

Lasse Bendickson and Pernille Lassedtr , Charter Members of West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

A large grave marker¹ at the Monson Lake Church (formerly called the 1st West Norway Lake Church) gives these dates for Lasse: born, Apr 13, 1833; died Feb 15, 1903. Likewise, a marker for "Pernilla" has the inscription 1833-1910. Baptism records² from Sogn og Fjordane confirm Lasse's birth date and list the parents as Bendix Lassesen Sanden and Synneve Ingebriksdattar. For Pernille, the same source gives Dec 22, 1833 as her birthdate and Lasse Lassesen Lyktebø and Anna Nielsdattar as her parents.

Lasse and Pernille were married at Sogn og Fjordane Norway on Apr 22, 1865³, in the parish identified as 1416. Both were living in Lavik. Pernille's birth year is given incorrectly as 1834. Her birthplace is given as Brekke. Checking a map, we see that Lavik and Brekke or on opposite sides of the Sognefjord.

In the 1875 Minnesota state census⁴, Lasse Bendicksen is found in Kandiyohi County with wife Pernille and children Nels (age 9), Anne S. (8), Bendick (6), Lewis (3), and Ingeborg (1). All children were born in Minnesota.

In the 1880 US census, there is Lars Bendikson (age 47) in Norway Lake Township of Kandiyohi County. Also in the household are wife Pernille (46), the children listed above (although with minor variations in spelling) and two additional children: Peter M. (4) and Berte (1). This record was transcribed from handwritten, which accounts for some of the variation in spelling.

In the 1900 US census⁵, Lasse is found in Norway Lake Township of Kandiyohi County. With him are three children: Bendick (age 31), Lewis (28), Ingebor (26), and PeterM. (23). Pernille is not listed. It is further seen that Lasse immigrated to the US 1865, is a naturalized citizen, and owns a farm.

The following from a 1986 church booklet⁶ sums up the life of Lasse and Pernille Bendickson.

Lasse Bendickson (1833-1903)

Lasse Bendickson Sande, from Sogn, Norway. He married Pernille Brekke (1833-1910) in Norway. They came to Goodhue County, Minnesota in 1865, and to Norway Lake in 1866. They had 7 children: Nels, Anna, Bendick, Louis, Ingeborg, Peter, and Bertha. Several grandchildren still live in the Norway Lake and Willmar area.

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1 [Www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

2 <http://gda.arkivverket.no/cgi-win/webcens.exe?slag=visbase&filnamn=sogndaap&spreek=n&metanr=1386>

3 <http://gda.arkivverket.no/cgi-win/webcens.exe?slag=visbase&filnamn=sognvigd>

4 <http://people.mnhs.org/finder/census/464185>

5 Viewed at www.archives.com.

6 "Sing to the Lord...", *Monson Lake Lutheran Church, Sunburg, Minnesota. 1886-1986*. Leonora Lindquist, Nora Gjerde, Cora Lesteberg, Rev. Jerry Lamb, Centennial Committee.