the son of Connie Lunde who is the only great-grandson. Opal lives at Fargo, North Dakota. Ole Bramseth moved to the farm when he first got married; then he moved to Kari Bramseth and farmed with his brother, Henry, but when the World War I broke out, Henry was called to service so the folks moved to the farm Mrs. Sander Aker now resides on. They were there for 12 years then moved to the place he now owns and was there till he retired and moved to town in the early '60s. He raised potatoes, grain and also stock.

HELMER AND HANNAH BANGEN

Helm was the son of Hans and Elina Bangen, early pioneers in the Valley. Hans came to this area in the early 1870's, and homesteaded in Vineland Township. Hannah is the daughter of the late Hans and Severina Berg, also pioneers in the Climax area.

Hannah and Helmer were married in 1925. They made their home at the Bangen farm for a number of years. In 1931, they purchased the Berg farm. This was Hannah's home where she lived as a child. The log house where Hannah still lives was built entirely by her father. This house is close to one hundred years old and is located about six miles north west of Climax along the highway 220.

Helmer and Hannah farmed, raised mostly small grains. They also kept a number of cattle and horses. Most farmers kept cattle at that time as there was a lot of waste land along the Red River that couldn't be farmed. Helmer passed away in 1971 after a lingering illness. Helmer had three daughters with his first wife, Mildred, Ruby, and Phyllis. Helmer and Hannah had five children. Harold who married Harriet Herberg of Crookston lives in Missoula, Montana. They have six children.

Orlean married Shirley Hanson of Ada, Minnesota. They are living on the home farm where they built their home. He is farming Hannah's land raising small grains and sugar beets. They have seven children. Irving lives in Missoula, Montana and he has four children. Arlene, Mrs. Harold Wokasch, lives in Lake Wood, California. She has four children. Roger married the former Maryls Peterson from Fisher. They have three children and live in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

HANS H. BERG

Hans Berg was born in Toten, Norway, December 7, 1839. His father was a farmer and a blacksmith and Hans followed the same occupation. He remained at home until the age of twenty-five. He married Tidna Thompson and they sailed for America two years later. It took five weeks and four days to reach Quebec, from which point they went to Freeborn County, Minnesota. The year of his residence there he hired out to others and then he spent six years at the blacksmith trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Berg came to Vineland Township in August 1873. It took them one month to complete the journey as it was made by oxen and they also herded other stock along the route. They arrived at their destination too late to break up land for farming so he went to work cutting hay for the stock as well as making a shelter for the stock and themselves for the coming winter. He built his own log house with the assistance of his wife. It had no floor, door or window. He later built a large house which was also constructed of logs. He also built a large barn for the stock.

The following summer Mr. Berg went to Oak Lake, Becker County and filed on one hundred thirty-five acres of land in Section 10, Vineland Township where he made his home all his life. He added to his farm and finally owned three hundred acres of land. Mrs. Berg died in 1884.

In 1886, Mr. Berg married Syverine Hanstad. The following children were born to this union: Karine, Mrs. Einer Thune; Hilda, Mrs. Knute Stortroen; Emma, Mrs. Arthur Thompson; Sarah, Mrs. Anton Bangen; Laura, Mrs. Helmer Bangen; Hans, and Hannah, who later married Helmer Bangen after Laura died.

Mr. Berg marketed his first wheat at a flatboat near Fog Point, later called Belmont. This boat was owned by Clark and McClure and the wheat was shipped north to Manitoba, Canada for seed.

The Red River flood of 1897, followed a hard snowy winter, flooded Hans' land around his barn and forced him to make efforts to save his stock. He put his calves and sheep in the hayloft and kept his large stock outside on the prairie until the water subsided. The woods were infested with mosquitoes and the only relief for the stock was to build a smudge.

Mr. Berg raised small grain as well as a fruit orchard. In his orchard were various fruit trees: apples, plums, cherries; some berries; currants, gooseberries and others. He also had his own blacksmith shop. He was interested in local affairs and served as chairman of the Town Board for six years and as the School District Treasurer for twenty-five years. Both he and his wife were active in Church affairs.

Mr. Berg died in 1909 and Mrs. Berg died in 1930. The log house is still in excellent condition and is occupied by Mrs. Helmer Bangen, a daughter. Orlean Bangen, a grandson, lives on the farm also in a new house.

MR. AND MRS. AUGUST BUNESS

August Buness was born in Sweden and came to America at an early age. His family settled in the Maple Bay area. Sena Glaserud was born on the home farm in Vineland Township just south of Eldred, Minnesota. She was married to August Buness in 1908. At that time they operated a small store at Maple Lake, near Mentor, Minnesota. In 1911 they opened the Eldred Hotel which they operated for many years, and Mr. Buness also operated the local blacksmith shop. In later years the Buness family lived for a time on the Hans Valer farm south of Eldred, and also on the G. W. Mariner farm, north of Eldred before moving to the Glaserud farm.

August Buness passed away in 1939 and Sena Buness in 1969. They were the parents of eight children, four boys and four girls: Kenneth and Myron of Crookston; Vernon of Eldred; and Alton of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. The four daughters were Mrs. Adeline Lindquist of Crookston; Mrs. Thelma Will and Gladys Buness both of Louisville, Kentucky; and Mrs. Andy (Marlys) Carey of Moorhead, Minnesota.

MRS. CORA ENGBRETSON

Cora Engebretson has spent her entire life in Polk County. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon, were early pioneers, having homesteaded in Vineland Township. Cora married Ingval Engebretson in 1925. They lived only a short distance from the Gordon farm. This was their home until Ingval passed away in 1966. Cora continued living on the farm until she purchased a home in Climax in 1972.

Ingval and Cora had two children: Milfred, the eldest, married Beulah Gjestrud and they have two children, Mark and Linda (Mrs. Al Voulk) of St. Stephen, Minnesota. Chilas, (Mrs. Don Cochrane) lives at Parshall, North Dakota. The Cochrane's have four sons. Milfred lives in Climax and teaches mechanics and is custodian at Climax Public Schools.

Cora has been a life long member of Sand Hill Lutheran Church.

ESTEN AND KAREN ESTENSON

Esten Estenson was born at Euclid, Green County, Wisconsin, February 22, 1860 and came to Freeborn County, Minnesota and in 1871 they came to Polk County, Climax, Minnesota.