

Gunder O. and Ingeborg Kambestad, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

In modern Norway, there is one Kambestad (or Kambastad) farm¹. It is in Ullensvang Parish, Hordaland County.

Church baptism records from Ullensvang Parish show² a Gunnar, born 11 July 1843 to Ole Gunnarsen Kambestad and Torbjør Larsdatter. Also shown³ is an Ingeborg, born 15 March 1847 to Erik Torundsen Oppedal and Kristi Jacobsdatter. (Both records are hard to read so the spelling may be in error.)

Gunder appears in the 1865 census of Norway. He is in his father's household⁴, helping with the farm work.

Marriage records from Ullensvan Parish have an entry⁵ dated 20 April 1869, in which the groom is Gunder of Kambestad and the bride is Ingebor of Oppedal. Their ages, respectively, are 25 and 21. Their fathers, respectively, are Ole Gundersen Kambestad and Erik unreadable unreadable.

Passengers aboard the bark Erling Skjalgeson that departed Bergen 12 May 12 1869 included⁶ Gunder Olsen Kambestad, age 25 and Ingeborg Eriksdatter Helland, age 24, both from Kinservig. (There is a Helleland farm in modern Ullensvang Parish. Evidently, Ingeborg identified with that farm.)

The name Gunder Kambestad appears in a local county history book⁷, showing that Gunder homesteaded in section 28 of Arctander Township, Kandiyohi County. The homestead date was December 13, 1872. Lars O. Kambestad, perhaps Gunder's brother, homesteaded in the same section on the same date.

Residents in the G.O. Kambestad household - information from census records⁸.

Beginning in 1910, there was a change of location from Arctander Township to New London.

Many records were hard to read, so some of the ages discrepancies across censuses may be simple misreading.

Given names	Age in census:					
	1875	1880	1900	1905	1910	1920
(Last names Kambestad, except as noted)						
G.O. or Gunder O.	32	36	56	61	67	76
Ingeborg	27	30	53	58	63	73
Theoline, Thea	4	9			39	45
Ole	2	7	27			
Christine, Kristine	1	6		29		
Lars O. (perhaps a brother of Gunder)	26					
Gina		4				
Edward		2 mo	20	25		
Emma			15			33
Selma			13		23	
Elsie Shipstad (relationship unknown)				23		

Gunder and Ingeborg lie at rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery in New London, Minnesota, Their tombstones read:

- Gunder Kambestad, 1843-1928
- Ingeborg Kambestad, 1847-1928

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1 Norwayparishes.com

2 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/11718/75>

3 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/11718/96>

4 http://www.rhd.uit.no/folketellinger/ftliste_e.aspx?ft=1865&knr=1230&kenr=008&bnr=0026&lnr=000

5 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/11729/174>

6 Norwayheritage.com

7 <http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15160coll5/id/944>

8 All census records located and accessed via Ancestry.com. Kanbestad descendants have many family trees on Ancestry.com.