

Charter Member of Concordia

TARJE GROVER

Biography of EDWARD G. GROVER



T. A. GROVER.
(DECEASED.)

Edward G. Grover, of Moland township, Clay county, was born in Houston county, Minnesota, September 11, 1861, and is a son of T. A. and Gelena (Kassenborg) Grover. His father was a well-known citizen of Clay county, and intimately connected with its politics and social affairs. He numbered among his friends the oldest pioneer settlers of the region, and was born in Moland, Telemarken, Norway; his mother was a native of Land in the same country. The father came to America in 1846, and engaged in commercial pursuits in Houston county, Minnesota, retiring to farm life about the date of the birth of Edward G. Grover in 1861. In 1874 he brought his family into Clay county, and made his home on Buffalo river. His services as township officer and county commissioner brought him into close relationship with public affairs, and gave him an extensive acquaintance throughout

the county. He died March 14, 1895.

Edward G. Grover was reared to farm life in Houston county, and came to Clay county with his father. His early manhood was devoted to the development of the family homestead, which has since passed into his possession. He drove an ox team and breaking plow and grew up with a practical knowledge of Minnesota farming. In 1882 he began in the mercantile business. In 1883 he became agent for the McCormick Company, and so continued till 1890. In 1890 and 1891 he was located at Fargo as a representative of the Deering Company. In connection with his brother, C. A. Grover, in 1891, he purchased his father's farm of four hundred and eighty acres, and in the fall of the same year he bought out his brother, and thus became the sole owner of the grand old Grover homestead.

In politics Mr. Grover is an uncompromising Republican, and for many years has taken an active part in the public affairs of Clay county. At the present time he is a member of the executive committee of the Republican central committee of Clay county, and is a member of the committee of his township. His father was a leader in his party, and was a life-long Republican. He was born June 16, 1830. His widow, who now resides on the old Grover homestead, was born November 1, 1834.