

Peder Vigleikson¹ and Brita Gundersdatter, Charter Members of East Norway Lake Lutheran Church

Peder was born² 22 January 1801 to Vigleik Olsen and Brita Pedersdatter in Kinsaavik Parish, Hordeland County, Norway. Brita's record could not be found but the 1865 census (below) indicates the same locale.

The 1865 census³ of Ullensvang, Hordeland, Norway has:

Name	Family status	Marital status	Occupation	Birth year	Place of birth
Peder Vigleiksen	Husfader	g	Husmand uden Jord	1801	Kinservig Prgj.
Ingbjørg Gundersdatter	hans Kone	g		1814	Kinservig Prgj.
Gunder Pedersen	deres Søn	ug		1858	Kinservig Prgj.
Guro Pedersdatter	deres Datter	ug		1855	Kinservig Prgj.

Among the passengers on Erling Skjalgason (departing Bergen 12 May 1869, arriving Quebec 23 June) are the following:

Peder Villiksen Naa	68	m		residence Kinservig
Ingeborg !! Naa*	55	f	wife	residence Kinservig
Guri Pedrsdatter* Naa*	13	f	daughter*	residence Kinservig
Gunder Pedersen* Naa*	11	m	son*	residence Kinservig

In modern Norway, Nå is a farm in Ullensvang parish, Hordaland County. It is remarkable that Peder was 68 at the time of emigration.

In the 1875 census⁴ of Mamre Township, Kandiyohi County we find:

1. Peder Willogson, age 74, born Norway;
2. Ingeborg, age 60, born Norway;
3. Gurid, age 18, born Norway
4. male, name unreadable, age 16, born Norway

In the 1880 census⁵ of the same locale, we find: Peder Wilakson, age 79; Ingeborg Wilakson, age 66; Gunnar Wilakson, age 22.

In the 1885 census⁶ of the same locale we find: Per Wilockson, age 84; Ingeborg Wilockson, age 71; "Guder" Pederson, age 27. All are born in Norway.

In the 1900 census⁷ of Mamre Township, Kandiyohi County, household 81:

Name	Status	Birth month, year	Emig. year
Pederson	Gunder	Head	Jan 1858 1869
	Martha J.	Wife	Jun 1867 1886
Willakson	Ingeborg	Mother	Mar 1814 1869
Olson	Ole	Father-in-law	Aug 1834 1888
	Guri	Mother-in-law	Jan 1835 1888

Some family grave markers⁸ are found in the Nannestad Cemetery, Kandiyohi County:

Peder Vellakson, 21 June 1801 – 21 Aug 1888,
Engeborg Vellakson, 22 March 1814 – 19 August 1901
Peder Pederson Vellakson, 18 December 1873 – 22 April 1891

This indicates that, sometime after 1875, the family joined the Nannestad Haugean church. It is puzzling that the second Peder did not appear in any census. In light of his age, he is likely a grandson of the older Peder.

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1 Six spelling variations of this name were found in the records.

2 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/11715/64>

3 Found by searching for Peder, born 1880-1802, in http://www.rhd.uit.no/folketelling/folketelling_avansert_e.aspx

4 Found in <http://people.mnhs.org/finder/census/5584441> by searching for Ingeborg.

5 Found using ancestry.com by searching for Ingeborg, with birth year 1813-1815.

6 <http://people.mnhs.org/finder/census/5587293>

7 Found using ancestry.com by searching for Ingeborg, with birth year 1813-1815.

8 Findagrave.com. We note that the birth date of the elder Peder is different from that in footnote 2.