

## **Johannes Johannessen and Ingeborg Jensdatter Roisum, charter members of East Norway Lake Church**

Johannes Johannessen Roisum was born on the Roisum farm in Leikanger Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway on April 11, 1829. His parents were Johannes J. Roisum and Johanne Endresdatter Njøs.

In 1854 Johannes married Ingeborg Jensdatter Bøtun. Ingeborg was the daughter of Jens Bøthun and Margrete Eilivsdatter Hogheim and was born on the Grundeland farm, Leikanger Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway on September 28, 1827 and baptized two days later. Johannes and Ingeborg had a son named Johannes born in 1855 who died the same year. In 1860 Ingeborg gave birth to a daughter Margrete who died in 1861. Sadly, no evidence has been found that they had any more children.

On March 25, 1866, Johannes and Ingeborg left the Roisum farm in Leikanger for America. Accompanying them was a foster son named Anders Christianson Roisum. On census returns, they reported that they arrived in the United States in 1866 and likely lived in Fillmore County, Minnesota before moving to Norway Lake.

In 1875, they are found living in Section 27 and 28 of Arctander Township on the southwest shore of Clear Lake (Henjum Lake today). On September 16, 1876, Johannes and his brother, Endre, applied for a land patent at the Litchfield Land Office. This indicates that they likely arrived in Arctander in 1871.

No evidence has been found as to what happened to the foster son Anders. Ingeborg died on July 10, 1904. Johannes died on March 1, 1915. Apparently, they left East Norway Lake church and joined First East Norway Lake as they are buried in the First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake cemetery.

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