

## Halvor Olsen Negaard and Marthe Tharaldsdatter Charter members East Norway Lake Church

Halvor Olsen was born 27 Nov 1827 in Stor-Elvedal, Osterdalen, Norway to Ole Halvorssen Stai [1787-1870] and Guri Olsdatter Negaard [1794 - 22 Jan1879].

He married Marthe Tharaldsdatter on 10 Oct 1853 in Aamot Parish, Osterdalen, Norway. She was born 16 Nov 1828 to Tharald Knudsen and Gjorand Simensdatter in Stor-Elvedal.

The 1865 census places the family in Aamot Parish, Stor-Elvedalen living at Negaardssven. Halvor and Marthe had 7 of their 8 children while living in Norway.

1. Gemine: born 9 April 1854, died 6 Sept 1927, married Gunder Svendson
2. Tomine: born 25 Jan 1856, died 10 Mar 1932, married Eric P. Truedson
3. Ole: born 25 April 1858, died 13 May 1935, married Anne Marie Rosby
4. Gjoran: born 5 Aug 1860, died before 1865 in Norway
5. Halvor: born 1 Sept 1862, died 1929-1930 single
6. Marthe: born 4 Dec 1864, died 17 Oct 1870
7. Hannah: born 12 Mar 1868, died 1916, married Charles A. Erickson
8. Martin: born 25 Oct 1870, died 13 Dec 1934, married Amanda Hultgren

Halvor and his family left for America in 1870. They are listed as leaving Aamot Parish 21 Mar 1870. Halvor's name is recorded as Halvor Olsen Negaardssven. They left Christiania [Oslo] on 25<sup>th</sup> of April and arrived in Quebec June 20<sup>th</sup>. They sailed on the Bark Columbia which carried 270 steerage and 1 cabin passenger. He is listed on the ships manifest as Halvor Olsen. Halvor's mother Guri Olsdatter emigrated with them.

The family had reached Arctander Township by October. Their daughter Marthe died October 17<sup>th</sup> and is buried in the East Norway Lake Cemetery. Their last child Martin was born the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

The family settled in 160 acres in Section 30 [NW1/4]. I could find no record they homesteaded.

The family quickly adopted the farm name Negaard. Norway Lake church records record daughter Marthe as Marthe Halvorsdatter Negaard. Negaard is also used in the 1875 census.

Halvor dies 26 Feb 1878 and is buried in the East Norway Lake cemetery ‘

Ole is listed as the owner of the farm on the 1886 plat map. However, he was a post office employee and had moved to St Paul in 1883. The 1900 census shows Halvor is farming and his mother and sister Hannah were living with him. By 1910, the farm has been sold. Marthe has moved to Puyallup, Washington and is living with her daughter Tomine and her family. Halvor has moved to St Paul and is working for the railroad. Martin stayed in the area as a grain buyer except for a few years in North Dakota working for an elevator. He later moved to Kerkhoven Village and became the owner of a hotel.

Marthe died 19 Jan 1918 in Puyallup Washington. She was buried 23 Jan 1918 at East Norway Lake Church. Marthe was 89 years of age and had been a widow almost 40 years.

Sources:

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- Ancestry.com
- My Heritage

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