

## **Ole Thostenson and Anna Lassesdatter, Charter members West Norway Lake Church**

Ole Thostenson was born 26 October 1832 the oldest child of Torsten Knudsen Sondrohl and Marith Olsdatter Sondrohl [1807-1898] in Vang local parish, Valdres Parish, Oppland, Norway.

Ole left Vang local parish for Laerdal Parish, Sogn og Fjordane 10 March 1865. He signed out as Ole Tostenson Sondrolejet.

He married Anna Lassesdatter 22 April 1865 in Laerdal Parish and they left for America 30 April 1865. Ole's sister Marit Tostensdatter may have traveled with them. She signed out of Vang Parish for America 12 April 1865. Ole's mother Marith, brother Knut and sister Dorthe followed in 1866.

Anna Lassesdatter was born 26 Oct 1842, the 8th child of Lasse Torrissen Laerdalsore [1792-1885] and Ragnild Olsdatter [1800-1894] in Laerdal Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway.

The families first recorded residence is in Rice County. Their first child is born there and baptized at Holden Lutheran church on 6 Jan 1867.

1. Ragnhilda Marie: born 29 Oct 1866, died 12 Jan 1892, married Ole Ellingboe, 1 child

They moved to Swift County and settle in Kerkhoven Township. Ole homesteaded 160 acres as Ole Thompsen in sec 26 [NW1/4]. This adjoined the farm of his sister Marit and husband Tosten Quamme in section 26{NE 1/4}. He also purchased 40 acres in Sec 23 [SW1/4 of SE ¼] as Ole T. Sondrol. He received the title to his homesteaded property 1 April 1876. Ole and Tosten were 2 of several families from Valdres Parish to move from Rice and Goodhue counties in the late 1860's settle in Kerkhoven Township.

Ole and Anna have 5 more children in Kerkhoven Township

2. Tosten Edward: born 26 Mar 1870, died 20 Oct 1902, married Betsy Polson
3. Lewis/Louis: born Mar 1872, died 7 May 1921, married Carrie, 1 child , carpenter, poultry rancher
4. Regina: born 2 Sept 1876, died 5 Aug 1955, married Ole J Langaard
5. Dina: born 3 Dec 1881, died 12 April 1965, married Andrew Mitthun, 1 child
6. Edward: born 2 May 1884, died 11 Jan 1972, married Luella Matilda Halvorsen, 7 children, farmer, railroad laborer

Ole passed away 26 May 1889 at age 56, and after services was buried in the West Norway Lake cemetery.

Anna remains on the farm and the land was still in her name on the 1907 plat map. She died 24 June 1916, age 73, at the home of her daughter Dina Mitthun in Fargo, North Dakota. She is buried 27 June in the West Norway Lake Cemetery according to church records.

Ole signed the 1875 charter using his birth name Ole Thostenson, but added Sondrol to his name in the 1876 baptismal record of his daughter Regina. By the 1880 census he is just Ole or Ole T. Sondrol.

Ole's brother Knut Sondrol and wife Marit, sister Marit and husband Tosten Quamme and sister Dorthe and husband Ole H. Hande are also charter members of West Norway Lake Church and have their own biographies.

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Sources:

- My Heritage and Wiki Tree done by Ole's descendant
- Family Search
- Evangelical Lutheran Church records- birth and death records
- Digitalarkviet- birth marriage and emigration records
- Ancestry.com and Ancestry public member trees
- 1886 and 1907 Kerkhoven Township plat maps
- U.S. Land office records
- Federal and State censuses

Footnote: the Sondrol tree done on Wiki Tree states that Sondrolejet implies that he came from a place under Sondrol, not the Sondrol farm itself