

To Mr. and Mrs. Rolle, have been born the following children: Leona, Sophia, Ella, Helena, Clara, Grace and Walter, all of whom are living with the exception of Grace, who died at the age of two years and six months. Mr. and Mrs. Rolle are devout members of the Catholic church and have reared their children in that faith. They have ever taken an active interest in the social and educational life of the town, and Mr. Rolle has served as constable since coming to Borup. Politically, he is a Republican.

ANDREW A. BRATLAND.

In the memorial annals of Norman county there are few names held in better memory than that of the late Andrew A. Bratland, former merchant, banker and leader of local enterprises at Hendrum and later a well-to-do landowner and farmer in Lee township, who died in the summer of 1903 and whose widow is still making her home on the farm in Lee township, where she and her family are very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. Andrew A. Bratland was born in the state of Wisconsin on January 4, 1853, and was but two or three years of age when his parents moved with their family into Minnesota and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Minneapolis, where he grew to manhood and where he remained until after his marriage in 1874, when he came up here into the Red River valley and settled in Norman county, where he spent the remainder of his life, a man of helpful influence in the pioneer days of this section. He was one of nine sons born to his parents. Of these sons four are still living, two being residents of Norman county, Ole Bratland being a well-to-do farmer living east of Hendrum and Michael Bratland being a well-known lawyer at Ada, the county seat.

Upon coming to this section, Andrew A. Bratland bought land in Lee township and later added to his holdings there until he became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred and sixty-four acres in section 12, now owned by his widow. Upon the establishment of the townsite at Hendrum Mr. Bratland became a storekeeper there and continued in the mercantile business at that place for twelve years, his brother Ole, who had an interest in the farm, meanwhile farming the Lee township place. Andrew A. Bratland then bought his brother's interest in the farm and moved from the village onto the same and there established his home, spending the rest of his life there, his death occurring in June, 1903. Mr. Bratland, from the

very beginning of his residence here, was regarded as one of the most influential factors in the development of the region in which he settled, ever helpful in assisting those who were less fortunately placed than himself. He helped organize the bank at Hendrum and his widow is still the owner of shares in that bank. He also helped to organize creameries at Hendrum and at Perley and was a leading stockholder in these enterprises. His activities in local civic affairs were also intelligently directed and for some time he served as a member of the local school board and was treasurer of the same, and in other ways gave of his time and his energies to promoting all causes designed to advance the common welfare. He was a member of the local lodge of the Foresters.

On June 19, 1874, in the vicinity of Minneapolis, Andrew A. Bratland was united in marriage to Nettie Olson, who was born in the kingdom of Norway on May 16, 1859, and who was fifteen years of age when she came with her parents to this country, her parents spending the rest of their lives in Minnesota. Mrs. Bratland has two brothers and two sisters. To Andrew A. and Nettie (Olson) Bratland eight children were born, namely: Inge, deceased; Michael, who is married and is now living in Canada; Olin, who lives in Montana; Albert, who is at home, in general direction of the home farm, and Teluf, Edgar, Chester and Andrew, also at home.

CHARLES H. HAMMERUD.

Another industrious farmer of Humboldt township, Clay county, is Charles H. Hammerud, who owns a good farm near Barnesville. He was born in Norway, November 10, 1878. He is a son of Halvor and Jessie (Grimesrud) Hammerud, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, married and settled, but in the spring of 1879 they immigrated to the United States. Coming on West they selected for their future home a farm in Lake Park township, Becker county, Minnesota, and there, by hard work and perseverance, they became very comfortably established. The father spent the rest of his life there, dying some time ago, and the mother is still living in that county. He bought eighty acres when he arrived there and was active in the affairs of his township. He helped organize the first Lutheran church in his locality and was active in the work of the same. His widow is also a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church. To these parents eleven children were born, namely: Ole, Hans,