris, Edna, Eva and Ruth. Barbara, born Jan. 9, 1873, is the wife of Hans Braun,