

Ole Engebretson and Guri Rime, charter members of West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Ole Engebretson Rime, the son of Engebret Gulbrandsen Rime and Mari Knudstatter Avestrud, was born October 6, 1841 on the Rime farm in the Flaa Parish, Hallingdal, Buskerud, Norway. He was baptized on October 17, 1841. Ole had three siblings: Knut, Gulbrand, and Barbro. Ole left for America in 1861 arriving in Orfordville, Wisconsin and eventually to Spring Grove and Northfield, Minnesota.

At age 22 Ole enlisted in the Union army and was mustered in to the Minnesota 2nd Cavalry on Christmas Eve 1863 as a private. The 2nd Minnesota was ordered west to protect the western frontier and the arriving settlers after the Dakota War. Ole returned to Rice County and was discharged from the service on December 2, 1865.

Now age 29, Ole married Guri Pedersdatter Stavn in Rice County in 1870. Guri was the daughter of Peder Gutmorsen Stavn and Mari Engebretsdatter Stavn who hailed from the Stavn farm and were neighbors to the Rime farm in Flaa, Hallingdal, Norway. Sometime after their marriage, Ole and Guri moved and settled in Section 27 of Norway Lake Township.

Ole and Guri had four children: ●1Engebret Marcus (1871-1950) who married Marie H. Hellerud (1877-1965) in 1896. They are buried at West Norway Lake Cemetery. ●2Peder Gustavus Rime (1872-1947) a single man who is buried in Hennepin County and twins ●3Julius Mauris Rime (1876-1943) and ●4Gurine Marius Rime (1876-?).

Guri gave birth to Julius and Gurine on May 12, 1876. Guri died fourteen days later on May 23, 1876. Her new born son, Julius, was later adopted by the Ole Soland family and is living in Kerkhoven with the Solands in 1880. He took the name Soland and married Mary E. VanZant. They are buried in Grundy County, Illinois. Gurine may have died shortly after her baptism on July 30, 1876 at West Norway Lake Lutheran although no official record has been found to verify that.

Twelve years following the death of Guri, Ole married a local girl named Ragnhild Sorenson in 1888. Ragnild (1868-1953) was the daughter of Anders and Sigre Sorenson who immigrated from Sogndal, Sogn Og Fjordane, Norway.

Ole and Ragnhild had eleven children who lived to adulthood. Their first born was ●1Marie M. Rime (1889-1987) who married George H. Jorgenson. They lived in Minneapolis and are buried in Sun City, AZ. Marie likely met her husband while visiting her sister ●2Bella Ingeborg (1891-1934) who married Christian Dyste, a farmer in Foreman, N. D. Bella and her husband are buried in Foremen. ●3Gilbert Emil Rime (1895-1984) married Marit "Mary" Eliason and lived in in the Sunburg area until moving to Spicer. They are both buried at West Norway Lake Cemetery. ●4Serena Annette (1896-1988) lived in Minneapolis marrying Franklin Chatfield in 1968. They are buried in Minneapolis. ●5Arthur Rudolf Rime (1899-1981) married Dorothy Taylor lived in South Dakota and worked for the railroad. They are buried in Britton, SD. ●6Oscar Shuman Rime (1901-1994) married Esther Flolo from the Sunburg community. They farmed for a few years in Lake Andrew Township and later moved to St. Cloud and Marcell, MN. Oscar died in Kandiyohi County and is buried in the West Norway Lake Cemetery with his wife Esther. ●7Otto Tilman Rime (1903-1948) married Julia Fairbanks (1902-1973). Otto worked in Minneapolis and farmed for a time near his mother. Otto and Julia are buried at West Norway Lake. ●8Clara Thelma Rime (1904-1963) married Clarence E. Glesne (1904-1994). They farmed in Norway Lake Township all their lives and are buried at West Norway Lake Cemetery. ●9Esther Irene (1908-2010) married Gunnar Wiig (1908-2008). They lived in Minneapolis and are buried there. ●10Alice R. Rime(1909-2002) married Kermit Lewis Gandrud (1911-1996). They operated a grocery store in Sunburg until moving to the Minneapolis area where they are both buried in Sunset Memorial Garden. Ole and Ragnild's last child was ●11Maurice Wesley Rime (1915-1980) who married Gertrude Viola Johnson. They lived in Minneapolis and are both buried in Lakeview Cemetery in that city.

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