

John M Peterson and Ingeborg Hansdatter, Charter Members of West Norway Lake Lutheran

Johan Magnus Pedersen was born 24 August 1818 in Skogn, Nord-Trondelag to Peder Olsen and Kjerstine Olsdatter.

On June 20, 1844 he married Ingeborg Anna Hansdatter Hojem born 16 Dec 1818 in Vinne, Nord-Trondelag, Norway. Her parents were Hans Torgerson and Martha Ellefsdatter.

Johan Magnus and Ingeborg Anna had two children:

- Johannes Johansen was born 1 April 1855 Nord Rana, Nordland, Norway.
- Christine Matthea Johansdatter on 12 Sept 1862 also at Nord Rana.

The family of four emigrated in 1866. They departed from Trondheim, Norway June 2nd on the bark Telegraph. They arrived in Quebec, Canada July 22nd. Johan's occupation was listed as laborer and the family residence as Helgeland.

After spending a year in Goodhue County, the family settled in Norway Lake Township. He homesteaded 160 acres in Section 29[NW1/4] on Nov 8, 1867. He also purchased 40 acres in Section 20 [SW ¼ of SE ¼ on 10 Sept 1875. The owner was John or John M Peterson so he changed his name soon after arrival.

A school was later established as District 59 on Section 29.

Ingeborg Anna died 24 Nov, 1908 at the age of 90. Cause of death was old age. She was followed in 1910 by her husband Johan Magnus at age 92. Again, the cause of death was listed as old age. Both services were held at West Norway Lake Lutheran with the Rev. Sotendahl presiding. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Johan and Ingeborg's son Johannes was also a charter member of West Norway Lake Lutheran and has a separate page in this collection. Their daughter Christine married Evan Sather and eventually moved to Oregon. She died in 1940 in Bend, Oregon.

Sources:

- Kandiyohi County Historical Association
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Records
- Norway Heritage
- My Heritage
- Ancestry.com

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