

## **Knud Gandrud and Birgit Andersdatter, Charter members West Norway lake Church**

Knud Pederson was born 4 Feb 1835 in Fla local parish, Hallingdal Norway. His parents were Peder Anderson 1805-1874 and Kari Knudsdatter 1811-1892.

Knud Pederson Ganderud married Birgit Andersdatter Viigeie 23 March 1864 in Fla. She was born 6 June 1842 to Anders Olson Geiliongjeie 1801-? and Mari Aslesdatter 1815-?.

Knud and Birgit had 2 children in Norway, Peder born 29 Nov 1863 and Mari born 30 Nov 1865.

Knud and Birgit emigrated 23 Mar 1867 from Fla, Hallingdal, Norway. Knud as Knud Pederson Ganderud. Also emigrating with them were Knud's brother Gulbrand and his wife Marthe, Birgit's sister Kari, Kari's husband Halvor Evenson and their son Anders. Kari and Birgit's parents Anders Olson and Mari Aslesdatter also left with them. The group left Drammen May 3<sup>rd</sup> and arrived in Quebec June 11<sup>th</sup>.

They traveled first to Ridgeway, Winneshiek County, Iowa where Knud and Birgits son Andreas was born 1 Sept 1868. By 1870 they are living in Hayes Township, Swift County. Their daughter Kari was born there 22 Sept 1870 and baptized 20 Nov 1870 at the Norway Lake Church.

Knud and Birgit had 7 more children in Minnesota, all baptized at Norway Lake for a total of 11.

1. Peder: born 29 Nov 1863, died 28 Sept 1913 ND, married Anna Marie Bronseth, 4 children
2. Mari: born 30 Nov 1865, died 25 Mar 1916 Enger ND ,married Gulbrand Fingalson Enger, 1 child
3. Andreas: born 1 Sept 1868, died 12 May 1936, Alamo, Williams ND, married Brita B. Nilson 2 children
4. Kari: born 22 Sept 1870, died 19 Jan 1927 WNL, single
5. Knut: born 13 Nov 1872, died 8 April 1930 WNL, single
6. Liv: born 27 Jan 1875, died 12 April 1922 Traill City, ND, married Peder Fingalson Enger, 5 children
7. Oline: born 4 Feb 1877, died 1926 Alamo, Williams ND, married Anton Amundson, 5 children
8. Caroline: born 27 April 1878, died 25 Jan 1925 Steel City ND , married Anders Amundson, 4 children
9. Bertine : born 15 June 1880, died 15 Oct 1977 Glenwood Minn, married John Roisum, 3 children
10. Theoline: born 18 may 1882, died 28 July 1920 WNL, single
11. Ole: born 1 Dec 1884, died 1964 WNL, single

Knud homesteaded 160 acres in Sec 3 [SE¼] and also had 80 acres adjoining in Sec 10 [NE¼ and NW ¼ of NE ¼] The 1907 plat map shows he has increased his acreage to 105 acres in Sec 10 for a total of 265 acres.

Knud adds Ganderud, the farm he emigrated from, then Gandrud starting with the baptismal record of Kari in 1870. His land is listed on the 1886 plat map under Knud P. Gandrud. The 1880 census lists him as Peterson but the 1885 says Gandrud.

Knud dies suddenly 30 Nov 1892 of heart trouble at age 57. Birgit dies 9 May 1926, age 83, after being bedridden for 7 years according to her obituary. She was preceded in death by 6 of her 11 children. Services for Birgit were held at the Monson Lake Church, Rev H E Baalson presiding. She was buried alongside her husband in the West Norway Lake Cemetery.

Sources:

- Digitalarkviet- birth and marriage record
- Norway Heritage
- Swift County Historical Society - obituaries and plat maps
- Ancestry Public Member Trees
- Ancestry.com

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Footnote: Birgit was the spelling of her name in the birth records in Norway. In America she often went by Berit.