

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.

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

cultivation and improved before the death of Mr. Rolle in the year 1888. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Rolle moved to Borup, where she died in 1911. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rolle were most excellent people, and brought with them, from their native land, the Luxemburger spirit of progress, economy and patriotism. They soon entered into the spirit of the new life of their new home and were among the prominent residents of the new district, with the general development of which they had so much to do. Mr. Rolle was a member of the local school board, a position he was well fitted by training and education to fill, and to him and such as he was due much of the success of the early schools of his home township. Mr. and Mrs. Rolle were members of the Catholic church, reared their children in the faith of the church and were ever devoted to the cause of Christianity. They were the parents of eight children, Joseph, Eugene J., Baptist J., Prosper, Leo J., Adolph J., Sophia and Lillie Helena.

Leo J. Rolle received his early educational training in the schools of his native land and completed his schooling in the early schools of Mary township, Norman county, Minnesota. He was reared on the home farm in that township and early in life became impressed with the independent life of the farmer. He remained on the home farm, with the exception of two years that he spent on a farm in Canada, until 1913, when he came to Borup, where he has since made his home. During his active life on the old home place of four hundred and eighty acres, he placed much of the tract under cultivation. The family had settled on the tract when it was all raw prairie, and had transformed it into well-cultivated fields, and improved the same with splendid buildings. Since locating in the town of Borup, Mr. Rolle has devoted his time to some farming at the edge of the town, and does an extensive business in contract team work.

On October 30, 1900, Leo J. Rolle was married to Lena Schmitknecht, a native of the state of Wisconsin and the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Salvey) Schmitknecht. Her parents were born in Germany and were there educated and there they grew to maturity. Andrew Schmitknecht was married twice; first, in Rochester, New York, and moved to Wisconsin, where his wife died. Then he married Mary Salvey and lived in Wisconsin until the year 1879, when they came to Norman county, Minnesota. Here the father homesteaded a farm in Hagen township, and at once began the development and improvement of their new home. The mother did not live long to enjoy her new home on the prairie farm, she having died in the year 1881. The father later died in the state of Wisconsin.

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