

Ole L. Moe and Eli Ingebrigtsdatter, Charter members West Norway Lake Church

Ole Larsen was born 8 Feb 1830 to Lars Larsen Moe [1807-1875] and Johanne Olsdatter [1807-1870] in Kvam, Hordaland, Norway.

He signed out of Vikoy [Kvam] local parish 5 Mai 1864 as Ole Larsen Mo, destination America. According to the June 1865 census he is living in Vernon Township, Dodge County, Minnesota as Ole L. Moe. His parents, brothers Lars and Svend and their families emigrate in the summer of 1865, leaving the parish 10 April and settle in Meeker County, Minnesota.

Ole marries Eli Ingebrigtsdatter 18 Aug 1865 In Vernon Township. Eli was also known as Ellen.

Eli was born 9 Sept 1842 in Vik, Sogn og Fjordane, the oldest child of Ingebrigt Wiljemson [1811-1880] and Ingeborg Markusdatter [1816-?]. The family emigrated in 1846 and settled in Illinois. The 1850 census places them in Boone, Boone, Illinois using the last name Williamson. The 1860 census has them in Alden, Mc Henry, Illinois. The 1865 census lists an Ellen Williamson living in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minn.

Ole and Eli move to Rochester by 1870. The census lists his occupation as shoemaker. The first 2 children are born before the census.

1. Johanna Marie: born 6 Aug 1867, died 15 June 1947 Velva City N.D., married Charlie Johnson, 11 children
2. Ida Emilia: born 8 May 1869, died 6 April 1950, Kerkhoven, married Oscar Nelson, no children

Ole and Eli moved to Kerkhoven Township, Swift County by 1872 and had 4 more children. All the children were baptized at the Norway Lake Church.

3. Lewis/Louis Norman: born 24 Oct 1872, died 29 Nov 1900
4. Wilber/Wilbur Ingeman: born 26 Nov 1875, died 9 Nov 1900
5. Oleanna: born 24 Dec 1879, died 28 Oct 1955 Canada, married John M. Johnson, 4 children
6. Elling George: born 1882, died 1883

Ole homesteaded 160 acres in Kerkhoven Township, Swift County in Section 30 [W1/2 of NE ¼ and S1/2 of NW ¼]. He was awarded his land patent 30 June 1884.

Ole died 16 Sept 1899, age 69. He is buried in the Frank Lake Covenant Church cemetery, Hayes Township, Swift County with son Elling. He was joined by his 2 sons in 1900, Wilbur, 9 Nov and Lewis 29 Nov. Both died of typhoid fever.

Eli had moved to St Paul after Ole's death and was living with Ida and Oleanna who were working as a cook and waitress respectively. By the 1905 census Eli and Oleanna have returned to the farm and farming. The 1910 census places Eli in Fillmore Township, Divide, North Dakota with Ida and her husband Oscar Nelson. In 1921 she is living in Alberta, Canada with Oleanna, her husband John M. Johnson and their 4 children.

Eli dies 21 April 1923, age 81 in Velva City, Mc Henry County N.D., the home of Johanna Johnson, her oldest child. She is buried in the Velva Cemetery as Ellen Moe.

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