

to Norman county he has served in the same capacity on the board of Lee township, which he helped to organize. He also served for some years on the Norman county board of commissioners, and throughout his official career has discharged his duties in a manner befitting his own sterling integrity and with complete satisfaction to everyone concerned. The educational progress of the community has come in for some of Mr. Anderson's time and attention, for he helped to organize school district No. 26, and has served on the school board for six years. In addition to his activities in the civic and educational affairs of the community Mr. Anderson has shown himself to be a progressive farmer by helping to organize better marketing facilities for the farmers of the township, the creamery and the farmers elevator at Perley.

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#### ADNA H. BREILAND.

Success as a general farmer has attended the efforts of Adna H. Breiland, of Moorhead, Clay county, to the extent that he is now permitted to spend his declining years in retirement. He was born on March 31, 1846, in Norway. He is a son of Hans S. and Tona Breiland, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, attended school, married and established their home and there they spent their lives, never coming to America. The father owned what was considered a fairly large farm for that country, much of his land being in timber. He was an influential man in his community and was popular because he was always helping others and was obliging and neighborly. His death occurred in 1890, at the age of seventy-five. His wife preceded him to the grave in 1887, at the age of seventy-seven years. To these parents the following children were born: Edward, who died when two years old; Knut, who died in Norway in 1914, at the age of fifty years; Adna H., the subject of this sketch; Gone, who died in Norway at the age of seventy years; Ashia, who came to America and established his home in Wisconsin, where he died at the age of sixty years, leaving seven children, and Anna, who died in Norway at the age of sixty-three.

Adna H. Breiland grew to manhood in Norway and there attended school. He came to Minnesota when twenty-one years old and presently located in Clay county, taking up a pre-emption claim, in 1871, in Moland township. After spending two years on it he gave it up, the grasshoppers having destroyed his crops. He was one of the pioneers of the county and

endured many hardships and privations. His neighbors were few and trading posts were far away. He went back to Houston county, where he had first located, and spent two years there, then left Minnesota and returned to Norway, spending six months there in 1875. After his visit he returned to Houston county, Minnesota, married, and returned to Clay county. In 1877 he bought three hundred and twenty acres in section 23, Kragnes township. It was wild land and he broke up the sod, made all improvements, including the erection of suitable buildings and there he carried on general farming and stock raising with very satisfactory results until 1914, when he retired from active life and has since made his home in Moorhead, renting out his farm. He owns a nice home in the county seat and is very comfortably situated.

Mr. Breiland was married in 1876 to Gro TeErken, who was born in Wisconsin, in December, 1853. He took his wife on a trip to Norway with him in 1896. Her parents finally came to Houston county, Minnesota, where they owned a good farm. They are both now deceased. Two of their sons still live on the homestead there. Mr. and Mrs. Breiland have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Dena, who is now Mrs. Clarence E. Bergland and is living at Columbus, Montana. Politically, Mr. Breiland is a Republican and has filled public offices in Kragnes township. He was a member of the first township board and served as supervisor for many years, and was also treasurer of the school board. He belongs to the Norwegian Lutheran church, and while living on the farm was a trustee of the same.

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#### LEO J. ROLLE.

Leo J. Rolle, one of the prominent residents of Borup, Norman county, Minnesota, was born in Helling, Luxemburg, Europe, on April 18, 1873, and is the son of Joseph and Anna (Boever) Rolle, also natives of Luxemburg, who were there educated in the local public schools. They were of the farming class and were reared on the farm. After their marriage they established their home in the land of their nativity, where they continued to live until the year 1881, when they felt that they could better their condition by coming to America. That year they arrived in Minnesota, and purchased railroad land in Mary township, Norman county, and began the development of their future home. The farm was increased to four hundred and eighty acres of splendid land; much of which had been put under