

Johannes O Stanghelle and Martha Monsdatter Charter members East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Johannes Olsen was born 26 Mar 1845 to Ole Knudsen and Matha Johannesdatter Stanghelle in Haus Parish, Osteroy, Hordaland, Norway.

Martha Monsdatter was born 1 Jan 1843 to Mons Johannsen and Anna Olsdatter Herfindal, also in Haus Parish, Osteroy Hordaland Norway.

Johannes signed out of the parish 3 May 1868 as Johannes Olsen Stanghelle. Leaving the parish at the same time were Martha Monsdatter Herfindal and her older sister Synevva.

Johannes, Martha, Synevva and 8 others from Haus Parish were passengers on the Frigate Bird leaving Bergen 11 May and arriving in Quebec 23 June.

According to Johannes's obituary he spent 2 years in Spring Grove, Wisconsin. Johannes and Martha married in Madison, Wisconsin in 1869.

They moved to Minnesota in 1870 and settled in Mamre Township. Johannes homesteaded 80 acres in Section 2[SE1/4 and NE1/4 of NE ¼]. 11 Oct 1870 was his filing date. He also purchased 80 acres in Section 11[SE1/4 and NE ¼ of NE ¼], a total of 160 acres. The 1915 plat map shows an additional 40 acres near Lake Mamre.

The first location of the North School of District 14 was in the SE corner of their land in Section 11.

Johannes and Martha had 8 children, They were all born in Minnesota and baptized at the Norway Lake Church.

- 1.Mons Olaus: born 4 July 1870, died 3 Feb 1953, wife Anna Gunderson 4 children
- 2.Martha Marie: born 15 July 1872, died 1905-1910, married Peder Ellingson 7 children
- 3.Anna Matilda: born 28 June 1874, died before 1877
- 4.Carl Johan: born 19 Sept 1875, died 1 July 1952, married Martha Mary V. Anderson, 7 children
- 5.Anna Matilda: born 5 Jan 1877, died after 1895
- 6.Ole Andreas: born 28 Feb 1878, died 3 April 1969, single
- 7.Martin Johan: born 15 Sept 1879, died 21 June 1881
- 8.Martin Johan {John Martin}: born 3 Dec 1880, died 23 June 1901 of consumption, single

Johannes died 13 Oct 1916, age 71, from stomach cancer after a short illness. Services were held by the Rev I.A. Johanson at the Hauge Synod Church at Norway Lake with burial in the cemetery. He was preceded in death by 5 of his 8 children.

Martha survived until 26 Mar 1934. She died from acute bronchitis and pleurisy. She was 91. Services were held at the Hauge Church with burial in the cemetery (often referred to as the Nannestad Cemetery).

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Sources

- Norway Heritage- ships manifest for Frigate Bird
- Kandiyohi County Historical society- Obituaries and death certificates
- Digitalarkviet- birth records and emigration records
- Family Search
- Ancestry.com and Ancestry Public member Trees
- Plat maps for Mamre Township, 1886, 1900 and 1915 1905 Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County

Footnote;

Martha's sister Synevva moved to Minnesota with her sister and brother-in-law. She married Hakon Erlandson, a Swedish immigrant who had homesteaded in Sec 24 of Mamre Township in 1868.

Ole Andrias eventually adopted the last name of Johnson. The 1940 census lists his occupations as carpenter and amusement worker.