

Engebret E. Holum and Anna Simonsdatter, Charter members West Norway Lake Lutheran

Ingebrigt Ericksen was born 30 July 1830 in Leikanger Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway. His parents were Erich Ingebrigtson Grinde and Anna Andersdatter Houglom.

He married Anna Simonsdatter 17 May 1858 in Leikanger local parish, Leikanger, Sogn og Fjordane. Anna was born there 1 Feb 1826 to Simon Olson Wangness and Ingerie Olsdatter.

Ingebrigt and Anna had 3 children in Norway, all born in Leikanger Parish.

1. Simon Ingebrigtson born 18 Oct 1859,
2. Erik Ingebrigtson, born 7 Mar 1862
3. Anne Ingebrigtsdatter born 11 Nov 1864.

The family of 5 left the parish for America 30 Mar 1865, Ingebrigt as Ingebrigt Eriksen Grinde.

They settled first in the Mt Horeb area of Dane County, Wisconsin joining Ingebrigt's younger brother Anders Eriksen Houglom and his wife Sigrid Andersdatter. They had left Leikanger Parish for America 17 April 1861.

Anders was the first to adopt the name Holum derived from Houglom. Ingebrigt followed his brother in using Holum, but also continued to use Ericksen, 1880's census being an example.

Their 4th child, born in Dane County, was

4. Ole Eriksen, 14 Nov 1867 and baptized 1 Dec 1867 at Perry Norwegian Lutheran Church.

The family moved to Norway Lake Township around 1870. Ingebrigt homesteaded in Section 10 [NE1/4] as Ingebrigt Holum. He is awarded title 1 Nov 1875. Their last child was

5. Inger Marie, born 12 Nov 1871 and baptized 11 Feb 1872 at Norway Lake Lutheran.

The family returns to Dane County, Wisconsin shortly after the 1880 census. Simon and his family remain on the homestead. He is listed as the owner on the 1886 plat map. The family settles in Springdale and Ole is confirmed 30 Jul 1882 at Springdale Lutheran Church. The 1885 census places Ingebrigt, Anna and Inger Marie in the town of Springdale in Dane County, Wisconsin.

The family returns to Minnesota sometime between the 1885 census and his death in 1898. A strong possibility is they moved back to Norway Lake in 1895 after the marriage of Inger Marie to Simon Eggum. Ingebrigt and Anne could also have moved back earlier and lived with their son Simon on the family homestead. Simon leaves around 1898 and homesteads in Clearwater County.

Ingebrigt passed away 4 Mai 1898, age 67, and is buried 9 Mai at South Lake Johanna Church.

Anna is living with her daughter Inger Marie and her husband Simon Olson Eggum in Norway Lake Township in the 1900 census. She remains with Inger Marie who has been widowed by the time of the 1910 census. Sometime after 1910 they move to the town of Brooten in Pope/Stearns County. Anna passes away 25 June 1918, at 92 years of age, and is buried in the South Lake Johanna cemetery.

All 5 of the children survived to adulthood and married:

- Simon: born 18 Oct 1859, died 6 Aug 1943, married Pernille Hanson, 10 children
- Erik: born 7 Mar 1862, died 30 May 1939 ND, married Ellen Marie Hagen, 7 children
- Anne: born 11 Nov 1864, died 9 Apr 1938, married Johan Nelson, 6 children
- Ole: born 12 Nov 1867, died 28 Nov 1946, ND, married Alice Blanche Ames, 8 children
- Inger Marie: born 12 Nov 1871, died 4 Jan 1952, married Simon Olson Eggum, 5 children

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Sources:

- Digitalarkviet- birth marriage and emigration records
- Family Search
- Ancestry. Com and Ancestry public member trees
- State and Federal censuses
- US Land records
- 1886 Plat map

Footnote: Simon was appointed postmaster of the Holum Post Office in 6 April 1891 and for another term 6 April 1894