

Halvor Kleive, Charter Member West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Halvor Nielsen was born 21 Feb 1813 to Niels Halvorsen [1775-1845] and Ragne Steinarsdatter [1782-1847] Eggedal, Buskerud , Norway.

Halvor married Christi Ellingsdatter on 15 June 1850 in Eggedal Parish, Sigdal, Buskerud, Norway. Christi was born 9 June 1813 to Elling Sebjornsen and possibly Sigrí Jonsdatter. The family address was Klev.

Three children were born during their marriage:

1. Niels : born 19 Nov 1850, died 13 Mar 1926, married Ragne Ellefsdatter
2. Ragne: born 22 Feb 1852, died 18 Mar 1932, married Anders Erickson
3. Kari: born 7 Jan 1856, died 24 Feb 1922, married Andrew Kilen

Christi died 7 Jan 1856 in childbirth. The family was living at Pletaneie farm at the time.

The 1865 Norway census for Sigdal finds Halvor and Nils living at the rural residence Klev nedre. Ragne is working for a nearby family as a servant and I was unable to find a record for Kari.

On 14 April 1866 Halvor and his 3 children sign out of Eggedal Parish for America. He signed out as Halvor Nielsen Klev.

The next record for the family is Ragne's confirmation 5 May 1867 at Holden Lutheran Church in Goodhue County. The second is Ragne's marriage to Anders Erickson at Zion Lutheran 14 Nov 1874 in Faribault, Rice County. The third mention I can find for Halvor is the 1875 Minnesota State Census. He is living with his son Nils Halvorson and daughter-in law Ragne in Norway Lake Township. He is listed as Halvor Nelson

The 1875 census is the last record I can find of Halvor. There are no records of land ownership, nor any mention in any federal census, nor any record of date or place of death.

Halvor's son Nils H. Kleive is also a charter member of West Norway Lake Lutheran.

Sources:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church Records
- Digitalarkviet
- Ancestry.com
- Ancestry public member trees

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