

Henrik Larssen and Olia Ellingsdatter, Charter members of East Norway Lake Church

Henrik Larssen was born 20 May 1827, the third of five children born to Lars Ostenson Lauvvikeie.1797 and Anna Henriksdatter Rauk born 1792 in Nes, Hallingdal, Norway. He emigrated to America in 1850 along with his brother Osten Larssen. His sister Kari Larsdatter emigrated in 1868 with husband Tolleiv[Tollef] Thorson and four children.

He married Olia Ellingsdatter around 1858 in Spring Valley, Rock County , Wisconsin. Her parents were Elling Andersen born 11 Dec 1809 in Storruste, Oppland, Norway and Ragnild Halvorsdatter born 24 Sept 1817 in Rakke, Nes, Hallingdal, Norway. Olia was born 18 Dec 1840 in Nes, Hallingdal , Norway.

Olia emigrated in 1858 to Spring Valley. Her parents and younger sister Gunhild emigrated at the same time Ragnild's parents. Halvor Monson Lie Nes, wife Ingeborg and brother Ole had emigrated earlier.

Henrik and Olia's journey from Spring Valley in Wisconsin to Lake Andrew Township Involved several moves. The 1860 census places them in Spring Valley. From there they move to Goodhue County and by 1865 they are in Wheeling Township in Rice County. The 1870 census finds them in Lake Andrew Township.

I have been unable to find any verification he homesteaded or bought public lands in the township, The 1886 plat map shows he owned 160 acres in Section 14 [NW1/4] and 40 acres NE 1/4 of NE ¼ in Section 15. He also owned another 160 acres [SE ¼] in Section 20. The 160 acres he owned in Section 14 had been homesteaded by Olia's father Elling Andersen Storruste. He died in 1878.

Henriks brother Osten and wife Martha and his sister Kari and her husband Tolleiv[Tollef] also moved to Lake Andrew Township and farmed in adjoining property.

Henrik and Olia had 11 children, all of whom survived:

	Name	Birth Date	Birth County	Date of Death	Spouse
1.	Anne	26 June 1859	Rock (Wisc.)		Jens Kristensen
2.	Lars	2 Oct 1861	Goodhue	28 Oct 1940	Helena Eliason
3.	Elling	22 May 1864	Goodhue	14 Feb 1929	Ingeborg Gjerde
4.	Henry	22 Oct 1866	Rice		
5.	Albert	14 April 1869	Rice	21 Feb 1945	
6.	Ragnild Karoline	24 Mar 1871	Kandiyohi	4 April 1918	Fred Anderson
7.	Oluf	14 Sept 1873	Kandiyohi	3 June 1951	
8.	Hans Julius	9 Jan 1876	Kandiyohi	19 Nov 1938	Ellen Julia Nystrom
9.	Bernt Olais	9 Jan 1876	Kandiyohi		
10.	Serine Marie	18 Oct 1877	Kandiyohi	1962	
11.	Edvin	1 April 1880	Kandiyohi		

Henrik gradually became Henry and Larssen became Larson. Henrik died 7 July 1895 and Olia died 30 May 1922. Both are buried at First Lutheran Church of Norway lake.

Sources

- Kandiyohi County Historical Association
- State and Federal censuses
- My heritage (myheritage.com)
- Ancestry (ancestry.com)
- Public member trees

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