

ANDREW OLSSON HENJUM and MARTHA JOHANNESDATTER, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Church.

Andrew O. Henjum was born on the Henjum Farm in Leikanger Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway on April 2, 1836 to Ole Christopherson (1803-1849) and Durdei Hansdatter (1800-1860).

In 1864, Andrew married Martha A. Johannesdatter in Leikanger. Martha was the daughter of Johannes Johannesson and Johanna Endresdatter who lived on the Røysum farm. Their first child, Kristi Andersdatter was born on February 19, 1865. In 1866, they decided to go to America arriving in Fillmore County, Minnesota that same year. On April 3, 1869, their second child Ole Anders Henjum was born in Fillmore County and they arrived at Norway Lake later that same year. They joined the Norway Lake congregation in 1869.

Andrew and Martha farmed all their lives in Sections 21 and 28 of Arctander Township. Andrew was elected as one of the first trustees of the East congregation when the log church was split into an East and West congregation. He later joined First Lutheran where he was a member when he died on March 9, 1916. His wife Martha died on May 14, 1901 and they are both buried in the First Lutheran of Norway Lake Cemetery.

They had five children who survived.

- Kristi (1865-1932) who married Lars Otterness and is buried in Garretson, South Dakota,
- Ole A. Henjum (1869-1912) who is buried at First Lutheran of Norway Lake,
- Davena (1871-1968) who married Andrew Larson is buried at Salem Lutheran Church in Isanti County, Minnesota, and
- John Andrew Henjum (1876-1963) who married Alfreda Lindgren.

John and Alfreda took over the home place and had twelve children, many of whom remained in the community: Marvin, Orville, Julian, Elwood, Janette (Mrs. Olaf Rood), Harold, Francis (Mrs. Reuben Skoglund), Una (Mrs. Kermit Reigstad), Burton, Wilbur, Deloris (Mrs. Henry Roen), and Ramona (Mrs. Edward Frink). John and Alfreda are buried at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake Cemetery.

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