

Carl Kittelsen Lund and Johanna Halgrimsdatter, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran

Carl Kittelson Lund wrote his own biography for the Willmar Tribune in May of 1922 for a special edition celebrating the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic].

He stated he was born 4 Oct 1842 near Arendal, Norway. Arendal is a county of Aust-Agder in south east Norway. I found a Carl Berthinius Kittelsen born 4 Oct 1839 in Oiestad, Aust-Agder Norway to Kittel Terjesen and Berthe Johnsdatter. Carl said he started working as a sailor at age 16 and emigrated in July 1859 to Calmar, Iowa. He went to school there for a year. He also worked as a drayman for a local merchant hauling between Calmar and McGregor.

He enlisted 1 Oct 1861 [official records say 16 Oct 1861] as Carl B. Kittelson, age 21. His rank was private. He went missing 6 April 1862 during the Battle of Shiloh. Carl said in his biography he was exchanged after 6 months and joined Sherman's March. He was discharged in 1865 at the expiration of his service.

George Kittelson, age 23 enlisted at the same time from Calmar. Carl Berthinius had an older brother Terge born 27 April 1838. George married in 1867 in Calmar his name listed as Terge Ketilson Lund from Oiestad.

Carl returned to Calmar after the war and started a small grocery store. He stated he married Johanna Halgrimsdatter Gordhamer on 24 Jan 1866. They later operated a hotel in Calmar.

Johanna was born 17 Nov 1846 to Halgrim Jonsen Kjos [1804-1869] and Mari Olsdatter [1812-1900], the fourth of eight children. The family emigrated in the spring of 1856, her father as Halgrim Johnsen Gaardhamer. They settled in Calmar, Iowa.

The 1870 census shows Carl and Johanna living in Willmar. They are using the last name Lund and his occupation is plasterer. His biography states he did this for 2 years before moving to Arctander Township to begin farming. They joined Johanna's parents and several siblings who had moved there in 1869.

The 1886 plat map shows C.K. Lund owns 188.14 acres in section 27, 120 in NE ¼ and 68.14 in NE1/2 of NW ¼. He may have been awarded some or all of this land because he was a civil war veteran.

Carl and Johanna have no biological children. They adopt Inga Mathelda who was born in 1890 in Denmark. The 1905 census said she had been in the U.S. for 9 years. She is confirmed 5 Nov 1905 at East Norway Lake Lutheran, age is listed as 15.

By the 1910 census the family has moved to New London Village and his occupation is mason. They remain in New London Village until their deaths. Johanna dies 30 Oct 1928 at 81 years of age. Carl follows shortly thereafter, 10 Jan 1929 at the age of 89. Cause of death being influenza. They were both buried at East Norway Lake with services at the church.

There are no further mentions of Inga Mathelda after the 1910 census. She is not listed in the obituary.

Johanna's mother Mari Gordhamer, her brother John H Gordhamer and her brother in law John J Gordhamer are all charter members of East Norway Lake Lutheran. They each have their own biography.

Sources

- Willmar Tribune- Carl's obituary
- Ancestry.com Public member trees
- Kandiyohi County Historical Association
- Military Records- U.S. Adjutant General 1886 Plat map of Arctander Township

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