

spending several winters in the meantime in attendance at Concordia College, from the classical department of which institution he was graduated in 1901. The next year he entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota and was graduated from that institution in 1906. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Vistaunet was appointed an interne in the St. Paul city hospital and after thirteen months of very valuable practice in that institution became engaged in the office of Quain & Ramstad, physicians, at Bismarck, North Dakota, where he remained three months. He then opened an office at Lake Park, this state, and was engaged in practice at that place for five months, at the end of which time he formed a connection with his brother in the practice of his profession at Thief River Falls, but three months later, in 1908, moved to Badger, up in Roseau county, where he practiced for six months, the first half of 1909, at the end of which time he came down to Norman county and located at Halstad. In the spring of 1910 Doctor Vistaunet moved from Halstad to Shelly, where he ever since has been quite successfully engaged in practice. The doctor is a member of the Red River Valley Medical Association, in the deliberations of which organization he takes an active and an earnest interest, and ever keeps fully abreast of the wonderful advancement that is being made in his profession. He is a member of the Lutheran church and takes a proper interest in church affairs, as well as in the general good works of the community in which he lives.

JENS ANDERSON.

Jens Anderson, one of the pioneers of Clay and Norman counties, and now a retired farmer, who owns four hundred and eighty acres of Minnesota land, one-half section in Lee township, Norman county, where he lives, and a quarter section near Thief River Falls, Minnesota, is a native of Norway, born on February 7, 1840, a son of Andrew and Pethrina (Strand) Anderson, both natives of Norway, where they grew up, married and reared their family. The former, who was born in 1802, carried on agricultural pursuits during the summer on the farm, which he owned, and in the winter, as a fisherman, gathered of the wide harvest along the deeply indented coast of his native country. After his death in 1852 the old farm was sold. The mother, who was born in 1820, remained in Norway and there died in 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of two children, the one besides the subject of this sketch being Peder, who is married and is living in northern Minnesota.

Jens Anderson spent his boyhood days on the old home farm back in the land of his nativity, where he received the valuable training which has been so useful to him since he began farming in this country. In the public schools of that country he received his elementary education. Until he was sixteen years of age he remained with his mother, helping and aiding in the cultivation of the old home farm. Immediately after his marriage, in 1869, he and his bride decided to come to America, the land of opportunity, and here establish their home. The voyage across the Atlantic was uneventful, and, after their landing, they came on out to Minnesota, locating for a short time with an uncle of Mr. Anderson, who lived in Houston county. They remained there for five months looking over the land, and in the early winter of the year of their immigration to this country took a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in sections 19 and 20 of Moorhead township, Clay county, where they lived for eleven years, improving the land. At the end of that time, Mr. Anderson bought a half section of land in Lee township, Norman county, in section 9; to which the family removed, renting his homestead in Clay county until three years ago, when he sold it. With his characteristic industry and thrift he began the improvement of his new holding in Lee township, and now, included with his splendid farm plant, has a beautiful farm home, which is equipped with the modern farm-house conveniences. He carried on general diversified farming until four years ago when he retired and has since rented out his farm. In the early years of the settlement of this country, oxen comprised the chief draft animals, and for five or six years, Mr. Anderson worked two yokes; he also was a dealer in oxen and found a ready sale for the animals in those early days of the Red River country.

It was on June 28, 1869, that Jens Anderson was married to Pethrine Eliason, who was born on July 1, 1836, a daughter of Elias Jensen and Dorothea Pedersen. She came to America with her husband in the year of their marriage and died in 1892. To that union were born four children, three of whom are living and one who died in infancy. Anna and Kathinka have both proved up homesteads in Montana. Einar is married and lives in Perley. Mr. Anderson has always been a devoted and active member of the Lutheran church, as was his wife, and he helped to organize two churches of that denomination in pioneer days, and is at this time a trustee of one of them.

Mr. Anderson has also been very active in the civil affairs of the communities in which he has lived. While he was a resident of Clay county he was a member of the Moorhead township board, and since his removal

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.

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