

Halvor O Soli and Gunnild Olsdatter Charter members East Norway Lake Church

Halvor Olsen was born 17 Aug 1831 in Gransherad Parish, Hovin local parish, Telemark, Norway to Ole Gunliksen and Liv Halvorsdatter.

He married Gunnild Olsdatter 30 July 1859 In Gransherad Parish, Telemark Norway, His name is listed as Halvor Olsen Solli.

1. Gunnild was born 1 Mar 1835 in the same parish to Ole Augenson and Anne Gunliksdatter Tveten.

Their first child Anne Halvorsdatter is born 10 Feb 1860. The family left Gransherad signing out for America 1 April 1860 as Halvor Olsen Solli and Gunnild Olsdatter/Tveten.

They have settled in Goodhue County by 1863. Their next 4 children are born there and baptized at Holden Lutheran Church.

2. Ole: born 12 Dec 1863, died before 1930, single
3. Liv : born 25 Dec 1865, died before 1945 , married Hans Jacobsen 5 children
4. Ingeborg: born 2 Feb 1868, died 8 mar 1940, Traverse City, Minn, married John Nordin 4 children
5. Gullick: born 10 Jan 1870, died 18 Nov 1950 Sisseton, South Dakota, single

The family moved north to Kandiyohi County shortly after Gullick's birth. Halvor purchased 80 acres in Sec 30 [NE1/4 and NW ¼ of NE ¼] in Arctander Township.

He and several neighbors petition for a school in 1872. District 54 is established and a log schoolhouse is built in 1873 on his land. The school later moves to Section 29, a more central location.

Halvor and Gunnild have 3 more children in Kandiyohi County. All are baptized at the Norway Lake Church.

6. Hilda Gustava: born 11 Mar 1872, died before 1945, single
7. Albert Halvor: born 8 April 1874, died 12 Dec 1945, Sisseton, SD, married Maude Bice 8 children
8. Emma Maria: born 27 Jan 1877, died 23 Mar 1956 Roberts County SD, married Arthur Pearson

In 1896 Halvor becomes one of the original shareholders in the West Lake Creamery.

Gunnild died 24 Sept 1908, at age 73, of chronic bronchitis and senility. Burial was in the West Lake Cemetery 29 Sept. Gunnild and Halvor had been married over 49 years.

Halvor left Kandiyohi County after Gunnild's death. The 1910 census placed him and son Gullick in the home of his son Albert Halvor in Easter Township, Roberts SD. Halvor's daughter Anne and her family live on an adjoining farm. Ole remained on the farm and is listed as the owner on the 1900 plat map.

Halvor died 3 mar 1916, age 84, and is buried in Concordia Cemetery, Roberts SD.

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Sources

- Digitalarlviet: birth marriage and emigration records
- Kandiyohi County Historical Association: obituary and death certificate for Gunnild
- My Heritage
- 1905 Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County
- State and Federal censuses
- Ancestry.com Ancestry public member trees

Footnotes:

- Halvor and Gunnild's oldest child Anne married Martnus Stai and had 7 children. She died in 1928 in Roberts County, SD.
- According to Gullick's obituary he purchased the homestead of his sister Hilda after he moved to Roberts SD. She moved back to live with her brother Ole. They both moved to Roberts SD by 1920 and were living with their widowed sister Anne.