

## Andreas and Christine Nybakke, Charter members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Andreas A. Nybakke was born on 23 Feb 1822 in Nordere Land, Oppland, Norway to Anders Andersen Vinjarhagen (1800-?) and Anne Ansteindatter Hasllsondre. Information on Andreas' early years comes largely from other family trees and has not been verified. According to his obituary, he was first married at about age 26 to someone whose name remains unknown. They had two children:

1. Thomas A. Anderson (1846-1895) who married Caroline Jacobs (1846-1918) and settled in Redwood County, Minnesota. They had seven children. He may have changed his name from "Torger Andreasson" to Thomas A. Anderson.
2. Karen Mathia Nybakke (1849-1936) who was married to Andrew Amundson in 1877 and lived in Lake Andrew Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. They had ten children.

Following the death of his first wife Andreas Nybakke married Christine Olson about 1852 in Torpa, Oppland, Norway. Christine was born in Nordere Land, Oppland on 9 Aug 1825. Her parents have not been determined. All but one of their children were born in Norway. Andreas left Norway and arrived in Lafayette County, Wisconsin in the spring of 1871. His family followed in 1872 and they moved to Lake Andrew Township in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. In 1875 they moved to Section 27 of Hays Township in Swift County and lived there the remainder of their lives. They had eight children who survived:

1. Ole A. Nybakke (1853-1924) married Olea Ulen in 1876 and they had six children. Andreas' obituary refers to Ole as the "well known farmer of Hays" Township.
2. Anna Nybakke (1856-1941) married Andrew Johnson from Sweden in 1874, lived in Mamre Township and had six children. Her husband Andrew died in 1911 and in 1916 Anna married August Mattson. Andrew is buried in Salem Cemetery and Anna is buried at Hillside Cemetery in Kerkhoven with her second husband.
3. Dorthea A. Nybakke (1859-1954) married John August Haldin in 1876. They lived most of their lives in Grant County, South Dakota until John's death in 1933. Dorthea then moved to Sacramento, CA to live with her daughter Hannah. She died there in 1954. They had seven children. Dorthea and John are buried in Stockholm, SD.
4. Andrew O. Nybakke (1861-1951) married Emma C. Olson in 1885. They had no children.
5. Christian A. Nybakke (1864-1939) married Sophia Emma Carlson about 1891. They had ten children and spent most of their life in Maynard, MN and in Benton County, MN. Christian and Sophia are both buried at Riverside Lutheran Church in Ronneby, MN. Christian was a blacksmith by trade. They had ten children.
6. Christina Nybakke (1866-1918) married Ole Simonson in 1889. They had eleven children and lived most of their lives in Folsom, Traverse County, MN. Ole died in 1958. They are both buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Cass Lake, MN. They had twelve children.
7. Otto Nybakke (1870-1917) married Margit Otterson in 1892. They had nine children and lived for several years near Kerkhoven in Swift County, MN. They moved to Nashua, Valley County, MT where Otto died and was buried in 1917. Margit married Lewis Johnson in 1928. She died in 1957 and is buried in Nashua. They had nine children.
8. Carl A. Nybakke (1874-?) apparently died young as he is living with the family in the 1875 census but is no longer there in the 1880 census. He likely died from illness and is buried in an unmarked grave at East Norway Lake.

According to his obituary, Andreas died of inflammation of the bowels on July 23, 1899. His funeral was held at East Norway Lake Lutheran on July 26. Christine Olson Nybakke died on July 9, 1916 at the home of her step-daughter Karen Amundson in Lake Andrew Township. She was buried with her husband at the East Norway Lake Lutheran Cemetery on July 13. Andreas and Christine were charter members of the East Norway Lake Lutheran Church.

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