

Olaus E. Landsverk and Karen Andrea Jacobsen, Charter members East Norway Lake Church

Although his signature on the East Norway Lake charter was Olaus E. His birth name was Ellef Olaus. He was born 22 Feb 1842 in Evje Parish, Aust Agder, Norway to John Ellefson and Anne Olsdatter Landsvaerk.

Ellef emigrated in the early 1860's but I couldn't find a record of him leaving from Evje parish. He first settled in Goodhue County, Minnesota and married Karen Marie Olsdatter Huset.

Karen Marie was born 5 Mar 1842 to Ole Olsen Huset [11 Mai 1790-19Mai 1850] and Anna Halvorsdatter Jontvet [14 Sept 1798-6 may 1851]. The family left Holla Parish, Telemark, Norway for America 5 Mai 1846. They arrived in New York 8 Aug 1846 from Le Havre, France on the Bowditch. Ole Olsen's occupation was listed as doctor. The family settled in Dunkirk, Dane County, Wisconsin.

Ellef Olaus and Karen Marie have one child Carl Albert, born 27 Nov 1864. Karen Marie died the same day and is buried in the Holden Lutheran Church cemetery. Ellef's name is listed on Carl Albert's baptismal record as Olaus Johnson Landsverk.

Ellef moved to Kandiyohi County prior to the 1870 census. He homesteaded in Sec 30 of Arctander Township.

Ellef married Karen Andrea Jacobsen 31 Mar 1871 in the Norway Lake Church.

Karen Andrea was born 16 Jan 1850 in Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin to Johannes Jacobsen [1810-1888 and Kristen Pedersdatter [1816-1890]. The family had emigrated from Holla Parish, Telemark, Norway around 1846. The family moved from Port Washington to Arctander Township prior to the 1870 census and Johannes homesteaded in Sec 20.

Ellef and Karen Andrea have 2 children: Anna Josephine born 21 Dec 1871 and Justin Marcus born 26 Juli 1874. Justin passed away before 1880 and Anna Josephine between 1895 and the death of her mother in 1905.

Ellef died 28 Mar 1878, age 36, and is buried in the East Norway Lake cemetery. Karen sold the farm and she, Anna, and Carl move in with her parents.

Karen Andrea married Charles H. Cox of Ottertail County 18 Oct 1880. They moved to the town of Kerkhoven where he had various jobs. They have one child Charles Raymond, born 29 June 1882. Karen passes away early Nov 1905 after an illness of about 2 years and is buried 8 Nov 1905 in the Kerkhoven cemetery after services in the Presbyterian Church.

Carl Albert Landsverk married Anne Bakkeli. They had 4 children. He passed away 18 Nov 1952 in Cannon City Township, Rice County, Minnesota. He was a farmer

Charles Raymond Cox married Ella and they have one child, Charles D. Cox. Charles Raymond first owned a restaurant and then a grocery store in the town of Kerkhoven. He passed away 22 July 1955.

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Sources

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- 1905 Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County
- Evangelical Lutheran Church records- birth, death and marriage records
- Newspapers.com
- Ancestry Public member trees and Ancestry.com
- Footnotes
- In later years Karen Andrea went by Cara and Carrie
- Only other instance of use of Olaus E. was Anna Josephine's baptismal record. It was later corrected.