

Iver Dale^{1,2} and Inga Iverson, Charter Members of West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Listed among the immigrants that came to the Norway Lake area in 1874, a local church history book³ has this:
"Iver Dale, born in Hardanger. Came to Wisconsin 1856. Married with Inga Iverson, from Hardanger."

A more recent local church history book⁴ has this:

Iver Dale came from Hardanger, Wisconsin in 1856. He married Inga Iverson Torblaa. They came to Swift County Minnesota in 1867. They had 8 children: Cornell, Louis, Elmer, Selma, Jennie, Nora, Ellen and Inger.

A large tombstone⁵ at Monson Lake Lutheran Church is inscribed

Iver I. Dale, Jun 13, 1846 – Sept 15, 1915 and

Inga Dale, Mar 5, 1847– Mar 19, 1917.

Baptism records from Ulvik parish, Hordaland, Norway show an Iver, born 12 (maybe 13) June 1846 but the parents' names are not readable. In the same parish, there is a baptism record⁶ (also hard to read) for Inga, born 5 March 1847 to Ole Øriansen and Inga Pedersdatter.

Church exit records from Ulvik Parish, Hordaland, Norway, although hard to read, appear to show that a family, including Inga age 6, left on 25 April 1854 bound for America⁷. The record for Iver was not found.

Church records⁸ from Trempeleau County, WI has this marriage entry, dated May 16, 1868:

Iver Iversen Dale, age 22, son of Ole Iversen and Bejga Ellingsdatter Dale, Granum Parish, Norway

Inga Knudsdatter, age 21, daughter of Knud Øriansen and Inga Mikkelsdatter from Granum Parish, Norway.

(In fact, it was later learned that the parish was Granvin, not Granum.)

Local church baptism records⁹ list 3 of Iver and Inga's children: Coren Johan, 1873; Selma Semina, 1875; Jenny Adelline, 1878.

In the 1885 census for Hayes Township, Swift County there is Iver J. Dale (38), Jorga (37), Ellen (15), Lewis (14), Salma (9), Gini (7), Allmar (4), Cornet (2). The parents were born in Norway, the children in Minnesota.

The 1900 census for Hayes Township, Swift County states that Iver was born June 1846 in Norway and immigrated in 1856. Inga was born March 1847 in Norway and immigrated in 1854. They had been married 32 years and she was the mother of 8 children, all living. [The last statement is probably not correct - the Estrem-Kramm tree on Ancestry.com lists 12 births, some dying young.]

A 1900 Veterans Census¹⁰ shows that Iver Dale enlisted in the 25 Wisconsin Infantry on 23 September 1864 and served 9 months.

In the 1905 census for Hayes Township, Swift County there is Iver E. Dale (59), Inga (58), Elmer J. (24), Cornell (22), Inger L. (18), Denora L. (13).

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1 Information on Norway roots of these two was shared by the Estrem-Kramm family though their postings on Ancestry.com.

2 A far more complete biography of this couple has been prepared by Patricia Lindgren, lindgrpa@gmail.com

3 Festschrift, Page 11 of the English version published by Peter Gandrud. NOTE: the date 1874 is in doubt, as there is a record from the Norway Lake congregation that son Cornel was baptised there in June of 1873.

4 From Monson Lake Lutheran Church, Sunburg, Minnesota. 1886-1986. Edited by Leonora Lindquist, Nora Gjerde, Cora Lesteburg, Rev. Jerry Lamb.

5 Findagrave.com

6 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8314/55> and <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8314/61>

7 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8315/192>

8 Congregational Records, Beaver Creek Congregation, Trempeleau County, WI. Page 251 or Image 96 Accessed via the Estrem Kramm family records posted on Ancestry.com.

9 Microfilm records of the First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake, accessed via Amazon.com; images Images 52, 59, 67, respectively.

10 1900 Veterans Schedule Census for Hayes and Kidare Townships, Swift County, MN. Accessed via the Estrem Kramm family records posted on Ancestry.com.