

JØRGEN PEDERSEN YTTERBØE AND MARIA GUNDERSDATTER STAVDAL, CHARTER MEMBERS OF EAST NORWAY LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jørgen Pedersen Ytterbøe was born 11 July 1820 in Holla (Holden), near Skien, Telemark, Norway. His wife **Bertha Maria Gundersdatter Stavdal** was also born in Holla, 18 July 1829. Jørgen and Bertha, with their four children, emigrated from Norway to the United States in 1869, leaving from Porsgrunn 11 April on the old sailing ship *Laurdal*. They arrived in Quebec, Canada on 18 May. They came direct to Arctander, Kandiyohi, MN, walking all the way from St. Cloud arriving at West Lake 1 June.

Ytterbøes made their home with the Johannes and Kirstie Jacobson family for a short time before they acquired a homestead about a half-mile south of Jacobsons, in Section 20. Jørgen was a brother of Kirstie Jacobson. The Jacobsons had come two years earlier after having lived at Muskego, WI, and then near Port Washington, WI.

Jørgen died 7 May 1906 at age 85 and was buried at East Norway Lake cemetery 11 May with the Rev. Mons Sotendahl officiating. Bertha died 10 February 1913 at age 83. Her funeral was held 17 February. Pastor Sotendahl conducted the service.

Jørgen and Bertha's children were:

1. **Peder** Jørgensen, b. 17 May 1856; d. 19 May 1916
2. **Anne Maria** Jørgensdatter, b. 22 October 22 1857; d. 5 May 1905
3. **Gunder** Jørgensen, b. 11 March 1859; d. 17 July 1939
4. **August** Jørgensen, b. 6 September 1864; d. 1870

Peder returned to Norway for a visit in about 1909. He brought back with him a number of very large, heavy copper kettles and sold them to neighbors.

Gunder was confirmed by the Rev. Lars H. Markhus on 23 May 1875. He was an active member of East Norway Lake Lutheran the seventy years he was a resident of the community. He lived a quiet life and died 17 July 1939 at his home at age 80. Funeral services were conducted 19 July at one o'clock from his home and two o'clock at East Norway Lake church, with the Rev. H. E. Baalson officiating.

SOURCES

- "To God be the Glory" 1875-1975, East Norway Lake Lutheran Church, New London, Minnesota; "Keeping The Faith...Sharing The Faith" 1862-1992, First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake, New London, Minnesota
- Census Records: 1900, 1910
- Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN – Death Records
- Obituaries: Jørgen, Bertha, Peder, and Gunder Ytterbøe
- Passenger List, 1869, *Laurdal*

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