

Charter Member of Concordia

ASGER LEE

Biography of GUSTAV O. LEE



GUSTAV O. LEE AND FAMILY.

Gustav O. Lee, a well known, prosperous and progressive farmer and stockman, owner of a fine farm in Moland township, Clay county, was born in Houston county, this state, on December 2, 1864, but has been a resident of this county since 1871. He is the son of Ole and Asger Lee, both natives of the kingdom of Norway.

Ole Lee was a farmer in Norway, where he was born in 1835. In 1854 he immigrated to the United States and on arriving in this country came on out to the state of Minnesota and settled in Houston county, where he engaged in the life of a farmer for some years. In 1871 he and his family moved into Clay county and homesteaded a tract of land. He immediately proceeded to put the land into a state fit for cultivation, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death

occurring in 1873, two years after he had taken possession of the farm. His wife, Asger Lee, also

was born in Norway, in 1841; came to America in 1853 and was married in 1863 in Houston county, this state. She is now living with her son, Gustav O., on his farm in Moland township. Ole Lee and wife were the parents of the following children: Gustav O., the first born, and Julia, Olaus and Andrew, who are deceased.

Gustav O. Lee was just a boy of nine years of age when his father died and as he was the eldest child of the family he had to commence early to assist his mother in the work of caring for and supporting the family, and in consequence his opportunity for an extended education was limited. He was married on July 17, 1892, to Vila Swenkeson, who was born in 1875 in Clay county, and who died, after a few years of married life, in 1895. There were no children to the marriage.

Mr. Lee is the owner of one hundred and ninety acres of the choicest quality of land, has between twenty and forty acres each year planted to potatoes, and in his farming operations is doing splendidly. He carries on his farming according to modern methods of agriculture and is accounted one of the substantial farmers of this section of the county. Mr. Lee has effected many valuable improvements on his holding and has remodeled and overhauled the old homestead house, which is still in use. He raises a nice herd of Shorthorn cattle and his stock in this strain finds a ready market, at good prices.