

Erik and Anne Negaard, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Erik Olson Andråsberget (Negaard) was born on May 4, 1842 in Søndre Bakken, Koppang.

His father was Ole Olsen Andraasberg b. 1802. Listed in 1875 Census as a tenant Søndre Andråsberget (a cotter's farm, belonging to the Koppang farms), Koppang. This is Southern Andråsberget .

On November 9, 1929 Erik's father married Goro Ericson Negaard, b. September 26, 1806 (daughter of Erik Eriksen Westgaard and Ingeborg Envoldsdtr Negaard)

Erik was the only one of the family to leave Norway.

The 1875 Census lists his older brother, Ole Olsen Andråsberget as "helping his parents" living on the farm at Andråsberget. Ole was born June 20, 1831 and died October 12, 1895 in Norway.

Erik had a younger sister Ingeborg Olsdtr Koppang born May 9, 1850 at Andråsberget, died June 7, 1938 in Nystu Trønnes. She was a single woman at the time of her death from cancer. Her partner Johan Mikalsen was a railway worker from Gjøvik. They had one child Ole Johansen Gorostuen b. August 31, 1875 in Storelvdal, died 1960.

On May 14, 1863 Erik married Anne Olsdtr Negaard in Storelvdal, Norway. She was born July 6, 1836 at Svestad, Negaard. Erik and his family went to America, certificate issued March 17, 1870. They had lived on the Negaard farm in Norway, so when they immigrated, they took the name Negaard. They sailed on the ship "Columbia" with other members of the family, leaving April 1870. The trip took 8 weeks, arriving in Quebec in July. They then took the train to St. Paul, via Chicago. From there, they took a cattle car to Willmar, MN being met by Gunder Swenson and a team of oxen. They bought a 160 acre land in Arctander Township, Kandiyohi County, MN. They built a dugout in a hill on the farm where they lived until they were able to build a house. The house was added on to in later years on both sides with the one side including a second story. When they were old, their son Edward, his wife, Ragnhild and son Edwin lived in half the house and helped take care of them. Erik cut logs for Stai's at twenty five cents a day. One winter, Erik went to St. Cloud where he worked in the quarries receiving \$1.00 a day while Anna stayed with the children on the farm.

They had the following children:

1. Ole born June 6, 1863 in Norway. died 1943 in Minnesota. Never married Buried at 1st Lutheran Church of Norway Lake, MN
2. Olaf (born January 20, 1866 in Storelvdal, Norway died 6-14-1948 in Minnesota. On May 14, 1895. Olaf married Ingeborg "Nettie" Moen born January 16, 1871 in Arctander Township, MN died June 16, 1949 in Willmar, MN . They are both listed in First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake Cemetery Map Directory.
3. Edward born Jan 13, 1877 on Negaard farm, Arctander Twp. MN died Jan 19 1917 at age 40 in the Negaard Farm of pneumonia. On October 18, 1904 at First Lutheran, Norway Lake, MN he married Ragnhild Skare born July 7, 1878 at the Skare farm, Arctander Twp., MN. Ragnhild died Dec, 15, 1949 (she had been a widow for almost 33 years) in Los Angeles, CA, buried at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake, MN.
4. George (twins born Jan 13, 1877 on the Negaard farm, Arctander Twp., MN. He was a pharmacist. He died Nov 3, 1950 at Mt Vernon, WA. George married Clara Paulson born abt. 1874 Died April 6, 1944 in Seattle, WA.
5. Gina 1871-1876 Buried at East Norway Lake Church
6. Olava 1880-1882. Buried at East Norway Lake Church.

Erik died July 13, 1923 and Anne died December 26, 1922. Erik and Anne are both buried at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake, MN.

Sources Reviewed

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