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## Charter Member of Concordia

### A. G. KASSENBERG

A. G. Kassenborg, a very prominent farmer of Clay county, Minnesota, and a resident of the Kassenborg farm, owns about a thousand acres along Buffalo creek, having his home in section 1, Oakport township. Of this fine stretch of Minnesota soil about six hundred acres are under cultivation and the rest is in timber or pasture, thus making it one of the finest farms in this section of the state.

Mr. Kassenborg was born in North Land, Norway, December 1, 1836, and was the second member and the oldest son of a family of three children born to Gilbert and Astrea (Anderson) Gilbertson. This family emigrated to this country in 1850 and located in Wisconsin, where they remained three years in Rock county, then securing a permanent home in Houston county, Minnesota.

When Mr. Kassenborg became a young man he secured a farm for himself in the county where his later youth was passed, and was well known in Houston county. In the spring of 1876, however, he determined to try his fortunes in a newer part of the state, and leaving his land in Houston county to increase in value, he entered the Red river country in the days that tried men's souls. Ten years later he had become so successful and well satisfied with Clay county that he disposed of all his outside property and bought his present magnificent estate.

Mr. Kassenborg deserves much credit for what he has made himself, and every dollar he owns bespeaks honest toil, careful management and a wise perception of the opportunities around him. The life of Mr. Kassenborg is a striking example of courage and loyalty in a foreign-born youth, making his way by thrift and industry, supporting his parents in their old age with filial devotion, and gradually becoming one of the leading citizens of his adopted state.

Mr. Kassenborg occupies a comfortable and commodious country home and has his large farm well provided with: barns and other buildings. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. For about eighteen years he has served in several township offices, and has discharged their duties creditably.

Mr. Kassenborg was married in 1858 to Miss Tilda Olson, and to their union have come eight children: Annie is Mrs. O. C. Bergland; Augusta is Mrs. Markham; Gilbert is at home.; Mary is Mrs. Moe; Edward is a farmer; Lizzie is Mrs. Olness; Julia is Mrs. Christ Halverson,; and Melina, who died November 1, 1901.

Mr. Kassenborg has given much attention to fruit and garden vegetables, and is doubtless the most successful farmer in Clay county. His Concord grapes attract general admiration and his currants and berries are quite as thrifty.