

Bjorn Bjornson Teige and Kari Ellingsdatter, Charter members West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Bjorn Bjornson was born 5 Jun 1848 at Eggedal, Sigdal, Buskerud Norway. His parents were Bjorn Bjornson born 1820 nordre Teige, Buskerud Norway. His mother was Gjertrud Aslesdatter born Krodsherad, Buskerud, Norway.

Bjorn, his widowed father and siblings Ingeborg and Gjertrud emigrated in 1869 from Tunga, Krodsherad, Buskerud Norway. They left Drammen 5 May 1869 on the clipper Flora and arrived in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada on June 20th. They were among 223 passengers traveling in steerage. Bjorn was listed as Bjorn Bjornson Tunga on the ships passenger list.

By 1871 the family is living in Rolling Forks Township, Pope County , Minnesota. Ingeborg marries Aslak Thomason on July 26th in the prestegaard [priests house] of what is now called Rolling Forks Lutheran. Bjorn marries Kari Ellingsdatter there on 28 Oct 1873 also in the prestegaard. Kari was born in 1856 in Wisconsin to Elling Christopherson Sagadalen and Ingeborg Pedersdatter.

By 1875, Bjorn, Kari and daughter Julia are living in Camp Lake Township in Swift County. Bjorn's sister Ingeborg and her family and Bjorn's father Bjorn and his wife Kristine Nilson also live there. There is no mentions of Bjorn's sister Gjertrud.

Bjorn and Kari move again in 1876 to Norway Lake Township in Kandiyohi County. They purchased 80 acres on Dec 1st, 1876 in Section 28 [S ½ of SW ¼. By 1886 they had acquired an additional 80 acres just to the south in Section 33 [N.W. 1/2 of N.W. ¼]. Sometime prior to his death Bjorn acquired an additional 20 acres in section 28 [S1/2 of NE ¼ of SW ¼]

Kari's father Elling had purchased land in 1865 in Arctander and Burbank Township as Elling Christopherson. In 1871 he homesteaded an additional 160 acres in Arctander Township. He may have encouraged his daughter and son-in-law to settle nearby. He was also a charter member of Norway Lake Lutheran.

Bjorn and Kari had 12 children, 7 of whom survived to adulthood:

1. Julia b.7Dec1873 Rolling Forks Township d.1931 m. Peder Lokken
2. Ingeborg b. 3 April1880 Norway Lake Township d.25 Mar 1979 North Dakota m. Thomas Quee/Quie
3. Bernt/Berent b. 19 Feb 1882 Norway Lake Township d.Oct 1866 Henn. County m. Josephine Fosse
4. Eline b.17 April 1886 Norway Lake Township d. June 1969 New London m. Havel Vik/Weig/Wiig
5. Albert b.15 Oct 1892 Norway Lake Township d.21 Nov1970
6. Christine b.Nov 1894 Norway Lake Township d. 15 Nov 1951 Everett, Washington m. Peder Flaten
7. Elling b. 30 Sept 1897 Norway Lake Township d. 31 July 1985 Henn . County m. Marie

By 1880 Bjorn Bjornson has added the last name Teige, possibly to distinguish himself from his father Bjorn Bjornson who homesteaded in Norway Lake Township in Section 14. Teige being the name of the farm or place where his father and possibly he had been born.

Bjorn Bjornson Teige passed away 4 Jan 1909. He was buried 7 Jan 1909 at West Norway Lake Lutheran. Kari died 2 June 1928 and was buried in the same cemetery on 6 Jun1928.

Upon Kari's death Bernt inherited the 100 acres in Section 28. Albert and Elling each received 40 acres in Section 33. The girls were each to receive \$200.00. Eline and Ingeborg from Bernt, Julia from Albert and Christine from Elling.

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