

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,

Christina (who died in the spring of 1916), Iver, Mary, Andrew, Charles H., Henry, George, Albert and Rudolph.

Charles H. Hammerud was but a few months old when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Becker county, Minnesota, and there he attended the district schools of Lake Park township. About 1902 he began farming where he now lives in Humboldt township, Clay county, and he has remained here ever since, carrying on general farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. He now operates two hundred acres, one hundred and twenty of which he owns. His land is well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. He has a comfortable home and such outbuildings as his needs require. The rest of the land—eighty acres—belongs to his father-in-law. He built the fine barn now to be seen on the place.

Mr. Hammerud was married in 1906 to Gene Olson, who was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, and whose parents moved during the days of her childhood to Humboldt township, Clay county, locating on the place where the subject of this sketch now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Hammerud have two children, Agnes and Helmer. Politically, Mr. Hammerud is independent and he and his wife belong to the Lutheran church.

JACOB HADLER.

Jacob Hadler, a former member of the board of commissioners of Norman county and a well-known and well-to-do retired merchant of Ada, a landowner in Pleasant View township, secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company at Ada and in other ways actively identified with the affairs of this section, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was fifteen years of age and of Norman county since 1879, having been a homesteader there in the days before the formal organization of the county as a civic entity. He was born in the village of Neuenfelde, near the city of Hamburg, on March 5, 1854, son of Jacob and Marget (Hadler) Hadler, natives of that same village, who died when he was a child. The elder Jacob Hadler was a farmer and he and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch is now the only survivor.

Orphaned at the age of seven years, Jacob Hadler was reared by a maternal aunt and remained in his native Germany until he was fifteen