

Levor and Margit Wiig, Charter members of West Norway Lake Lutheran Church

There is a grave marker¹ at West Norway Lake with the inscription

Levor Wiig, born 4 March 1830, died 22 Dec 1910.

and another inscribed

Margit L.Wiig, born 26 Jan 1844, died 22 Nov 1922.

There are 9 other Wiig graves in the cemetery.

Levor and family have appeared in several censuses² with different spellings of the name:

- In the 1870 census of Norway Lake Township, Monongalia County: Levor Johnson, age 40, b. Norway, a farmer
- In the 1875 census of Norway Lake Township³ we have: Levor Wiig (age 45, b. Norway), Martin? (female, 31, b. Norway), Edward L? (5) and John (3).
- In the 1880 census of Arctander Township: Levor J. Wig,50; Marit Wig, 35; Edward Wig, 10; John Wig, 8; Hovel Wig, 4; Gunild Wig, 11 months.
- In the 1900 census of Norway Lake Township, Kandiyohi County:
 - Levor J. Wick, age 70, b. March 1830 in Norway, married 29 years, immig. 1861, a farmer;
 - Margit, b. Jan 1844 in Norway, immig. 1867, married 29 years, 5 children, 2 living;
 - son Halvor, b. June 1875;
 - boarder Ann O. Larsen, b. Aug 1869 in Norway;
 - servant Marie Hystad, b. May 1882 in Minnesota.
- In the 1905 census of Norway Lake Township: Levor Weeg (age 75, b.Norway, 40 years in MN); Margit Weeg (61,b.Norway, 35 years imMN); both living in the household of Haavell Weeg (29, b.MN) and Eline Weeg (19, b. MN).
- In the 1910 census: as expected from the 1905 census, with two children.

No record could be found of Levor's or Margit's birthplace in Norway. For Levor, there were hints of Aramark Parish, Østfold County and Vest Slidre Parish in Oppland County, but no birth/baptism records were found in those church records.

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1 Findagrave.com

2 MN censuses were viewed at <http://www.mnhs.org/search/people>; 1880 census viewed at <http://gda.arkivverket.no/cgi-win/webcens.exe?slag=visbase&filnamn=MINN1880&metanr=1357>; other US censuses were viewed on ancestry.com

3 Although attributed to New London Township, careful reading shows that the census listing was for Norway Lake Township.