

## Anders P. Nygaard and Eline O. Nygaard, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Anders Pederson was born<sup>1</sup> 7 Feb 1846 to Peder Pedersen Tangen and Goro Avlesdatter. The Tangen farm is located in Atnadalen (Atna river valley), Hedmark, Norway. The baptism took place at the Solia Church in that valley.

Eline's birth/baptism record were not available to us, but we did find her confirmation record<sup>2</sup>. She was confirmed in the Brøttum church, Ringsaker Parish, Hemark County, Norway. The date was October 3, 1858. Her birth date was recorded as 27 February 1844, and her parents were IOle Larssen and Johanne Olsdatter. Their place of residence was Messenvangen.

In the 1865 census<sup>3</sup> of Åmot, Hedmark, Anders Pedersen, born 1846 in Storelvedalen, is one of 8 hired hands at the Brænden domicile headed by Halir Simensen. In the 1865 census of Ringsaker, Hedmark, Eline Olsdatter, born 1844 in Ringsaker, lived with her parents at the farm called Frøliksdal Nordre. (A descendant in Norway told us that Frøliksdal is an old Danish name for the area.)

Anders and Eline were passengers<sup>4</sup> on the steamship *Pacific*, steaming 17 April 1868 from Christiania to Hull. Apparently, Hull in England was a transfer point on the journey to America. The information given is:

Anders Pederson Negaard, age 22, bound from Aamodt to LaCrosse, and

Eline Olsdatter Messenvangen, age 24, bound from Ringerit to Chikago

They are listed one after the other, but with different points of origin and different destinations. Clearly, they left as individuals. Somewhere along the line they made a decision to travel together - forever. (Where Anders picked up the name Negaard is a mystery; it may have been a farm on which he worked just before emigrating.)

Anders and Eline were married<sup>5</sup> on 6 December 1869 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Their eldest child, Gemine, was baptised on 2 October, 1871 at the same church. Her birth date was listed as 22 September, 1871.

Anders, Eline and family appear in the 1875, 1880, 1885, 1900, 1905, and 1910 censuses<sup>6</sup> of Arctander Township, Kandiyohi County, MN. The 1900 census is informative. It gives the month and date of birth, that both came to the U.S. 32 years ago, and had been married 30 years. Eline bore 7 children, and 6 were living.

Anders and Eline's family consisted of<sup>7</sup> (the name and dates for the 7<sup>th</sup> child, mentioned above, is not known):

Name	Date of birth	Date of death	Spouse
Gemine J.P.	22 September 1871	15 February 1963	Johannes E. Roisum
Clara Pettrine	20 February 1876	18 December 1955	Syvert Reigstad
Ole Anton	1 June 1878	29 July 1936	Anna Shuck
Emma Olava	29 July 1880	20 June 1965	Andrew L. Henjum
Anton Bernhard	2 September 1883	3 June 1954	
Peder Oscar	25 April 1885	22 November 1977	

In addition to the East Norway Lake Church, the Nygaards were charter members<sup>8</sup> of the West Lake Lutheran Church, formed in 1903. The couple lie at rest in the cemetery of that church. Their elaborate tombstone reads:

Eline Nygaard Olson Födt 27 Feb 1844 Död 20 Sept 1912	Anders P. Nygaard Födt 7Feb 1846 Död 27 Jun 1913
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1 Item14 in Åmot Kirkebok 6, 1842-61, viewed by Colleen Cameron and Earl Knutson on Aug 30, 1993 at the Statsarkiv in Hamar, Norway.

2 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8843/244>

3 These Norwegian censuses were found on [http://www.rhd.uit.no/folketelling/folketelling\\_avansert\\_e.aspx](http://www.rhd.uit.no/folketelling/folketelling_avansert_e.aspx)

4 Norwayheritage.com

5 ELCA Records for St. John's church, page 231, viewed via Ancestry.com, image 460.

6 All US censuses cited here were found and viewed via Ancestry.com.

7 These names and dates were collected by Colleen Knutson Cameron (1939-2008), by interviewing relatives.

8 *Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, 1905*. Victor E. Lawson, Matin E. Tew, J. Emil. Page 119. Viewed at <http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p15160coll5/id/944> Image umn183833