



THE

ROGNLIE

FAMILY

Cover Photo

This photo was most likely taken by Paul "PB" Rognlie, as were many photos in this book. It was taken June 30, 1905 at the first Rognlie family reunion which was held at my great grandfather's homestead farm and extended to two adjacent Rognlie homesteads near Caledonia, North Dakota. It is noteworthy in that almost all of the first generation Norwegian Rognlie settlers of the Red River Valley were at this reunion and are in this Photo. The reunion received notoriety in the nearby Halstad newspaper. The newspaper text is at the bottom of this page. The folks in the photo are identified below. At this writing, only one person remains unidentified.

Peter Gunerius Rognlie Farm, Caledonia, North Dakota

Top Row l-to-r: Mrs Sivert Rognlie, Mrs Ole J Rognlie, Sivert Rognlie, Ole J Rognlie, Mrs Oluf P Rognlie, Peter Gunerius Rognlie, Ingvald Efteland holding datter Idella, Mrs Peter G Rognlie, Adolph Rognlie, Mrs John Lee (Gjorgine Rognlie), Severn J Rognlie, Peter Viken, Mrs Enoch Dybing (Olga Bjøre), Mrs Edvard Braseth (Sophia Rognlie) holding Phillip Heisler, Haakon Rognlie, Mrs Ole Bjøre (Christine Rognlie), Mrs Ole Lynstad

Second Row: Oluf P Rognlie, unknown, Oscar Orville Roppe, Mrs Oscar O Roppe (Clara Rognlie), Mrs Ingvald Efteland (Hannah A Bjøre), Magdalena "Maggie" Rognlie, Gena Roppe, Mrs Peter Viken, Mrs Albert Hallquist (Adeline Rognlie), Mrs John Foss, Mrs Christ Folstad (Marguritt) holding son Manfred

Third Row: Mrs Oliver E Serum (Josephine Rognlie), Nanny Rognlie, Aurora O Rognlie, Inga B Rognlie, Freda O Rognlie, Lillie M Rognlie, Mrs Theodore Swalstad (Julia S Bjøre), Mrs Paul Rognlie (Inez S Le Grand), Benna Rognlie, Wilhelm Rognlie holding son Waldemar, Mrs Wilhelm Rognlie (Emma Tornell), Annie Folstad holding sister Constance

Front Row: Mentor Rognlie, Julius Folstad, Royal Lee, Annie Peterson (Howard), Tina Viken, Gerhard Rognlie, Judith Rognlie, unknown, Tina Lee, Stella Rognlie

From the Halstad Reporter Newspaper, dated June 30, 1905:

"A family reunion of one of the best families in the vicinity of Halstad is being held at the homes of Mrs. Bjøre, S. B. Rognlie and Peter Rognlie on the Dakota side this week. The members of the Rognlie family are all present as far as is possible and three generations are represented. The guests are here from various parts of the northwest and many old friends who have not met for years are enjoying the comradeship of former days, and many are the tales of olden times, when the country was new, and they were all here together, that are told; many the jokes of those days that come back only thru memory; many are the questions told and answered of people, things and land marks of the days gone by."

"The Rognlie family is an old and honored one, and is well known thru out this part of the country. They are always associated with whatever is for the welfare of the vicinity in which they live, always foremost in promoting all educational projects; and to the people who know them no eulogy is needed, for their life long residence here, and their clean, upright citizenship speaks for itself. Always ready to extend a helping hand in time of trouble to a needy one, and always upholding the right and the true, they have lived among us and won by these characteristics the lasting respect and esteem of all who know them and have made their name a sinecure for all that is up right and honorable."

"Those present at the reunion are the O. P. Rognlie family of Minnewaukan, N. D., Paul Rognlie family of Esmond, N. D., Mrs. Oscar Roppe and Miss Roppe of Esmond, N. D., Prof. S. J. Rognlie of Minot, N. D., Rev. P. H. Rognlie of Franklin, Minn., John C. Lee family of Hillsboro, Prof. Rognlie family of Moorhead, Invald Efteland family of Shelly, Mrs. Dybing of Shelly, Haaken Rognlie of Minnewaukan, N. D., Edward Brassett family of Caledonia, and Mrs. Bjøre of Caledonia."

Introduction

We owe a profound thanks to the two principle Rognlies who made this Rognlie Family History book a reality. First, Verdi Rognlie (1908-1995) put the book together in 1970 and produced updates up through 1982. Second, we are indebted to Paul "PB" Christopher Rognlie (1871-1952). He was the photographer who took most of the 240+ photos in this book, and he wrote the lion's share of this book's family history narrative. PB Rognlie wrote this material so that his children and their descendants would have knowledge of this wing of the Rognlie family who came from Værran, Norway. Donaven Rognlie also provided many photos used here.

I have tried to maintain the integrity of Verdi Rognlie's work and keep the book as it was originally constructed. I have not changed or corrected any of the grammar or spelling. Likewise there has been no attempt to correct or update any of the information from the original book. Many of the photos might have benefited from Photoshop enhancement, but I resisted the temptation. They are presented here as PB Rognlie snapped them and as Verdi Rognlie published them. There are many repetitions in Verdi Rognlie's original book. They remain in this version also.

I have added three items to this book, however. First are this introduction and the Dedication. Second is a Table of Contents of the narrative pieces. In the Microsoft Word edition of this book one can press the cmd/ctrl key and 'click' on a Table of Contents page number to be taken directly to the referenced item. Third, at the end of the book proper, I have added Appendices which include 2012 updated family charts, Rognlie family trees, and a non-fiction story I wrote of the Rognlie family coming to America.

The information in these Appendices was extracted from the "Madson 2013" Rognlie Family tree residing on <http://www.ancestry.com>. Anyone who would like access to this tree can contact me at ronwmadson@gmail.com. This information, and more, is also contained at the Rognlie Family History site: <http://rognlie.net>. A copy of this book can be downloaded in Microsoft Word form or as a PDF through the <http://rognlie.net/VerdiBook.html> web site or directly at <http://rognlie.net/charts/Verdi Rognlie's Book .pdf>. Kindle and iBook can utilize the PDF version.

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to our hearty Rognlie ancestors, the first settlers in the Dakota Territory's Red River Valley. They carved out an existence, a life and a thriving legacy emerging out of six homesteads nestled along the unpredictable Red River. In 1870, they braved this unknown strange new land, volatile harsh Dakota winters, and devastating locus infestations. They sowed their crops in a prairie that had known only thick deep rooted prairie grass for thousands of years. Vestiges of those original homesteads still exist on all six plots. As of 2012, one still has a Rognlie descendant living there.

Ron Madson, July 4, 2012

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THE ROGNLIE FAMILY

Verdi Rognlie Introduction

Since completion of the booklet "The Rognlie Family" in 1970, much new information has become available so it was decided to include it in a revised copy. Also it was thought that it would be of interesting to include many old photographs.

We are indebted to Homer P. Rognlie for his work in preparing the "Rognlie Family Register" and to Mrs. Ole (Alma) Ronning for her "The Rognlie Relationships" which details the Peder Olson Rognlie branch.

P. B. Rognlie became interested in photography in the late 1800's and the largest share of the photographs included herein are prints made from his glass plates. He used at least three different sized cameras over the glass - plate period; a 5"x7" a 3 1/4"x4 1/4" and a 4"x5". After about 1920 he started using a Kodak film camera of 3 1/4"x5" size, with variable success. The glass plates used here are in the Donaven Rognlie collection.

Some of the prints herein have been copied from other prints from various sources by Donaven Rognlie and a few of Norway scenes are prints made from a film of copies loaned by Homer Rognlie.

At first commercial printing was tried with the film type pictures but it very quickly became apparent that the cost would be prohibitive so it became necessary that I learn to do my own printing. Using the bathroom for a makeshift darkroom and with supplies and chemicals and much needed technical advice from Donaven, I slowly learned something about printing. It was a rather slow process as each negative - especially the glass plates - is of a different density so sometimes many test strips had to be processed before a passable print could be obtained.

Several copies of each print have been made with a total of something like 2800. About 240 are included in each copy of this book. No attempt has been made to include photos of later date as most of us have albums of these.

Verdi B. Rognlie December 1979/80/81/82

The greater part of the data herein is taken from writings and insertions by P. B. Rognlie and others in the book "Nordmaendene i Amerika" (1907) belonging to Mrs. Reinart Peterson. This and other available material has been assembled in the following.

Verdi B. Rognlie

1970

From the "Esmond Bee" About 1946
BUILDERS OF ESMOND

Paul Christopher "P. B." Rognlie Biography

This week we tell of the city of one of North Dakota real pioneers who has spent the greatest part of his life in Esmond. He has been known to his friends as "P. B." for many years. It took the war to bring out the fact that his initials really were P. C. Rognlie.

Paul was born in 1871 near Spring Grove Minnesota and migrated to Dakota Territory where he settled with his parents near where Caledonia N. Dak. now is located. He attended grade school there and later high school at Hillsboro, later business college at Willmar, Minnesota.

In the spring of 1893 he came to Benson County and became manager of the Viking mercantile company in 1894. He remained as manager of this company until 1897 when he moved to Manfred, North Dakota, where he went into partnership with Ben Sorenson. This partnership lasted until 1912. Mr. Rognlie moved to Esmond in 1900 where he entered the hardware business, continuing in this until 1924, selling to B. I. Steig at that time.

During the time he was in business in Esmond he had other interests as well. He was secretary of the Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1918 to 1927. He was at one time assistant secretary of the state senate (Leg. Session 1898-1899.)

He was instrumental in creating interest along horticultural lines in Esmond where he took bare hillsides and converted them into landscaped grounds. His plum farm furnished fruit for a large territory about Esmond and his trees were shipped to many states.

Paul was Justice of the Peace at Caledonia, Manfred and Esmond a total of forty years. At one time he was chairman of the Benson County Planning Board.

During the time Paul lived in Esmond he has proved to be an optimist and always was a booster for his town, and his state. He has invested a considerable amount of his earnings right back in the community to make it a better place. For years he was chairman of the Commercial Club and for a long period an active member. His work in the Odd Fellows has been outstanding.

We are pleased to announce that Paul will return to Esmond this April.

In the early days in the Red River valley where the Rognlie clan settled there were branches of the family sired by Sivert Bertinus, Peter, and Zephanias, all sons of Johanna and some of the sons of Nils and Rakel (it is not known just which) . Peter's sons were Wilhelm and Gerhard. Zephanias had no children. Parelius' (son of Nils) sons Haakon, Adolf and Fred were also in this area; Haakon, at least, later moving to the Minnewaukan, N. Dak. area. When P. B. Rognlie was a young man there lived nearby a cousin of about the same age who also had the name Paul Christopher (The data does not show whose son he was). P. B. R. was named after his mother's father, Paul Christopher Solum. There came to be a lot of confusion among people due to two men with the same name in the same area, especially after they stated in business. To clarify the situation P. B. R. decided to change his middle initial to "B" which for his use had no name meaning. The "B" was taken from his father's S. B. Rognlie.

Joseph Alfred LeGrand was a farmer at Manfred, N. Dak. living in town and farming nearby. He and his family came there from Northwood, N. Dak after immigrating from Sweden about 1882. Whether he farmed at Northwood is not known. Joseph Alfred died at Manfred in the early 1900's. His son Axel operated a grain elevator in Manfred. His daughter Clara worked in a bank and later married N. A. Anderson who ran a lumber yard. They later moved to Velva, N. Dak. Harry moved to California at an early date. Harry LeGrand Rognlie was named after him.

During the summer of 1914 Donaven, Forrest, and Verdi Rognlie stayed at Grandmother LeGrand's during the illness on their mother who died in August of that year from what has been variously reported as stroke, cerebral hemorrhage or brain tumor. Clara and Gertrude were then single and were at home at Manfred.

A man by the name of John Svabo, a farmer, lived about three miles east of Esmond, N. Dak. In about 1913 he made a trip to Norway from which he originally came. While there he married a widow with two grown girls, Julia and Jenny Jenson, and brought them all back to Esmond. Accompanying them was Julianna Larsen-Jenson, a friend of the family, who came to work and live in this country. During 1913 or 1914 she came to the Rognlie family to work when Mrs. Rognlie (Inez Signild) was critically ill (she died in Aug. 1914). In August 1916 P. B. Rognlie and Julianna Jensen were married.

Fred Rognlie who was for a time at the Lutheran Home at Kalispell, was a son of Parelius (son of Nils) and a brother of Haakon. There is another, Frank Rognlie, who lives at Martinsdale, Mont. and is also the son of Parelius and a brother of Haakon.

Sivert Joel Rognlie never married so he had no family. After completing his education and his concert tours he taught music at Concordia College (Minnesota) for some time, (Dates not known.) and later at Lewistown, Mont. and Lewiston, Idaho. He also directed bands at Esmond, Lewistown, Lewiston and other places. The title "Professor" apparently came from the Concordia College period where he was "Professor of Music". I do not know what degrees he held but I do know that he had studied at Minneapolis Music School, Boston Conservatory and at an advanced school in Germany. At one time in the early 1900's he worked for a short time in father's hardware store at Esmond. Aunts Nanna and Frida also assisted there for a time. Sivert settled in Lewistown, Montana (date not known) where he had a music store and taught music. He became involved in the then new oil fields in central Montana in the Winnet area. After investing a great deal of money in unsuccessful oil ventures he finally found himself practically broke and sold out his remaining assets and left the area. At this time he had some difficult health problems and moved from place to place until finally settling at Lewiston, Idaho (date not known but probably in the 1920's) where he had a music store and taught music for many years.

I visited him once in the summer of 1942 and stayed overnight with him in the living quarters in the rear of his establishment. He appeared to be in good health at that time although he had fallen on the ice a winter or two before and broken a hip but by then was fully recovered. He was at that time restoring some fine old and valuable violins. I hesitatingly asked if he would play something for me. He said he had not played for a long time but he did then and I was almost overcome with the beauty of it. I regret that there was not a modern tape recorder available at that time.

In the evening he took me to dinner at a place near Lewiston specializing in spaghetti dinners. The dinner was great but there was a juke box blaring away and Sivert said rather mildly "you know, I just don't like that stuff", referring to the juke box music. He wouldn't call it music and I was in complete agreement and

said so.

Sivert died in about 1945 alone and in rather sad circumstances. Father, P. B. R., was at the time working at the shipyards at Vancouver, Wash. and was called to Lewiston and buried Sivert and settled his affairs. Donaven, when he was at Lewiston at one time spent some time in the cemetery but was unable to locate Sivert's grave; however if a search of the records was made it could be located.

Sivert came to Esmond at the time of Mother's funeral. One day he played the great organ at the Lutheran church for hours for his own satisfaction and that of many people who came to hear and admire. This was a quite unusual pipe organ for a small town and a small church. Only with the assistance of the Philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie could the church have had such a fine Kilgen two-manual organ. At a time when there was no electricity available for power the air to operate the organ was provided by a great bellows located in a small room directly behind the face of the organ. A boy or two were pressed into service and entered the cubicle through a door and when signaled by the musician pumped the bellows by means of a long lever. I remember having done this during one sermon or church service and received 25¢ for the job. (VBR)



Rognlie Farm in Red River valley, 1902



Rognlie Farm 1902



Red River Valley, about 1900
Aunts Jenny, Lilly, Clara --PBR



Threshing on Rognlie Farm 1900
Numerous unknown kibitzers



Rognlie Farm 1900



Harrowing, Rognlie Farm 1895

Some Family history written by S. B. Rognlie at Esmond N. Dak
February 18, 1931 in a letter to Mr. & Mrs. Forest J. Rognlie

Sivert Bertinus Rognlie (my father) was born in Veran Throndhems Norway, 1839. His brothers were: Peter Rognlie about 3 years older, and Zephanias Rognlie, about 10 years younger. His sisters Christine Bjore and Ingeborg Marta Rosvold, all of whom are now dead. Zephanias died only last week at age of 84 years. Their father was Anders Rognlie. his mother was Johanna Rognlie. She came with father by ox team from S. E. Minnesota to the Red river Valley in 1869, my mother staying in Minnesota on account of my oldest sister having just been born and coming later in 1871.

Father's family tree comes from Neils Rognlie, born 1812, married Rakel Bjorn Pedersdatter. Their children were August Herman Franke, Johan Aarnt, Philip Jacob Spencer, Peter Parelus, Bernt Christian Schriver, Nanna Sophia. The above were very important personages in their day in Norway. Some were musicians, others professors and others merchants and so on. All of them highly educated for the period of time in which they lived. All were very good penmen. I have seen letters that they had written and they were wonderful.

On Mother's side I have the following data: Her maiden name was Marie Solum, born on the farm; Solum Eggedale, Norway, Sept. 14, 1844. She died July 3, 1925 at Shelby, Mont. (Auto accident) and was buried in the Lutheran Cemetary beside father at Esmond, N. Dak. Her father was Paul Christopher Solum, born on the farm Kongsberg, Siggedale, Norway 1796. He was a jeweler by trade. His mother was the daughter of Rev. Rose from Holland, Norway (a historic character of his time). Mother's mother was Anna Kristopherdatter born at Sinsteby, Norway. Her sister was married to the wonderful "Visekari" known in all the old legends of that district and time period.

My sisters and brothers are Gjorgine Josephine, (now Mrs. John Lee, San Diego, Calif.) born Dec. 28, 1868.

Myself, born at Spring Grove, Minnesota June 25, 1871. My full name is Paul Christopher Rognlie.

My oldest brother is Sivert Joel Rognlie born at the farm half ways between Fargo and Grand Forks, N. Dak. near Caledonia August 1, 1873. Now at Lewiston, Idaho.

Adolph Bernard Rognlie, born on the same farm Sept. 14, 1875 and now lives at Climax, Minn.

Magdalena Bergita (now Mrs. Rev. Nelson) born on the same farm Oct 24, 1878.

Nanna Rakel, (now Mrs. Jack Algeo, Montebello, Calif. born (have not

date).

Clara Alma born on the same farm, now Mrs. Oskar Roppe, San Diego, Calif.

Frida Ophilia, born on the same farm, now Mrs. Siver Miller Portland, Ore.

Lilly May, now Mrs. Dannie Monoughan, Detroit, Mich. born on the same farm.

Your father, Paul B. Rognlie, Esmond, N. D. was born 2 1/2 miles NE of Spring Grove, Minn. June 25, 1871 and was moved to the Red River Valley the same year. Came by train to Brakenridge where father met us with ox team and lumber wagon. Followed the Minnesota side as far north as Georgetown Trading Post where an attempt was made to cross the river. This was finally accomplished after having tipped over into the river with all of us. Was rescued by a man in a small boat. The oxen swam across and landed about 1/2 mile further downstream on the Dakota Territory side of the river.

I was educated: Grades, a small schoolhouse on our farm. High school at Hillsboro N. D. and afterwards at Wilmer Seminary and Business College. Was employed as bookkeeper by T. L. Quarve, merchant. Later bought half interest, and later bought the entire business. Was in the retail hardware business for 28 years and afterwards Secretary of the Hardware Dealers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and in the Nursery business.

I was married June 1st 1902 to Inez LeGrand of Manfred N. D. Her father was Joseph Alfred LeGrand and her mother was Anne Christine Linstrom. She was born December 4th 1875 and died August 19, 1914 and was buried in our family lot, in Lutheran Cemetery, Esmond N. D. Her full name was Inez Signil. She was born in Skara, Sweden, Europe. Her sisters and brothers were: Anne Josephine, now Mrs. Gilbert Rognlie, Bowbells, N. D., Axle, died July 1928; Astrid Hildegard; Sigrid Ellisabet. (Mrs. Tansem); David Samuel (wandered away and no one ever again heard of him); Hulda Elvira; Gertrude Josephine, Dead; Harry Nathaniel, California; Clara Anneta, Now Mrs. N. R. Anderson., Velva, N. D.

Your full brothers and sister are Wee Earl Donovan born Nov. 12, 1904, Forrest Jennings born April 18, 1906, Verdi Bertinus born Jan. 21, 1908, Alden Murray born Feb 20, 1910, Inez Rhema Genevieve born Dec. 2, 1911, Harry LeGrand born July 8, 1913.

Your father's second marriage Aug. 11, 1916 was: to Juliana Katrina Jenson who was born in Alvso, Helgeland, Norway April 29, 1895. Your half sister, Myrtle

Leona was born Oct.4, 1916, brother Philip May 20, 1918 and Jarl Jerome Jan. 26, 1921.

(Note: I find among my pages the following item: "Sivert Bertinus Rognlie volunteered for service in the American Civil War and served for a short time- dates not known-probably not more than six months. Due to a shortage of officers he very rapidly rose in rank and was discharged as Captain of Field Artillery, 1st Army 3rd Regiment." It is shown in "The Rognlie Family Data" by P. B. Rognlie, 1943, that S. B. Rognlie had in company with Lorentz Venes emigrated to America in 1866 and settled near Spring Grove, Minn. and that his mother and rest of family arrived there later. It is believed that S. B. Rognlie Sivert first came to America sometime previous to 1866 and had returned to Norway after his Civil War service before coming back to settle at Spring Grove. VBR)

Other names, dates and data not included above.

Sivert Bertinus Rognlie died July 3, 1915 at Esmond, N. Dak. and was buried in the family lot, at the Lutheran Cemetery, Esmond.

Paul Christopher Rognlie died March 27, 1952 and was buried in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Fargo, N. Dak.

Sivert Joel Rognlie died about 1945 at Lewiston, Idaho and was buried there.

Magdalena Nelson died Mar. 26, 1967 and was buried beside her husband in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Missoula, Mont;. Her daughter, Mrs. William (Muriel) Kelly lives in New York.

Alden M. Rognlie died April 15, 1968 at Kalispell, Mont., and was buried in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Mont.,

Harry LeGrand Rognlie died April 28, 1960 and was buried in the family lot at the Lutheran Cemetery, Esmond, N. Dak.

Clare (Mrs. N. A.) Anderson died in 1969 and was buried in Spokane, Wash.

Other names and dates not included above, continued.

Donaven Rognlie married Lillian Grorud Feb. 23, 1930 at Williston, N. Dak. Their daughter LaDonna Karen was born Aug. 18, 1932 at Williston, N. Dak. LeDonna was married to Robert E. Fehlberg at Kalispell, Mont, May 31, 1953. Their children are: Kolby Jaye born March 26, 1956; Kurt Erick born May 26 1960; Kenje Allyne born Dec. 3, 1958; Klee Jason born Oct. 2, 1965.

Forrest Rognlie married Gertrude Jacobson at Somers, Mont. On Feb 26, 1931. Gertrude was born at Mylo, N. Dak. Nov. 12, 1912. Her father's name was Ernest Gustav Jacobson and her mother's name Berthina (Lee) Jacobson. Forrest and Gertrude's children are: Inez Bernice born at Somers, Mont. Dec. 17, 1931; Ellen Gwen born at Somers, Mont. Jan. 22, 1933; Paul Even born at Kalispell, Mont. July 24, 1940. Inez married John Victor McGovern at Somers, Mont. July 29, 1961. Their daughter Michelle was born Oct. 2, 1964 at Seattle, Wash. Ellen married Stanton D. Poier at Somers, Mont. Sept. 6, 1952. Their children are: Stanton Larry born Jan. 31. 1954; Donald Clair born May 6, 1956; Howard Wayne born Jan. 24, 1958. Paul married LaMoyne (Ryals) Records at Boise Idaho Dec. 25, 1967. She has a daughter, Shauna and a son, Jeff, by a previous marriage. A daughter, Dawn Rene' was born to Paul and LaMoyne on June 28, 1970.

Myrtle Rognlie married Gerhard Faleide Dec. 25, 1938. Their children are: Julianne Gayle born July 15, 1940; Judith Gayolyn born July 14, 1941; Gerhard Murray born April 17, 1943; Ronald Douglas born Aug. 23, 1945. Julianne married Richard Nehow June 23, 1963. Their daughter, Pausha Marie was born Sept. 26, 1965 and son Richard Michael was born Dec. 4, 1968. Judith married Allan A. Hare Feb. 5, 1961. Their son, Sean A. Hare was born Nov. 7, 1961. Ronald married Judith Rae Sandison July 29, 1968. Their daughter Pamela was born Jan. 21, 1969.

Rhema Rognlie Married Reinart Reiersen at Esmond, N. Dak. on May 21, 1932. Their daughter is Esther Irene, born Oct. 24, 1932. Esther married Gilmen G. Gunderson at Esmond N. Dak. on Oct. 21, 1956. Their children are: Renae Denice, born Feb, 15, 1958 and Randy Dean, born Nov. 29, 1962.

Phillip Rognlie married Francis Uggen Nov. 27, 1942. Their children are: Collin Philip born Oct. 5, 1943; Paul Jarl born June 2, 1947; Keven James born June 20, 1950. Francis died June 20, 1952. Philip married Catherine Aarnes Aamodt June 1960 and her two children, Arne born Dec. 5, 1955 and Peter born March 1956 were adopted by Philip.

Jarl Rognlie married Inez Lippert Feb. 25, 1953 at Moorhead, Minnesota. Their daughter Tamar was born Nov. 27, 1954.

Notes: S. B. Rognlie and his wife Mary (Marie) retired from and sold their farm in the Red River Valley, N. Dak. sometime in the first decade of this century (about 1910) and resided for a short time at Flora, N. Dak. In 1911 they came to Esmond, N. Dak. where they lived with P. B. Rognlie and family. S. B. Rognlie died July 3, 1915. In the summer of 1925 their daughter Magdelene and her husband and other relatives visited at Esmond on an auto tour of Minn., N. Dak. etc. It was decided that Mary would now accompany them on their trip home to Polson, Mont. and would, at least for the time being, reside with the Nelsons at Polson. On their trip they had stopped at Shelby, Mont. for lunch and were about to resume their trip when Mary, seeing something that attracted her attention across the street, started quickly across. The others noticed too late and were unable to stop her. She was struck by a passing car and killed instantly. The date was July 3, 1925, ten years to the day since the passing of her husband.

Notes, continued: A newspaper item, not entirely accurate in regards to visiting at Shelby, follows: WOMAN AGE 81, DIES IN SHELBY AUTO ACCIDENT. Mary Rognlie struck by car while crossing street in oil town. --- Special to The Tribune-- Shelby. Mary Rognlie, 81 years old, of Esmond, N. D., was instantly killed in Shelby late Friday afternoon when she was struck by an automobile said to have been driven by August Nordine. According to witnesses to the tragedy, the aged woman was crossing the street, but apparently did not see the approaching machine. Several persons called to her to stop, but it was evident she did not hear them. The woman was visiting in Shelby with her daughter, Mrs. S. G. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was about to take her to their name in Polson in an automobile with several other relatives. The body was removed by the Lyon mortuary. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Mrs. P. B. Rognlie (Juliana Kathrina Jenson) was born April 29, 1895 on the island, Tomma, in northern Norway. Her parents were Lars Jorgen Jenson born March 31, 1847 and Maria (Olson) Jenson born April 4, 1859. Her sister Anna Marselia (Jenson) married Olaf Pederson, Baasmo, Norway. Her brother Linas Mork Larson was born Feb. 15, 1900 at Alvso, Helgeland, Norway.

Paul C. (B.) Rognlie often said that he was able to speak six languages. He was, of course, fluent in Norwegian as his parents used it in preference to the less familiar English. In the early 1900's when father was engaged in the retail hardware business at Esmond, N. Dak. The area was being rapidly settled by immigrants from various foreign countries who were able to homestead the vacant land. Most of these people understood very little English and did not use it much until later years. When I was a child I remember being in the store when father carried on conversations with customers speaking German, Russian, Swedish or Norwegian. He was probably not fluent in other than Norwegian, but had no difficulty. The other language was probably French though I have no recollection of him using it. I was told -- Tom McDonald -- that many of the homesteaders preferred to do their buying at father's hardware because there it was easy to make their wants known and to get service quickly as there was no language barrier. (VBR)

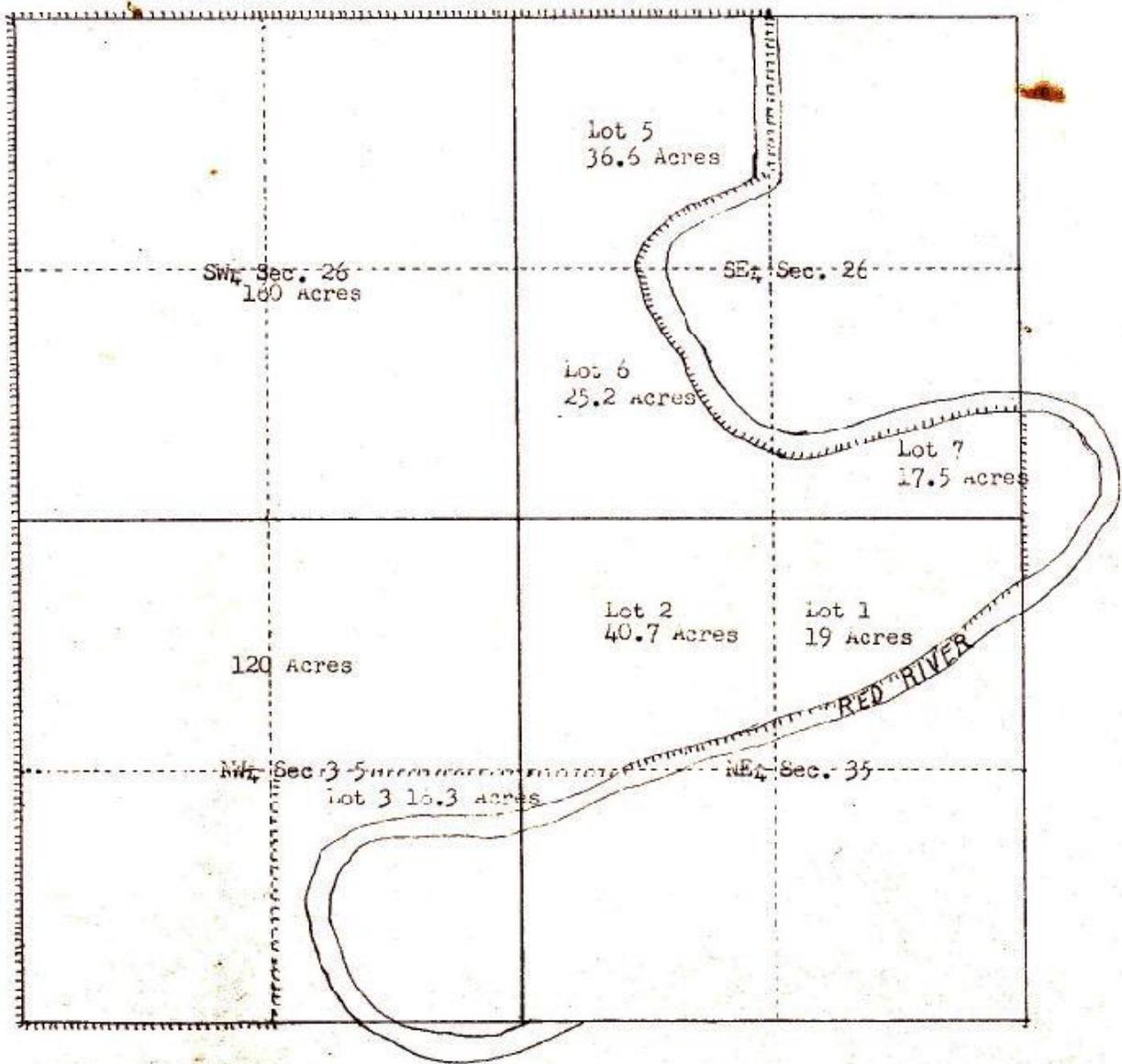
Sivert, Joel Rognlie was a musician and composer of some note. After his early schooling he attended Minneapolis Music School, Boston Conservatory and an advanced school of music in Germany. In the first decade or the early 1910's the publication "American Composers" devoted two pages to his history and accomplishments with photo included. The only presently (1970) available or known composition is "Alone In The Twilight" which was copyrighted in 1900. He was primarily a violinist but was capable on any instrument, especially the piano and pipe organ. After completion of his musical education, possibly in the late 1890's he embarked on several concert tours; in the U. S. and Canada. He was accompanied on these tours by P. B. Rognlie who performed as a humorist. Another possible composition by S. J. Rognlie may be "The Mckinley Waltz", which was described in a leaflet entitled "Rognlie's Humorous, Pathetic Compositions and Impersonations" — Published and sold by P. B. Rognlie, Viking N. D. (Date not given). The ad is quoted: "The Mckinley Waltz is the most beautiful musical composition ever written for Piano, 50 cents"

Adolph Rognlie, born Sept, 14, 1875, died Nov. 22, 1942. His family: Wilma Leona born Oct. 25, 1907; Avis Constance born Sept. 25, 1909; Merle Sinclair born Aug, 30, 1911; Lloyd Hollis born Nov, 21, 1913; Arlen Everett born Feb. 28, 1916, died 1942; Olive Eunice born Oct. 4, 1919; Wallace Alwood born July 17, 1922 (dead). Ea Ingrid (Harthe) Rognlie was Adolph Rognlie's wife.

S. B. ROGNLIE FARM

The original homestead was located in 1869 on the Red River 2 1/2 miles southeast of Caledonia, Dakota Territory (North Dakota). It eventually consisted of 419.5 acres in Sections 26 and 35, Township 148 Range 149. The description is as follows: N1/2 of NW4 and SW4 of NW4 and Lots 1 and 2 of NE4 of Section 35; SW4 and Lots 5, 6 and 7 of SE4 Section 26, T146, R49. The farm was sold in 1910 for about \$25,600., most, of which went to pay off accumulated debt.

Lots 5, 6, 7 #32 & 33 Abstract
#33 Patent 79-80 Acres
Lot 3 not part of farm.



The following is quoted from an article written by P. B. Rognlie for the "Normanden", 1942 and translated from the Norwegian by Mrs. Forest J. Rognlie:

Adolph Bernhard Rognlie

The sorrowful message that he had died came to us in the form of a telegram sent on the evening of November 22, 1942. He died at the hospital in Crookston the same day that he had arrived there.

Adolph Bernhard was in full one of the Dakota Prairie's boys. He was born in the big log house that his father, with the help of his brothers, Peter and Zephaniah had built on his homestead, that was 2 1/2 miles southeast of Caledonia, Dakota Territory (not Caledonia, Minnesota). He lived on the homestead the greater part of his life and worked hard at breaking and cultivating the hard but fruitful earth. When he grew to manhood, there on prairie, he used his talents to the up building and social betterment of the place. It is not too much to say, that this was no little thing when Caledonia's people in those days were a very rough folk. The little inland town had up to eight saloons with the result that there was almost constant quarrelling and fighting among the rough, drunken people, every day year around. It was the service he and other Norwegians gave to the place that made it, after a time, one of the most; respectable little towns in the community.

When he had finished common school, he studied two years at North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo,

Shortly after he got married, he left the farm and went into real estate business in Shelly, Minnesota and after a time, he became the druggist and was in this business for many years. Later he moved to Climax, Minnesota, where road building was his undertaking.

As I sit here writing, old memories come to mind. I recall when Adolph was born. In those days, it was not to go to a convenient hospital, no there wasn't even a doctor in the community. It was the custom to send one of the older children over to Grandma Johanna Rognlie, who lived with her son Zephaniah a mile away to the north. Grandma came right away, and it was not long after the boy came, that she had him washed and wrapped in clean, warm clothes, and so was the settlers lives different in the Red River Valley in these times.

Present at the funeral, were his brother, Paul B. Rognlie, Esmond N. D., Prof. W. P. Rognlie, Grand Forks N. D., Jossie nee Rognlie Sorem, Hanna nee Bjore Efteland, Shelly, Minn., Gerhard Rognlie, Pine River, Minn., and N. Bjore, Shelly, Minn. all of these, with exception of Paul B. Rognlie, are first cousins. By the side of Mrs. Adolph Rognlie, were their daughters, Wilma nee Rognlie Setermo, Mrs. Avis nee Rognlie Ergerson and their son Mr. Merle Sinclair Rognlie, who came from the USA Army hospital, Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Gerhard Rognlie from Pine River, Minn., and Christ Brodahl, Halstad, Minn., was there too, and thereafter, there was a big gathering of friends and neighbors who followed the casket out to the graveyard, which is over 2 miles southeast of Climax. Adolph's brother and sisters who could not come to the funeral are: Prof. S. J. Rognlie, Lewiston, Idaho. Mrs. Magdalena Nelson, Missoula, Mont., Mrs., Frida Miller, Wenatchee, Wash., Mrs. Clare Roppe, San Diego, Calif., Mrs, Hana Algeo, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Lilly Monoghan, Ferndale Mich., Adolpf's own children; who could not come: Hollis, U. S. Army, Alaska and Olive in California. The pastor who preached at the funeral took as his theme "Whet Is the Object, of Life", gave a very masterful explanation of that theme.



The "Minnie H." on Devil's Lake, about 1890



THE ROGNLIE FAMILY DATA

(P. B. Rognlie) 1943

The most Remote Authentic Family Connection

The most remote family connection of which the writer has so far been able to find recorded information is that of JOHAN PRINTZ (This name has since taken the form of PRITZ).

JOHAN PRINTZ. Johan Printz formerly designated himself as a Swede but in reality was an admixture of French, Dutch, Swedish and Norwegian ancestry.

The records do not show the date Johan Printz was born but he was sent to boss the colony, founded on the Delaware river by Sweden in 1638, early in the year of 1643 and it is fair to suppose that he was of mature age at that time since the records speak about him being a broth of a man weighing 400 pounds. It may be noted here that he was not only the first but the only Dictator that America has ever had and that he reigned as autocratic ruler holding the power of life and death in his hands for 10 years. It was, however, Johan's brother Sverre that moved into Norway where he engaged in various branches of commerce and became a promoter of the countries culture, arts and literature.

Sverre Printz had two sons both of them born at Roros, Norway in the middle of the 1600 name Pritz. It is from the records in possession of their great-great-grandsons that their relationship with the Rognlie family may be traced. It was one of those great-great-grandsons that married Lorentze Grande of Mosviken, Norway. She was born Rognlie and thus the Rognlies came into relationship with the Pritz and Printz ancestry.

The Rognlie Family

The Rognlie family, according to its tradition, is not, as often has been suggested, of Germanic origin but is strictly a Norse people whose progenitors continued from the earliest days to reside on the Rognlie farm in Verdalen, Norway. It was not until about 1870 that the Rognlie farm in Verdalen changed ownership to

someone not related to the original Rognlies. It was at that time than Johanna Rognlie, who was then the owner, (her husband had died several years before} decided to sell the farm and with her than remaining family emigrate to America to join her son Syvert Bertinus who had in company with Lorentz Venes emigrated to America in 1866 and settled near Spring Grove, Minn.

Johanna Rognlie. Johanna Rognlie was the sister of Nels Rognlie. Her sons are: Peter, Syvert Bertinus, Zephaniasters. Her daughters:h Christine and Ingeborg marta. Peter Rognlie (born Verdalen). Peter married Miss Vigen (Mosviken). Their sons and daughters are: Wilhelm, Sophie, Benna, Gerhard, Inga, Josephine.

Nels Rognlie. Nels Rognlie was born on the Rognlie farm in 1812 and died in 1879. He married Rakel Bjorn Pedersdatter. Their children are: August Herman Franke (died in Norway}, Johan Arnt (died at Minnewaukan N. D. 1928, Philip Jacob Spencer (died in Norway), Peter Parelius (died in Norway 1939), Brent Christian Skriver (died in Norway), Nanna Sophie (married Toris Grande, Mont.). Her daughter Molla married Mr. Mallory. She was at one time champion tennis player of America.

Syvert Bertiius Rognlie. Syvert Bertinus Rognlie was born Oct.14, 1839. He was married at Spring Grove, Minn. in 1867 to Marie Solumn from Eggedal, Norway. Their sons and daughters are: Georgine, Josephine Rosa, born Dec. 28, 1867, died July 25, 1934; Paul Christopher, born June 25, 1871; Severin Joel, born Aug. 1, 1873; Adolph Bernhard, born Sept. 14, 1875, died 1914; Magdalena Bergita, born Oct. 1878; Nanna Rakel; Clara Alma; Frida Ophilia; Lilly May.

Zephantias Rognlie. Zephantias Rognlie was born in Norway and married Christine Liaunet, from Norway. They had no children and are both dead.

Christine Rognlie. Christine Rognlie married Ole Bjøre of Spring Grove, Minn. They had the following children: Hannah (Mrs. Efteland), Julia (Mrs. Svalstad), Olga (Mrs. Dybing), Conrad (not married).

Ingeborg marta Roghlie. Ingeborg marta Rognlie married Mikal Rosvold, Franklin, Minn. Their children were: Rev. Parelius Born Dec. 21, 1858 in Veran, Norway, died 1942 in Minn; Robert born at Franklin, Minn.; Martin born at Franklin, Minn.

Paul Christopher Rognlie
(P. B. Rognlie)

Paul Christopher Rognlie was born June 25, 1871 On a farm near Spring Grove, Minn. He married Inez Signild LeGrand June 1, 1902. She was born in Sweden Dec. 4, 1875, died August, 1914. on Nov. 12, 1904, Donovan Earl was born. April 18, 1906 Forest Jennings was born. Jan. 21, 1908, Verdi Bertinus was born. Feb. 20, 1910 Alden Murray was born. Dec. 23, 1911 Rhema Genevieve was born. July 8, 1913. Harry LeGrand was born. On August 11, 1916 Paul Rognlie was married to Julianna Jensen born April 29, 1895 at Helgeland, Norway. To them were born: Oct. 4, 1916 Myrtle; May 20, 1918 Philip, January 26, 1920 Jarl Jerome.

Wee Earl Donovan Rognlie born Nov. 12, 1906, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rognlie. Feb. 23, 1930 married Lillian Grorud born to them Aug. 17, 1932 their daughter LaDonna.

Forrest Jennings Rognlie born April 18, 1905, married Gertrude Jacobson born Nov. 12, 1912. Their children are: Inez, born Dec. 17, 1931; Ellen, born Jan. 24, 1932; Paul, born July 24, 1940.

Inez Rhema Genevieve Rognlie. On May 22, 1932 was married to Reinart Theadore Reiersen. On Oct. 14, 1932 their daughter Esther was born.

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Dec. 28, 1938

Mr. P. B. Rognlie, Letter from S. A. Pritz (Sverre)
Esmond, N. Dak.

Dear Mr. Rognlie:

Yours of the 2th, inst. at hand and contents read with interest. I nor any of our family have no certain information where our ancestors came from. The tradition is however that they came from Germany. The first Prytz that we know of was Anders Prytz, born 1640, Röros, Norge.

My father also was born at Röros and we have the family history since that time in book form up to 1911. My father married Lorentze Grande at Mosviken, daughter of Skolelaerer and Bankkaserer Grande and his wife born Rognlie. Now I am unable to give you any detailed information about the branch of the Rognlie family that my grandmother belonged to but my mother always used to tell us that some of her Rognlie relatives settled in the Red River Valley real early. One relative of ours is the Rev. Rognlie, Franklin, Minn. I am not sure of his first name as I have lost his address.

This man has made two trips back to Norway and I heard from him about three years ago and he is getting to be up in years, close to eighty years old. I also believe that he used to be at Cottonwood, Minn. and Benson. This man, Rev. Rognlie, I am sure will be able to give the information that you want. You see I never saw my grandparents as they died when I was a baby and we lived at Foslandsosen, Naledalen which is eight or ten Norwegian miles north from Mosviken.

My father came to Mosviken as manager for the Benedict Jensen's real estate business at Vinje. That is how he became acquainted with my mother. You must excuse me that I did not take time off, when I was in Esmond, but when summer comes I shall try to keep my promise. If there is any further enlighting that you would like to get, let me hear from you.

With a wish for a good New Year, I am

Your honorable,
(S) S. A. Pritz
S. A. Pritz (Sverre)

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Number 4. The Duke	25
Number 5. That's What is Which	20
Number 6. The Cause of Hard Times and How to Remedy It	15
Number 7. I am Proud to Say that I Stand before you	20
Number 8. A Thought of You, Love	20
Number 9. Irish Love for Home	35
Number 10. Farewell Mrs. Watkins as Recited by Mr. Rognlie, New	20
Number 11. I am an Irish Boy, Honest at Heart and True as the Day, although you may look at me with scorn	40
Number 12. When I Think of Mother, Friends and Home After I Cry and Weep	40

From the time that P. B. R. traveled with the Rognlie and Framstead Concert Company as a Dramatic reader and humorist, 1894-1895. Sivert Rognlie, violinist and composer being the main attraction.

I Been Here Long Now.

By P. B. ROGNLIE.

I have been hair long now, when I kom over from Skandna via the won ship I kom over-on, did not go farther up-land, then to New York and I walked from there up hair, and it make my feet awful seek. I think that they had headache.

I is big-bug now. I rent myselfes all too the Dolrimple farm for seven dollars pery monte and my wife wash the board there.

You now Jim Hill? Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! I nowed you nowed him. He is my partner. There is no much difference between I and him, only I work on the Section and Jim don't.

Wanderbilt want's me to rent his farm now. He sent me the contract free on board at Chicago. Nothing to pay for box ing and pecking. It was inducement! However the contract want something like this:

THIS CONTRACT entered according to act of congress in under the P. O. at Kentucky, Frankford, as fifth class reading matter in the year One Thousand B. C. (Mean's Big cut for life of course.)

Art II. Be it hereby not known that I wanderbilt of the first part do rent and transfer to Axl-Kjerstingrika, of the second part, three half of the S. E. Section of Quarter No. 26, seven cows, 12 Hags, 2 Bouders, 1 Gobbler, 3 Shanghai pigs and the N. E. Quarter of Section 14, two colts, one sixhorse wagon-plov without wheels, and lots of other truck on which we have affixed our seal and layed our hands before anyone see it.

(The above was given up if believe that the audience to think it a most clever contract. It is not intended to be read out.)

Let's made-out that contract. Oh I am awful smart. I can speak six langwidges. I can speak Norwegian, that's one langwidge, then I can speak English and that's one that's two, then I can speak broken Norwegian that's one langwidge, there I got three, then I can broken English that's one langwidge, there I got four langwidges and so I can speak half Norwegin and half English that's one langwidge that makes me five langwidges and then I speak SKANS-REPARATUR, that's six. (How.)

I DID NOT THINK.

Extemp. Selection.

Friends: Little did I think before I was born, that I would have the honor of addressing this audience upon this occasion. But still less did I think that I should have the honor and opportunity to speak upon this subject.

Oh! friends, and dear friends the worst you have not as yet heard. If you have never prepare to hold them back now. Who should ever have attempted to conceive that I should learn to swim like a stone any more than I should learn to walk like the girls of _____

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Encore Selection.

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Rognlie Farm, Red River Valley, N. D. 1905



Some of the aunts, Red River, N. D. about 1900

PAUL CHRISTOPHER ROGNLIE was born on a farm near Spring Grove Minnesota, June 25, 1871. His parents were Syvert Bertinus Rognlie and Marie Solum. He was the second of nine children. His father Syvert Rognlie, born in Norway, first came to America about 1864 and after serving with the Union army during part of the American Civil war, returned to Norway. Then in company with Lorentz Venes returned to America in 1866 and first settled near Spring Grove, Minnesota. In 1870 Syvert's mother Johanna and the rest of the Rognlie family joined him there. In 1869 Syvert, having been married in 1867, ventured forth to the west seeking new surroundings for his family. He traveled on skis and had many hardships in his travels to the then almost unknown wilderness, the Red River valley. Mother, Johanna and brothers Peter and Zephanias joined him there in the spring and they filed on homesteads and started building log cabins. In early August Marie received a letter from Syvert telling her to at once make preparations to come to the new homestead. A log house had already been built and furnished. He also said he would have a surprise for her when they reached Breckenridge where he would meet them and take her and the children to the homestead which was situated some 80 miles to the north. She traveled by slow mixed trains to Breckenridge and was anxious to find out what the surprise her husband had for her. It seemed an eternity before the train stopped after the whistle had been heard. When the train stopped there he stood on the depot platform, his face beaming with pleasure. After the reunion Marie said: "But what of the surprise?". Syvert answered: "You just wait here until you see me come with the oxen!". Soon he came around the corner with his team of oxen and a brand new wagon. The wagon was painted in bright colors of green with yellow stripes in appropriate places, both on the box and the hubs of the wheels. The bows on which the cover was stretched were also painted. Of only one thing Syvert complained. "I could not buy the spring seat, but have made a board to lay across and we will lay quilts on it and it won't be so bad." Marie replied, I would rather sit on the board than on one of those high spring seats." So the journey started on the Minnesota side of the Red River towards Georgetown. After two days of steady plodding the little Hudson Bay company town of Georgetown was reached. Syvert was anxious to move on and wanted to cross the river before sundown. He had driven down the steep slippery river bank to the ferry and as the oxen got their front feet onto the ferry, the ferry started to go out into the river as it had not been tied to the landing and at once the oxen with the covered wagon and its load

were dumped into the muddy and swift flowing water of the Red river. Marie had been sitting on the board holding the two children on her lap, but as the wagon slipped down into the deep water, Paul had been flung at some distance out into the river and would have certainly drowned right there but it seems that this should not be because at just that moment a boat from the opposite shore had just arrived and one of the men in that boat caught Paul's garment as he was about to go down into the muddy water. Marie and Georgine were rescued by bystanders along the shore. The oxen, wagon, and all provisions, clothing and other goods were by that time out in the middle of the stream. Boats set out to get ropes on the oxen and guide them along the banks of the river which were too steep and slippery to climb out. Finally about two miles down stream they made it out. Most of the people helping were Indians. It took three days to get things washed out and dried before they could proceed. Overjoyed, they finally reached the log cabin. Many new settlers started coming from then on and each was greeted happily. A little country school was built and later as the children grew they had to walk 3 miles morning and evening to attend.

The Hudson Bay Company established a trading post in 1871 which afterwards became known as Caledonia. It was not long before everything was buzzing with activity. New buildings being erected, flour mills, freight depots. Stage lines were operated to take care of passenger and freight traffic. Steamboats going up and down the river. Rafts of lumber, small boats, large consignments of logs. The mail was carried by stage coach. Paul's father was the first person to seed a crop in what is Caledonia township. 10 acres of oats. When nearly mature, out of the blue sky came a swarm of grasshoppers and destroyed it in less than two hours.

In Paul's words: "After a high school was established in Hillsboro, I attended it for four years and later attended the Wilmar Seminary and Business College located at Wilmar, Minnesota." "My intention was then to take up the study of law at the University of Minnesota but the panic of 1893 prevented me from doing that, so the following year, 1894-95 I traveled with the Rognlie and Framstad Concert Company as a dramatic reader and humorist. Brother Sivert, an accomplished violinist and composer was the main attraction. We traveled with considerable success through North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. By this time I decided to go back to Benson County where I had made a visit in 1882 and had a

ride from Devils Lake to West End (now Minnewaukan) on the maiden trip of the Minnie "H". I had also been in Benson County in 1889 and 1891. This last time I came to take a homestead and while proving up on this homestead took employment as store manager for T. L. Quarve in his Viking Store at Viking N. Dak. and later went into the hardware and furniture business at Manfred, N. Dak. Then in 1901 I built and operated the first hardware and furniture store in Esmond, which I continued for a period of 27 years. During the legislative session of 1901 I served as assistant secretary of the N. D. Senate. From 1917 to 1923 I was secretary of the Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company with offices at Fargo, N. D. In 1922 I sold my hardware and furniture business to B. I. Steig of Esmond. After 1924 I devoted all my time to the Nursery business that I established at Esmond. I also started a fruit orchard at Esmond in 1901 and have maintained it ever since during which time I have originated several new varieties of plums, apples, raspberries, strawberries, shrubs and trees"

Many people of the younger generation recall their parents telling about "Rognlie the Plum Man" driving into their yards with the old dodge car loaded with delicious plums which he sold for a dollar a pail. He was noted for his beautiful yard with many flowers, shrubs and trees at the south end of town. Many remarked that it was just like a park. He planted the first evergreen trees in Esmond and many of them are still alive. He had many evergreen trees planted over the land amongst a great variety of plum and shade trees. He grafted many plum trees, originating some new varieties. He won many awards showing off his sweet tasting fruits. One year he received a silver cup from the North Dakota Horticulture Society and the Northwest Nursery for his display of fruits at the State Fair. He was also interested in other people becoming involved with the nursery business and helped many get started along this line of work. He was Justice of Peace at Esmond for about 15 years. There are many other activities that would be of interest but space does not permit.

On June 1, 1902 Paul Rognlie married Ines Signild LeGrand. She was born in Sweden of French-Swedish parents and died at Esmond August 1914. He met her at Manfred, N. Dak. To this union were born five boys and one girl, all at Esmond.

W. E. Donaven, married Lillian Grorud at Williston, N. Dak. They have one daughter, LaDonna and four grandchildren. Donaven, a semi-retired professional photographer and wife reside at Kalispell, Montana. Forrest J, loved the outdoor

life and would walk out to Buffalo Lake many times with his buddies and camp, swim and hunt for several days. He married Gertrude Jacobson at Somers, Montana. They had two daughters and one son, and six grandchildren. Forrest passed away in December 1973. Verdi B., retired from the Federal Aviation Administration, now lives near Kalispell, Montana. `

Alden M., a Navy veteran of W.W. II with service in the Pacific theater, operated an orchard in the Flathead valley of Montana until he passed away in 1968.

Inez Rhema Genevieve, married Heinart Reiersen in 1932. They are retired and live in Eemond. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.

Harry L., resided in Esmond his entire life except for a few years spent as manager of the Arrowood wildlife Reserve near Kensal, N.D. and in military service. He was a veteran of more than three years Army service in W.W. II, serving in Panama and Alaska. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post 4251 at Esmond. He died April 28, 1960 at the Veterans hospital in Minneapolis at the age of 47.

In 1916 Paul Rognlie married Juliana K. Jenson who was born in Alvso, Helgeland, Norway in 1895. During the war years they worked in the ship yards in Washington and then moved back to North Dakota and made their home in Fargo, N. Dak. Mrs. Rognlie worked at the Veterans hospital at Fargo for many years. To this second marriage there were born three children:

Myrthle L., married Gerhard Faleide at Esmond Trinity Lutheran Church in 1938. They live in the Viking community south of Maddock. They have two daughters, two sons and six grandchildren.

Philip, Army veteran of W.W. II with service in Europe and now Director of the Upward Bound program at Fargo, N. Dak. lives with his wife Marget at Fargo. Philip has three sons.

Jarl J., a teacher, and wife Inez live in Fargo, N. Dak. They have one daughter.

Paul Rognlie died March 27, 1952 at his home in Fargo. Mrs. Rognlie died in December 1973 at Fargo. Mr. Rognlie was long active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He held the title of Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative among others. He was also Adjutant General of the Department of Patriarchs Militant.

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Johanna Rognlie	(Sivert Bertinus	married Mari Sclum
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	(Christine	married Ole Björe
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	(Zefenias	married Christine Svean

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Rognlie is in Värnan

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	(Nanna	married Törris Grande, lived in Ytteröen
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Nils and Johanna Rognlie were full brother and sister., born on the "gaard" Rognlie in Värnan. Nils Rognlie was a teacher in Värnan. His son Parelius was also a teacher and lived in Mosviken. Nils's son Philip was a merchant in Trondhjem.

Neils (Sometimes shown as Nils or Nels) Rognlie born 1812, died 1879 was married to Hakel Bjorn Pedersdatter. Their children: August Herman Franke, died in Norway; Johan Arnt, died 1923 at Minnewakan, N. Dak.; Philip Jacob Spencer, died in Norway; Peter Parelius, died in Norway 1939; Bernt Christian Skriver, died in Norway; Nanna Sophia (married Toris Grande, daughter Molla married Mr. Mallory. She was once Champion Tennis player).

Neils Rognlie was the brother of Johanna, wife of Anders Rognlie (Zakarias Bruaas?), Rognlie who was the mother of Sivert Bertinus Rognlie who was the father of Paul B. Rognlie and his brothers and sisters. Johanna Rognlie was the mother of: Peter, Sivert Bertinus, Zlephanias, Christine, Ingeborg Marta (Rosvald), (Mikal Rosvold).

Peter Rognlie's sons and daughters: Wilhelm, Sophie, Benna, Gerhardt, Inga, Josephine. Josephine married Oliver Serum. Their children: (ages 1937) Iola 23, Virginia 21, Almont 20, Ardale 18, Willma 10. Inga married Martin Madson. Their son: Correles (shown as Mr. Correles). Benna married James Mathews, now 1937), Sacramento, Calif., daughter Fern. Gerhardt Rognlie married Anne Folstad (killed in auto accident near Missoula, Mont. about 1958- VBR). Sons: Arnold 21, (1937), Harold 19, Marvin 14, Pine River Minn. Gernardt remarried, her maiden name not Known.

Christine Rognlie married Ole Bjore of Spring Grove, Minn. Their children: Hannah (Mrs. Efteland), Julia (Mrs. Svalstad), Olga (Mrs. Dyoing), Nelin (Not Married) Hannah (Bjore) Efteland's children: (1937) Henry 45, Olga 40, Idell, Clarence, Tenner, Hilda, Lillian, Ernest, Etle. Peter Rognlie (born Verdalen) married Miss Vigen (Mosvigen). Zephania nognlie, born in Norway, married Christine Liaunet from Norway. They had no children and are both dead. (1943).

Ingeborgmarta Rognlie married Mikal Rosvold, Franklin, Minn. Their children: Rev. Parelius born Dec, 21, 1858 in Veran, Norway; Robert born at Franklin, Minn.; Martin born at Franklin, Minn.

Relative's Register on my Mother's Side
P. B. Rognlie

Marie Solum: born on the farm Solum at Eggedal, Norway, September 14, 1844. Her father Paul Solum born at Kongsberg in the year 1796 was a clock maker and sexton (deacon) in Mjoseg, Sigdal. His mother was a daughter of Pastor Rose from Haland or Toten. He married Anne Kistophersdater at Sinsteby in Flo in Hallingdal and had relatives at Buen (?), Tristheim (?), and Kolsru (?). Marie Solum's mother was Anne Kristophersdater a cousin of Elen, Erik and Truls Sinsteby. Ellen Sinsteby born at Sinsteby got married to VISE KARI (Wise Man) and moved to Eldal in Sigdal. Marie Solum got married to Sivert Bertinus Rognlie from Veran Throdhjems (?) Amt, Norway, in Spring Grove, Minn., in the year 1867, her man journeyed to North Dakota, or as it was named then, Dakota Territory in 1869 where he found himself land, built a little log house, then journeyed back to Minnesota after his household. Marie moved after, in the year 1871 with her daughter Georgina and son Paul, who then were the whole family. They settled themselves 48 miles north of where Fargo now is, and lived there until 1911 when they moved to their son Paul B. Rognlie, Esmond, N. D. where they stayed till their death day. Sivert Bertinus Rognlie was born Oct. 14., 1839, died at Esmond, N. D. July 3, 1915. Marie (Solum) Rognlie was born Sept. 14, 1844; and died at Shelby, Mont. July 3, 1925.

(Translated from the Norwegian by Mrs. Forrest J. Rognlie)

Very little information is recorded regarding The Husband of Johanna Rognlie and father of Sivert B. Rognlie and his brothers and sisters. In P. B. Rognlie's letter of 1931 he is briefly referred to as Anders Rognlie. According to the story told to us as children and recalled by Donaven, Forrest and myself, something like the following occurred: As was the custom in Norway the people living on a farm or in a community assumed the name of that farm or community. The Rognlies had owned this particular farm for a long time and went by that name. The earliest record available shows Neils (also sometimes shown as Nels or Nils) Rognlie and his sister Johanna Rognlie and their sons and daughters. The story told to us was that there was a long time employee of the family who married Johanna and that thereafter he also assumed the Rognlie name. This was almost certainly Anders Rognlie. A brief typed sheet among the data (author not known) shows the husband of Johanna as Zakarias Bruaas which was apparently his name before it was changed to Rognlie. (It is not shown whether the name Anders was part of his original name or it was also changed when he became Rognlie. The sheet does show Zakarias Bruaas as the father of Sivert, Peter, Zephaniah etc. (VBR)

(Following are recorded but unrelated Notes found in the data.)

Mrs. John Lingstad is a cousin of Sivert Bertinus Rognlie.

Mrs. Christine Rognlie died July 8, 1936 at Minneapolis, Minn. (No information available on her husband.) (She was very likely the wife of Zephaniah Rognlie who was a brother of Sivert Bertinus Rognlie.)

Magdalena Bergita Rognlie born Oct. 24, 1877, married Rev. Severin Gotchalk (Leite) Nelson, born July 8, 1878, on June 27, 1917. Their child is Muriel Sylva (Silvia?) born April 24, 1918. Muriel (Kelly) now (1970) lives at Long Island, New York. Magdalena Nelson died at the Lutheran home, Kalispell, Mont. Mar. 26, 1967 and was buried in sunset memorial Gardens Cemetery at Missoula, Mont. Rev. Nelson died about 1950 and was buried in Sunset at Missoula.

Frida (Rognlie) Miller's family: Vivian, Wayne, Sivart, Curtis, Kenneth, Jimmi.

Lillie May (Rognlie) Monaghan born May 5, 1890 married D. A. Monaghan born April 7, 1891. Their family : Sivert born Feb. 17, 1914, married Katherine Barker

Aug. 17, 1936; Lucilla and Drusilla, twins, born Apr. 13, 1917., Drusilla married Burt Lundahl Oct. 2, 1937; Daniel born Nov. 24, 1919.

John Lee (husband of Gjorgine Josephine Rognlie) born Aug. 21, 1868. Daughter Tina Lee now (1937)? Mrs. LaBar, Laurel, Mont. Son, Royal Lee born June 27, 1896, (noted as an inventor), Jenny (Mrs. John Lee) died July 25, 1934.

Accompanying Sivert Bertinus Rognlie and his mother Johanna to homestead in the red River valley near the confluence of the Goose and Red rivers in Dakota Territory in 1869 were Peter and Zephanias Rognlie who also took up homesteads nearby. (From Normanden, date 1937?) Mrs. Olga Dybing, Shelly, died Tuesday after a lengthy illness, She was 56 years old. Surviving her, is her husband, Enock Dybing, a well known business one daughter, Mrs. Manfred Falstad, Hendrum, one son, Conrad, living at home, one sister Mrs. Ingvald Efteland, one brother, C. N. Björe, living near Shelley. (Olga Dybing was the daughter of Christine (Rognlie) and Ole Bjore and a cousin of P. B. Rognlie)



P. B. R. Hardware store at Viking, N. D. 1895



Erecting a windmill. Manfred N. D. 1900



Incomplete P.B.R. Hardware at Manfred, N.D. about 1898



Page 174, "Normaendene I Amerika", Trail county, North Dakota. Listed among the emigrants in the Caledonia are are: The Rognlie brothers from Trondhjem(?).

B. C. S. Rognlie, manager, wholesale house, Trondhjem.

Philip Rognlie son of Parelius Rognlie (Norway).

Feder Pritze (Foss Landason – Norde Trondhjem, Bestyrer for Bendick Jenson, Vinje, Mosviken.

Otto Pritze , Binford; Svere Pritze, Minot; their mother was Loretze (Rognlie) Grande.

Page 321, "Nordmaend i Amerikanske Krige": Paulssen, Truls, Fra SigdalBir. r Houston Co., Minn." (was uncle to P. B. Rognlie; was his mother's brother.)

In the early 1900s P. B. Rognlie served as Assistant Secretary of the Senate of North Dakota for one term. He was a staunch Republican most of his days and was quite argumentive and sometimes quite intense in his arguments for the partie's policies; until during the "Great Depression" he became convinced that the programs of Franklin Roosevelt were the only salvation and thereafter he became a strong Democrat.

In 1943? Mr. and Mrs P. B. Rognlie journeyed to Portland, Oregon and were employed by the Kaiser Shipbuilding firm until the end of World War II. They then returned to their home at Esmond N. Dak. where they resided for a few years then moved to Fargo, N. Dak. where they built a home. As a commentary on P. B.'s stamina and ambition, he was 72 when he began working the shipyards.

The following item appeared in the editor's column 'Poor Richard's Almanac' in the November 26, 1970 issue of the Benson County (N. Dak.) Farmers Press: "Its fun to look through old newspapers to find out how times have changed. A November 25, 1905 issue of the Esmond Bee contains an ad for Rognlie and Sorenson which states iron beds are \$3.00 and up. Nowadays that kind of money will barely buy a pillow case."



Following was inscribed on negative plate but unable to bring it out in the print. "Preparing to defy the 190th attack of the natives at Viking, N. D. and the boys in which struggle many were killed. August 25th, '97.



From the "Esmond Bee" about 1946

BUILDERS OF ESMOND

Paul Christopher "P. B." Rognlie

This week we tell of the life of one of North Dakota's real pioneers who has spent the greatest part of his life in Esmond. He has been known to his friends as "P. B." for many years. It took the war to bring out the fact that his initials really were P. C. Rognlie.

Paul was born in 1871 near Spring Grove, Minn. and migrated to Dakota Territory where he settled with his parents near where Caledonia, N. Dak. now is located. He attended grade school there and later high school at Hillsboro, later business college at Willmar, Minnesota.

In the spring of 1893 he came to Benson County and became Manager of the Viking Mercantile Company in 1894. He remained as manager of this company until 1897 when he moved to Manfred, North Dakota, where he went into partnership with Ben Sorenson. This partnership lasted until 1912. Mr. Rognlie moved to Esmond in 1900 where he entered the hardware business, continuing in this until 1924, selling to B. I. Steig at that time.

During the time he was in business in Esmond he had other interests as well. He was secretary of the Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1918 to 1927. He was at one time Assistant Secretary of the State Senate (Leg. Session 1898-1899.)

He was instrumental in creating interest along horticultural lines in Esmond where he took bare hillsides and converted them into landscaped grounds. His plum farm furnished fruit for a large territory about Esmond and his trees were shipped to many states.

Paul was Justice of the Peace at Caledonia, Manfred and Esmond a total of forty years. At one time he was chairman of the Benson County Planning Board. During the time Paul lived in Esmond he has proved to be an optimist and always was a booster for his town, and his state. He has invested a considerable amount of his earnings right back in the community to make it a better place. For years he was

Chairman of the Commercial Club and for a long period an active member. His work in the Odd Fellows has been outstanding. We are pleased to announce that Paul will return to Esmond this April.

In the early days in the Red River valley where the Rognlie clan settled there were branches of the family sired by Sivert Bertinus, Peter and Zephanias, all sons of Johanna and some of the sons of Nils and Rakel. (it is not known just which). Peter's sons were Wilhelm and Gerhard. Zephanias had no children. Parelus' (son of Nils) sons Haakon, Adolf and Fred were also in this area; Haakon, at least, later moving to the Minnewaukan, N. Dak. area. When P. B. Rognlie was a young man there lived nearby a cousin of about the same age who also had the name Paul Christopher (The data docs not show whose son he was). P. B. R. was named after his mother's father, Paul Christopher Solum. There came to be a lot of confusion among people due to two men with the same names in the same area, especially after they started in business. To clarify the situation R. B. R. decided to change his middle initial to "B" which for his use had no name meaning. The "B" was taken from his father's S. 'B.' Rognlie.

Joseph Alfred LeGrand was a farmer at Manfred, N. Dak. living in town and farming nearby. He and his family came there from Northwood, N. Dak after immigrating from Sweden about 1882. Whether he farmed at Northwood is not known. Joseph Alfred died at Manfred in the early 1900's. His son Axel operated a grain elevator in Manfred. His daughter Clara worked in a bank and later married N. A. Anderson who ran a lumber yard. They later moved to Velva, N. Dak. Harry moved to California at an early date. Harry LeGrand Rognlie was named after him.

During the summer of 1914 Donaven, Forrest and Verdi Rognlie stayed at Grandmother LeGrand's during the illness of their mother who died in August of that year from what has been variously reported as stroke, cerebral hemorrhage or brain tumor. Clara and Gertrude were then single and were at home at Manfred.

A man by the name of John Svabo, a farmer, lived about three miles east of Esmond, N. Dak. In about 1913 he made a trip to Norway from which he originally came. While there he married a widow with two grown girls, Julia and Jenny Jenson, and brought them all back to Esmond. Accompanying them was Julianna Larsen-Jenson, a friend of the family, who came to work and live in this country. During 1913 or 1914 she came to the Rognlie family to work when Mrs. Rognlie (Inez Signild) was critically ill (she died in Aug. 1914). In August 1916 P. B. Rognlie and Julianna Jenson were married.

Fred Rognlie, who was for a time at the Lutheran home at Kalispell, was a son of Parelius (son of Nils) and a brother of Haakon. There is another, Frank Rognlie, who lives at Martinsdale, Mont. and is also the son of Parelius and a brother of Haakon.

Happenings of the Week.

The Bee office for fine job work. Chas Stackhouse of Elling is reported quite sick.

Bert Amdahl was a jolly Fillmore visitor in town Tuesday.

The N. P. supply care came up Tuesday evening this week.

Dr. S. B. Toney made his regular visit here, Wednesday and Thursday.

Money to loan on 1st., 2nd., or 3rd. mortgage. Ask Grant S. Youmans, Mgr. 3

E. McLain formerly a resident of Esmond but now of Minot was here this week looking after business interests.

R. C. Haddow departed this week for a visit with relatives at Gilby. Bobby expects to spend this winter on the coast.

The new Harriman building at Mad-dock will be opened December 6th. Arrangements will be made to run a train from here.

GRANT S. YOUMANS, THE LAND MAN, LOANS MONEY ON FARMS, BUYS AND SELLS LAND, AND CAN LOCATE YOU ON A HOMESTAD. 11

Mgr. Huyssen of the Esmond Opera House has arranged the dates and booked the following attractions of the Columbian Lyceum Bureau series. Eleanore Miller will come Dec. 15, the Buckeye Male Quartette will be heard January 3, the Columbian Entertainers will appear February 14 and the Hiawatha Moving Pictures will be seen March 19.

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Over Pabst Jewellery Store Fargo, N. D.

Dr. Toney makes regular visits to Esmond. See this paper for dates.

G. Solberg is building an addition to his residence.

E. C. Laing is covering his feed mill with steel siding.

Tom Tompson of Fillmore was a visitor in town this week.

T. S. Arnett was a business visitor to Devils Lake, this week.

R. D. Swengel was a business visitor to the county seat Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. Tilton and daughter Ruth of Kraimer were visitors here this week.

The best form of chattel mortgage blanks and notes can be obtained at the BEE office.

For a beautiful complexion use Milk Weed Soap and Cream, for sale at the Corner Drug Store.

Season tickets are now on sale for the Lyceum course, at the opera house, at H. F. Sitzer & Co.

Hon. D. B. Wellman, state inspector of weights and measures was a visitor in town the first of the week.

Miss Etta Hoadley returned to her home at Josephine, after a short visit with her sister Mrs. A. W. Engel.

Guy Truman has returned from Devils Lake where he has been confined to the hospital with typhoid fever.

Land dealers find a great demand for good farming lands from men who want to become actual farmers in the state. There is also a lot of demand for investment purposes by people with more money than they can loan satisfactorily.

A pleasant dancing party was given Monday night in Huyssen's hall in honor of W. D. Bock who departed Tuesday morning for his home at Sauk Center, Minn., after spending about two months in the interests of F. G. Troppman. Mr. Bock made many friends during his short stay here who wish him success wherever he may go—and that he will return next year in time to assist on the football team.

ing you land. 2

A. W. Engel is erecting a new barn near his residence.

Chattel mortgage satisfaction blanks for sale at the Bee office.

H. Kruse was over from Harvey this week looking after collections.

Geo. Coaller of Elling was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Cull is enjoying a visit from her sister Miss Walton of Sheyenne.

Bell the Harvey ball player was in town this week shaking hands with his Esmond friends.

John Amunson of Fillmore was a visitor in town Wednesday and became one of the BEE's many readers.

Mike Krebsbach returned to his home at Hankenson, Monday after a short visit here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wheelon of Towner, spent a few days here the guest of their son, Dr. F. E. and Mrs. Wheelon.

All copy for ads. and manuscript for publication should be in the printers hands by Thursday noon to insure publication as the forms are closed Friday morning.

Ed. and James Keenan will hold an auction sale at their farm 8 miles south east of town, December 2nd, when they will sell all of their work horses and farm machinery if you are in need of farming implements you will do well to attend this sale.

The death of A. E. Peterson occurred Monday evening at his home north of Minnewaukan from acute indolence. Mr. Peterson was in his fifty-third year of his age and had lived on the farm where he died for the past twenty years. Little is known of his family history and it is understood that he has no relatives living in the United States, he having come to this country in early life and moved to Benson county from Sheboygan, Mich., about 1882 or 1883. His remains were interred in the Minnewaukan cemetery Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended by his neighbors and friends.—Minnewaukan Sittings.

Superintendent Teigon was a visitor in town this week.

Henry Huntly returned Monday from a visit to the twin cities.

Andrew Erickson is having a gas lighting system installed in his drug store.

T. S. Arnett has purchased the building now being occupied by W. L. Taylor.

FOR SALE—Three large gas store lights, can be used for residents lights, at a sacrifice

ANDREW ERICKSON.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allison came up from New Rockford, Saturday for a visit with relatives.

Harry Wasson and Arthur Rowland departed Monday morning for a visit to the twin cities and points in Wisconsin.

Geo. Nichols of the BEE force departed Monday morning for the hospital at Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interests in Benson and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address: The Harvey Oil Company, Cleveland, O.

The Oberon football players showed themselves to be sports of the short variety by not showing up for the game Sunday, as per agreement. The Esmond boys offered to pay all hotel and traveling expenses but the lads from the noiseless village failed to appear.

The smoke from the engine is seen in the east; all citizens are rejoicing; merchants are buying more goods and dusting up the old stock; carpenters hit three licks where they used to hit two, and whiskey's gone up fifty cents a gallon. The townsite of Mercer has been invaded by the cars. The switch is laid and lumber hauled in for an elevator, depot and section house. The construction crew is now within five miles of Turtle Lake and chances are that ere another week shall pass the cars will be rumbling over this town. A surfacing crew follows and the track layers, and all the work will be completed at about the same time.—Turtle Lake Wave.

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H. F. SITZER & CO. Props.

The Minot puglists are now fighting through the newspapers.

Post office jobs have been thrown into the civil service and are no longer obtainable by a political pull.

The Ward county clerk of court is making a paying investment of his office for the county. His fees since he went into office have already exceeded \$1600.

Judge Amidon has ruled that the express companies which ship liquor into this state and allow their agents to dispose of it must pay the usual government license assessed against retail dealers. The Soo line will be compelled to dig up liberally owing to this ruling.

The population of the towns in North Dakota as officially furnished by the Secretary of State, shows Esmond to be in the lead and is the metropolis of Benson County. And our little city is still lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes.

The state supreme court holds that the legislature should have fixed the amount to be spent upon executive mansion and also that for the rebuilding of the capitol, and not have delegated this authority to a commission. It also holds that the capitol funds can be used for the purpose of building a residence for the governor, but that the legislature had no power to delegate to others the duty of naming its cost. This is the substance of the recent decision of the court.

It seems difficult for some of the eastern papers to understand the requirements of the North Dakota pure drug law. Most of them say that when patent medicines are sold in this state the formula must be published. The law contains no requirement for the publication of formulas in any case. When a preparation contains a certain enumerated drug, or any of them, the percentage of such drug must be stated on the label, but no mention need be made of any of the other ingredients.

The postmaster general has ruled that all mail addressed to the number of rural routes for every service will be delivered the same as mail addressed by name. The new ruling will help mail order houses immensely and they will be made able to reach thousands of people whom heretofore have had a chance to reach. The post office is allowed to give the number of rural routes supplied by his office and the number of boxes on each route to those who ask it. This is a complete reversal of an order issued by the postal department several months ago, prohibiting postmasters from furnishing lists of names of persons receiving mail at their office. The order affects local retail trade, especially in smaller towns and merchants are being urged to lay the matter before the department with a view of having the order reversed.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Agreeably to a proclamation made by Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and because it is fitting that the people of this State should, publicly and by due observances, render thanks to the Giver of all good for the blessings that have bestowed upon us, I, E. Y. SARGES, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby designate Thursday, November 30, 1915, as Thanksgiving Day within and for the State. Upon that day, refraining from secular occupations, let us with thankful hearts lift our voices from altar and from beside in an expression of our gratitude to Almighty God to this Nation and State serve as our example in ministering to the needs of those among us who may be poor or unfortunate, that the day may breathe the spirit of charity and fraternity. May no distress or need be permitted among us upon that day, and may its lesson serve to guide us in the paths of civic righteousness and private concern for the welfare of our fellow men. Done at the Capital at Bismarck under the Great Seal of the State, this sixth day of November, 1915.

E. Y. SARGES, Governor.

By the Governor:
E. F. FORGER, Secretary of State.

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ALLISON & KREBSBACH Props.

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Esmond, N. D.

Ingeborg M. Rognlie & Hendrick Rognlie *

Parelius Rognlie

Ingeborg Rognlie & Mikal Rosvold
(2nd marriage)

Robert Rosvold
Martin Rosvold

(Please see Appendix B for a June 2012 edition of Ingeborg Rognlie Branch)

KRISTINE ROGNLIE BJØRE BRANCH

Kristine Rognlie & Ole Bjøre

Hannah Amalia Bjøre
Julia Serine Bjøre
Olga Anna Bjøre
Conrad Nelius Bjøre

(Please see Appendix A for a June 2012 edition of Kristine Bjøre Branch)

ZEPHANIVS ROGNLIE BRANCH

Zephanivs & Christine Rognlie
Christine S. Liaunet

No children

* (Hendrick ? changed name to Rognlie)
(Henrick Olsen Onsøiåsen had a number of children out of wedlock
with a number of women in Nord-Trøndelag. He did not change his name)

HANNAH BJØRE EFTELAND FAMILY

Hannah Bjøre Efteland
/ Ingvald Efteland

1. Idella H. Efteland Malme
Charles Malme

A- Charles Irving Malme
2. Olga Emily Efteland
3. Clarence Efteland
4. Hilda J. Efteland Eig
? Eig
5. Tenny Efteland
6. Lillian M. Efteland Brohough
Hubert L. Brohough

A- Keith Hubert Brohough
7. Ethel V. Efteland Hanson
George E. Hanson

A- Larry G. Hanson

B- Connie Vivian Hanson

C- Patricia Louise Hanson
8. Ernest J. & Virginia Efteland
Virginia ?

A- Faith Efteland

B- Sharon Efteland

C- Marcia Efteland

(Please see Appendix C for a June 2012 edition of the
Hannah Bjøre Eftland Family Chart)

JULIA BJØRE SWALSTAD FAMILY

Julia Bjøre Swalstad
/ Theodore Swalstad

1. Theone Swalstad Aanenson
Alvin M. Aanenson, Sr.
A- Alvin M. Aanenson, Jr.
B- Rolf D. & Janice Aanenson
Janice Anderson
Robin J. Aanenson
Randall Lynn Aanenson
Gail Marie Aanenson

2. Burlin O. & Ruth Swalstad
Ruth Amundson
A- Burlin R. & DeNae Swalstad
DeNae Baker
Lyn Renae Swalstad
Roberta Kay Swalstad

(Please see Appendix D for a June 2012 edition of the Julia Bjore Swalstad and Olga Bjore Dybing Family Charts)

OLGA BJØRE DYBING FAMILY

Olga Bjøre Dybing
/ Enoch Dybing

1. Tillie O. Dybing Følstad
Conrad M. Følstad
A- Ione D. Følstad Johnson
Stuart Johnson
B- Nancy Eldeen Følstad
C- Elroy Conrad Følstad
D- Helen Marie Følstad
2. Andrew Conrad Dybing

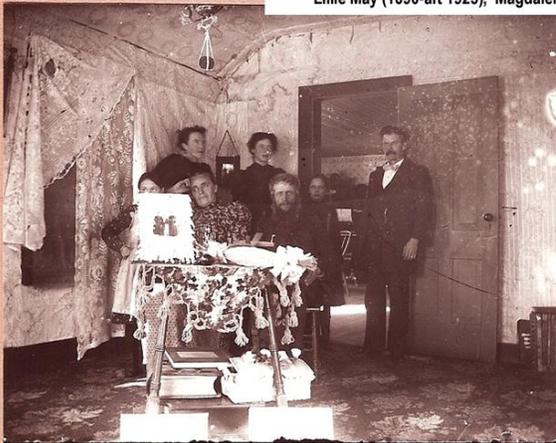
CONRAD NELIUS BJØRE

No family



Sivert Bertinius and Marie B Rognlie, and Family - 1898

Standing l-r: Paul Christopher (1871-1952), Clara Alma (1883-1963),
 Severin "Sivert/Severus" Joel (1873-1945), Gjorgine Jorgina "Jennie" Sophie (1868-1934),
 Nanna "Nannie" Rachel (1880-1956), Adolph Bernard (1875-1942)
 Front Row: Sivert Bertinius Zachariasen Rognlie (1839-1915),
 Marie "Mary, Mara" B. (Solumn) Rognlie (1884-1925), Frida "Freda" Ophelia (1887-aft 1925),
 Lillie May (1890-aft 1925), Magdalena "Maggie" Bergita (1878-1967)



Granpa & Grandma's 40th? wedding anniversary 1907? Where?



P.B.R. second from left, Adolf Rognlie right. Others unknown.



F. B. R.



Town and date unknown

Sivert Joel Rognlie never married so he had no family. After completing his education and his concert tours he taught music at Concordia College (Minnesota) for some time, (Dates not known.) and later at Lewistown, Mont. and Lewiston, Idaho. He also directed bands at Esmond, Lewistown, Lewiston and other places. The title "Professor" apparently came from the Concordia College period where he was "Professor of Music". I do not know what degrees he held but I do know he had studied at Minneapolis Music School, Boston Conservatory and at an advanced school in Germany. At one time in the early 1900's he worked for a short time in father's hardware at Esmond. Aunts Nanna and Frida also assisted there a time. Sivert settled in Lewistown, Montana (date not known) where he had a music store and taught music, He became involved in the then new oil fields in central Montana in the Winnet area. After investing a great deal of money in unsuccessful oil ventures he finally found himself practically broke and sold out his remaining assets and left the area. At this time he had some difficult health problems and moved from place to place until finally settling at Lewiston, Idaho (date not known but probably in the 1920's) where he had a music store and taught music for many years.

I visited him once in the summer of 1942 and stayed overnight with him in the living quarters in the rear of his establishment. He appeared to be in good health at that time although he had fallen on the ice a winter or two before and broken a hip but by then was fully recovered. He was at that time restoring some fine old and valuable violins. I hesitatingly asked if he would play something for me. He said he had not played for a long time but he did then and I was almost overcome with the beauty of it. I regret that there was not a modern tape recorder available at that time.

In the evening he took me to dinner at a place near Lewiston specializing in spaghetti dinners. The dinner was great but there was a juke box blaring away and Sivert said rather mildly "You know, I just don't like that stuff", referring to the juke box music. He wouldn't call it music and I was in complete agreement and said so.

Sivert died in about 1945 alone and in rather sad circumstances. Father, P. B. R., was at the time working at the shipyards at Vancouver, Wash. and was called to Lewiston and buried Sivert and settled his affairs. Donaven, when he was at

Lewiston at one time spent some time at the cemetery but was unable to locate Sivert's grave; however if a search of the records was made it could be located.

Sivert came to Esmond at the time of Grandfather's funeral. One day he played the great organ at the Lutheran church for hours for his own satisfaction and that of many people who came to hear and admire. This was a quite unusual pipe organ for a small town and small church. Only with the assistance of the philanthropist, Andrew Carnegia could the church have had such a fine Kilgen two-manual organ. At a time when there was no electricity available for power the air to operate the organ was provided by a great bellows located in a small room directly behind the face of the organ. A boy or two were pressed into service and entered the cubicle through a door and when signalled by the musician pumped the bellows by means of is long lever. I remember having done this during one sermon or church service and received 25¢ for the job. (VBR)



Early-day Esmond.

the beginning of Esmond, N. Dak. About 1900. At right, men and horses building grade for railroad.



Early-day Esmond



Early-day Esmond

Some additional information, from a letter to Donaven Rognlie from Hrs. Eddy Jacobson (Hulda LeGrand) dated March 15, 1971.

This is all I know of my folks. (My father). Grandpa LeGrand farmed at Both Northwood and at Manfred, (N. Dak.) They came to Northwood in 1882 and to Manfred in 1893.

Grandpa LeGrand was a bookkeeping teacher in Sweden. He had a good education. Even in North Dakota he had an extensive library as a pioneer farmer.

Grandpa died in 1904 at the age of 76. Grandma died in 1923 at the age of 75. Uncle Axle died in Manfred in 1925.

Ida (Melby) Erickson lives at 1716 N St. #2, Sacramento, Calif. 95814.

(My mother) Grandma LeGrand was the daughter of a farmer in Sweden.

Judy and Allen Hare were separated and divorced in about 1968. In the first part of March 1971 Judy was remarried to Henri Andrusko at Albuquerque, N. Mex. Fred and Haakon Rognlie were PBR's second cousins.

Even, Anton and Paul Moen were PSR's first cousins, being sons of the sister of Mrs. S. B. Rognlie.

Juliana Rognlie flew to Norway on a vacation trip in 1964. Her home island is named Alsay, on the coast of northern Norway.

Stanton D. Poier was born April 26, 1930.

Mary Gena Nenow was born March 24, 1972

Forrest J. Rognlie died December 17, 1973.

Juliana Rognlie died December 20, 1973.

Philip Rognlie married Margit Haslemo February 21, 1973



Rognlie & Soronson hardware almost completed - 1901.
L-R A. W. Engel, Sivert Rognlie, P. B. Rognlie, on
sidewalk.



P. B. R.'s letterhead



Rognlie & Soronson hardware just completed - 1901.
Just to right of center post: Sivert Rognlie, Ben
Soronson, Paul Rognlie



Mrs. P. B. R. in Rognlie & Sorenson
hardware, 1903



JOSEPHINE ROGNLIE SERUM FAMILY

Josephine Rognlie Serum
/ Oliver E. Serum

1. Iola M. Serum Viker
Lafe Viker

A- Orlind L. & Frances Viker
Frances Branton

Catheryne LaNova Viker

B- Paul W. & Rita Viker
Rita Ordman

Leslie Kay Viker

2. Faith V. Serum Efteland
Ernest J. H. Efteland

A- Faith E. Efteland Bennett
Richard A. Bennett

Faith Michele Bennett
Andrea Lynn Bennett
Timothy Richard Bennett

B- Sharon E. Efteland Lyng
Alan D. Lyng

Julie Ann Lyng
Amy Jennifer Lyng

C- Marcia J. Efteland Johnson
Richard W. Johnson

Erin Kelly Johnson
Eric Arthur Johnson

3. Almont Oliver Serum

4. Ardale J. Serum Fundingsland
Emmett L. Fundingsland

A- Sandra K. Fundingsland Korsmoe
Charles D. Korsmoe

Michael Emmett Korsmoe
Victor Charles Korsmoe

(Please see Appendix E for June 2012 edition of The Josephine Rognlie Family)

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JOSEPHINE BOGNIE SERUM FAMILY (Continued)

B- Eileen A. Fundingsland Knutson
Loren B. Knutson

Lori Eileen Knutson
Kristin Joyce Knutson
Elliott Boyd Knutson

C- Cheryl Lynne Fundingsland

5. Wilma M. Serum Witte
Alvin Witte

A- Frank A. & Patricia Witte
Patricia H. Gerlach

Beth Anne Witte
Bret Allen Witte

B- Marion Elizabeth Witte

C- Claudia J. Witte Wilson
William J. Wilson

Jon Allen Wilson



Mrs. P. B. Rognlie in Rognlie & Sorenson
Hardware store, Esmond, N. D. 1903



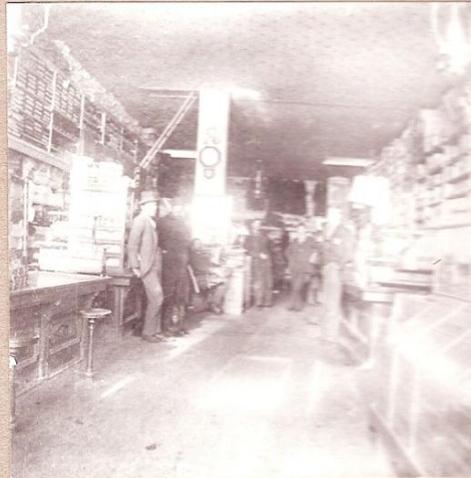
1902. L. Mrs. F.B.R. Other person unknown



Interior of an Esmond Grocery & Dry Goods
store, Logan's ? Jensen's ? 1905



1902. L. Mrs. P.B.R. Other person unknown



Interior of an Esmond Grocery store. Logan's ? Jensen's ?



1902. P.B.R. on pony, clowning. Mrs. P.B.R. foreground.



P.B.R. CENTER, OTHERS UNKNOWN



July 4, 1902



Cull's Pool Hall, Esmond July 4, 1902



Esmond Trinity Lutheran Church
a-building 1906



'The Scout', Fred Gillett, 1910



July 4, 1902



Spanish-American War veterans in Rognlie hardware store July 4, 1902



July 4, 1902



Cull's Pool Hall, Esmond July 4, 1902

ADOLPH BERNARD ROGNLIE FAMILY

Adolph B. & Ea Ingrid Rognlie
/ Ea Ingrid Harthe

1. Wilma Rognlie Satermo
Wyman Satermo

A- Donna F. Satermo Ruud
Vernon Ruud

Eileen Wilma Ruud
Ellen Louise Ruud

B- Maureen A. Satermo Baggerud
Myron Duane Baggerud

Richard Allen Baggerud
Lea Allison Baggerud
Pamela Jo. Baggerud
Michelle Renee Baggerud
Becky Rae Baggerud
Michael Drew Baggerud

C- Gail Joan Satermo

D- Dennis E. & Gail Satermo
Gail Marlene Stortroen

Terri Lynn Satermo

Wilma Rognlie Satermo - McDonald
Russell J. McDonald
(2nd marriage)

2. Avis Rognlie Ergeson
Ernest O. Ergeson

A- Una Rae Ergeson Scully
Patrick J. Scully

Crystal Leigh Scully
Patrick Joseph Scully
Timothy Ernest Scully
Daniel Scully
Michael Scully

B- Janice A. Ergeson Buegel
Jerald S. Buegel

Vicki Lynn Buegel
Jefferey Allen Buegel

C- Jerald A. & Jennie Ergeson
Jennie Davis

Craig Allen Ergeson

D- Michael Aldo Ergeson

(continued)

ADOLPH B. ROGNLIE FAMILY (Continued)

3. Merle S. & Julia Rognlie
Julia Cook

A- Barbara Arleen Rognlie

B- Arlan K. & Martha Rognlie
Martha ?

C- Ingrid Joan Rognlie

D- Lorinda Joeen Rognlie
4. Hollis Lloyd Rognlie
5. Arlan E. & Dixie Rognlie
Dixie Davis

A- Gary D. & Norma Rognlie
Norma ?

Anthony Dale Rognlie
Christopher John Rognlie
Jeffrey Rognlie
Karen Rognlie
Kathy Rognlie
6. Olive E. Rognlie Orvik
Irvin S. Orvik

A- Charlotte E. Orvik Rognstad
Ronald Rognstad

Neil Ronald Rognstad
Rodney Allen Rognstad

B- Linda Paulette Orvik

C- Cary Irvin Orvik

D- Kyle Dean Orvik
7. Wallace Alwood Rognlie

Gjorgine Rognlie Lee Family

Gjorgine Rognlie Lee
/ Johan Lee

1. Royal Lee
2. Tina Lee LaBar
? LaBar

MAGDALENA ROGNLIE NELSON FAMILY

Magdalena Rognlie Nelson
/ Severin G. Nelson

1. Muriel Nelson Kelly
William P. Kelly
A- William Steven Kelly
B. James Leonard Kelly

NANNA ROGNLIE ALGEO FAMILY

Nanna Rognlie Algeo
/ John W. Algeo

1. Nanna E. Algeo Whiston
Herbert L. Whiston, Sr.
A- Herbert L. Whiston, Jr.
B- Linda Lee Whiston
2. Roma V. Algeo Rowe
Richard E. Rowe
A- Randall Richard Rowe

FRIDA ROGNLIE MILLER FAMILY

Frida O. Rognlie & Sivert Miller

1. Vivian Miller
2. Wayne Miller
3. Sivart Miller
4. Curtis Miller
5. Kenneth Miller
6. Jimmi Miller

LILLIE ROGNLIE MONAGHAN FAMILY

Lillie May Rognlie & Daniel Monaghan

1. Sivert & Katherine Monaghan
Katherine Barker
2. Lucilla Monaghan
3. Drusilla Monaghan Lundahl
Burt Lundahl
4. Daniel Monaghan

NOTE: SEVERIN JOEL ROGNLIE - had no family.

CLARA ROGNLIE ROPPE FAMILY

Clara Rognlie Roppe
/ Oscar Roppe

1. Sydney & Dorothy Roppe
Dorothy Rickard

A- Richard Edwin Roppe

B- Roger Sydney Roppe

C- Susan Dorothy Roppe

2. Vern & Marie Roppe
Marie McMurray

A- Carol Ann Roppe

B- Robert Vern Roppe

C- John Edward Roppe

The LeGrand Family

Ludvig LeGrand (Frenchman) & ? (Swedish, German, English) /1904?

Joseph Alfred LeGrand (Bookkeeper and teacher in Sweden, died 1905 in
Bl828 Denhof, N. D.) & Anna Christina Linstrom 1848-1923

Anna Josephina & Gilbert Rogne

Axel Ludvig ----- 7//1925?
7//1928 & ?

Norman
Herbert
Evelyn
Clifford
Helen
Genevive

Astrid (Esther) Hildegard & Gilbert Melby

Celia Melby Nelson
Carl
Gorden
Evelyn
Erle
Elmer
/Mary
.....Thirteen children in family

Inez Signild & Paul B. Rognlie ISR 12/4/1875-8/19/1914
PBR 6/25/1871-3/27/1952

Donaven
Forrest
Verdi
Alden
Rhema
Harry

David Samuel

Hulda Elvira 4/13/1883-8/14/1977 & Emil Torkelson -----//1919

Lawrence
Carl
Elvin
/Robert
Clarice Torkelson Storle
/Clarke
Orin
Lillian
Eleanora Torkelson Coldwell
Duane
Darold
Merle

The LeGrand Family (Cont)

Hulda Elvira & Eddy Jacobson ---//1973 (Second Marriage)

Gertrude Josephine --- -//1919 & Rev. Bergstrom

Harry Nathaniel 10/17/1887

Clara Annita --- -1//1969 & N. A. Anderson

/
Roy

Roger

Jeanette

Phyllis

Gertrude

Robert

Betty Lou & Paul S. Magnuson

Richard

Sigrid (Sarah) Elisabeth & Olaf Tansem (Should follow next after
Inez Signild)

VBR

Joseph Alfred LeGrand married Anna Christina Linstrom (date not known and birth dates not known). He was a Frenchman with ancestry which included German and English. Their children: Anna Josephina, Axle Ludvig, Astrid Hildegard (Now Mrs. Gilbert Melby). (According to a letter from Harry LeGrand to Mrs. Rhema Reiersen Jan. 11, 1970, Hulda Jacobson and daughter Lillian drove from lake Alma, Sask. Can. To Coteau, N. Dak. in Nov. 1969 to attend the golden wedding anniversary of the Carlton Melby's). (Mrs. Jacobson's husband's name is Eddy or Eddie). Inez Signild born Dec. 14, 1874 in Skara, Sweden; Sigrid (Sarah) Elisabeth (was married to Olaf Tansem); David Samuel (last heard of in California and Mexico; Hulde Elvira born Apr. 13, 1883, married hr. Thorkelson, since remarried to Eddy Jacobson, now (1970) living in Lake Alma, Sask, Canada; Gertrude Josephina, married Bergstrom, she died 1919; Harry Nathaniel, now (1970) living at Bell, Calif. born Oct. 17, 1887; Clara Annita married N. A. Anderson. She died Jan. 1969.

Axle LeGrand and wife had sons: Norman and Herbert and daughter: Evelyn. Axle died about 1930. His wife later remarried and is Mrs. Jennie Fisher, Orangevale, Calif. (1970). Axle and Jennie also had daughter Helen and son Clifford.

Inez LeGrand filed on a homestead near Long Lake, a few mile northwest Esmond N. Dak. about 1902 or 1903. It is not known whether this homestead was proved up but it is believed that it was and later sold. An early recollection was that father showed some of us the site and that the land was near a small lake and that lightning had struck the house and an iron bedstead and stove were twisted and burned beyond reclamation.

The following is from a letter to Lillian and Donaven Rognlie from Aunt Hulda and Uncle Eddy Jacobson (Hulda Elvira LeGrand) dated July 15th 1970 at lake Alma, Sask., Canada.: "I don't think I can answer all the questions you ask but will try to answer those that I know anything about. I know your mother had a homestead not very far from Esmond. She filed on that after she married your Dad that is all I know about it, but I suppose she sold it after she proved it up. Your mother met your father in Manfred. He came to Manfred and he and Sorenson started a store there, and your mother and Dad moved to Esmond as soon as they were married and Sorenson stayed there many years and after he left I don't remember the name of that man.. My mother and dad were married in Sweden and they had five children when they came to Northwood, N. Dak., Axel and Esther, Inez, Sarah, and David and then I was born in Northwood and also Gertrude, Harry and Clara. My father's name was Joseph Alfred LeGrand. Mother's name was Anna Kristina Lindstrom. The Melby's at Bowbells are my sister Esther's and Gilbert Melby's children. They had 13 children. They are your cousins. It was Carl Melby's 50th wedding anniversary that Lillian and I went to last fall. He is Esther and Gilbert's oldest son. Celia (Melby) Nelson is the oldest of their 13 children. It is ten living. Gordon and Evelyn and Erle are dead. I tell you if you want to know where they were all born, you should write to Celia. This is her address: Mrs. A. R. Nelson, Shaw Block, Apt. 1, Minot, N. Dak. 58701. Carl Melby and his wife Edith and Elmer Melby and his wife Mary were here last week to visit us and this week a niece of Edds and her husband were here from Minnesota so we have a lot of company which is a good thing because we don't go out much. Do any of your father's sisters live? I know one of your father's sisters lived not far from Esmond. (Lillie Monaghan ?). I am sure they would know the name of the lake where your mother had her homestead and if she sold it. Your father had a hardware store in Esmond. This all I can tell you."



Paul C. (B) Rognlie, Inez S. LeGrand
married June 1, 1902



Inez (LeGrand) Rognlie 1902



Paul B. Rognlie 1902



Wedding reception group June 1902

L-R in front, Sivert J. Rognlie, Unknown,
Harry LeGrand, Paul B. Rognlie, Mrs. P.B.
Rognlie (Inez LeGrand), Gertrude LeGrand,
Clara LeGrand, Behind, between Mr. & Mrs.
P.B.R., Mrs. S. B. Rognlie



Inez Rognlie, Red River Valley 1902

A
party
Token
1903



Mr. & Mrs. P. B. R. 1902, Duluth?

Letter to Harry N. LeGrand from Henry le Grand by way of Clarice Storle.

Malmö 10th Jan. 1926

Dear Sir and Uncle

Through my mother's brother, B. W. Wessberg in Köpenhamn, I have received your kind and welcome letter. My name is Henry le Grand and I am the son of Johan Mauritz le Grand, your cousin. My father was colour-sergeant of music in Kungliga Södra Skanska Infanteriregementet and died in 1923 in November. After my father's death we looked over his papers and then we found a bill under date of the 25 Jan. 1875 for 495 Kr. which your father has borrowed from his brother Johan Ludvig le Grand my grandfather. Of these papers I got to know that we have cousins in USA and being interested in finding out the cousin's of my grandfather's brother, my Uncle Wessberg promised to find your address through the Salvation Army in Köpenhamn. In the beginning of December 1925 we found your address and first in the days I had thought to write to you. ~~to you~~ Much thanking you for your kindness of writing to us. I have to say that my father's sister is still alive being very ill in Stockholm. She has got cancer. I paid a visit to her in August 1925, but then she was very bad. She is being nurse at Stockholm's Gamla Sjukhem, Drottningholmsvägen, Stockholm.

My mother Eugenia le Grand is in good health and we are 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls. The oldest, my sister Edit is 28 years and ungest, Anna Lisa is 10 years. My mother is 50 years old. I am 27 years and we are living in Malmö, Spångatan 4^a, and we are all children at home. 5 of us have employments and now after my father's death we help to assist the home. Mother gets a pension of 200 Lv Kr. a year from the regiment. I am clerk at Malmö Mekaniska Tricotfabrik since 1912. We are all in good health.

When I had been at my Aunt Edit's in Stockholm I paid a visit to my father's aunt. Her name is Josefina Lindstrand and is living in Sya (Lya?) Ostergötland. This year her age is 84 and she is in a very good health. Through her I found out the cousins of the le Grand. Enclosed I send you a ~~kopy~~ kopy of our family register. I send some photos of our father and us. Now I wish you and yours a happy New Year. From my mother and brothers and sisters. I send our kind regards to you and yours.

Yours truly

Henry le Grand

Spångatan 4^a
Malmö 2
Sverige

Joseph Alfred LeGrand
Born in Malmo, Sweden 2-25
Died in Washoff, N.H., 1908
Married to Anna Lindstrom
Came to USA in 1882.

Accountant in Sweden
Took up Farming U.S.A.

Children

Axel Ludwig
Esther Heldegard
Inez Signeld
Sigred Elizabeth
David Samuel
Hilda Elvira
Gertrude Josephine
Harry Nathaniel
Clara Annette

Inez Segnell 12-4-75-8-14-14
Married to Paul R. Regnier
Har. Lewis and Insurance
Children
Earl Donovan 11-12-1904
Married to Lillian Grovud
One Daughter, La Donna
Forest Jennings 4-18-1906
Married to Beverly Jacobson
4 Children Inez, Ellen + Paul
Verdi Bertines 1-21-1908
Single, in Civil Aeronautics
Allen Murry 2-20-1910
Single, Orchard Farming
Inez Rhema Genevieve
12-23-1911. Bookkeeper
Married to Reinert Reiersen
Farming One Daughter Esther
Harry Tolstrand B. 7-8-1913

Sigrid Elizabeth 1-17-19-1909
Married to Ole Jansen Farming
Children
Calmer 1900. Farming
Married to Laura
Children, David, Blane, Marshall
and Gordon
Clifford 1904 Farming
Married to Molly
Daphne 1906. married
George M. Bisset (2nd husband)
Edmonton, Canada
Children from 1st marriage
Ronnie, Lorraine, Shirley Ann



Long Lake homestead 1904



Mother's homestead shack at Long Lake, 1905. L-R Mother, Donaven, Dad, Gertrude LeGrand



Mrs. P. B. Rognlie (Inez) in store apartment 1903



Inez Rognlie 1903



F. B. Rognlie 1903



Ethel Heldegard 9-7-1883 3-30-1935
married to Gilbert Melby - 5-1915
Grain buyer + Farmer
Children

Cecilia Aug 30-1896 deceased Jan 1980
Carlton Oct 5-1897 deceased 1978
Arthur Feb-12-1899
Marion Mar 19-1900 deceased
Ida June 1-1901 deceased 1973
Elmer Oct 17-1902
Gordon Jun 22-1904 deceased 1928
Morris Jan 24-1906
Evelyn Sept 13-1907 deceased 1925
Raymond Apr 18-1909
Earl May 16-1911 deceased
Alice May 12-1912
Irene May 2 1914

Henrietta Josephine 1905-9
married to Ernest Bergstrom
In Home Appliances
Children

Bennett Bruce 2-2-11
Ernest Bergstrom Supply Co
married to Margaret
2 Children, Bruce Willie
Robert Ernest

Francis Mauriel 7-18-17
27 years in ANF Unit
married to Lt. Col. C. G. G. G.
Prof of History and Geology
2 Children, Merrill & Robert
Adell Celeste

Cecelia married Art Nelson (Brookman)

Carlton married Edith Larson (Store) (last)

Dec. 31, 1919 Three Sons

Barton Born Oct 14, 1920

Ilwaco " Aug 28, 1922

Audran " Oct 1924

Barton married Grace Linstrom 1942

they have 4 sons Gary, Jerry, Paul, Greg

Remain married Ardyce Mathew

they have 6 children ^{passed 1973.}

Audran married Norma 1949

Arthur married Laura 1924

one daughter Betty Lou

Elmer married Mary in 1942

they have 4 children

Gilbert, Ruth, Gordon, Gerald

Marion married George Peterson

one daughter, Patricia

Ada married Harold Erickson

they three daughters Donna, Maxine, Debra

Gordon did not marry, in the 20s

several years. Passed away 1928.

Evelyn passed away 1925.

Richmond married Joan

they have 6 children

Earl married Beth

they have three children

Alice married El Peterson

one son Mike, he is married

Irene married to Robert

they have two children, Fran, Heidi

Joseph

Född 1764 i Flandern
Stärschäffer vid Kronans Sta
Nom till Sverige år 1814

<p><u>Joseph le Grand.</u> Instrumentmakare i Lund.</p>	<p><u>Ludvig le Grand.</u> Född 1804? Död i Lund 1874.</p>	<p><u>Maria</u> Föd</p>
<p><u>Barn.</u> <u>Karl le Grand.</u></p>	<p>Bosatt i Stora Harris sin grandfather</p>	<p>Död i</p>
<p>Gästgivare i Asarum</p>	<p><u>Barn.</u> I <u>Joseph Alfred le Grand</u></p>	<p>Gift med Johan</p>
<p><u>Gustav le Grand</u></p>	<p>Abhandlad till Nordamerika Död 1907 i Manfred U. S. A.</p>	<p>17 F</p>
<p><u>Wilhelm le Grand</u></p>	<p><u>Hans Son.</u> <u>Ouel le Grand</u></p>	<p>Anna 183</p>
<p>Källarmästare Antomlingar i Galmar.</p>	<p>Bosatt i Manfred U. S. A.</p>	<p>Gift med Johan</p>
<p><u>August le Grand</u></p>	<p>II <u>Yda le Grand</u></p>	<p>Gift med en lantbrukare i Roslev</p>
<p>Godsägare i Hoby.</p>	<p>III <u>Johan Ludvig le Grand.</u></p>	<p><u>Joh</u> 18</p>
	<p>1832-1876. Gift med sin kusin Anna</p>	<p>Död</p>
	<p>Charlotta Lindstrand 24/11-1869 i Stora Harris</p>	<p><u>Josef</u> 18</p>
	<p><u>Barn.</u> I <u>Johan Mauritz le Grand</u></p>	<p>Bosa</p>
	<p>1819-1863-1911-1923. Musikföreläsare vid F. 25 Gift med Eugenia Wessberg 19/12-1876.</p>	
	<p><u>Barn.</u></p>	

Ludvig Le Grand.
Instrumentmästare i Lund.

Barn.

Karl Le Grand.
Hästgivarare i Asarum

Suslov Le Grand

Wilhelm Le Grand
Källarmästare
Utkomlingar i Helmar.

August Le Grand
Godsägare i Hoby.

Ludvig Le Grand.
Född 1804? Död i Lund 1874.

Bosatt i Hova Harris
^{sin grandfather}

Barn.

Joseph Alhed Le Grand
Uttvandrad till Nordamerika
Död 1907 i Manfred U. S. A.

Hans Son.

Ouel Le Grand
Bosatt i Manfred U. S. A.

Yda Le Grand

Gift med en lantbrukare i Posten

Johan Ludvig Le Grand.
1832 - 1876.

Gift med sin hustru Anna
Charlotta Lindstrand dotter
24/11 - 1862 i Hova Harris

Barn.

Johan August Le Grand
1819 - 1863 - 19/11 - 1903.
Musikföreläsare vid J. 25 Gift
med Eugenia Wessberg 19/12 - 1846.

Barn.

1. Edith Le Grand 3/7 - 1897
2. Henry " " 9/3 - 1899
3. Neästa " " 29/10 - 1901
4. Wilhelm " " 28/8 - 1904
5. Gunnar " " 29/12 - 1911
6. Anna Lisa " " 27/7 - 1915

Edith Justina Maria Le Grand
1846 - 1866

Maria

Född
Död
i

Gift med
Johan
1792

P.

Anna
1834

Gift med
Johan

Sofia
1831

Död

Josefine
1841

Bosatt

Le Grande
 Död 1840 i Flora Harris
 hafferi i Elzinge.
 allskap med Marskalk Bernadotte.

hvar Le Grand. 1819. 1886 v. adnist indstrand 1853.	Josefine Wiktoria Le Grand. 1809 - 1890 Gift med. Heräddare Johan Peter Sandell i Lund. <u>Linga-Barn</u>	Olof Le Grand. Född 1796 ? - - Gift med en Leontine bosatt i Wassbacken Wästergötland <u>Barn</u> <u>okända.</u>
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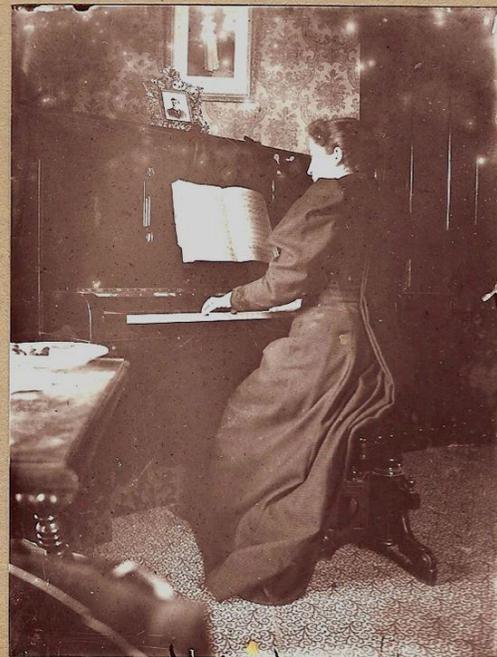
Ludvig LeGrand



Joseph Alfred and Anna Christina (Linstrom) LeGrand



(L) Astrid (Esther) and
(R) Inez LeGrand (16), 1892



Hulda LeGrand 1900?

married to Emil Jacobson in 1908
married to Eddy Jacobson (9/22/80 - 4/27/73)
in 1921

children ¹1) Elin (deceased)
2) Robert Leane married to Bonnie Hark
children - Jeffery, Joel & Ryan

children ¹1) Luana married to Elsie Wilson
children Robert & Jeffery
2) Merte married to Ellis Munster
3) Carol married to Jim Robinson
children Troy & Trevor
4) Harold

4/13/83 - 8/14/97
Paula E. Leira 4-13-83
married to Edward Jacobson
farming, Lakeland, Fla., Can.
children

Elin Leira 4-21-1909
Instruction
married to Emma Halverson
Lillian Marion 10-24-1910
Single College Instructor

Hilda Eleonora 9-24-1914
married to Joseph J. Coldwell
Instruction

Clara Anne 9-12-27
married to Orville Starke
farming
children - Clarke Edward
Kustine Hildegarde
Cien Grant
Janell Annette

Walter Anderson 7-27-89

married to Helen A. Anderson

Valerian Lumberman

Children Spokane

Rogers 10-18-1915 (deceased)

Hattie Cash Register Store

married to Charlotte Olson

10 children, Carl, Philist, Billy

Roy 10-18-1915 (deceased)

Jennette 1-25-1917, married to

W. H. Frost, Jeweler, Chicago

Children, Billy, Dicky, Johnny,

Synthia + Jerry

Richard 12-1-1917, M. Sales (deceased)

married to Trade Clark

Children, Annette, Vera, Janet +

Marjorie

Phyllis 11-20-22, married to

W. H. Hathaway, Spokane

Children, Frank + Tony Lyman

Betty Lou Anderson 1-26

married to Paul Magnusson

(deceased)

Robert LeGrand 3-11-1914

1st Lt in AAF, Bank Auditor

Axel Ludwig 7-18-71 to 1-5-29
Wain Buyer and Farming
Married to Jennie Fincher
Children 1885-31/21/72

Norman Fincher 9-16-04
Machinist apr. 24, 1979
Married to Theo Winter

Evelyn Edna 1-21-06
Married to Arthur Carter
Telephone Technician

Herbert
Arthur Lewis 1-29-08 - 9/15/52
In Real Estate

Married to Esther Jang
One Daughter, Jeannette - has 3 sons

Helen Anna 6-18-10
Married to Leo Bucher
Painter and Decorator

Lyle Douglas 2-11
Mechanical Engineer
Married to Jewell Clark

Genevive Ethel 4-3-18
Married to Ed Thomas
One Son - Edward
Married to Irene
3 children - Vonda Kay
Kierston
Edward III

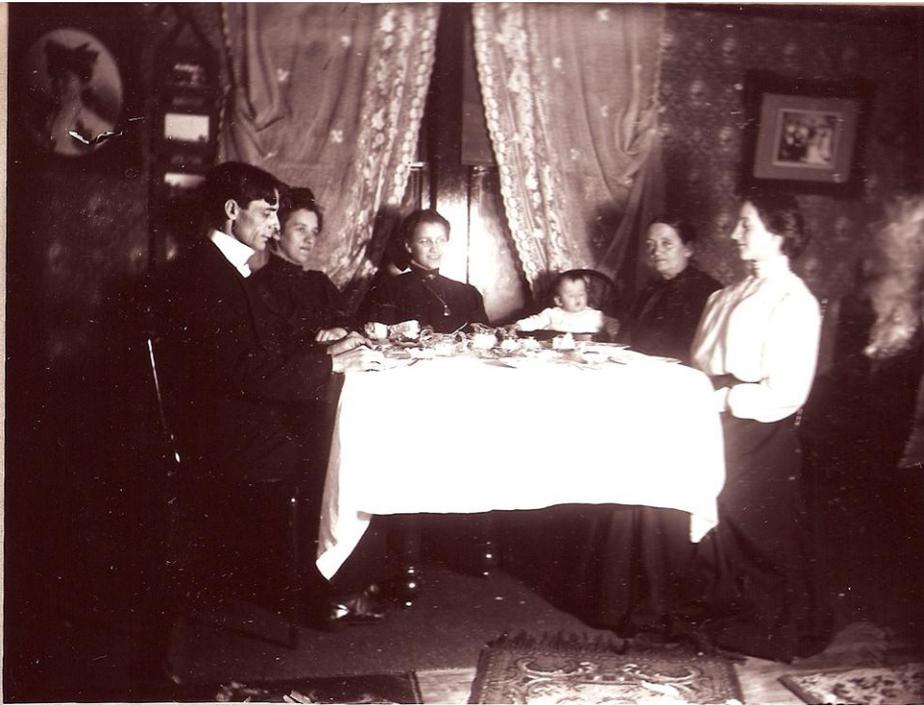
THE NILS "NEILS" PEDERSEN ROGNLIE FAMILY***

PEDER OLSSSEN ROGNLIE (1767-1817)

++Berith Neilsdatter Hovdplass (1768-1861)

- Nils Rognlie 4/13/1811 7/27/1878
 --Sachel (Bjorn) Rognlie 1/30/ 1820 12/24/1887
 1. August Hermann Franke Rognlie 6/26/ 1850 12/18/1878
 2. Johan Arndt Rognlie 1/17/1852 1/25/1929
 ++Kari E. (Rislokken or Rice) Rognlie 5/27/1865 2/9/1908
 a. Nils Edward Richard Rognlie 6/25/1890 10/11/1891
 b. Nelius Richard Rognlie 5/17/1892 2/20/1973
 c. Edwin Parelius Rognlie 11/23/1893 12/24/1974
 ++Margaret Lena (Larson) Rognlie 6/3/1908
 (1) Phyllis Colette Rognlie 12/12/1927
 ++Hjalmer Edwin Hermanson 6/7/1913
 (a) Jon Bradley Hermanson 8/12/1949
 (b) Barry Marc " 9/10/1950
 (c) Teran Wade " 6/17/ 1955
 (d) Tanya Marissa " 3/17/1957
 (e) Robert D. A'Dair " 8/12/1961
 (2) Carroll Eugene Rognlie 10/12/1932
 ++Joyce Arlene (Nottestad) Rognlie 11/8/1934
 (a) Jon Michael Rognlie 9/21/1957
 d. August Herman Franke Rognlie 10/7/1895 6/10/1896
 e. Marie Sophie Rognlie 3/15/1897 4/27/1919
 f. Josephine Christine Rognlie 1/20/1900 / /1907
 g. Baby Rognlie (Still-born, boy)
 h. Alma Helene Rognlie, twim 9/15/1903 5/ /1905
 i. Freda Bergette Rognlie, tw:n 9/15/1903
 ++John O. Alm 10/26/1889 9/5/1956
 j. Alma Helene Rognlie 11/2/1905
 ++Ole Ronning 5/18/1905
 k. Carl Johan Rognlie 2/2/1908
 3. Phillip Jacob Spencer Rognlie 1/25/1854 11/1/1907
 ++Elise (Jenson) Rognlie
 a. Nils Hartz Rognlie / /1889 / /
 ++Della Grace (Ruff) Rognlie
 (1) Leo Hartz Rognlie
 ++Hazelie Lily(Gossett) Rognlie
 (a) Lavonna Ruth Ronning
 ++Arthur Rodney Eckerson
 Michelle Lee Eckerson
 Lisa Eckerson
 Scott Michael Eckerson
 (b) Leo Hartz Rognlie II
 ++Joyce
 Cynthia Rognlie
 Leo Hartz Rognlie III (adopted)
 (c) Paul Phillip Rognlie
 (2) Elise Isabelle Rognlie
 ++Robert DeEstraye Behrens (divorced)
 (a) Mark Twain Behrens
 ++Richard Michael O'Heara

***For a more ledgable and updated copy of this family listing, please see Appendix G



L-R. P.B.R., Mrs. P.P.R., Clara LeGrand, Forrest,
Grandma LeGrand, Gertrude LeGrand



L-R. Clara LeGrand, Gertrude LeGrand, Paul Rognlie,
Donaven, Grandma Anna LeGrand, Forest, Inez Rognlie



Forrest, Donaven, 1907



Donaven, Forrest, Mother 1907



Donaven



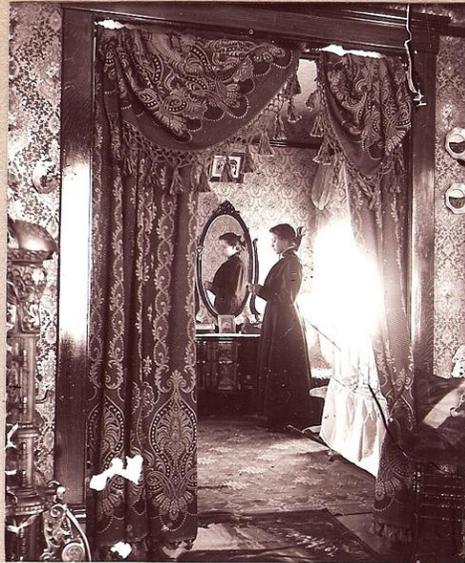
Inez Rognlie 1908



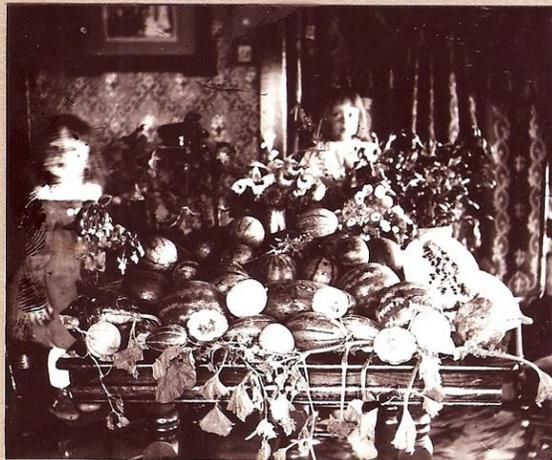
L-R. Gertrude, Harry, Clara, LeGrand 1906



Prepared for the baptism of one of the Rognlie boys at Manfred, N. D. Probably Donaven in 1905



Clara LeGrand 1908.



The harvest 1908, Forrest, Donaven



Verdi, Donaven, Forrest in melon patch 1908



Donaven, Verdi, Forrest, 1909?



P-R. Verdi, Donaven, P.B.R., Forrest 1910



Donaven, Forrest, 1910



L-R. Verdi, Forrest, Donaven, about 1910



Easter 1911



Forrest, Alden, Verdi, Donaven, 1911



Easter 1911



Forrest, Alden, Verdi,
Donaven, 1911



Alden, Verdi, Forrest, Donaven, 1913



Alden, Verdi with ducklings
1912

1979 Edgewood Dr.
Palo Alto, Ca. 94303

Feb. 23, 1973

Mr. Donaven Rognlie
427 8th Ave West
Kalispell, Mont. 59901

Dear Mr. Rognlie:

Thank you for your nice letter of Feb. 18. I believe I can honestly say that we are related since everyone I have ever met with the Rognlie name has been a relative.

I'm sure I've heard my father speak of you folks out in Kalispell so I'm almost certain you may have closer knowledge of us than you realize.

I am one of three boys (ARNOLD, HARALD, & MARVIN) born to Gerhard P. Rognlie and Anne Folstad Rognlie. Arnold is deceased and left one son Paul A. and a daughter, Melody Ann. Harald lives in Bozeman, recently having moved from Great Falls. He has two sons, David B., Kirkland, Wash., and Douglas S., Butte, Mont.

I have two sons, Alan R. and Richard W., and a daughter, Christine Ann. All are at home with us in Palo Alto, Calif. My wifes name is Ruth.

Dad had a brother Wilhelm P. of Grand Forks, N. Dak. and sisters Sophia, Josephine, Benna and Inga. Sophia married a Brasseth and resided most of her life near Caledonia, N. Dak. Josephine became Mrs. Serum and lived near Halstad, Minn. Benna married James Mathis and lived around Caledonia and Fargo. All of these members of the family are deceased as is my mother.

My parents were married in 1915 in Halstad, Minn.

Dad was born in Trail Co., N. Dak., March 3, 1884 and died in October 1972.

Mother was born May 12, 1890, near Trondheim, Norway, and died Nov. 1, 1957.

Dad worked on a family tree for a number of years and his efforts were passed on to his nephew in Washington, D. C.

I am the youngest of the family and they had moved away from the Red River Valley before I was born. Therefore, I'm not much help beyond the foregoing. I don't have a list of addresses of my cousins so I can't furnish this data at this time.

If you need or want it I'll be glad to get it from my cousin in Washington who can send it, I'm sure.

I hope this will be of some help to you. Thanks again for taking time to write

Sincerely

M. B. Rognlie



Donaven, Verdi, Alden, Forrest 1911



Donaven 1912?



Alden 1913



Forrest, Dad, about 1912

Miscellaneous

Frank Rognlie and Deene Hall were married 1947(?). Deene Hell was born in 1896 at Morris, Minn. and grew up in Appleton, Minn.

They came to Lennep, Mont. and homesteaded there. Later owned the Mint Bar and other buildings, built a home. Frank was director of bank and carpenter at Martinsdale, Mont. Frank died at Herlowton, Mont. Dec. 28, 1972.

Donald Foier married Linda Bauer December 9, 1977.

To Paul and LaMoyne Rognlie was born daughter Candace Liann September 27, 1973.

Margit Rognlie's maiden name is Haslemo.

Mary Gene Nenow was born March 24, 1972.

Pamela Rae Feleide was born January 21, 1969

Ellen_Lynn Feleide was born April 14, 1971

Barbara Feleide's name before marriage to Gerhard Feleide Jr. was Barbare (Ervin) Coleman. Born November 7, ?

Correct sequence of Rhema's name is: Rhema Inez Genivieve Rognlie Reiersen. Reinart Theadore Reiersen was born April 11, 1901

With regard to a previous reference to the Civil war service of S. B. Rognlie, a request was made to the National Archives (GSA), Westington, D.C. for copies of his military records. On 3/20/79 a reply was received indicating that a search had been made but the records were not found. They also advised that this does not necessarily indicate that the military service was not performed.

Lillian Hazel Rognlie died November 28, 1979.



Forrest, Donaven 1913



Verdi 1913



L-R. Alden, Verdi, Forrest, Grandma Rognlie, Mother with Rhema, Donaven, P. B. R. 1912



Grandma Rognlie with Harry 1913



Indian Runner Ducks 1914

P. B. Rognlie, Secretary
Grand Forks, North Dakota

March 17, 1934

Mr. Paul S. Rognlie
Elsford, N. Dak.

Dear Cousin:

This afternoon I feel that I can take time to answer your very good letter which I received some weeks ago.

In the first place I want to thank you so much for the letter. It is not often that we hear from each other. We are both getting out in years and we really ought to write to each other more often than we do.

I purposely deferred answering your letter in order that I might get some information about certain matters before I wrote you.

I wrote to my sister Josephine to get Christine Rognlie's address in Minneapolis. I had heard that Christine was at the Ebenezer Old Peoples Home in Minneapolis, and Josephine thought that no other address would be necessary. I have not written to Christine since she left for the "Home".

You probably noticed in the Normanden that Olga Lybing (Bjøre) has passed away. I asked Josephine for the particulars of Olga's death. She sent me the write-up in the Halstad paper and it states that Olga died the 13th of February and was buried in the Shelly cemetery. Olga was born February 9, 1878. She had an ingrown goitre and had been otherwise ill from the after effects of the "flu". She died about two weeks after her husband Snock had returned from Norway where he went to visit his mother. While he was in Norway his sister died there. Snock has had his full share of sorrow and loss this winter. Then, too, his son Conrad is such a disappointment to the folks. He is bright and well educated, but he is an inveterate toper. Their only daughter Tillie is married to one Manfred C. Følstad of Hendrum. Manfred's mother lives on the Minnesota side right across the river from my old home.

The only ones left of the Bjøre family now are Hanna Efteland and Nelin. You know that Julia Swalstad died many years ago of cancer of the stomach.

You knew Mrs. Johan Langaunet (Caroline Nesvold). She died on the 17th of February and was buried in the Marsh River cemetery. Caroline had been an invalid for 20 years - unable to help herself in the least. She had a rheumatic malady so that her joints became stiff and her whole body rigid. She would have to be lifted from the bed into the invalid chair and then lifted back into the bed - that was the program for 20 years. While it must have been a relief to the folks that she was permitted to pass now, yet as Josephine says, the death was an unwelcome guest. John and Caroline had four children. Two daughters are married and one is at home. Their son Joseph is a teacher in an Eastern school. Chris. Nesvold died several years ago in Halstad, but his wife Massi is still living. She stays with her daughter Mrs. Leirness (Julia) near Hillsboro.

This letter becomes pretty mush of an obituary, but I know that you would like to get all the news that I can give you of the folks down here, especially the old-timers as you knew them so well.

Some weeks before Christmas Ole (Ola) Oien passed away after many years of illness. I was asked to come to the funeral but that day we had a veritable North Dakota blizzard and I could not go. Oien must have been about 74 or 76 years old.

About three weeks later his sister Margrete Oien died. She must have been about 84 or 86 years old, as she was older than Ole. The only ones left of the original Oien family are Magnus and Ragnhild Grande, and Hans. Ragnhild married Christian Grande of Hendrum. Magnus has been a widower for many years and Hans is married the second time.

1934 Letter from Paul Wilhelm to Paul Rognlie

(continued)

The early settlers on our side of the river are fast passing away. And it is perfectly natural that they should. They were people in the later twenty's or the early thirty's when they came to the valley and they have now been there sixty or more years and when you add that to the 20 or 30 years, they have lived their allotted years of time and now their bodies are resting beneath the sod. When I have occasion to go up there I do not see them any more - they are not there any more. When I happen to be in Caledonia I walk through the cemetery and read the names on the headstones to recall the people who once lived in that section. It is really sad to think that the hundreds of people whom you knew in your youth are no more among the living. It reminds me so strongly of the poem "The Deserted Village". And to think of Caledonia which at one time was such a busy, thriving place — is nothing but a place that once Was.

Peter Wigen died several years ago and his second wife Berntine Vennes died about a year ago.

Ole Rognlie died many years ago and his widow Anna died probably two or three years ago. I mention these in particular because you knew them so well.

About a week ago I had a short greeting from Parelius Rognlie through Dr. Engstad. Parelius had written to him on a certain subject and the doctor sent me a part of the letter wherein he asked the doctor to greet me if he saw me. Parelius is getting old. He must be 14 or 16 years older than we are.

My oldest son Waldemar is married and lives here. He married an Irish girl. They have two children, a girl named Lois Marlene, and a boy named Dale Murray. Their mother's name is Margaret Murray. _

Our daughter Norma married a Grand Forks boy, Jerome Mayer. They live in Chicago where Jerome is working for a fire insurance inspection company. They have a boy named Donald Keith. Norma and Donald spent Christmas with us this year.

Our next older boy is Philip. He is completing his master in Science degree at the University this year.

The next older boy, and the baby in the family, is home also this winter as I cannot send him away to school. He was at Concordia College in Moorhead two years ago, but I have not been able to send him to school since. He is working part of the time as janitor in the First National Bank building and he is getting enough for the work to pay his life insurance and to provide his clothes.

I am an exceedingly busy man during the winter months. Besides my School duties I am conducting two choirs with rehearsals every week. The male

chorus is named "Bjarne" and is composed of between 30 and 40 men, we are going to Fargo this summer to take part in the national Norwegian Sangerfest. The choir is composed of about thirty singers. We are just now working up an Easter cantata to be sung the Sunday after Easter. The cantata is named "The Risen Lord and King". My choir is in the Swedish Lutheran church called the Augustana Church.

Mrs. Rognlie has not been so well the last few years, but this winter she has been doing better than for some time past.

I am usually in good health. Hardly ever do I miss a day on account of illness. And it is fortunate for me because I have a lot of work to do.

It is getting late in the day and I shall close for this time.

Just this: Mr. West is getting along just fine as president of the University.

When you come to G. F., be sure to call on us, shall be so glad to see you

Kindest greetings to yourself and the family from

Your cousin,

(S) Wilhelm

1942 Letter from Paul Wilhelm to Paul Rognlie

Grand Forks, N. D. 2/12/42

Dear Cousin Paul:

Since I have no typewriter at home I must, resort to the old standby the pen - for recording my thoughts to you this evening.

I wish to thank you for the good letter I received from you about three weeks ago.

A week ago last Sunday I set with Mr. Beck in church and before the service

Began I asked him about "Trönderlagets Aarbok". The book has usually sold for \$1.00 a copy. I did not ask him about the price of the present book but I suppose it is still \$1.00 the copy.

Then I asked him where the book could be obtained. He thought it could be obtained from the treasurer of the National Trönderlag, Mrs. Clava Kirkvold, Starbuck, Minnesota. This is all the information I can give you regarding the Aarbok, I have been entirely too busy to attending to getting a copy for myself.

Now as to Parelus: we had no information that he was not well and the mes-sage of his demise was quite a shock. The same afternoon that I wrote to you I

wrote to nine other Rognlie relatives, among them Adolph in Climax, informing them of the passing on of Parelus as well as the time of the funeral. Only yourself and Senna have written me concerning his passing on.

The week of the funeral I received a copy of The Franklin Tribune, giving a rather long write-up on the passing of the pioneer pastor, his work, his field of activity, his family, etc.

The write-up is too long to copy, but I shall give you a few points: Born Dec. 21, 1858, at Rognlie, Verran, Norway, of the parents Hendrick and Ingeborg Martha Rognlie. At the age of 12 he came with the other members of the Rognlie family to America in 1870, landing in Quebec, Canada, and finally came to Spring Grove, Minnesota. His folks moved the next year to Yellow Medicine County, Minn. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith by Rev. Knut Tastensen. He taught religious school for 2 years. Enrolled at St. Olaf School, Northfield, in 1881. Later he attended Luther College, Iowa, and the Luther Theological Seminary, Robbinsdale, Minn, graduating in 1891. He was ordained the same year to the holy ministry by Rev. K. Björge. He served many congregations. He remained in the same charge all his years of service - 50 years in round numbers.

On June 13, 1895, he married Marie M. Gullerud of Zumbrosa. Six children were born to them; Ingolf, who is a pastor at Elgin, Illinois, Katherina, who is

married to a pastor Borgen in Wisconsin, Margarethe (Mrs. Olson), Monrad, St. James, Minn., Julia, at home. A son, Parelius, died in infancy.

He has a half-brother - Robert Rosvold - living in California. Benna sees him now and then. There was another half - brother, Martin Rosvold. He passed away several years ago.

I have given this, thinking you might like to have it.

His wife died Jan. 31, 1925.

I have sent the Family the following greeting:

To the children of Parelius Rognlie: Two weeks ago I received the message that your father who was also my cousin had slept away the day before. The funeral was to be held the following Monday. I wrote immediately to all relatives who could be reached before the funeral to inform them of the demise of cousin Parelius and of the day and hour of the funeral.

The family seems to have had three different post office addresses and I could not determine which is the present one; therefore, no greeting was sent.

The passing on of a loved one is always a sad and distressing incident even when old age is a contributing cause of the demise and though the deceased was fully prepared to meet his maker.

We of the Rognlie family, scattered around in the Red River Valley and other places, desire to express to you the children of Parelius Rognlie our sincere sympathy with you in your sorrow and bereavement and to leave with you for comfort the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 116, the 15 verse: "Precious in the sight of The Lord is the death of his saints".

Wilhelm P. Rognlie.

I have copied this that you may see that we did not ignore the message of the passing of cousin Parelius.

We are all well.

Philip is a Lieutenant in the Army. We do not know at present where he is. Last we heard he was in California.

Kindest greetings to you all.

Your cousin

Wilhelm

bers. Past President Jennie B. Hill gave an address, and Miss Morden a vocal solo. A floral tribute to the dead by little Miss Helene Burnson, was an affecting feature. Rev. H. P. Cooper, Past Grand Master then delivered the Memorial address.

On Wednesday evening the first degree work was exemplified by the degree team of Velva and Wahpeton lodges, the former being awarded the prize of \$70.00, which they donated to the Home fund.

A resolution was adopted that the Grand Lodge favors the Encampment branch of the order, and recommends it to the membership, believing that it benefits the order, and promotes the principles of F. L. and T.

The committee on finance reported that they had carefully examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Home Board, and found same correct, and they commended the careful manner in which the books are kept.

The judiciary committee recommended the ap-



A. J. FIELDS, GRAND MASTER

proval of the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Master, which was adopted.

For the location of the next session invitations were presented by Valley City, Bismarck and Dickenson. On the first ballot, Valley City was chosen by a good majority.

The most important legislation was that doing away with the old D. D. G. M. system, and providing that the state be districted as at present, for the district meeting, and that a D. D. G. M. be appointed in each of such districts, thirty one in number. The lodges composing these districts are to agree upon, and recommend some brother for appointment. The travelling expenses of the Deputy are to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Green, Chairman of the Home Board made a fine talk on the Home, and urged more and better contributions for the coming year. Nothing has ever been paid out of the fund, except for the care of orphans, and no member of the board draws pay of any kind. The fund is invested in first class farm mortgages and city loans and bank certificates, at a good rate of interest.

A silver shower was suggested and started by Deputy Grand Master Fahl, and \$90.00 was gathered up.

Four nominations were made for Grand Instructor, Brother Mantenach of Velva being finally chosen.

The officers elect for this year were duly installed as follows:

Grand Master, A. J. Field, of Williston.
Deputy Grand Master, B. A. Fahl, of Monango.
Grand Warden, O. A. Webster of Grand Forks.
Grand Secretary, Don McDonald of Grand Forks.
Grand Treasurer, Ole Serumgard, of Devils Lake.
Grand Rep., Chas. F. Holmes of Inkster.

The incoming Grand Master made the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, T. U. Richmond, Burlington.
Grand Marshal, W. E. Byerly, of Velva.
Grand Conductor, A. H. Brown, Williston.
Grand Guardian, Andrew Robbie, Cavalier.
Grand Herald, H. A. Armstrong, Hazelton.

O. A. Webster and W. E. Byerly were elected to succeed themselves as members of the Home Board, for three years.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and citizens of Wahpeton for the hospitable entertainment of the visiting members; to the retiring Grand Officers for their faithful work for the past year; the local papers for good reports of the meetings; and the degree teams of Velva Lodge No. 92 and Wahpeton No. 10 for the splendid rendition of the first degree.

The committee spoke highly of the Fraternal Press, and especially of the good work in this jurisdiction, of the ODD FELLOW WORLD, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and the Review of St. Paul, and same are recommended to the membership.

There being nothing else to come before the Grand Lodge, it adjourned sine die.

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NORTH DAKOTA GRAND ENCAMPMENT
Twenty-sixth Annual Session, Wahpeton
June 6th, 1916.

The Grand Encampment met at Armory hall, Wahpeton Tuesday morning June 6th. Before being formally opened there was an address of welcome by Major Lewis Fligellman, who paid the order a high compliment, and bid them a cordial welcome to the city. Past Grand Master F. E. Smith gave an address of welcome on behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Wahpeton.

Following this the Grand Encampment was de-

clared open for business, all officers being present except Grand Marshal J. M. Palmer and Grand Representative R. M. Pollock as follows:

Grand Patriarch, Geo. W. Buckingham, Grand Forks.

Grand High Priest, P. B. Rognlie, Esmond.

Grand Senior Warden, Gesza H. Noyes, Cogswell.

Grand Scribe, H. J. Rowe, Casselton.

Grand Treasurer, J. S. Cole, Lisbon.

Grand Representative, H. J. Rowe, Casselton.

Grand J. W., Geo. Elmslie, Devil's Lake.

Past Grand Patriarchs present were T. A. Curtis, Chas. H. Lee and W. J. Holbrook, and Representatives from all but two or three Encampments. The



P. B. ROGNLIE, GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Encampment degree was conferred upon thirteen Past Chief Patriarchs.

The reports of officers showed this branch of the order in very good condition, and making fair growth. Each of the principal officers made reports.

The report of Grand Scribe shows:

Number of Encampments	24
Patriarchs last report	900
Initiated	174
Admitted by card	8
Reinstated	19
Total	1,101
Dropped N. P. D.	78
Withdrawn	7
Deceased	3 88
Present membership	1,013
Cash on hand last report.....	\$334.76
Receipts	563.00
Total disbursements	674.46

The "Honor roll" encampments reporting in first ten days of term Nos. 2, 13, 21 and 26.

No new encampments instituted. Three dormant camps revived, viz: Pamona 22, Williston 23 and

Refuge 28 and represented at this session. Some others will be revived. Eleven camps did no work. Fidelity No. 1 gained 15, Ober No. 30 gained 15, Mystic No. 15 gained 21, while Sinai No. 2 of Grand Forks made the splendid record of 97 new members.

The indications are good for greatly augmented membership during the coming year. We can see no reason why every scarlet degree member should not join the patriarchal branch.

There was considerable discussion of the proposed amendment for bi-ennial sessions of Sovereign Grand Lodge and the sentiment was in favor of this change.

The Subordinate encampment constitution was amended, now requiring three or more black balls to reject a candidate for membership.

The journal of G. E. to be printed and distributed to encampments, Grand officers and to other jurisdictions. The Scribe was instructed to procure the official Grand Encampment work. The sentiment of the G. E. was that the Grand Lodge meetings should be held in a town where there is an encampment, so that the degree work may be exemplified and more interest taken in this branch of the order.

Grand Representative H. J. Rowe tendered his resignation which was accepted.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Grand Patriarch, P. B. Rognlie, Esmond.

Grand High Priest, Gesza H. Noyes, Cogswell.

Grand Senior Warden, Geo. Elmslie, Devils Lake.

Grand Scribe, Chas. H. Lee, Walhalla.

Grand Treasurer, J. S. Cole, Lisbon.

Grand Junior Warden, Frank Fraser, Walhalla.

Grand Representative, 1 year, Geo. Buckingham, Grand Forks.

Grand Representative, 1 year, T. A. Curtis, Lisbon.

The incoming Grand Patriarch made as his appointments:

Grand Marshal, C. E. Edquest, Mandan.

Grand Inside Sent., Bert La Grave, Esmond.

Grand Outside Sent., H. N. Lynn, Rhame.

The new officers as above were all duly installed.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Odd Fellows and citizens of Wahpeton for courtesies; and the retiring Grand officers and the Grand Encampment adjourned.

GRAND PATRIARCH—P. B. ROGNLIE

P. B. Rognlie, the newly elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of North Dakota was born at Spring Grove, Minn., June 25th, 1871, and with his parents came to North Dakota in the fall of that year so strictly speaking he has lived in this state all his life, with the exception of the time spent at colleges in Minnesota, covering the greater part of seven years.

He holds the record of being the youngest and the oldest hardware merchant in the State of North

Dakota, having owned and continuously conducted said business in the State from the year 1889 to and including the present time. It has also fallen to his lot at various times to serve as public officer from that of Justice of the Peace to that of membership of the state senate. He is one of the oldest members of the Odd Fellow Fraternity, and can not say too much in its favor, and promises to do much the coming year for the up building of the order and especially the Encampment Branch.

NORTH DAKOTA REBEKAH ASSEMBLY

Twenty-sixth Annual Session, Wahpeton, June 7th, and 8th, 1916.

The Rebekah Assembly of North Dakota met for its twenty-sixth annual session in the city of Wahpeton, Wednesday, June 7th. The first event was the public reception at the opera house, where the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were cordially welcomed to the city, and appropriate responses were made by our President Sister Alice Mares, and by the Grand Master.

The Assembly sessions were held in the city hall, which had been most tastefully decorated in the colors and emblems of the order, and which was a very comfortable hall, with ample committee rooms and conveniences.

The roll call found all the officers present except the Treasurer and inside guardian, as follows:

President, Alice Mares, Wheatland.
 Vice President, Jennie Hale, Devils Lake.
 Warden, Mertie Muir, Hunter.
 Secretary, Fanie S. Burrill, Velva.
 Chaplain, Eliza Letford, Fargo.
 Marshal, Florence Brown, Jamestown.
 Conductor, Kate Smith, Wahpeton.
 Outside Guardian, Frances Cannon, Binford.

Also Past Presidents, Karen Serungard, Mary McLaughlin, Georgia M. Packard, Maggie Poole, Minnie Burton, Florence McIntosh, Della Crosthwaite, Elizabeth Harriman, Jennie B. Hill, Lettie Jorgenson, and Clara Schrepel, and delegates from practically all the lodges.

The Assembly degree was conferred upon a large class of Past Noble Grands. After the appointment of committees, and the usual preliminary work, the reports of officers was taken up. The President made an excellent report, covering her work for the year. Among other things she had issued a constitution for district meetings, which had been generally adopted.

Of the fraternal press she said:—"It is a problem we seem unable to solve, how to interest the membership at large in our fraternal papers. The question is asked in too many lodges how to keep up interest. If they would read our papers, and follow their advice and suggestions this question would be answered. Every Rebekah should read the National Rebekah, and every lodge should have a copy of each of our papers published nearest

home, the ODD FELLOW WORLD, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Review of St. Paul.

Contributions to our children in Dell Rapids, S. D. home were \$43.00 and in the Minnesota home, \$49.00.

Three new lodges were instituted during the year, Loyal 96 at Buford, Francis 97 at Shafer, and Altruistic 98 at Sherwood.

There are 84 lodges in the state, 11 are very weak, 12 semi-active and 61 prosperous.

Sister Burrill, Secretary said, "I bring to you the record of the work of my office for another year, and I ask you to be generous with your judgments, and lenient with your criticisms. If I have served you faithfully, it was my duty. If I have served you well, it was a joy to me."

Files of journals have been completed, a number



JENNIE HALE, ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT.

of which were furnished by the Odd Fellow World.

The statistics for the year show number initiated 322, by card, 19, reinstated 48, by new lodges instituted 60. Withdrawn 94, Died 26, dropped 318. Net gain in membership 11.

A resolution was adopted that President be empowered to send Vice President, Warden or any Past President to any District meetings, and expense to be paid by the Assembly.

The Secretary was instructed to buy two new codes, for use of the President and Secretary. All circular letters are to be issued by the Secretary, and sent from her office, and included in her report.

A box was placed on the desk of Secretary for contributions for our boy in the Northville Home, who graduates this month.

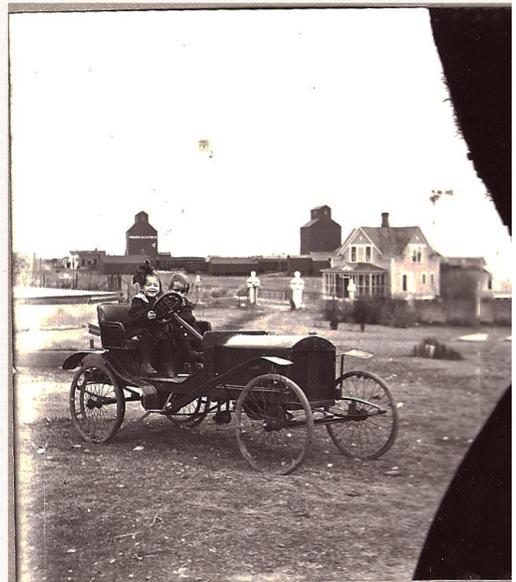
After considerable discussion it was decided not



Jenny Jenson, Juliana Rognlie, About 1917 in
'Brownie Car'



Rhema 1916



Rhema, Harry about
1915

From Fargo Forum, April 1952

Last Rites Held For Paul Rognlie, Esmond Pioneer (Died March 27, 1952)
Services for Paul C. Rognlie, resident of North Dakota most of his life, were held on Tuesday, April 1, at the Merrill Moore Mortuary. Rev. G. R. Estrem officiating.

Paul Christopher Rognlie was born at Spring Grove, Minn., June 25, 1871. The same year his parents moved to their homestead in Dakota Territory, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Caledonia.

Mr. Rognlie attended the schools of Caledonia and Hillsboro and was graduated from the seminary at Willmar, Minn. Following graduation he taught dramatics and public speaking at the seminary for a time.

In the spring of 1893 he moved to Benson County, N. D., to manage the Viking Merchantile Company. Later he operated a store at Manfred, N. D., In 1900, the year the town of Esmond was established, he entered the hardware business there.

From 1918 to 1927, he was secretary of the Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company. During these years Mr. Rognlie started what came to be known as the Rognlie Plum Farm at Esmond. Four years ago he went to Fargo but he had retained an interest in a nursery business at Esmond. His work in the latter business had been instrumental in creating interest in state horticulture.

Long active in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mr. Rognlie at his death held the title of Brigadier General in the order. He also was Adjutant General of the Department Council of Patriarchs Militant. During his career he was said to have instituted more Odd Fellow cantons than any other North Dakota Member. He leaves Mrs. Rognlie, seven sons, Philip of Fargo, Jarl of Noonan, N. D., Harry of Esmond, Donavon and Verdi of Kalispell, Mont., and Forest and Alden of Somers, Mont., Two daughters, Mrs. Reinart (Rhema) Reiersen, Esmond, and Mrs. Gerhard (Myrtle) Faleide, Maddock, N. D., and five sisters.

Miscellaneous Notes

Inez Signild LeGrand Rognlie born December 1, 1875 at Skara, Sweden, Europe.

Wee Earl Donovan born in apartment back of store on Lot 22, Esmond, Nov. 12, 1904 - Forrest Jennings born at Esmond April 18, 1906

Verdi Bertinus born at Esmond January 21, 1908 and baptised at Manfred by Rev. E. S. Eidesvick of the United Lutheran Church sometime in the spring of 1908

Philip Rognlie, son of Wilhelm Rognlie died December 1975 at Grand Forks, ND.

Alden Rognlie overseas war service was 9/15/44-2/2/46

Reinart Reiersen born April 11, 1901.

Frida (Rognlie) Miller died August 1972

Rhema (Rognlie) Reiersen died June 28, 1978

Harry LeGrand Rognlie, born July 8, 1913 to Paul and Inez Rognlie at Esmond, N. Dak. was baptised Aug. 21, 1914 at Trinity Evengelical Lutheran Church, Esmond, N. Dak., Rev. H. M. Aanestad, Pastor. Harry resided in Esmond his entire life except for a few years as manager of the Arrowood Wildlife Reserve near Kensal, N, Dak. and more than 3 years army service in world War II when he served in Panama and Alaska and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the VFW Post at Esmond. After his return to civilian life he managed the Wildlife Reserve at Lake Isabel near Dawson, N. Dak. for some time. After returning to Esmond he was engaged as an independent trucker for various construction firms, He is especially remembered in the Esmond area for his interest in the young people of the community and his eagerness to provide transportation for the atheletic teams of the community. (Harry died April 28, 1960 at the Veteran's hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.)

(Benson County, N. Dak. Farmers Press 5/9/68) Alden Murray Rognlie, 58, East Lakeshore, Bigfork, Mont., died in Kalispell April 15 at a Kalispell hospital. Mr. Rognlie was born Feb. 20, 1910 at Esmond, son of Paul and Inez Rognlie. In 1929 he moved to Flathead Valley, where he had resided much of the time since then. In 1941 he moved to Portland, Ore., where he was employed as a welder by Kaiser Shipbuilding Corporation. Mr. Rognlie enlisted in the U. S. Navy Dec. 17, 1943 at Kalispell. He served as a motor machinist mate until receiving his honorable discharge Feb. 10, 1946, at Bremerton, Wash. Following his service he entered engineering school in Chicago, where he received a diploma in mechanical refrigeration. He later returned to Flathead, where he was engaged as an orchardist on the East Lakeshore of Flathead Lake. Mr. Rognlie was a single man. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry, and parents. He is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Julia Rognlie of Fargo; five brothers, Donaven and Verdi, both of Kalispell, Forrest of Somers, Philip and Jarl of Fargo; two sisters, Mrs. Reinart (Rheme) Reierson of Esmond and Mrs. Gerhard (Myrtle) Faleide of Heimdal. Services were held at the Johnson chapel April 18 with Rev. C. O. Anderson, Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites. Attending from distances were Mrs. Reierson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rognlie of Boise, Ida.

ites Gathered by Special Correspondents for the

ESMOND, THRIVING CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA TOWN IS ADVANCING RAPIDLY AS LIVESTOCK SHIPPING POINT

Esmond is one of the most thriving towns in the Central North Dakota, being surrounded by an excellent farming community. Last year over 80 car loads of live stock was shipped out of Esmond. The people of that community can well be proud of their livestock, as it is all well bred. Last week two farmers, representatives of the stock breeders' association, were sent to the markets to buy two car-loads of full bred cattle.

Dairy Industry Growing

Two years ago only one can of milk was shipped from Esmond. At the present time over 200 gallons are being shipped out every day. Four hundred thousand bushels of wheat were marketed last year and many thousand bushels of oats, rye and barley. Corn does exceptionally well in this territory, and the farmers will plant many acres this spring.

Country Developing Fast

The country around Esmond is developing very rapidly, and especially the Grand lake region. That country is very fertile and a very pleasant place to live. There are many homes ranging in price from \$4,000 to \$10,000. This country is especially delightful in the summer.

Excellent School System

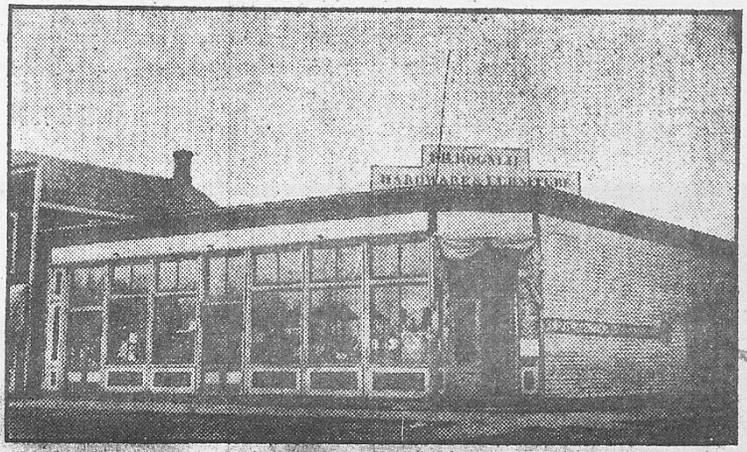
The school system in Esmond ranks very high, and every person feels great interest in it. Not only do they have good grade schools, but also a complete four-year high school. Students come from many miles to receive the excellent opportunity which is afforded them.

Many Business Houses

Esmond boasts of a population of 500 and within her limits are 3 elevators, 2 banks, three general merchandise stores, two pool rooms, three churches, one hotel, meat market, harness store, jewelry store, millinery store, livery barn, two hardware stores and two garages.

Splendid Social Life

The people in Esmond are always up and doing in a social way as well as commercially. The town band is doing excellent work under the direction of H. A. Howe. The band has a membership of 12. The citizens of the municipality have provided a band stand for the towns people and the folks from the country that come in to enjoy the music. The orchestra led also by Mr. Howe furnishes the music for social events during the winter months.



First Store Building Erected in Esmond. Built in 1902.

Dr. Hanson is a veterinarian that is right on the job.

Esmond State Bank

The Esmond State bank is doing an excellent business. It has a capital of \$10,000, surplus and undivided profits \$5,000, deposits, \$80,000, and loans and discounts \$70,000. T. A. Davis, is the cashier, a thoro business man and he is building up a strong financial institution.

First International Bank

The First International bank is also doing a fine business. Mr. A. W. Angel the cashier is a hustler and the community is proud of the bank for which he is directly responsible.

Poolroom Opening

W. E. Cull, one of the first men to locate in Esmond, conducts a pool room in the north end of town. He has enjoyed many prosperous years, but because of ill health he is contemplating leaving, to the regret of the people of Esmond as Mr. Cull has always conducted a clean business.

Steig Mercantile House

One of the best general merchandise stores in the Northwest is owned and conducted by B. I. Steig. While he has only been in the town two years, he has built up an excellent trade. A complete line is carried and the stock is kept up-to-date.

New Hardware Store

A new hardware store is being opened up by the Messrs. Stig, Roholt,

Veum, and Woyen. Mr. Roholt will be the manager and he is now installing the very best fixtures. Hardware of all descriptions will be carried.

Two Elevators

The Great Western Elevator company owns two elevators in Esmond and their business has increased each year until they have all that can be taken care of. J. J. Bengson and Louis Hansen have charge of them, and are always congenial and attend strictly to business.

Rognlie Hardware Store

P. B. Rognlie, one of the most influential men in Esmond conducts the oldest business in town. His store building was the first erected in Esmond. Hardware and furniture is his speciality.

First Class Nursery

Mr. Rognlie is also interested in a nursery. His experiments in this work have proven very interesting and beneficial to the community. He has found a number of fruit trees that do exceedingly well in this latitude. He is successfully raising three different kinds of apples and two of plums. Last year his trees were loaded.

He has found that the Colorado blue spruce, the Black Hill spruce and the jack pine are very hardy and make excellent shade trees. The quickest growing tree is the Russian olive and very well adapted to the North Dakota climate.

Live Commercial Club

The commercial club is doing an excellent work in building up the town. Meetings are held every week and matters of vital importance are discussed. The efficient work of this organization is due to the well qualified officers, G. H. Dickey, P. B. Rognlie, E. A. Davis and A. W. Engel.

Colonization Agency

Another organization that is doing an effective work is the Scandinavian Lutheran colonization agency. It consists of all of the members of the Lutheran churches in and about Esmond for a radius of 18 miles. Each member gives his membership fee toward the necessary expenses in an attempt to find homes for foreigners.

The land is listed that is for sale and no charges are made to the buyers. Rev. H. M. Arnestad and P. B. Rognlie, as officers are working earnestly for its success, which is now assured, the membership being 450.

Congregational Church

The Congregational church of Esmond was organized in January 1902, just a few months after the first building in the town was erected. From that day to this the church has been growing and the present pastor, Rev. Slater, preaches to a full house every Sunday.

Lutheran Church

Rev. H. M. Arnestad, pastor of the Lutheran church finds that the work in his church is exceedingly pleasant. Rev. Arnestad is a hard worker and his work is showing in the community. The members are just as interested as he is in attempting to make the community a little better place in which to live.

One of the largest retail stores and warehouses is located in Esmond, and is owned by G. H. Dickey one of the most progressive men in town. The store has 12,000 feet of floor space and they are filled with standard farm machinery and furniture. He specializes in J. I. Case plows, Mitchell wagons and implements from the International Harvester company.

Excellent Veterinarian

Dr. J. C. Hanson a former student of North Dakota Agricultural college has been practicing in Esmond and has worked up an excellent practice.



Mrs. F. B. (Juliana) Rognlie 1917



Juliana Rognlie with Myrthle, 1917



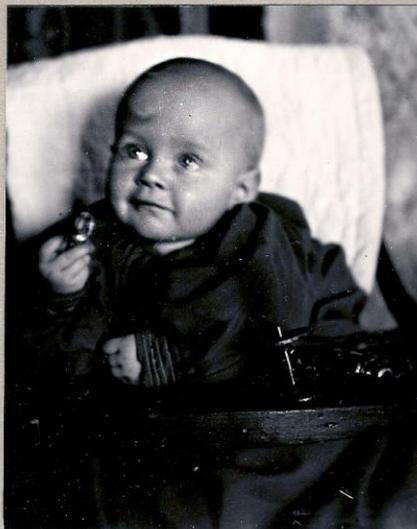
Myrthle, Harry, Rhema, March 1919



Harry, Mom, Myrthle, Rhema 1917



P. B. R. 1918



Philip 1919?



Philip, Mom, Myrthle, Grandma, Rhema, Alden, Harry June 27, 1920



P.B.R. with Model T Ford stuck in creek 1917



P.B.R., Grandma, Rhema, Myrthle, Jarl, Juliana, Harry?, Philip. About 1923



P.B.R. being pulled out of creek 1917

Paul Rognlie

Landscaping and Nursery Stock
1726 2nd Street North
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA



1726-3STN
Fargo N.D.

May 26, 1950

Dear son Forrest: We were very sorry to hear that you had met with an accident Mrs Jacobson called us on the phone. But it seems that she did not have many details about it only that your hand had been caught in the machinery of the plowing mill. I would like much to be fully informed. Had you have accident insurance Etc? — How bad was it? —

We have had winter here up to recently I went up to Esmond May 1, to supervise the digging of big evergreens but there came over a foot of snow the train was blocked and did not get there for 3 days Harry took us to Leeds, the county snow plow had cleared the road from Leeds the train run in water most of the way to Grand Forks, there a bridge was washed out at Arvilla, we got to Fargo next morning as a result of bad weather I have not
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done any nursery business this
spring. Got my garden plowed first
today, however my Piding Mountain
strawberries are in blossom.
(They are the wild strawberries I picked
on top of Piding Mountain Canada and
crossed with the Marshall from Vancouver
they fruited last year for the first time
(good berries too). I am also buying out
the much advertized Hagerstrom Red glow
strawberry. (Patent) I am anxious to
hear from you and how you are
getting along. We are all well here
at this time. Greetings to everybody

Your Dad



P.B.R. with Model T at a ranch in Badlands of western N.D. 1917. Boys in back seat unknown.



Vern, Clara, Sidney Roppe 1920?



Forrest 1921



Forrest, Donaven 1920



Verdi, Donaven, Harry 1921



P. B. Rogalie in Patriarchs Militant (IOOP) uniform. 1920?



Have Your Home Landscaped

by

PAUL ROGNLIE

1726—3rd Street North
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA



We have more than 40 years experience in landscaping in North Dakota and know from personal experience what will grow and do well here. Drop us a postal card stating day and hour you would like me call to give you free suggestions on how and what to plant, and an estimate of the cost of the same. We grow most of our planting stock at our nursery at Esmond, N. D.

We have a large variety of fruit trees that do well in this climate beside the ornamental shrubbery. We specialize in large evergreens and bearing fruit trees. Most people are getting too old to wait for small trees, so buy large trees expertly taken up and prepared for planting this spring.

Drop us a card, as we have as yet been unable to get a telephone installed.

Telephone No. 7646

Act now and avoid the spring rush.



Ornamental Shrubbery and Flowering Plants



Forrest 1921



Verdi 1921



Alden 1922



Rhema 1922



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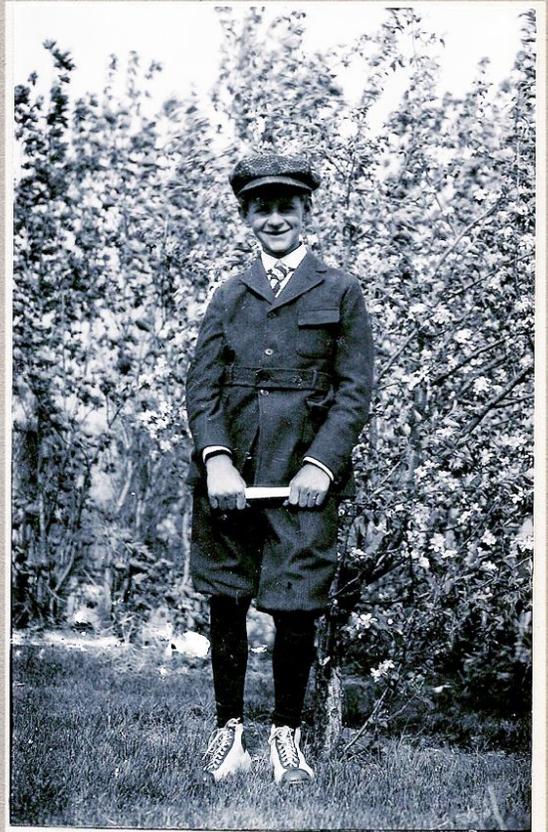


Don, Phil, Mom, Jarl, Dad



L-R. Rhema, P.B.R., Jarl, Harry, Phil, Mom, Myrthle.

1923?



Alden - Confirmation 1922



Rognlie Place from the North 1924



Myrthle



1923



Jarl, (right) with friends 1930?

A 1951 Letter from A J Styles to Forest J Rognlie

A LETTER FROM A. J. STYLES TO FORREST J. ROGNLIE

Feb. 1st. 1951

My Dear Old Crow-Exterminator:

I have not forgotten the time you darn near bankrupted me paying bounties on dead crows. Glad to hear from you. I was 82 on Jan. 21st, and have not had a rifle to my shoulder for several years, but hope to have that pleasure again, and often. From June 1928 to June 1930 I was in Northern Manitoba, north of the Hudson Bay Railroad, most of the time near Herb Lake. In those two years I got four moose, one or more white-tailed deer, and two or more black-tailed deer. The black-tailed are a species peculiar to Northern Manitoba, and they differ from the black-tailed of the bad-lands of North Dakota. They are larger than the white-tailed.

I could have shot 40 moose, but killed only as needed for eating. I would not shoot a moose in summer, when they are easiest to get, but the meat would spoil before I could use it. I waited till it was cold enough to keep all winter. For instance one day an old Scotchman and I were paddling up a small creek, and on making a turn the front end of the canoe almost ran into a cow moose, drinking. She jumped and splashed water over us, got up on the bank, and squatted down like a sheep to take a leak, looking back over her shoulder at us. Old Scottie had never seen a moose, and he exclaimed "Mon whots thot". I said, "It's a cow moose". He said, "Why don't you shoot her"? I said, "Look, she has a bag, she has a calf somewhere near here, in the brush. If I shoot her the wolves will get the calf. And her meat would spoil. We have lots of fish, and do not need the meat. I have not the heart to kill a moose in summer time". She listened to us, and then disappeared in the brush. We did not see the calf, that time, but at other times I saw calves with their mothers. The calves are shorter-bodied than a colt, but stand higher. When a cow-moose is shedding her hair in summer I think she is about the homliest animal God ever created. The hair gathers in long ropes and blows in the wind, and the big head and nose, without any horns to ornament it, are awfully unbalanced and awkward-looking. One day I watched a cow moose in the woods, not far from me. I had my rifle on my arm, but would not think of using it. She would look at me, then look into the brush, then look at me, then turn again and look into the brush. I figured she had a calf in the brush. Finally the tall little fellow joined her, and they shifted into high gear and went out of there P.D.Q. They do not jump like a white-tailed deer, but they trot.

I also got one small, yearling, brown bear, and wounded a monster big black one, but he got into a swamp filled with ice-water, that would be up to my arm-pits, so I quit.

In California I got a few deer, the small Columbia black-tail. One time I opened my cabin door and saw one only 16 yards from me, at night. I had only a 22 rifle, behind the door, and reached for it. Too dark to see the sights, but pointed oroom-handle style, and dropped him with a shot in the brain. Nice eating.

While washing gold out of gravel on New River, in Trinity county, I had not time to fish with rod and reel, so just used to tie a line to a limb overhanging the river, baiting the hook with a grasshopper, that just touched the water and went on shoveling gravel into my sluice-box. When the limb began to shake, I stopped shoveling long enough to gather in a nice trout, and put on another grasshopper, a lazy man's way of getting trout for dinner! Never "struck it rich" prospecting or mining, but had an interesting time.

Was back in Northern Manitoba in summer of 1949. Met some North Dakota boys from Velva, if I rememoer aright, up there fishing in hundreds of lakes up there. Northern Pike, wall-eyed pike, lake-trout, perch, suckers, for the bears in spring, when they go up the creeks to spawn, white-fish, fine eating, but one must use a net for them, as they do not bite on a trolling bait.

White-fish in the market here are \$1.10 a pound. Up there the mink-farm men use them to feed their mink. You could not afford to pay \$1.10 a pound for mink feed. While I was at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, in 1949 a man caught a 52 pound lake-trout. There are no bass up there yet, but they will be introduced and planted, officials tell me. Unlike planting trout, who when little can be turned loose to take care of themselves, the young bass must have mama along, Back in 1887 in Peterborough county Ontario, I used to see a mother bass and her brood following her like a hen and chickens. That makes bass hard to transplant. The little ones need the mother.

I may possibly be in Montana this summer.

In summer of 1948 I went across Canada from Ocean to ocean, Victoria B.C. to Halifax, N.S., mostly by bus. Was in Vancouver, B.C., Banff, Jasper, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Kenora, Port Arthur, Took the Noranic from there to the Soo, then to Sarnia, Ontario. (The next year the Noranic was burned at the dock in Toronto, with a loss of over 100 lives. Boat officials deprived of license to navigate. Somebody too drunk to guard against fire.) Then I visited scenes of my boyhood days, where I had not been for 54 years. Was in Clinton, Seaforth, Goderich, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, then along south shore of St. Lawrence River, where bus drivers could not talk English, finally to Halifax, and across to Prince Edward Island, thus being in every Province of Canada except Newfoundland, (which, if I remember aright, was not yet a Province anyway, but was afterwards made a Province.)

No frost or snow here in this city yet this winter. Some cars drive in from the mountains showing snow on top of them, but it soon melts. We have here what they call "smog", a new word combining smoke and fog. Nasty stuff, makes your nose run and your eyes water, from the chemicals in the air, produced by half a million automobiles, and by oil-refineries, and chemical factories and other factories. When there is no breeze to blow it away it hangs in the air. I am going to change to a higher locality soon, as I do not like the "smog". Laws are being made to try to control it. They will make factories set up a smoke-consumer. They will forbid burning of trash in back-yard incinerators.

From Halifax I came home by way of Maine, N.H, Vt. Mass. R.I., Conn. Went up the Bunker Hill monument in Boston, saw Paul Revere's house, and the tower of the church from which the lantern was hung, also graves of some of the revolutionary heroes, John Hancock, etc. Bus fare, Boston to Los Angeles, if I remember aright, was only \$54.90. Was at Salt Lake, and at Butte, Montana, and went down in a mine at Butte. (Was at Butte on the 1949 trip, not on the way back from Halifax in 1948.)

Am well, and I hope, good for several years yet, and I want to have a few more hunts before I cash in my chips.

I think we have a lot of D... fools at Washington that want to get us into World War Three. I am not and never was a Communist, but I am afraid we will get licked if we try to tangle with all Asia and all East Europe. That is a big mass of land, with over half the inhabitants of the earth, all in one mass. We, with our superior airplanes, etc. can destroy the coast cities and blockade it, but to conquer it will need soldiers to penetrate to its center, which may be impossible, and even if we win Europe will be worse wrecked than ever and will have to be fed all over again, with a dozen Marshall plans, and the U.S. will be bankrupt.

I want to live to see how the sad old world will work its way out of the mess the Vatican got it into by backing Franco, and thus starting World War Two, and starting the present cold war. You are lucky you are married and not subject to the draft. One report, from a Marine, in Korea, says only 800 of his companions are left out of 3200. Too big a price in men and blood and money, for a war that does us no good.

I may leave here in two or three weeks, and do not know my next address. Will be glad to hear from you again, before I leave. I must answer your Father's last letter, before I go.

I saw Grover and Will Drummond, and young Olson, O.J.Olsons son, and daughter of Neil Macdairmid, at a North Dakota picnic about a year ago, at Long Beach, Calif. Also a baseball player, named Engebretson, if I remember aright. Also Barney Boyd, former clerk of court at Hillsboro, N.D.

Good luck to you.

Have now been in 46 of our 48 states. All but Okl. & Ark.

(A. J. Styles)

(A. J. Styles, an attorney, was one of the Esmond, N. D. pioneers and a friend and frequent hunting companion of P. B. Rognlie.)



Myrthle, Philip, Jarl 1929



All the Rognlie brothers. L-R: Verdi, Alden, Jarl, Philip, Forrest, Harry, Donaven. About 1925



Donaven, Philip, Jarl, Forrest Alden 1925-1926



Philip with Esther 1933



Philip, Myrthle, Jarl

A 1946, P. B. Rognlie Letter to "The Normanden"

Esmond, N. Dak.
September 22, 1946

It was with large hopes that we left our business at a very busy time, to be present at the Oslo Haandverker Sangforening program held in the high school auditorium, at Fargo the nineteenth of September. I went with Mr. August S. Isaacson, one of Rugby's leading Northmen and former Grandmaster of North Dakota's Grand Lodge of Oddfellows. We began our journey at 12 time, right after we had eaten our mid-day meal and continued our trip till we came to Fargo five hours later, we had rain the whole time, often so hard that we could barely see one front end of the automobile, but we were in very good humor and almost steadily sing or hummed Norwegian melodies that we had learned by heart from the days when we laid in our mother's bosom and listened to her sing us to sleep. Yes, that time when we were growing up in the new settlement in the Red River Valleys desolate stretch. The land where Fargo now is, was only a stretch of prairie. The Northmen, who built their homes where Goose River flows into the Red River, came together on Sundays to sing hymns and Norwegian melodies. Often, could man see the tears flowing over their faces as they sang with full throat: "Bland Alle Lande I Ost Og Vest" (Among all lands in East or West); "Er Fedrelandet Mit Hjerte Nest" (Is fatherland my heart next); "Det Gamle Norge" (That Old Norway), "Med Klippeborge"; "Mig Huer Bdst" (Me Fits Best); "Der Ligger et Land mod Den Evige Sne"; "Ja Vi Elsaker Dette Landet" (Norway's National anthem); "Paa Solen Jeg Ser Det Lidere Alt Frem"; "Norge, Norge"; "Norge Fjelde"; "Fedrelandet" osv. osv.

It was also with much glad hope that we now should hear again these flying, bold, intoxicating, heart invigorating, soul bursting, love inspiring, sunshining tunes, that we made this long trip without delay in the rain. It doesn't take a master mind to understand how disappointed we were when we read the program and found that there wasn't a single number of the old Norwegian melodies. All had become new. New songs and tunes, that should give us an understanding of the new time and feeling that prevails in the land of the midnight sun, and in this we were not disappointed. The choir sang with strength and ability so the hearers were now and then lifted from their chairs. Instead of the charming melodies that Ole Bull gathered and wrote in the Norman's heart, we now had shriek, confusion and haste. Instead of religious devotion, prayer thoughts, and "Dear Friend" "you are my Friend" there was harsh, sharp, doom rending outbreak, meaning "Don't Stand In My Way".

We asked ourselves: has Norway's newer generation laid on the shelf their fore-fathers tradition, their charming tunes of love and water fall, longing, gladness, faith and virtue? Has the German occupation of Norway hardened and embittered the people to the point where their tunes in music and song have become harsh, threatening and sharp?

After the program in the auditorium, we gathered in the Sons of Norway hall where there was an opportunity to meet with people you knew and become acquainted with new people. We met Mr. Uggen from Oslo, who was one of the choir singers and after a short conversation with him, I learned that he was a first cousin of my son's wife, Mrs. Philip Rognlie and since Philip and his wife now live in Fargo, he came home with us and there was much happiness for us all. We were informed of how it had been under the German occupation in Norway and Mrs. Rognlie (maiden name Miss Francis Uggen) got much information about her relatives in Norway.

Don't let me forget to add that we were thankful to Fargo's Men's Choir, who appeared at the festival in the Sons of Norway hall and there sang many numbers of real Norwegian songs. They sang with the voice and tunes we were used to hearing and this put us in good humor again. We were then sure, if Norway has laid these on the shelf, we have them in America and here there is no power that can tear them from us now or later. These tunes about the mountain, waterfall, love and longing shall live with us till the last man.

When we came to Fargo, it was our intention to go first to the office of Normanden to strike up a conversation with Ingvald Ulsaker, the paper's editor, but it was for nothing. There was no conversation there. Ingvald was too busy. He sat by one of the many linotype machines and set type for the paper. (Working help in this domain compelled the editor himself to set type so the paper would come out on time). So we journeyed over to Bergseth Fish Company, where we met the handsome owner and manager, Mr. Smerud. It was altogether different here. If the traffic had to pause, he wanted to take time to talk with old acquaintances. He said that we should be certain to get "Lutefisk" for Christmas and they had lots of fish balls in New York that he hoped would also come forth in time for the Christmas day's festivities.

Taken as a whole, this trip was a most interesting one. We met folks we knew from many places in North Dakota and Minnesota, who had come to the "Choirs" concert. Next day we set our course for home in sunshine and when the automobile's speedometer came to 445 miles, we were at the gate to some here in Esmond, glad and satisfied.

Live well and greetings,
Friendliest, P. B. Rognlie

(Translated from the Norwegian by Mrs. Forrest J. Rognlie)



Rhema, Myrthle



Philip, Myrthle, Jarl



Rhema



At Esmond 1925
L-R: Philip, Jarl, Mrs. P.B.R. (Juliana), Rhema, P.B.R., Myrthle, Muriel Nelson, Grandma (Mrs. S.B.R.) - her last picture, Harry, three relatives of S.G.Nelson, Mrs. S.G. Nelson, Rev. S. G. Nelson.



L-R: Verdi, Reinart, Esther, Jarl, Ellen, Mom, Inez, Lil, LaDonna, Rhema, Harry, Alden, Dad, 1946



Esther, John Lee, P. B. R.

Harry LeGrand Rognlie, born July 8, 1913 to Paul and Inez Rognlie at Esmond, N. Dak. was baptised Aug. 21, 1914 at Trinity Evengelical Lutheran Church, Esmond, N. Dak., Rev. H. M. Aanestad, Pastor. Harry resided in Esmond his entire life except for a few years as manager of the Arrowood Wildlife Reserve near Kensal, N, Dak. and more than 3 years army service in world War II when he served in Panama and Alaska and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the VFW Post at Esmond. After his return to civilian life he managed the Wildlife Reserve at Lake Isabel near Dawson, N. Dak. for some time. After returning to Esmond he was engaged as an independent trucker for various construction firms, He is especially remembered in the Esmond area for his interest in the young people of the community and his eagerness to provide transportation for the atheletic teams of the community. (Harry died April 28, 1960 at the Veteran's hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.)

(Benson County, N. Dak. Farmers Press 5/9/68) Alden Murray Rognlie, 58, East Lakeshore, Bigfork, Mont., died in Kalispell April 15 at a Kalispell hospital. Mr. Rognlie was born Feb. 20, 1910 at Esmond, son of Paul and Inez Rognlie. In 1929 he moved to Flathead Valley, where he had resided much of the time since then. In 1941 he moved to Portland, Ore., where he was employed as a welder by Kaiser Shipbuilding Corporation. Mr. Rognlie enlisted in the U. S. Navy Dec. 17, 1943 at Kalispell. He served as a motor machinist mate until receiving his honorable discharge Feb. 10, 1946, at Bremerton, Wash. Following his service he entered engineering school in Chicago, where he received a diploma in mechanical refrigeration. He later returned to Flathead, where he was engaged as an orchardist on the East Lakeshore of Flathead Lake. Mr. Rognlie was a single man. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry, and parents. He is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Julia Rognlie of Fargo; five brothers, Donaven and Verdi, both of Kalispell, Forrest of Somers, Philip and Jarl of Fargo; two sisters, Mrs. Reinart (Rheme) Reierson of Esmond and Mrs. Gerhard (Myrtle) Faleide of Heimdal. Services were held at the Johnson chapel April 18 with Rev. C. O. Anderson, Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was in the C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites. Attending from distances were Mrs. Reierson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rognlie of Boise, Ida.

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ROGNLIE PLUM FARM AND NURSERY OF ESMOND, COUNTY OF BENSON, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, WAS EXAMINED SEPT. 1, 1939, AND WAS FOUND FREE FROM DANGEROUSLY INJURIOUS INSECTS AND PLANT DISEASES.
 A. J. MUNRO, STATE NURSERY INSPECTOR FARGO, N. D.
 NORTH DAKOTA EXPERIMENT STA.

FROM THE ROGNLIE PLUM FARM & NURSERY
ESMOND, NORTH DAKOTA

To _____

Shipping Tag 1939



Ellen, Paul, Inez, Forrest, Gertrude



Dad & Mom, Portland, Ore. 1946



Mom R., Flathead Lake



Donaven, Alden, Forrest, Verdi 1935



L-R: Gertrude, Paul, Forrest, Lillian, Ellen, Dad, LaDonna, Mom, Inez. Nov. 1943



L-R: Don, Lil, Mom, LaDonna, Gertrude, Ellen, Inez, Paul, P.B.R. Nov. 1943

FORREST J ROGNLIE

Forrest J. Rognlie, 67, died Dec. 17th, 1973 at his home in Somers, Mont. Funeral services were Dec. 21, Friday at 10_a.m. in the Eidsvold Lutheran Church at Somers under the direction of the Johnson Funeral Home, Pastor James Jenson officiated. Burial was in the Lonepine Cemetery. Memorials to the Eidsvold Lutheran Church or charity of choice have been suggested by the family.

Mr. Rognlie was born April 18, 1906, at Esmond, a son of Paul and Inez Rognlie. He received his education there and in March of 1929 he moved to Somers where he was employed by Somers Lumber Co.

Feb, 28, 1931, he was married to Gertrude Jacobson at Somers, and is survived by her at the family home in Somers.

Prior to his retirement he was employed by the Lee Craft Seat Co. He was a member of the Lumber and Saw Mill Workers Local 2405 and the Eidsvold Lutheran Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. He is also survived by one son, Paul Rognlie of Boise, Idaho; two daughters; Mrs. John (Inez) McGovern, Marysville, Wash., and Mrs. Stanton (Ellen) Poier of Kalispell; four brothers; Donaven and Verdi Rognlie, both of Kalispell and Philip and Jarl Rognlie of Fargo, two sisters, Mrs. Reinart (Rhema) Reiersen of Esmond, and Mrs. Gerhard (Myrthle) Faleide of Heimdal; and eight grandchildren. His stepmother, Mrs. Juliana Rognlie, died Dec. 20, 1973.

(From Benson County (N. D.) Farmers Press 1/10/74)

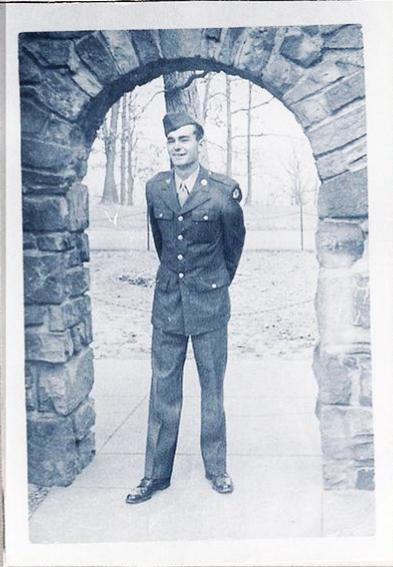
MRS. PAUL ROGHLIE

A family service for Mrs. Paul (Juliana) Roghlie, 78, 1315 10th Ave. N., Fargo, was at 2:30 at Ivers Chapel at Fargo. Mrs. Rognlie died Dec. 20, 1973 at a Fargo hospital.

Juliana Jenson was born April 29, 1895 in Norway and came to Esmond with friends. She married there and the couple moved to Fargo in 1948. She worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital until she retired. Mr. Rognlie died in 1952.

She leaves four sons, Philip, 2514, Evergreen Road, Fargo, Jarl, 1011 7th St. N., Fargo and Donaven and Verdi, both of Kalispell, Mont. (A son, Forrest, of Somers, Mont. died the previous Monday); two daughters, Mrs. Gerhard (Myrthle) Faleide, Maddock and Mrs. Reinart (Rhema) Reiersen of Esmond.

(From Benson County (N. D.) Farmers Press 1/10/74)



Philip - W.W. II



Alden, World War II



Harry LeGrand Rognlie about 1950



Philip



Donaven



Phil with Collin, Kevin, Paul

RHEMA REIERSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Reinart (Rnema) Rieierson, 66, of Esmond were conducted on Monday, July 3 at 11 a.m. from the Trinity Lutheran Church in Esmond with Rev. Wilfred Hanson officiating. Interment was in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Mrs. Reierson died Wednesday morning in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Rugby, 6/28/78 where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Casket bearers were Orris Syverson, Clifford Lysne, Wayne Jensen, Palmer Woyen, Art Rice and Ove Lunde.

Mrs. Wilfred Hanson was the organist. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jensen provided the special music.

The Wheeler Funeral Home of Haddock was in charge of arrangements. Rhema Reierson was born Decemoer 23, 1911, the daughter of Paul and Inez Rognlie at Esmond. She attended public schools in Esmond and in Polson, Mont.

After her schooling, she became a telephone operator for N.W. dell Telephone in Esmond. She retired as chief operator, after working for the company for ten years, when dial service came to Esmond.

She married Reinart Reierson on May 21, 1932 in Esmond. The couple farmed in the Esmond community for several years and then moved into the City of Esmond. Rhema was a part-time clerk at Holmen's Grocery in Esmond and later she was bookkeeper for the Esmond Cooperative Creamery for ten years. She was also secretary for the Esmond Public Schools for two years.

She was a charter member of the Esmond VFW Auxiliary Post 4251, and also historian; was a past officer of the Trinity LCW; was the Trinity Church secretary for one year; and was currently treasurer of the Esmond Golden Age Club.

Surviving are her husband one daughter, Mrs. Gilman (Esther) Gunderson, York; one sister, Mrs. Gerhard (Myrtle) Faleide of Heimdal; four brothers, Donaven and Verdi Rognlie both of Kalispell, Mont., and Phil and Jarl Rognlie, both of Fargo; and two grandchildren, Renae and Randy Gunderson. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Forrest, Alden and Harry

(From Benson County (N.D.) Farmers Press 7/6/78)

LILLIAN H. ROGNLIE

Mrs.. Lillian Hazel Rognlie, 73, of 427 8th Ave. W., died Nov. 28th. She was born Dec. 4, 1905, in Wisconsin, a daughter of Peter and Mattie Grorud. On Feb. 23, 1930, she was married to Donaven Rognlie in Williston. In 1935, they moved to Kalispell where they have made their home since. Mrs. Rognlie is survived by her

husband, Donaven, at the family home; daughter, LaDonna Fehlberg of Billings; granddaughters Kolby and Kenje, grandsons Kurt and Klee; five sisters, Mae Egged of Kalispell, Pauline Pierson of Grangeville, OR, Dorothy Henderson of Fargo, ND., Ione Smith of Williston, ND, and Eleanor Victor of Klamath Falls, OR., and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Rognlie had received she Decoration of Chivalry from the Lady Militants, a division of the Odd Fellows and Rebecca Lodges for her many kind deeds and acts. She was well known by neighbors and all for helping unfortunates at any time.

Services were Saturday with the Rev. H. Peder Waldum, pastor of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

(From Kalispell Weekly News 12/ 5/79)

WEE EARL DONAVEN ROGNLIE

Wee Earl Donaven Rognlie, 76, who had resided at 427 Eighth Ave. W., died in Kalispell on Friday.

He was born Nov.12, 1904, in Esmond, N.D., a son of Paul and Inez Rognlie. He received his education in North Dakota, and on Feb. 23, 1930, he married Lillian Grorud in Williston, N.D. In 1935 the couple moved to Kalispell and had made their home here since that time

Rognlie was a photographer and had been employed with Guest Photo and Art Store for more than 40 years at the time of his death.

Rognlie was a past treasurer of the Kalispell Lions Club and a member of the Kalispell I.O.O.F. Lodge. He was of the Lutheran faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian, on Nov. 28, 1979; three brothers, Alden, Harry and Forrest, and one sister, Rhema Reierson He is survived by one daughter, LaDonna Fehlberg of Billings four grandchildren. Kolby Fehlberg, Kenje Fehlberg Dixon, Kurt Fehlberg and Klee Fehlberg all of Billings; three brothers, Verdi Rognlie of Kalispell, Philip and Jarl Rognlie both of Fargo, N.D.; a sister, Mrs. Gerhard Faleide of New Rockford, NJ., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Rognlie will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Lowell Stordahl, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Donaven Rognlie Memorial Fund for Photographic Education, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.
(Kalispell Interlake 10/11/81)

Rev. P. H. Rognlie

Rev. P. H. Rognlie died at Franklin, Minn., Jan 23. Rev. G. O. Wangberg officiated at the funeral in the Fort Ridge 1y-Dale church on Jan. 26.

Parelius H. Rognlie was born at Vaerran, Indherred, Norway, Dec. 21, 1858, and thus was over 83 years of age at death. He came to America in 1870, attended St. Olaf School, Luther College, taught parish school, was three years at Luther Seminary, and was ordained in 1891. He has since been pastor at Franklin, serving four churches for years, and lately only the Clear Lake Church. He was married to Marie M. Gullerud in 1895. She died in 1925. One son, Rev. Ingolf H. Rognlie is pastor in Elgin, Ill.

(From "Lutheran Herald" Feb. 10, 1942)

WILHELM P. ROGNLIE FAMILY

Wilhelm P. & Emma Rognlie
/ Emma Tornell

1. Waldemar E. & Margaret Rognlie
Margaret Murray

A- Lois Marlene Rognlie Loftus
Darwin Loftus

Vickie Loftus Quinn
Kevin D. Quinn

Cindy Loftus
Jefferey Loftus
Eric Loftus

B- Dale M. & Janice Rognlie
Janice Schoephoester

Kimberly Rognlie
Stuart Rognlie
Bradford Rognlie
Gregory Rognlie

2. Norma A. Rognlie Mayer
Jerome M. Mayer

A- Donald K. & Alice Mayer
Alice Fogelberg

David Mayer
Steven Mayer
Linda Mayer

B- Richard A. & Margaret Mayer
Margaret Jones

Terry Jones *
Cathy Jones *
James Jones *

3. Philip A. & Marjorie Rognlie
Marjorie Bondelid

A- Thea L. Rognlie Emerson
Gary Emerson

Dayton Emerson

Thea Emerson Ganyo
Ronald Ganyo
(2nd marriage)

Philip A. & Eleanor Rognlie
Eleanor Blain
(2nd marriage)

* Step children

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WILHELM P. ROGNLIE FAMILY (continued)

4. Homer R. & Mildred Rognlie
Mildred Bartuli

A- Wayne Paul & Anna Rognlie
Anna Elder

B- Bruce Craig & Eileen Rognlie
Eileen Mechling



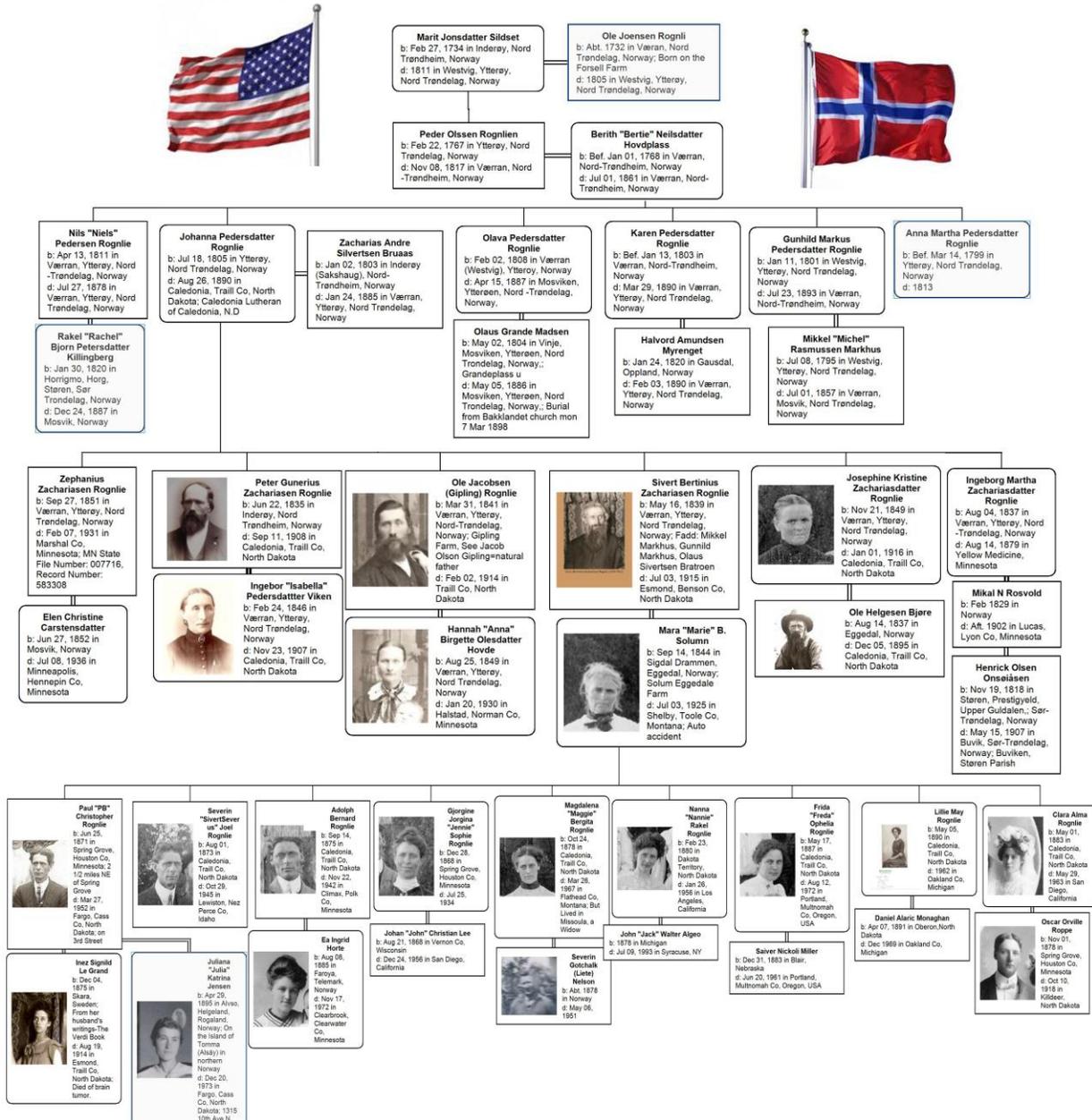
Some of Alden's WW-II pictures. Served on LCT-1112
In the South Pacific, Eniwetok, Guam etc.



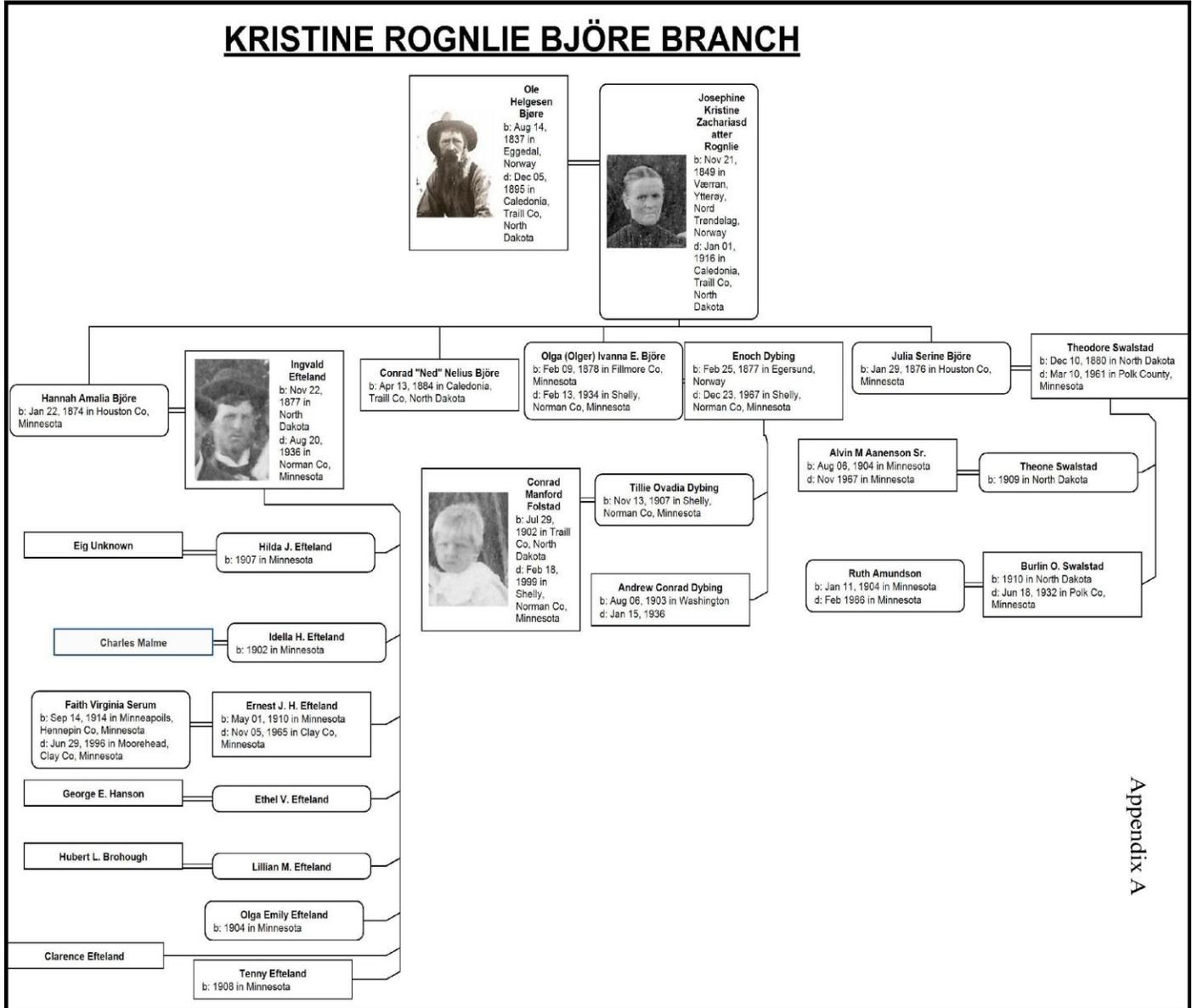
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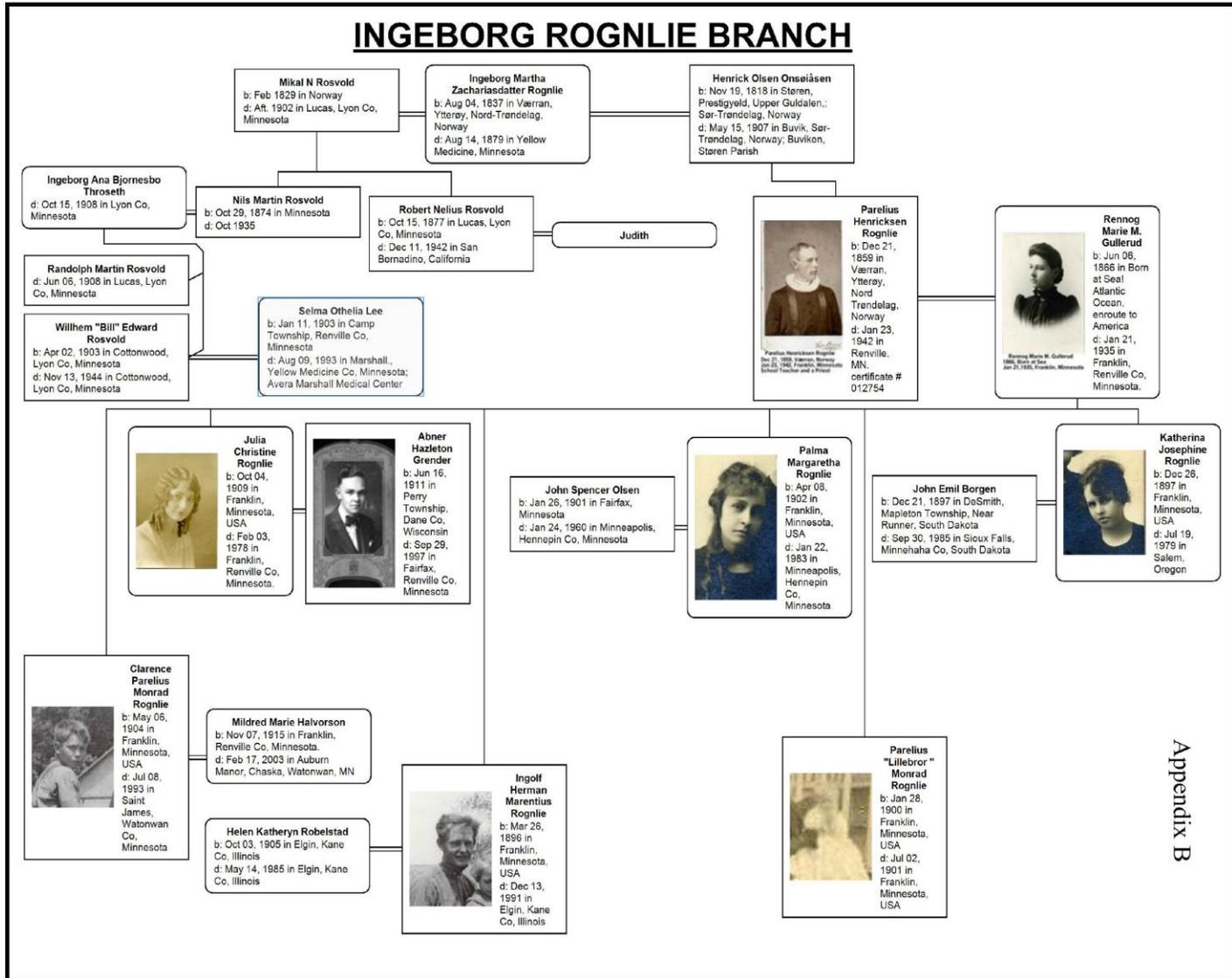
THE ROGNLIE FAMILY From Værran, Ytterøy, Nord Trøndelag, Norway 1700 To The Red River Valley, Dakota Territory, USA 1900



Appendix A Kristine Rognlie Björe Family



Appendix B Ingeborg Martha Rognlie Branch



Appendix C Hannah Amalia Björe Eftland Family

Appendix C

HANNAH AMALIA BJÖRE EFTELAND FAMILY

- 1 Hannah Amalia Björe b: Jan 22, 1874 in Houston Co, Minnesota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, ED # 103, Norman, Minnesota, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Occupation: 1930 ; Housewife
- ... + Ingvald Efteland b: Nov 22, 1877 in North Dakota, m: Abt. 1900, d: Aug 20, 1936 in Norman Co, Minnesota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, ED # 103, Norman, Minnesota, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Occupation: 1920 ; Retail merchant, hardware store, Occupation: 1930 ; Retail merchant, hardware store, Residence: 1900 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Landlord, Julia Björe, Martin & Julis Efteland lived with them, Residence: 1910 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Owned his Farm
-2 Hilda J. Efteland b: 1907 in Minnesota
- + Eig Unknown
-2 Idella H. Efteland b: 1902 in Minnesota
- + Charles Malme
-3 Charles Irving Malme
-2 Ernest J. H. Efteland b: May 01, 1910 in Minnesota, d: Nov 05, 1965 in Clay Co, Minnesota
- + Faith Virginia Serum b: Sep 14, 1914 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota, d: Jun 29, 1996 in Moorehead, Clay Co, Minnesota
-3 Faith E Efteland
- + Richard A Bennett
-4 Faith Michelle Bennett
-4 Andrea Lynn Bennett
-4 Timothy Richard Bennett
-3 Sharon E Efteland
- + Alan D Lying
-4 Amy Jennifer Lying
-4 Julie Ann Lying
-3 Marcia J Efteland
- + Richard W Johnson
-4 Erin Kelly Johnson
-4 Eric Arthor Johnson
-2 Olga Emily Efteland b: 1904 in Minnesota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota
-2 Ethel V. Efteland
- + George E. Hanson
-3 Patricia Louise Hanson
-3 Larry Hanson
-3 Connie Vivian Hanson
-2 Tenny Efteland b: 1908 in Minnesota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota
-2 Lillian M. Efteland
- + Hubert L. Brohough
-3 Keith Hubert Brohough
-2 Clarence Efteland

Appendix D Olga Ivanna E Björe & Julia Serine Björe Families

Appendix D

Olga Ivanna E Björe and Julia Serine Björe Families

-2 Olga (Olger) Ivanna E. Björe b: Feb 09, 1878 in Fillmore Co, Minnesota, d: Feb 13, 1934 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, Burial: Feb 1934 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Shelly Cemetery, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Children: 1910 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, USA; had 2 children, both still alive.
- + Enoch Dybing b: Feb 25, 1877 in Egersund, Norway, m: 1901 in Washington, d: Dec 23, 1967 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, Burial: Feb 1967 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Shelly Cemetery, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Immigration: 1895 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; to the Peter Efteland Farm, Military: Oct 12, 1918 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Had lost one eye & was bald, Residence: Bet. 1900–1967 in 1st St, Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, USA; owned \$6500-1930, with radio
-3 Tillie Ovadia Dybing b: Nov 13, 1907 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota
- + Conrad Manfred Folstad b: Jul 29, 1902 in Traill Co, North Dakota, m: Jul 02, 1929 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; in her father's home, d: Feb 18, 1999 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, Census: Feb 18, 1999 in Shelley, ED # 103, Norman, Minnesota, Residence: 1999 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota
-4 Nancy Eldeen Folstad b: Jan 15, 1935
- + William Howard Nelson b: Abt. 1928, m: Jul 1961 in Norman Co, Minnesota
-5 Janet Nelson
-5 David Nelson
-6 Taylor Nelson
-6 Rachel Nelson
-4 Helen Marie Folstad b: May 26, 1939
- + Charles Bernhardson b: Abt. 1934, m: Jun 25, 1960 in Norman Co, Minnesota
-5 Cary Bernhardson
-5 Danny Bernhardson
-5 Lori Bernhardson
-4 Iona D Folstad b: Sep 05, 1931
- + Stuart Johnson
-5 Mark Johnson
-5 Pam Johnson
-4 Elroy Conrad Falstad b: Mar 09, 1937
- + Collette Buhr
-5 Michelle Falstad
-3 Andrew Conrad Dybing b: Aug 06, 1903 in Washington, d: Jan 15, 1936, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Residence: Bet. 1904–1930 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota; Lived at home with Parents
-2 Julia Serine Björe b: Jan 29, 1876 in Houston Co, Minnesota
- + Theodore Swalstad b: Dec 10, 1880 in North Dakota, d: Mar 10, 1961 in Polk County, Minnesota, Census: 1900 in Caledonia, District 191, Traill, North Dakota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, ED # 103, Norman, Minnesota, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota
-3 Theone Swalstad b: 1909 in North Dakota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota
- + Alvin M Aanenson Sr. b: Aug 06, 1904 in Minnesota, d: Nov 1967 in Minnesota
-4 Rolf D. Aanenson b: Nov 07, 1930 in Minnesota, d: Sep 15, 1995 in Bozeman, Lewis and Clark, Montana
- + Janice Anderson
-5 Gail Marie Aanenson
-5 Randall Lynn Aanenson
-5 Robin J. Aanenson
-4 Alvin M Aanenson Jr. b: Nov 22, 1912 in Minnesota, d: Dec 1985 in Kensington, Minnesota
-3 Burlin O. Swalstad b: 1910 in North Dakota, d: Jun 18, 1932 in Polk Co, Minnesota, Census: 1920 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota, Census: 1930 in Shelly, District 23, Norman, Minnesota
- + Ruth Amundson b: Jan 11, 1904 in Minnesota, d: Feb 1986 in Minnesota
-4 Burlin Robert Swalstad
- + DeNae Baker
-5 Kelly Rae Swalstad
-5 Tammy Faye Swalstad
-5 Roberta Kay Swalstad
-5 Lyn Renae Swalstad

Appendix E Josephine Serins Rognlie Family

Appendix E

Outline Descendant Report for Josephine Serine Rognlie

- 1 Josephine Serine Rognlie b: Jun 11, 1889 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Nov 22, 1958
 - ... + Oliver E. Serum b: Feb 22, 1880 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota, m: 1910 in Blaine, Washington, d: Feb 24, 1929 in Norman Co, Minnesota; pneumonia from farming in cold Minnesota
 -2 Wilma Marion Serum b: Aug 28, 1926 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota
 - + Alvin Witte b: Oct 10, 1919 in Anthony, Norman Co, Minnesota, USA, m: Oct 28, 1943 in Hillsboro, Traill Co, North Dakota; in a rural Roman Catholic Church, d: May 07, 2001 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
 -3 Marion Elizabeth Witte b: Abt. 1949
 - + Paul John Scaletta b: Apr 1946, m: Apr 01, 1981 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota, Divorce: Bef. 2009
 -4 Angela Scaletta
 -3 Claudia Joan Witte b: Abt. 1950
 - + William John Wilson
 -4 Jennifer Wilson
 -4 Jon Allen Wilson
 -3 Frank A. Witte b: Abt. 1945
 - + Patricia H. Gerlach
 -4 Bret Allen Witte
 -4 Beth Ann Witte
 -2 Almont Oliver Serum b: Jan 02, 1917 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: Apr 05, 1990 in Norman Co, Minnesota
 -2 Iola Marguerite Serum b: Feb 02, 1912 in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, d: Nov 27, 2007 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota
 - + Lafe Viker b: May 17, 1908 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota, m: Sep 25, 1930 in Parsonage, Halstad, Norman County, Minnesota, d: Jun 01, 1955 in Clay Co, Minnesota
 -3 Paul Waldon Viker b: Nov 25, 1935
 - + Rita Maurene Ohrtman b: Feb 26, 1935, m: Sep 03, 1954
 -4 Leslie Kay Viker b: Dec 16, 1958
 - + Dale Herbert Lavold b: Jul 18, 1943, m: Oct 23, 1982
 -3 Orlind Lafe Viker b: Apr 06, 1932
 - + Frances Branton
 -4 Catherine LaNora Viker
 -2 Faith Virginia Serum b: Sep 14, 1914 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota, d: Jun 29, 1996 in Moorehead, Clay Co, Minnesota
 - + Ernest J. H. Efteland b: May 01, 1910 in Minnesota, d: Nov 05, 1965 in Clay Co, Minnesota
 -3 Faith E Efteland
 - + Richard A Bennett
 -4 Faith Michelle Bennett
 -4 Andrea Lynn Bennett
 -4 Timmothy Richard Bennett
 -3 Sharon E Efteland
 - + Alan D Lying
 -4 Amy Jennifer Lying
 -4 Julie Ann Lying
 -3 Marcia J Efteland
 - + Richard W Johnson
 -4 Erin Kelly Johnson
 -4 Eric Arthor Johnson
 -2 Ardale Josephine Serum b: Apr 19, 1919 in Halstad, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: Aug 23, 2007 in East Grand Forks, Polk Co, Minnesota
 - + Emmett Lloyd. Fundingstand b: Dec 11, 1909 in Correl, Swift Co, Minnesota, m: Jun 07, 1940, d: Sep 1965
 -3 Cheryl Lynne Fundingstand
 -3 Eileen A. Fundingstand
 - + Loren B. Knutson
 -4 Elliot Boyd Knutson
 -4 Kristin Joyce Knutson
 -4 Lori Eileen Knutson
 -3 Sandra K. Fundingstand
 - + Charles D. Korsmoe
 -4 Victor Charles Korsmoe
 -4 Michael Emmett Korsmoe

Sivert Bertinius Zachariasen Rognlie Descendants Appendix F

- 1 Sivert Bertinius Zachariasen Rognlie b: May 16, 1839 in Værran, Ytterøy, Nord Trøndelag, Norway; Fadd: Mikkel Markhus, Gunnild Markhus, Olaus Sivertsen Bratroen, d: Jul 03, 1915 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota
- ... + Mara "Marie" B. Solum b: Sep 14, 1844 in Sigdal Drammen, Eggedal, Norway; Solum Eggedale Farm, m: 1867 in Spring Grove, Houston Co, Minnesota, d: Jul 03, 1925 in Shelby, Toole Co, Montana; Auto accident
-2 Paul "PB" Christopher Rognlie b: Jun 25, 1871 in Spring Grove, Houston Co, Minnesota; 2 1/2 miles NE of Spring Grove, d: Mar 27, 1952 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota; on 3rd Street
- + Inez Signild Le Grand b: Dec 04, 1875 in Skara, Sweden; From her husband's writings-The Verdi Book, m: Jun 01, 1902 in Esmond, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Aug 19, 1914 in Esmond, Traill Co, North Dakota; Died of brain tumor.
-3 Alden Murray Rognlie b: Jan 20, 1910 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Apr 15, 1968 in Kalispell, Flathead, Flathead Co, Montana
-3 Rhema Inez Genevieve Rognlie b: Dec 23, 1911 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jun 28, 1979 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Reinart Theodore Reierson b: Apr 11, 1901 in Minnesota, m: May 21, 1932 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Aug 23, 1992 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Esther Reierson b: Oct 24, 1932
- + Gilman J Gunderson m: Oct 21, 1956
-5 Randy Dean Gunderson b: Nov 29, 1962
-5 Renee Denice Gunderson b: Feb 15, 1958
-3 Wee Earl Donaven Rognlie b: Nov 12, 1904 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 09, 1981 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
- + Lillian H Swain b: Dec 04, 1905 in Wisconsin, m: Feb 23, 1930 in Williston, Williams Co, North Dakota, d: Nov 28, 1979 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
-4 LaDonna Karen Rognlie b: Aug 18, 1932 in Williston, Williams Co, North Dakota
- + Robert Erick Fehlberg b: Apr 1926 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana, m: May 31, 1953 in Kalispell, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
-5 Kolby Jaye Fehlberg b: Mar 26, 1956 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
- + James Robert Burns II b: Jan 19, 1954 in Manhattan, Kansas, m: Dec 17, 1983
-6 Echelle Steel Burns b: Nov 16, 1994 in Oakland, Alameda Co, California, USA
-6 Acacia Stone Burns b: Jan 05, 1993 in Oakland, Alameda Co, California
- 6 Kenje Alleyne Fehlberg b: Dec 03, 1958 in Billings, Yellowstone Co, Montana
- + Fredrick Frame Dixon b: Jul 31, 1959 in Hurricane, West Virginia, m: Sep 05, 1983
-6 Keanon Fehlberg Dixon b: Aug 28, 1991 in Bozeman, Gallatin Co, Montana, USA
-6 Kelcey Teal Dixon b: Nov 14, 1985 in Enid, Garfield Co, Oklahoma, USA
-5 Kurt Erick Fehlberg b: May 26, 1960 in Billings, Yellowstone Co, Montana
- + Lauri Ann Moffet b: Nov 19, 1959 in Bismarck, Burleigh Co, North Dakota, m: May 12, 1984
-5 Klee Jason Fehlberg b: Oct 02, 1965 in Billings, Yellowstone Co, Montana
- + Linda Tam b: Jan 18, 1963 in Hong Kong, China
-6 Keil Tam Fehlberg b: Jan 23, 2003 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co, California

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-3 Harry Le Grand Rognlie b: Jul 08, 1913 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Apr 28, 1960 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota; Veterans Hospital
-3 Verdi "Ron" Bertinus Rognlie b: Jan 21, 1908 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Mar 18, 1995 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
-3 Forrest Jennings Rognlie b: Apr 18, 1906 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Dec 17, 1973 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana
- + Gertrude Evangeline Jacobson b: Nov 12, 1912 in Mylo, Montana, m: Feb 28, 1931 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana, d: Jul 02, 2006 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
-4 Paul Even Rognlie b: Jul 24, 1940 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana
- + LaMoyne Patricia Ryals b: 1935, m: Dec 23, 1967 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-5 Dawn René Rognlie b: Jun 28, 1970 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
- + Ken Monroe b: Oct 21, 1969 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho, m: Jun 1989 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-6 Jonathan Tyler Monroe b: Sep 02, 1994 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-6 Joshua Thomas Monroe b: Aug 18, 2002 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho

-5 Candase Leeann Rognlie b: Sep 27, 1973 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
- + Mike Wetzel b: Apr 30, 1964 in Wisconsin, m: Aug 1993 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-6 Kaleb James Wetzel b: Apr 04, 1997 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-6 Kiara LeeAnn Wetzel b: Sep 22, 1999 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
- + Samuel H Adkins b: Jul 03, 1971 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho, m: Aug 04, 1990 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
-6 Zackarie Paul Adkins b: Jan 02, 1991 in Boise, Ada Co, Idaho
- + Derik Gerrard Ludwig b: Mar 14, 1973 in Columbus, Franklin Co, Ohio, m: ; Partner
-4 Inez "Pat" Bernice Rognlie b: Dec 17, 1931 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana; In the home of her grandfather Jacobson, d: Aug 17, 2003 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana
- + Stan
- + John Victor McGovern b: Dec 12, 1925 in Seattle, King Co, Washington, m: Jul 29, 1961 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana; Eidsvold Lutheran Church, d: Jul 17, 1998 in Wenatchee, Chelan, Washington
-5 Michelle Elizabeth McGovern b: Oct 02, 1964 in Seattle, King Co, Washington
- + Todd Ahern
-6 Kian Ahern
-6 Megan Ahern
-4 Ellen Gwen Rognlie b: Jan 24, 1933 in Somers, Montana, d: Jan 14, 2009 in Kalispell, Montana
- + Stanton D Poier b: Apr 26, 1930, m: Sep 06, 1952 in Somers, Flathead Co, Montana
-5 Howard Wayne Poier b: Jan 24, 1958
-5 Stanton Larry Poier b: Jan 30, 1954 in Kalispell, Flathead Co, Montana, d: Dec 01, 1987 in Flathead Co, Montana

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.....5 Donald Clair Poier b: May 06, 1956
..... + Deborah Jean Gauthier
.....6 Samantha Lynn Poier
.....6 Casey John Poier
..... + Juliana "Julia" Katrina Jensen b: Apr 29, 1895 in Alvso, Helgeland, Rogaland, Norway; On the
Island of Tomma (Alsáy) in northern Norway, m: Apr 29, 1916 in Esmond, Benson Co, North
Dakota, d: Dec 20, 1973 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota; 1315 10th Ave N.
.....3 Phillip Rognlie b: May 20, 1918 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota
..... + Catherine Lucy Aarnes b: Jul 27, 1935 in Minnesota, m: Bef. Jun 07, 1960, d: ; She survived
son Jack's death
.....4 Arne Wergeland Rognlie b: Dec 05, 1955 in Minnesota
..... + Niel Carlton Gudmestad b: Dec 30, 1952, m: Jun 18, 1919 in Brown Co, South Dakota
.....5 Graham Gudmestad
.....5 Aarnes Gudmestad
..... + Bradley M Naggatz b: Abt. 1954, m: Jul 31, 1976 in Otter Trail Co, Minnesota
.....4 Peter "Rocky" Lloyd Rognlie b: Mar 22, 1957 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota, d: Aug 30,
2011 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah; Died from Traffic accident
..... + Frances Storm Uggen b: 1919 in Ada, Norman Co, Minnesota, m: Nov 27, 1942 in Louisville,
Kentucky, d: Jun 20, 1952 in Detroit, Wayne Co, Michigan
.....4 Keven James Rognlie b: Jun 20, 1950 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
..... + Jane Doerbich b: Aug 17, 1952
.....5 Mathew James Rognlie b: Mar 06, 1989 in Phonix, Arizona
.....5 John Thomas Rognlie b: Nov 11, 1992 in Phonix, Arizona
.....4 Paul Jarl Rognlie b: Jun 02, 1947 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
..... + Cynthia L (Tweedy) Gottlieb b: Abt. 1953, m: May 19, 1985 in Marin, California
.....4 Collin Phillip Rognlie b: Oct 05, 1943 in Woodworth, North Dakota
..... + Ayesha "Barbara" E (Moffat) Gordon b: Jul 30, 1944 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co,
California, m: Apr 11, 1973 in Marin, California
.....4 Paul Jarl Rognlie b: Jun 02, 1947 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
..... + Cynthia L (Tweedy) Gottlieb b: Abt. 1953, m: May 19, 1985 in Marin, California
.....4 Collin Phillip Rognlie b: Oct 05, 1943 in Woodworth, North Dakota
..... + Ayesha "Barbara" E (Moffat) Gordon b: Jul 30, 1944 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co,
California, m: Apr 11, 1973 in Marin, California
.....5 Michael Philip Rognlie b: Feb 01, 1973 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co, California
.....5 Summer Ruth Rognlie b: May 27, 1965 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co, California
..... + Martin Axe b: Aug 06, 1963 in England
.....6 Seanna Rain Axe b: Sep 29, 2000 in New Jersey
..... + Margit Hoslema b: Aug 28, 1933 in Bykle, Norway, m: Jan 21, 1973 in Minneapolis, Hennepin
Co, Minnesota

Sivert Bertinius Zachariasen Rognlie Descendants Appendix F, P4

-3 Jarl Jerome Rognlie b: Jan 26, 1920 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Feb 25, 1994 in Seattle, King Co, Washington
- + Inez D Lippert b: Jun 08, 1923 in North Dakota, m: 1953, d: Dec 03, 2005 in Seattle, King Co, Washington
-4 Tamar "Tammy" M. Rognlie b: Nov 27, 1954
- + Eugene Just
- + Don Gallagher
-3 Myrtle Leona Rognlie b: Oct 04, 1916 in Esmond, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Dec 30, 2007 in Devils Lake, Ramsey Co, North Dakota
- + Gerhard Faleide b: May 15, 1910 in Norway Lake, Wells Co, North Dakota, m: 1938 in Esmond Trinity Lutheran Church, Esmond, Benson, North Dakota, d: Mar 02, 1984 in New Rockford, Eddy Co, North Dakota
-4 Ronald Donald Faleide b: Aug 23, 1945
- + Judith Rae Sandison m: Jul 29, 1968
-5 Pamela Faleide b: Jan 21, 1969
-4 Gerhard Murray Faleide b: Apr 17, 1943, d: Viking, N.D.
-4 Judith Gayolyn . Faleide b: Jul 14, 1941
- + Allen A. Hare m: Feb 05, 1961
-5 Sean A. Hare b: Nov 07, 1961
- + Henri Andrusko
-4 Julianna Gayle Faleide b: Jul 15, 1940, d: Jun 05, 2006 in Horace, Cass, North Dakota
- + Richard Nenow b: Feb 02, 1930, m: Jun 23, 1963, d: Apr 28, 2006 in Streeter, Stutsman, North Dakota; in Innovis Health, Fargo.
-5 Richard Michael Nenow b: Dec 04, 1968 in Jamestown, North Dakota
- + Estee Sue Walter b: Oct 09, 1976 in Omaha, Douglas Co, Nebraska, m: 2008
-6 Richard James Nenow b: Apr 23, 2007 in Jamestown, North Dakota
-6 Gentry Alan Nenow b: Dec 03, 2008 in Jamestown, North Dakota
-5 Pausha Maria Nenow b: Sep 26, 1965
-5 Mary Gena Nenow b: Mar 24, 1972
-2 Severin "SivertSeverus" Joel Rognlie b: Aug 01, 1873 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 29, 1945 in Lewiston, Nez Perce Co, Idaho
-2 Adolph Bernard Rognlie b: Sep 14, 1875 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Nov 22, 1942 in Climax, Polk Co, Minnesota
- + Ea Ingrid Horte b: Aug 08, 1885 in Faroya, Telemark, Norway, m: Abt. 1906, d: Nov 17, 1972 in Clearbrook, Clearwater Co, Minnesota
-3 Merle "Neils" Sinclair Rognlie b: Aug 30, 1911 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: Jan 1990
- + Julia A. Cook b: Jun 24, 1911 in Colorado, m: Mar 22, 1936, d: Apr 17, 1990 in San Bernardino, California
-4 Barbara Arleen Rognlie b: May 18, 1937 in Los Angeles, California
- + Michael B Walker m: Nov 04, 1962 in Clark Co, Nevada
-4 Arlan Kendall Rognlie b: Jan 08, 1940 in Los Angeles, California, d: Mar 18, 1989 in San Bernardino, California
- + Janice Darlene Hill b: Apr 08, 1947 in San Bernardino Co, California, m: Jan 23, 1971 in Vas Vegas, Nevada
-5 Christopher A Rognlie b: Jun 19, 1976 in San Diego, San Diego Co, California
- + Martha Lanelle Gagliardi b: Dec 23, 1944 in San Bernardino, California, m: Jun 16, 1961 in San Bernardino, California
-4 Lorinda Joeen Rognlie b: Aug 10, 1952 in San Bernardino, California

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-4 Ingrid Joann Rognlie b: Apr 02, 1947 in San Bernardino Co, California
- + William C Streich m: Jun 24, 1972 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co, California
-5 Heather J Streich b: Feb 01, 1975 in San Francisco, San Francisco Co, California
- + Joe Rudy Abeyta m: Sep 17, 1965 in Clark Co, Nevada
-3 Avis Constance Rognlie b: Sep 25, 1909 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Jul 17, 1988
in Polk Co, Minnesota
- + Ernest Oliver Ergeson b: Dec 29, 1907 in Minnesota, m: 1928, d: Nov 17, 1999 in Crookston,
Polk, MN
-4 Michael Aldo Ergeson b: Oct 12, 1946 in Polk Co, Minnesota
-4 Jerald A. Ergeson
- + Jennie Davis
-5 Craig Allen Ergeson
-4 Janice A. Ergeson
- + Jerald S. Buegel
-5 Vicki Lynn Buegel
-5 Jefferey Buegel
-4 Una Rae Ergeson
- + Patrick J. Scully
-5 Michael Scully
-5 Patrick Joseph Scully
-5 Crystal Leigh Scully
-5 Daniel Scully
-5 Timothy Ernest Scully
-3 Olive Eunice Rognlie b: Oct 04, 1918 in Minnesota, d: Nov 30, 1986 in Shevlin, Clearwater Co,
Minnesota
- + Irvin Stanley Orvik b: Oct 06, 1910 in Minnesota, d: Jun 26, 2000 in Bemidji, Beltrami Co,
Minnesota
-4 Kyle Dean Orvik
-4 Cary Irvin Orvik
-4 Linda Paulette Orvik
-4 Charlotte E. Orvik
- + Ronald Rognstad
-5 Neil Ronald Rognstad
-5 Rodney Allen Rognstad
-3 Wallise Alwood Rognlie b: Jul 17, 1922, d: Apr 05, 1927 in Polk Co, Minnesota
-3 Wilma Leone Rognlie b: Oct 25, 1907 in North Dakota, d: Mar 22, 1986 in Norman Co,
Minnesota
- + Wyman Satermo b: Abt. 1905 in Minnesota, m: Abt. 1927
-4 Dennis E. Satermo b: Sep 1935 in Minnesota
- + Gail Marlene Stortroen b: Aug 10, 1935 in Polk Co, Minnesota
-5 Terri Lynn Satermo
-4 Gail Joan Satermo
-4 Maureen Adair Satermo b: Feb 16, 1929 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: Dec 13, 2006 in
At Home: Shelly, Clay County, Minnesota
- + Myron Duane Baggerud b: Jun 17, 1923 in Halstad, District 9, Norman, Minnesota, m: Apr
13, 1946 in Webster, Day Co, South Dakota, d: Mar 14, 2000 in Mcintosh, Polk, Minnesota
-5 Richard Allen Baggerud b: Nov 22, 1946, d: Aug 04, 1964 in Polk Co, Minnesota
-5 Becky Rae Baggerud b: Abt. 1955

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..... + Curtes M Shepherd b: Abt. 1948, m: Oct 1980 in Norman Co, Minnesota
..... + James Leonard
.....5 Michelle Renee Baggerud b: 1954
..... + Michael L Nesuig b: 1949, m: Aug 10, 1974 in Norman Co, Minnesota
 + Bruce Rasmussen
 6 Michael Drew Baggerud b: Mar 26, 1957
 5 Pamela Jo Baggerud b: Abt. 1950
 + Brian Jay Amundson b: Abt. 1949, m: Jun 21, 1969 in Norman Co, Minnesota
.....6 Randi Jo Amundson b: Dec 22, 1969 in Clay Co, Minnesota
.....5 Lea Allison Baggerud b: 1948
..... + Jim Fisher
..... + Robert L Peguigndt b: 1947, m: Jul 19, 1969 in Minnesota
.....5 Stephanie Baggerud b: Abt. 1959 in Minnesota
..... + DuWayne E Lee b: Jun 16, 1951, m: Dec 22, 1979 in Norman Co, Minnesota
.....4 Marilyn Satermo
.....4 Mary Satermo
.....4 Donna F. Satermo b: Abt. Feb 1928 in Minnesota
..... + Vernon Ruud b: Jun 05, 1913, d: Jul 15, 1997 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
.....5 Ellen Louise Ruud b: Aug 18, 1905, d: Jul 05, 1940
.....5 Eileen Wilma Ruud
..... + Russell J. McDonald
.....3 Hollis Loyd Rognlie b: Nov 21, 1913 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: May 15, 1962 in
 Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, California
.....3 Arlon Everett Rognlie b: Feb 28, 1916 in Shelly, Norman Co, Minnesota, d: Mar 09, 1942 in
 Los Angeles, California
..... + Dixie Gee Davis b: Dec 18, 1918 in Colorado, d: Dec 14, 1991 in Riverside Co, California
.....4 Gary Dennis Rognlie b: Jun 08, 1938 in Los Angeles, California
..... + Norma M Lovell m: Bef. 1975 in Los Angeles, California
.....5 Colleen Rognlie b: Abt. 1963 in Los Angeles, California
.....5 Christopher John Rognlie b: Nov 12, 1958 in Los Angeles, California, d: Bef. 2008
.....5 Anthony Dale Rognlie b: Oct 23, 1957 in Los Angeles, California
.....5 Karen L Rognlie b: Feb 12, 1961 in Los Angeles, California
.....5 Jeffrey Alan Rognlie b: Nov 15, 1959 in Los Angeles, California
..... + Susan L Clarke b: Abt. 1960
.....6 Trevor Adam Rognlie b: Jun 30, 1987 in Los Angeles, California
.....6 Kelsey Ann Rognlie b: May 07, 1991 in Los Angeles, California
.....6 Kimberly Paige Rognlie b: Jun 13, 1995 in Los Angeles, California
.....5 Kathryn L Rognlie b: Feb 12, 1961 in Los Angeles, California
..... + Kathleen R (Swiznski) Oberst b: 1939, m: Nov 22, 1980 in Riverside, California
.....2 Gjorgine Jorgina "Jennie" Sophie Rognlie b: Dec 28, 1868 in Spring Grove, Houston
 Co, Minnesota, d: Jul 25, 1934
..... + Johan "John" Christian Lee b: Aug 21, 1868 in Vernon Co, Wisconsin, m: Nov 21, 1894 in
 Caladonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Dec 24, 1956 in San Diego, California
.....3 Royal Bernard D Lee b: Jun 26, 1896 in Hillsboro, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 26, 1972 in
 San Diego, California
.....3 Tina Lee b: Abt. 1902 in Hillsboro, Traill Co, North Dakota
..... + LaBar

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-2 Magdalena "Maggie" Bergita Rognlie b: Oct 24, 1878 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Mar 26, 1967 in Flathead Co, Montana; But Lived in Missoula, a Widow
- + Severin Gotchalk (Liete) Nelson b: Abt. 1878 in Norway, m: Abt. 1917, d: May 06, 1951
-3 Muriel Sylvia Nelson b: Apr 24, 1918, d: Sep 27, 1999 in Lynchburg, Independent Cities, Virginia, USA
- + William P. Kelly b: May 01, 1918 in Bronx, Bronx Co, New York, d: Jan 07, 2003 in Lynchburg, Independent Cities, Virginia, USA
-4 James Leonard Kelly
-4 William Steven Kelly
-2 Nanna "Nannie" Rakel Rognlie b: Feb 23, 1880 in Dakota Territory, North Dakota, d: Jan 26, 1956 in Los Angeles, California
- + John "Jack" Walter Algeo b: 1878 in Michigan, m: 1913, d: Jul 09, 1993 in Syracuse, NY
-3 Roma Viviolette Algeo b: Sep 25, 1918 in North Dakota, d: Dec 30, 1993 in Palm Desert, Riverside Co, California
- + Richard E Rowe
-4 Randall Richard Rowe
-3 Nanna E. Algeo
- + Herbert L. () Whiston Sr.
-4 Linda Lee Whiston
-4 Herbert L. () Whiston Jr.
-2 Frida "Freda" Ophelia Rognlie b: May 17, 1887 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Aug 12, 1972 in Portland, Multnomah Co, Oregon, USA
- + Saiver Nickoli Miller b: Dec 31, 1883 in Blair, Nebraska, m: 1908, d: Jun 20, 1961 in Portland, Multnomah Co, Oregon, USA
-3 Vivian L. Miller b: Abt. 1910 in Minnesota
-3 Kenneth W Miller b: Nov 1919 in North Dakota
-3 Sivert Nicholi Miller b: Jan 19, 1915 in North Dakota, d: Jan 04, 1994 in Everett, Snohomish Co, Washington
- + Elizabeth Lurana Garaghan b: May 25, 1929 in St Johns, Washington, d: Jul 11, 1999 in Lynnwood, Snohomish Co, Washington, USA
-4 Sara Miller b: Abt. 1948 in Washington
-3 James Leo Miller b: Oct 09, 1925 in Tacoma, Pierce Co, Washington, d: Jul 06, 1996 in Seattle, King Co, Washington
-4 Josephine Miller
-3 Curtis R. Miller b: 1918 in North Dakota
- + Bonnie Alice Carmichael b: Jan 30, 1932 in Hartford City, Indian, d: May 28, 2006 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada
-3 Wayne G. Miller b: 1913 in North Dakota
-2 Lillie May Rognlie b: May 05, 1890 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: 1962 in Oakland Co, Michigan
- + Daniel Alaric Monaghan b: Apr 07, 1891 in Oberon, North Dakota, m: 1913, d: Dec 1969 in Oakland Co, Michigan
-3 Daniel "Bud" Monaghan b: Nov 24, 1919 in North Dakota

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.....3 Sivert William Monaghan b: Feb 17, 1914 in Aurora, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jan 27, 1984 in Royal Oak, Oakland Co, Michigan
..... + Katherine Baker m: Aug 17, 1936
.....4 Janis Kay Monaghan
..... + Poff
.....3 Drusilla Monaghan b: Apr 13, 1917 in Aurora, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Mar 04, 2008 in Bellaire, Antrim Co, Michigan
..... + Burt Lundhal m: Oct 02, 1937
.....4 Nancy Lundhal
..... + Walter "Lee" Ewald
.....3 Lucilla Monaghan b: Apr 13, 1917 in Aurora, Benson Co, North Dakota; Twins with Drusilla
.....2 Clara Alma Rognlie b: May 01, 1883 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: May 29, 1963 in San Diego, California
..... + Oscar Orville Roppe b: Nov 01, 1878 in Spring Grove, Houston Co, Minnesota, m: Jun 25, 1902 in Caledonia, Traill Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 10, 1918 in Killdeer, North Dakota
.....3 Sydney Orville Roppe b: Oct 07, 1907 in Flora, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 14, 1981 in San Diego, California
..... + Dorothy Belle Rickard b: Aug 07, 1914 in Springfield, Illinois, d: Mar 2002
.....4 Richard "Dick" Edwin Roppe b: May 15, 1939 in San Diego, California
..... + Lynda L Austin m: Aug 29, 1965
.....5 Brian Andrew Roppe b: Sep 21, 1972
.....5 Bradley Richard Roppe b: May 21, 1969
..... + Laura Hoffman (Roppe)
.....6 Sophie Roppe b: Abt. 2001
.....6 Chloe Roppe b: Abt. 2004
.....4 Roger Sydney Roppe
..... + Linda Lee Bishop
.....5 Jeffrey Roppe
.....5 Jennifer Roppe
.....4 Susan Dorothy Roppe
..... + Willard D Hulbert
.....5 Christopher Hulbert
.....3 Oscar Vern Roppe b: Abt. 1909 in Maddock, Benson Co, North Dakota
..... + Marie McMurray b: May 24, 1911
.....4 Carrol Ann Roppe b: Mar 05, 1939 in San Diego, California
..... + John W Walton b: Abt. 1941, m: Apr 29, 1967 in San Diego, California
.....5 Andrew Roppe Walton b: May 15, 1971
.....5 John William Walton IV b: Mar 29, 1970
.....5 Genah Walton
.....5 Leah Walton
.....4 John Edward Roppe b: Dec 18, 1945 in San Diego, California, d:
.....4 Robert Vern Roppe b: Jun 29, 1943 in San Diego, California, d: May 1983 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
..... + Beatrice Elsa Becker b: Jun 17, 1944 in Tampa, Florida, m: Dec 17, 1966 in San Diego, California

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- † Peder Oissen Rognlie b: Feb 22, 1767 in Ytterøy, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway, d: Nov 08, 1817 in Værran, Nord-Trøndheim, Norway
- + Berith "Bertie" Neilsdatter Hovdplass b: Bef. Jan 01, 1768 in Værran, Nord-Trøndheim, Norway, d: Jul 01, 1861 in Værran, Nord-Trøndheim, Norway
-2 Nils "Niels" Pedersen Rognlie b: Apr 13, 1811 in Værran, Ytterøy, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway, d: Jul 27, 1878 in Værran, Ytterøy, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway
- + Rakel "Rachel" Bjorn Petersdatter Killingberg b: Jan 30, 1820 in Horrigmo, Horg, Støren, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway, d: Dec 24, 1887 in Mosvik, Norway
-3 August Hermann Franke Rognlie b: Jun 26, 1850 in Mosvik, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway, d: Feb 18, 1878 in Mosvik, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway
-3 Johan "John" Aarnt Rognlie b: Jan 17, 1852 in Mosvik, Norway, d: Jan 25, 1929 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Kari E. "Rice" Rislokken b: May 27, 1865 in Lesje, Gudbrandsdalen, Oppland, Norway, d: Feb 09, 1908 in Eldon Township, Benson Co, North Dakota; From child birth, 7 days after her last child
-4 Nils Edward Richard Rognlie b: Nov 1890 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: 1891 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Nelius Richard Rognlie b: Mar 17, 1892 in West Bay Twp. Benson County, North Dakota, d: Feb 20, 1973 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Edwin Parelius Rognlie b: Nov 23, 1893 in West Bay Twp., Benson County, North Dakota, d: Dec 24, 1974 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Oline Margaret Lena Larson b: Jun 03, 1908 in Silver Lake, Wells Co, North Dakota, d: Nov 03, 1992 in Maddock, Benson Co, North Dakota
-5 Phyllis Collett Rognlie b: Abt. Jan 1927 in Brinsmade, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Hjalmer Edwin Hermanson b: Jun 07, 1913 in Butte Valley, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Sep 10, 2010 in Devils Lake, Benson Co, North Dakota; Heartland Care Center
-6 Terran Wade Hermanson b: Jun 17, 1955
- + Dawn Marie Stenberb
-6 Barry Marc Hermanson b: 1956
-6 John Bradey Hermanson b: 1949
-6 Robert B Adair Hermanson b: 1961
- + Lona (Hermanson)
-6 Tanya Marissa Hermanson b: Mar 17, 1957 in Maddock, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jan 10, 1999 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
-5 Carrol Eugene Rognlie b: Dec 10, 1932 in Brinsmade, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Margaret "Joyce" Arlene Noettstad b: Nov 08, 1934 in Harlow, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Oct 15, 2011 in Devils Lake, Benson Co, North Dakota; Mercy Hospital
-6 Jon Michael Rognlie b: Sep 21, 1957 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota
- + Annette "Annie" Kay Breden b: Aug 01, 1958 in Wilkin Co, Minnesota
-4 August Herman Frank Rognlie b: 1895 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: 1896 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Marie Sophia Rognlie b: Mar 1896 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: 1919 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Josephine Christine Rognlie b: Jan 1900 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: 1907 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 "Baby Alma" Rognlie b: 1901 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: 1901 in Riggin, Benson Co, ND (Stillborn)
-4 Alma Helene Rognlie b: Sep 15, 1903 in Died at 8 months - Riggin, Benson Co, ND, d: May 1904 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota
-4 Freda Bergette Rognlie b: Sep 15, 1903 in Eldon Township, Benson County, North Dakota, d: Dec 04, 1996 in Rugby, North Dakota; Heart of America Med Center

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- + John Alm b: Oct 26, 1889 in Albert Township, Benson County, North Dakota, d: Sep 05, 1956 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
-4 Alma Helene E. Rognlie b: Nov 02, 1905 in Riggin, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Feb 21, 1997 in Good Samaritan Center, Devils Lake, North Dakota
- + Ole Ronning b: May 18, 1905 in Butte Valley, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jan 18, 2006 in Fergus Falls, Otter Tail Co, Minnesota
- 5 Lorraine A. Ronning
-4 Carl Johan "Buster" Rognlie b: Feb 02, 1908 in Eldon Township, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jan 27, 1992 in Harlem, Blaine Co, Montana
-3 Philip Jacob Spenser Rognlie b: Jan 25, 1854 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Jan 01, 1907 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Gretha Anna Jakobsdatter Moe
-4 Otilie Phillipsdatter Rognlie b: Mar 31, 1880 in Vinjesiøn, Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Ole Brent Larssen Safuaas b: Apr 30, 1876 in Safuaas Farm
- 5 Trond Safuaas b: Apr 23, 1904 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Elise Jensdatter b: Unknown, d: Unknown
-4 Nils "Miels" Hartz Rognlie b: Jul 28, 1889 in Norway; Listed as Trondheim, Norway on WWI Draft Reg, d: Apr 15, 1957 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota
- + Adelia "Della" Grace Ruff b: Feb 12, 1887 in Wisconsin, d: Oct 31, 1956 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota
- 5 Leo Hartz Rognlie b: Aug 15, 1912 in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, d: Sep 25, 1973 in Washington County, Oregon
- + Hazele Lillie Gossett b: Nov 17, 1913, d: Nov 17, 1975 in Portland, Multnomah Co, Oregon
- 6 Lavonna Ruth Rognlie b: Bef. 1936
- + Arthor Rodney Eckerson
- 6 Leo "Sonny" Hartz Rognlie Jr b: Feb 29, 1936 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota
- + Joyce Brunn
- 6 Paul Phillip Rognlie b: Aug 04, 1946 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota, USA
- 5 Elise Isabelle Rognlie b: Jul 09, 1914 in Minnesota, USA, d: Jul 18, 2007 in Rapid City, Pennington Co, South Dakota
- + Robert De Estraye Behrens
- 6 Mark Twain Behrens b: Mar 13, 1947 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota, USA
- + Richard Michael O'meara
- 5 John Benedict Rognlie b: Dec 25, 1916 in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, d: May 01, 1993 in Alpine, San Diego Co, California; died of cancer in San Diego Hospice
- + Marie Fredericka Brandt b: Mar 04, 1913 in Davenport, Scott Co, Iowa, d: Nov 06, 1993 in Alpine, San Diego Co, California
- 6 Mollie Marie Rognlie b: Dec 31, 1950 in San Diego, California
- + George Alfred Jacques b: Abt. 1950
- 6 Elizabeth Lee Rognlie b: Jun 30, 1949 in San Diego, California
- + David Wells Kenney b: Feb 01, 1934
-4 Sophie Rognlie b: Aug 03, 1894 in Væran, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-4 Aslaug Rognlie
-3 Petter Pærlus Nilsen Rognlie b: Feb 16, 1856 in Værran, Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Jan 26, 1939 in Trondheim, Norway
- + Karen Gunelie Althsdatter Duklaet b: Jun 10, 1855 in Mosvik, Norway, d: Jan 27, 1935 in Trondheim, Norway
-4 Aslaug Mathilde Rognlie b: Mar 17, 1888 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Nov 06, 1919 in Levanger, Norway
- + Ludvig Lorentsen b: Mar 03, 1883 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Mar 10, 1973 in Norway

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-5 Erling Lorentsen b: Sep 13, 1915
-5 Reidar Rognlie Lorentsen b: Jul 30, 1914 in Norway, d: May 18, 1993 in Trondheim, Sør-Trondelag, Norway
- + Nora Johanne Lorentsen b: Oct 29, 1921
-6 Rigmor Lorentsen b: Aug 29, 1950
- + Bjørn Zachariassen b: Feb 26, 1950
-6 Arne Grendahl Lorentsen b: Feb 09, 1946
- + Elna Lorentsen b: Jul 07, 1948
-6 Roar Lorentsen b: May 29, 1961
-4 Haakon Birk Matheson Rognlie b: Jun 25, 1884 in Værran, Nord-Trøndheim, Norway, d: Jul 17, 1965 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota
- + Lena Gustava Hansen b: Jan 19, 1886 in Zumbrota, Goodhue County, Minnesota, d: Nov 18, 1968 in Thief River Falls, Pennington County, Minnesota
-5 Harold George Rognlie b: Dec 30, 1913 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Aug 30, 1991 in Prior Lake, Scott, Minnesota
- + Opal Beatrice Dokken b: Jan 18, 1916 in Roseau County, Minnesota
-6 Julie Louise Rognlie b: Mar 19, 1961 in Shakopee, Scott Co, Minnesota
- + McKinley Merchand Nash b: Dec 08, 1959 in Shreveport, Louisiana
- + Mark Gregory Sidley b: 1952
-6 Linda Kay Rognlie b: Oct 16, 1946 in Roseau, Roseau Co, Minnesota
- + Charles Franklin McCarter b: May 16, 1930, d: Oct 15, 2007 in 56303 Saint Cloud, Stearns, Minnesota
-6 Cynthia "Cindy" Jean Rognlie b: Dec 29, 1955 in Greenbush, Roseau Co, Minnesota
- + Eric Andrew Nordin b: Apr 01, 1953 in Austin, Mower Co, Minnesota
-6 Ronald Wayne Rognlie b: Jun 25, 1950 in Roseau, Roseau Co, Minnesota
- + Barbara Ellen Merz b: Jul 23, 1952 in Wausau, Marathon Co, Wisconsin
- + Sharon (Rognlie) b: Mar 09, 1957
-6 LaVonne Janet Rognlie b: Dec 28, 1939 in Roseau, Roseau Co, Minnesota
- + Walter "Wallie" Malte Appelbaum b: Aug 02, 1929 in Munich, Germany
- + Neil Johnson b: 1939
- + Anna Mae Risdahal b: 1914
-6 Evelyn Rognlie b: 1938
-6 Julie Rognlie d: ; Died when infant
-6 Harold Thomas Matheson Rognlie b: 1934
- + Margaret "Marge" Odella Tingelstad b: 1937
-6 Arnold Peter Rognlie b: Apr 05, 1936 in Koochiching Co, Minnesota, d: 1936 in Koochiching Co, Minnesota
-5 May Aslaug "Mary" Rognlie b: May 25, 1912 in West Bay, Benson, ND, d: Jul 08, 1990 in Libertyville, Illinois
- + Clarence Maurice Isaacson b: Jul 02, 1912 in Stephen, Minnesota, d: May 23, 1993 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
-6 Lora Lee Isaacson b: Sep 28, 1952 in Thief River Falls, Pennington Co, Minnesota
-6 Susan May Isaacson b: Dec 30, 1948 in Thief River Falls, Pennington Co, Minnesota
- + Richard Skramstad b: 1948
- + Robert Allan Kadera b: 1943
-6 Peter Clarence Isaacson b: Jul 12, 1947 in Thief River Falls, Pennington Co, Minnesota, d: Jun 12, 2004 in Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins, Colorado

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- + Susan Faith Anderson b: 1948
-4 Trygve Rognlie b: Feb 15, 1897 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Dec 21, 1984 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Anna Marie Kjøppen b: Aug 06, 1903 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Apr 16, 1991 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-5 Inger Johanne Rognlie b: Sep 27, 1941 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Jan 31, 2000 in Norway
- + Jarle Almosbakk b: Oct 17, 1935 in Norway
-6 Bjørn Almosbakk b: Sep 21, 1962 in Trondheim, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway
- + Ingunn Tanem
-6 Tore Almosbakk b: Feb 07, 1967
- + Bente
-5 Terje Rognlie b: Nov 16, 1943 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Ingebjørg Haugen b: May 03, 1947
-6 Kjetil Rognlie b: Aug 22, 1983 in Trondheim, Norway
-6 Tone Iren Rognlie b: Apr 24, 1980
-6 Kristen Rognlie b: May 16, 1968
-5 Per Gunnar Rognlie b: Jan 07, 1939 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Brit Margrete Ulvik b: May 08, 1945 in Frosta, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Bente Rognlie b: Nov 30, 1983
- + Lillian Ring Stavrum b: Mar 26, 1937, d: Jul 25, 1977
-6 Trine Rognlie b: Oct 29, 1968 in Trondheim, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Gunnar Rognlie b: Apr 23, 1971
- + Heidi Riseth b: Dec 20, 1976 in Trondheim, Sør-Trøndelag, Norway
-5 Mary Rognlie b: Dec 24, 1923 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Arnulf Lassen b: Mar 22, 1931 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Oct 27, 2004 in Nord-Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Aud Lassen b: Sep 15, 1953 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Karl Magnar Karlsen b: Sep 12, 1943 in Leksvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Arne Magnar Lassen b: Jan 20, 1949 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Svein Lassen b: Jul 02, 1957 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Eva Kristin Johnson b: Aug 06, 1960 in Leksvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Herman Lassen b: Sep 15, 1953 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Sissel Merete Nervik b: Jan 14, 1961 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Tove Lassen b: Jan 26, 1955 in Leksvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Arild Johnson b: May 11, 1950 in Leksvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-6 Olav Lassen b: Nov 30, 1960 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Hanne Irene Gresdahl b: Dec 24, 1965 in Levanger, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-5 Aslaug Rognlie b: Sep 30, 1925 in Værran, Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Dec 02, 1992 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- + Reidar Trøen b: Feb 02, 1916
-6 Roar Trøen b: Sep 30, 1961
-4 Reidar Rognlie b: Jun 14, 1886 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Aug 13, 1910 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
-4 Bjerne Parelius Rognlie b: May 27, 1890 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Sep 07, 1958 in Trondheim, Norway
- + Anna Kvernbakken b: Abt. 1894 in Norway

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-4 Fridtjof "Fred" Rognlie b: Jun 25, 1892 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Nov 20, 1963 in Kalispal, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
..... + Clara Agnetha Muri b: May 23, 1895 in Churchs Ferry, North Dakota, d: Jun 01, 1946 in Churchs Ferry, Ramsey Co, North Dakota
.....5 Homer Wayne Rognlie b: Jun 06, 1931 in Minot, Ward Co, North Dakota, d: Jan 02, 1998 in Calhan, El Paso Co, Colorado
..... + Lily Thom Hagstrom b: Nov 14, 1928 in Oxnard, Ventura Co, California, d: Nov 04, 2007 in Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado
.....6 Susan Imogene Rognlie b: Oct 06, 1957
.....5 Charles Fred Rognlie b: Dec 04, 1921 in Normania Township, Benson County, North Dakota, d: Mar 22, 1986 in Fargo, Cass Co, North Dakota
..... + Sylvia Sinness
.....6 Susan Caroline Rognlie b: May 17, 1958
..... + David Kirk Cowan b: Apr 07, 1959
.....6 Charles "Chips" Fred Rognlie II b: Aug 02, 1956
.....6 Brent Robert Rognlie b: Apr 12, 1964
..... + Susan K Hjartarson b: Oct 02, 1958
.....5 Bernard "Barney" Robert Rognlie b: Dec 09, 1925 in Normania Township, Benson County, North Dakota; Born on the Muri Farm, d: Nov 29, 1999 in Churchs Ferry, Grand Forks Co, ND
.....5 Norman Howard Rognlie b: Jan 03, 1930 in Minot, Ward Co, North Dakota
..... + Carol Francine Johnson b: Sep 18, 1936 in Tampico, Whiteside Co, Illinois
.....6 Matthew Craig Rognlie b: Oct 14, 1966 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
..... + Juli Ann Frazee b: Feb 06, 1967 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
.....6 Mark Leonard Rognlie b: Feb 05, 1965 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana, d: Feb 07, 1965 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
.....6 Randi Jane Rognlie b: Jun 03, 1963 in Helena, Lewis and Clark Co, Montana
..... + Joseph B. Triem b: Jan 20, 1960 in Ft Ellsworth, South Dakota
..... + Donna J Low b: Mar 30, 1930 in Great Falls, Cascade Co, Montana
.....4 Helge Rognlie b: Sep 09, 1894 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Feb 19, 1973 in Royal Oak, Detroit, Wayne Co, Michigan
..... + Gladys Pauline Warnke b: Oct 25, 1907 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, d: Aug 10, 1977 in Clawson, Royal Oak, Oakland, Michigan
.....5 Peter Herman Rognlie b: Mar 10, 1934
.....5 Eric "Nick" Lynn Rognlie b: Apr 06, 1937
..... + Gloria Jean Kolte b: Jul 12, 1940 in Illion, NY
.....6 Lee Eric Rognlie b: Mar 19, 1966 in Jollet, Illinois
.....6 Chris Ann Rognlie b: Nov 21, 1973 in Dallas, Dallas Co, Texas, d: Nov 27, 1973 in Dallas, Dallas Co, Texas
.....5 Helge II "Tink" Rognlie b: Mar 23, 1933 in Detroit, Wayne Co, Michigan, d: Dec 06, 1999 in Madison Heights, Oakland Co, Michigan
..... + Wanda Faye Wilson b: Aug 18, 1935, d: Jul 18, 1993 in Grand Haven, Ottawa, Michigan
.....6 Scot H Rognlie b: Feb 28, 1957
..... + Patrice Nelson
.....6 Lori Ann Rognlie b: Jul 06, 1958
.....6 Steven H Rognlie b: Jul 18, 1961 in Madison Heights, Oakland Co, Michigan
..... + Beth Ann Marlowe b: Sep 15, 1959 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan
..... + Susan Ellen Kirby b: Apr 05, 1963 in Royal Oak, Michigan

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- 4 Adolph Nikolai Rognlie b: Mar 22, 1881 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Oct 08, 1958 in Everett, Snohomish Co, Washington
..... + Olga Marie Myren b: Nov 28, 1886 in North Dakota, d: May 02, 1963 in Minneapolis, Hennepin county, Minnesota USA
- 5 Donald Victor Rognlie b: Oct 14, 1919 in Victor, Minnesota, d: Apr 26, 1995 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
..... + Helen Joyce Pawlak b: Sep 25, 1916 in Joyce, Minnesota, d: May 28, 2008 in Bloomington, Minnesota
- 6 Myron Donald Rognlie b: Jun 01, 1942 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota, d: Feb 07, 1991 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, MN Lakewood cementary
..... + Sharyl Rea Zauhar b: Aug 07, 1943 in Crow Wing Co, Minnesota
..... + Constance "Connie" J Norman b: Sep 18, 1943
- 6 Jack Sheldon Rognlie b: Jul 25, 1943 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota
..... + Carol Kathleen Isensee b: Feb 01, 1943 in Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minnesota
- 6 Donna Joyce Rognlie b: Aug 18, 1946 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co, Minnesota, d: May 12, 2006 in Roseville, Minnesota
..... + Richard Harry Harasyn b: Feb 19, 1939 in Hennepin Co, Minnesota
- 5 Myron "Mike" Adolph Rognlie b: Bef. Nov 17, 1914 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Jul 07, 1971 in Hudson, St Croix Co, Wisconsin; Veteran's Hospital,
..... + Eunice Dorothy Plummer b: Aug 24, 1915 in Minnewaukan, Benson Co, North Dakota, d: Mar 26, 1998 in Hudson, Saint Croix, Wisconsin
- 4 August Hermann Franke "Frank" Rognlie b: Oct 02, 1882 in Trondheim, Norway, d: Nov 28, 1972 in Meagher, Wheatland Co, Montana
..... + Deene H Hall b: Oct 28, 1896 in Norway, d: May 25, 1985 in Jefferson, Montana, USA
- 3 Bernt Christian Schriver Rognlie b: Dec 01, 1859 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway, d: Feb 10, 1913 in Mosvik, Nord Trøndelag, Norway
- 3 Nanna Sofia Rognlie b: Mar 23, 1863 in Værran or Mosvic, NO, d: Mosvik, Norway
..... + Tobis Olsen Grande b: Grande nedre
- 4 Franche Grande
..... 4 Reidar Grande
..... 4 Ola Grande
..... 4 Nils Grande
..... + Anton Brekke

A Rognlie Tale By Ron Madson - Appendix H

Dedicated to Correll Rognlie Madson, my father, pioneer farm boy

(Note: In 2007 I took a course in creative non-fiction writing. The following was one of the writings that I created in the class. Much of the material in this document was extracted from Verdi Rognlie's book. As it is of the same cloth as Verdi's book and includes additional information, I have included it here. RWM)

In one hand Tordis Markhus is holding a set of papers protected by a clear plastic cover and with the other hand she is gesturing toward three Viking burial mounds. She is a proper church-going Norwegian woman—short and stocky with a round face and head that appears just a little too large for her frame. Her short curly sandy-red hair frames her countenance, further defined by prescription sunglasses and wearing a casual brown pant suit. The Markhus name and the nearby Markhus farm have been here in this thirty farm hamlet of Værran, Norway, as long as recorded history.

As a child I had heard romantic tales of sea burials for fallen Vikings. A true Viking hero, likely slain gloriously in battle would have been set to rest in his warship and pushed out to sea on the outgoing tide into the setting sun—to Valhalla. I was sure the war battered vessel would have been dramatically set a-fire as it delivered its cargo into Odin's hands. Odin being the chief Norse god, Valhalla was his baby—pretty cool.

But, here we have Viking *burial mounds* on the highest point of dry land anywhere around. Alas, another childhood fairy tale busted. Part of that legend was correct, though. When an important Viking died that person's body was placed on the deck of his or her ship. The items that would be needed in the next world—including provisions, weapons, sacrificed animals, and personal possessions were placed there with the remains. A wooden structure was erected on the ship deck over it all. The ship and its cargo were placed on land in a spiritually auspicious location. The ship was usually ringed by large stones and covered with a great mound of dirt to stay there forever, or until grave-robbers had their way with the site. In Norse mythology, the greatest of these fallen Viking warriors were escorted to Valhalla by Odin's cadre of [Valkyries](#). The Valkyries, female warriors themselves, though they were frequently depicted as beautiful young women in ethereal dress, did the selecting of the fiercest warriors to join

Odin's army. Those Vikings who didn't "make the cut" went to the home of the dead ([Hel](#)), a place beneath the underworld ([Niflheim](#)). This Norse mythology was quite elaborate.

We are collected on the Rognlie farm. My wife and I are standing here with Tordis Markhus and with our hosts for this trip to Norway, Lars and Liv Braseth, a rugged handsome couple each blessed with a ready laugh. They live five miles down the road with their family on the Braseth farm as their forefathers had for at least five hundred years. Our family is linked to the Braseths by a marriage a hundred years ago. We stand here, near the mounds, where my ancestors have lived for centuries. I had not imagined this. If only my sons were standing here. The Braseths arranged for Tordis, the Værran historian who is writing a history of this village, to hand me the chapter of her book containing the complete account of this farm and my family in Norway. The chapter has been thoroughly researched, replete with comprehensive provenance.

Why am I here in Norway? What am I looking for here? It started with an old photograph, a picture taken in 1889, on my great grandfather's homestead near Caledonia, North Dakota, in Amerika (as the Norwegians spelled the name of this wonderful new land). Great grandfather, Peter Rognlie had been raised on the Viking burial mound farm in Norway, and immigrated to the new world in 1870. The photo was a typical family portrait. The man of the house, Peter, was seated and posed to appear distinguished. But he clearly looked uncomfortable in his "Sunday best" in this studio setting. This man had rough hands and broad powerful shoulders. His weathered face evidenced the work necessary to carve a successful farm out of the raw unforgiving North Dakota prairie. Seated next to him in the photograph was Ingebor, my great grandmother, a product of strong Norwegian stock who was poised in any situation. She lovingly cradled her youngest, baby Josephine. Ingebor was the moral fiber and spiritual base for this solid farming family of eight. Forming the back row was handsome Wilhelm and the two solemn but attractive older sisters, Sophia and Benna. Down in front between the two stern parents were a young girl and boy. Seated on a low bench was adorable four year old Inga, my grandmother. Beside her was older brother, five year old Gerhard—his arm around his little sister's shoulder and his head tipped slightly to touch hers. They appeared sweet and endearing. His buttoned-to-the-neck church jacket portrayed Gerhard as a confident young prince. His left arm was gently but assertively placed on his mother's right leg. Framing our settlers was a painted Parisian hotel lobby canvas backdrop. But there was something odd about the studio floor. The "floor" was sod—grass. This shot was

not being done in a studio at all, but in the yard of the North Dakota Rognlie farm. The photo was produced by enterprising Harry Fallon a travelling “parlor photographer” from Eureka, South Dakota.

When my father died ten years ago this family treasure with about 30 other photos of similar vintage passed to my brother, Gary. He gave them to me two years ago. Of all the family memorabilia it was this parlor photo on the grass that I found spellbinding.

Part of the photograph—the two young children, handsome Wilhelm, and the studio backdrop seemed to symbolize or have a leg in the modern world, the world I live in. In contrast, the world of hard times before modern safety and convenience was represented by this robust farmer, his stern wife, and the sod floor. This picture—these people—bridged the gap: old world-to-new. I know this is an over-simplification, but that is not the point. Great grandfather had been born in 1835 in Norway. He and his family had to continually worry about survival on many fronts in the old country as well as on his new young homestead. The great Indian wars of the American west occurred primarily in the 1870s. Custer’s last stand happened on June 25, 1876, just a few hundred miles from the Rognlie homestead, in the same timeframe as the children in that picture, including my grandmother.

The photo was not just some abstract representation of this evolution from olden-times-to-modern; this was a bond of my blood to that transition. It tied my blood to history and to the people, my people in history. It tied me to the dreams and drama of the pioneers who founded the Red River Valley, who founded this country. It is my connection to the march of man from harsh Viking times to our current security and the comforts of home and hearth. I needed to document my blood for myself and our greater family.

A passion developed to uncover the identity of my direct ancestors and all those connected to us. I wish to become a resource for all of our relatives—family story central, ancestor photos-are-us.

My interest with family-past grew into a fully evolved obsession. I have searched the Internet extensively, including sites in English language, as well as Danish and Norwegian. I’ve become chummy with county clerks and historians. As I write this my genealogy software, *Family Tree Maker*, tells me it is the custodian of the names of 12, 000 of my relatives, past and present. However, a genealogy tree

lacks a human face. Family history not only includes the ever widening list of names and “begats,” family history also embodies real stories. I wanted to find those stories.

In the summer of 2006, four short months after I fell victim to the genealogy charm, I set off to Norway and Denmark to walk on the soil among the spirits of my ancient past. I wanted to walk the land, talk to people in Værran —meet distant relatives and hear family stories. And finally, I wanted to spend whatever time I could with the church records. These records represent the “chest-of-gold” to genealogists where “official” births, deaths, marriages, christenings are recorded. Norway did not have county court houses for recording and storing such official material, as we do in the US. Lars Braseth told me “if it happened it is in the church records, and if it is in the church records, then it happened.”

Apparently the holiness of the Værran church records was second only to the Holy Bible. Even after the research I had done from home, there were questions and contradictions seeking resolution here at the source. For example, the actual birth/christening name of my great grandfather was in dispute. I managed to wangle twelve uninterrupted hour with *the* Værran church records. Great grandfather was born on June 23, 1835 and christened June 25, 1835, as Peter Gunerus Zachariasen. The farm name, Rognlie, was attached later as the family name, but is not recorded as such.

I discovered what I had set out to find: stories about people from this village in Norway—including the exciting story of two friends who went to America together to search for their fortune—and the family that followed, seeking their destiny farming on the plains of North Dakota.

*“Ron, the tea is ready,” Patricia hollered down to my study.
“I’ll be up in a minute”, I replied, “I just got some good stuff.” Though I could not see my wife upstairs, I knew she was rolling her eyes. “The cucumber sandwiches are made and the tea is hot.”*

“Ok, one quick minute. I just received a two page article from a man, Peter in Detroit who is now the American blood elder in the Rognlie line. The article is authored by Sivert Rognlie’s son documenting Sivert and Lorens’ journey to America and what they did there.

Wiping her hands Patricia came downstairs to read my first paragraph:

Sivert Rognlie, my great-granduncle and Lorens Vennes had been close childhood friends growing up on farms just two and a half kilometers apart. They walked to the same school as children, to the same church every Sunday, and shared many

crop plantings and harvests as they grew up. The age of “manhood” in Norway in those times was fourteen years old. At fourteen a young man was expected to work in the fields, acquire a paying job, or join the crew of a sailing ship. Sometimes there was an option to continue education, but even that was available only if it did not cause a strain on the work needs of the family farm. Sivert and Lorens apparently shipped out at the age of attainment. After leaving their village, in central Norway, they had sailed the North Sea, exploring the remote chain of Norwegian Lofoten Islands and much of the Arctic Ocean together.

“Whoa, hang on!” said Patricia. “You lost me already, fella. I thought you were researching and writing about your grandfather, Peter Something.”

Yeah, but these two guys have stolen the show completely! You’ll never believe what they did.”

“I bet I can guess what your relatives did”, she chuckled.

“He was a gold hunter.” I countered. “Can you imagine skiing for a hundred miles—leading a wagon train—single-handedly building a log cabin in the snow? This guy is just bigger than life. I’ll work Sivert’s brother Peter, my great grandfather in later. And, oh, I haven’t even told you about Sivert’s inventions or US patents. . . .”

“You got my attention,” Patricia interrupted.

It was summer, 1867. Now twenty eight years old, our seagoing adventurers were saying goodbye to their family and friends once again. They were setting off on their grandest adventure yet. They were on their way to the rich gold fields in the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory of America. This departure was different. It cradled a mixture of excitement and overriding sadness. Many an émigré to America had taken off in a thrill of anticipation, never to be seen again. America was a long way from Værran. This realization underscored tearful Norwegian goodbyes. These two had to make the move now. They had to get to America before the winter snows made passage to the Black Hills impossible. The voyage to Quebec, Canada would consume weeks. Quebec was not the first choice of most émigrés. It had become the primary port of entry for Norwegian ship-owners however, who were assured of having a cargo of lumber on the return trip from Quebec to Norway. This extra income enabled the ship owners to reduce the emigrant fare from \$30 to \$15 and under. The annual number of Norwegian vessels to port in Quebec increased from 77 in 1859 to 130 by 1870. The number of American ports declined in that same time period from 59 to 30. It is likely then, that the Quebec lumber business was the reason so many Scandinavians

settled in the Minnesota and the Dakota Territory. And I thought they liked the brutal harsh winters.

Our two gold-hunters followed a well-travelled immigrant water-land route to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Though it was a “standard” route I have no idea how they made the intricate connections. Leaving Quebec, a river steamer carried them to Montreal. Then off by railway to La Chine, Canada where they transferred to a lake steamer which shuttled them to western Lake Ontario and then on to Lewiston. The next leg featured a stagecoach to Niagara Falls and into America, then by train to Buffalo. Nearing the end, they found themselves aboard a lake steamer to Milwaukee. And finally on a train out of Milwaukee we find them destined for Spring Grove, Minnesota, where they will stay briefly with friends who had previously immigrated. Both adventurers are single minded—gold. That’s why they had come to America. But it was not to be. Sivert’s destiny was soon to be altered.

“That’s a good beginning. The tea is getting cold”, Patricia said, going back up stairs.

“Okay, I’m coming.” I said, setting the computer aside. “I think this works. The beginning is the hardest part.” Patricia is a good writer, well published and respected in her field. I value her opinion.

But, before I head upstairs for tea, I should let you know how to pronounce our unusual family name—Rognlie. It goes something like this:

If you think of the words—“right” and “wrong,” the name is phonetically equal to “wrong-lee.” Thus you pronounce it “correctly,” if you say it “wrongly.” The name is derived first from the Norwegian word ‘Li’ which means hillside. And according to philologist and archeologist Oluf Rygh, cited by Tordis Markhus, “LI” was actually the name of the farm since before Viking times, maybe 700 AD or earlier. The farm had been unoccupied for a few years in the mid-1500s. When it was reoccupied the owners found a predominance of a certain species of Norwegian tree called the Rogn tree. This tree is similar to the Mountain Ash in America and produces clusters of reddish-orange berries, bitter but eatable. This must have made an impression on the new owners who combined the tree name ROGN with older name LI to produce the word Rognli (later spelled Rognlie) which became the farm name. It was common for Norwegian folk to take on the farm name as their family name.

As a side note, a number of Viking era artifacts from the Rognlie farm are on display in the Viyenskapsselskapets Museum in Trondheim. Some time ago a large

stone was removed from one of the Viking burial mounds to help make a bridge for the trail between the Rognlie farm and the Markhus farm.

I sat down to write after tea, cucumber sandwiches, and hearing a chapter of Harry Potter which Patricia read aloud; we took turns. I could hear Sivert's friend, Lorens' voice as the train rumbled toward their final stop:

“What will you do with all the money you get?”

“I do know,” said Sivert. “Buy a big farm. Bring the rest of the family to America.”

“I’ll dig gold for maybe a year—then, no more work,” said Lorens boastfully. “Not bad, 20 years old and I’ll be living the easy life.”

Sivert reminded his good friend that it probably wasn’t going to be that simple. It would be hard work—and most of all they had to be exceedingly lucky. While the gold fields of the Dakota Territory Black Hills were supposed to be rich, there were certainly no promises. They were going to have to work smart and work hard, but without luck none of that would matter.

Through the train car window they could see the lush green flatland of southern Wisconsin in early summer. This was a far cry from the hilly, rock-infested Norwegian farmland that for hundreds of years both of their families had struggled to farm. The farm on which Sivert had been raised was ‘Rognlie gaard’. Located inland, this thousand year old farm was draped over the highest point in Værran, drooping its rocky fields down over its sagging shoulders, like a fried egg crowning a steaming mound of home-fries. Lorens had been raised on his family farm, the Vennes gaard. Also rocky, it was located at water’s edge on the Skarnsundet Fjord. Our two adventurers debarked at La Crosse, Wisconsin and began the thirty three mile walk to Spring Grove.

How long did this take them, I wondered? MapQuest tells us that today the driving time for this leg is forty five minutes. I’m guessing that these Norwegian lads took a minimum of two days to cover the distance on foot. I would love to have been a ‘fly-on-their-travelling-bag’ as they entered this southern Minnesota village.

In 1867 the tiny town of Spring Grove was crowded to overflowing with Norwegians. And not just *any* Norwegians (even though they were 7,000 kilometers from Værran) these were people the boys knew or at least knew their farm names from back home. In Spring Grove they found a place to stay with

Jacob Hovd. They also saw the Nilsens, Alexander and Tale and 19 year old Ole Ojen who was destined to play a helpful role three years later in Sivert's life.

Most significant among the Norwegian folks that our young Sivert Rognlie encountered in Spring Grove, was the Solum family. They had emigrated from Eggedal Norway, outside Oslo, and established successful homesteads in 1863, just a year after Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act of 1862. The Solums had owned two farms in Norway. They had brought two sons and two daughters to America with them. Their youngest daughter was Marie. All had taken out homesteads except Miss Marie who was too young to apply when the family first arrived. By 1867 she had turned twenty three years old and had become quite a beauty. At five feet six inches tall she had long dark hair, strong well defined eyebrows and high slender cheek bones. Most stunning were her large brown eyes that had an almost mystical quality. Likely this is what Sivert first saw. There was no question. Sivert Bertinus Rognlie had met the love of his life and had succumbed to Marie Solum.

Much to the dismay of Lorens, the adventuresome partnership with his boyhood friend was at an end. Sivert, leader of this gang-of-two was going no further in the quest for gold. Sivert and Marie were married within months.

So what happened to Lorens, I wondered? The two page article that I reported receiving a bit ago, was authored by Sivert's son, Paul Christopher Rognlie. In it he reports that Lorens Vennes marched off to the gold fields alone in 1867. He found the richest gold mine ever discovered in the Black Hills. I have tried to research this, but have not been able to substantiate Paul Rognlie's claim. Whatever his fortune, Lorens was ahead of the 1876 Bad Lands gold rush. Publicity surrounding the "discovery" of gold by General George Custer's men in 1874, ignited the 1876 stampede of fortune hunters. Lorens was in the Bad Lands at the height of Indian hostilities there. So I'm sure Lorens' prospecting would make a great story in itself. I intend to keep looking. Meanwhile, Sivert seeks his gold in domestic farming life—

The young pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Sivert Bertinius Rognlie were married in Spring Grove in 1867, and claimed a homestead outside of town. But stories of the lure of the Great Red River Country were constantly coming in. Each tale sounded better than the previous. As the stories "grew", the promises became grander. That country was described as the "land of supreme opportunity for homesteaders." This was far too enticing for Sivert who still had an adventurer's spirit flowing

through his veins. Surely he could not lay idle and let opportunities such as these go by?

Sivert must have written home communicated his optimism to his mother, a widow of fourteen years. She was a strong woman, seasoned by the severity of a hard life. With the help of her five adult children, Johanna Rognlie struggled to run the farm in Norway. Sivert told her about homesteading in the lush green of southeast Minnesota and of the promise of a better land, richer—untouched land of the Red River valley where he wanted to take the family—the whole family, all-together.

“Free land. Free level farmable land,” he likely said. “We can *each* have 160 acres of prairie and all we have to do is build a house and farm our claim.” She considered her son’s case—Rognlie gård was so hilly and rock infested that of the 250 acres less than five percent was farmable. It had always been difficult to sustain a family on this land. The “official” tax records, as far back as 1590 recorded Rognlie Gaard as being a difficult farm. A number of the Rognlies in the 1700s and early 1800s had continual run-ins with the king’s tax collectors—couldn’t or wouldn’t pay the bill. Sivert’s words fell on receptive ears.

So, mama Johanna Rognlie made the decision to sell their Norwegian farm. She sold it in 1870 for six hundred and fifty Norwegian dollars to a family that had been living on a nearby farm. I think there was more in the deal than just the farm sale. The new owner was a friend who had been the foreman on the Viken Farm five kilometers away at fjord’s edge. This was a prosperous farm about twice the size of the Rognlie gård. More particularly to this discussion, the daughter of the owner of the Viken farm became engaged to Sivert’s brother, Peter Rognlie, my great grandfather. Mama Johanna paid for the passage to Amerika of her soon-to-be daughter-in-law, Ingebor Viken and Ingebor’s brother, Peter Viken. The money from the sale of the land was more than enough to provide passage for her, all five of her remaining children, two grandchildren, and for Ingebor and Peter Viken. These eight Rognlies and two Vikens became house guests of Sivert and Marie’s in the summer of 1870.

The extended Rognlie family arrived safely in America; they had survived the trip and the dreaded typhoid that struck so many new immigrants. Sivert set about organizing a wagon train destined for the promise land. His infectious enthusiasm convinced many of his friends and neighbors to join him in this venture to the Red River Country. Grain—the fruits of the harvests from rich farms to come was the gold Sivert was now chasing. Over the winter and spring of 1871 they worked to

outfit sixty covered wagons and as many ox teams. Another source has put the number of covered wagons at one hundred. These pioneers loaded everything they owned into the wagons and prepared to set out with all family members who were healthy. These were true settlers, men, women and children with no intention of returning, who set out to find homesteads to live on forever. The Rognlies had three of these covered wagons. Mama Johanna Rognlie had all her worldly possessions, as well as those of Sivert and Marie. Bringing up the rear of the Rognlie entourage was mama's milk cow "Litage" tethered to the last wagon. Both of the young Rognlie wives, Sivert's wife Marie and his brother Peter's wife Ingebor were pregnant as the journey was to begin in the spring of 1871. Ingebor was not showing yet and it was assumed that it would be safe for her to travel. However, Marie was too far along to undertake such a perilous expedition; she stayed behind in Spring Grove. She would follow later once her child was safely born and they had both regained their strength; for this was to be a trek that would test the mettle of the healthiest and strongest of these Norske hardies.

The wagon train set off, each rig trailing behind its lumbering oxen. Sixty covered wagons, often breaking new ground. The progress was slow and tedious—each day few miles.

It must have been difficult for Sivert to set out on this arduous trip without his wife who was about to have his second child. Though I have no account of such a letter, I have constructed the following which reflects accurate facts. Here is what Sivert may have felt, imagined as a letter:

My dearest wife, Marie,

It has been almost two months since we parted. I know you are hungry for news of the journey. Your spirit and the promise of our life ahead sustain me. If our new baby is a boy please name him Paul. Next spring, when you should be healthy enough for the trip, I will arrange to get you safely here; you, our new baby and my #2 gal little Jennie. Ingebor is doing well. I'm sure she and Peter will make Audubon just fine and their first baby will come safe and sound as we winter-over there—good Lord willing.

I am saddened that the number of wagons has dwindled from sixty to just ten since our departure from Spring Grove. I believe Audubon to be just ahead. This uncharted trip has been quite arduous. I feared it would be. There have been unsettling rumors of the threat of locust and the poor quality of the land we now head for. I am not worried, though. Many of our friends have stopped along the way and will start their farms where they broke off from the wagon train. Others

have turned back, deciding to begin their new lives elsewhere in Minnesota rather than to endure more hardships and travel with me to the Great Red River Country. I thought they were all going to follow me to the Dakota Territory.

I promise you, that that fertile land will be the place we can start our new home and life together—the place to raise our family. All of my brothers are still with me. Mama Johanna's cow has been a God-send.

Three years ago it was that I watched Lorens go on to the gold fields. My heart was heavy. God bless him, I hope he completed our grand adventure in high style! I don't regret for a minute my decision to stay with you. I have never been as happy as I have been these last years married to my sweet, sweet Marie Solum. Your loving faithful husband, Sivert

The diminished party made Audubon in early fall without further incident. Peter Rognlie found places for the family to winter-over and made sure that everyone was settled in. While the others rested, Sivert was off again.

It was early fall and a hundred miles remaining to the Red River Country—the land he wanted to call home. He needed to scout out suitable farm land and a route to get there. The rich farming land along the river stretched nearly a thousand miles south from Fargo in the Dakota Territory to the most northerly reaches in Canada, or so Sivert had heard. Where should this extended Norwegian clan start their new life? He wanted a long stretch where all the family farms-to-be could be adjacent. It appeared that the far side of the river, that is the west side in the Dakota Territory, might be his best bet. While explorers had passed through there, he had heard there were no settlers on that side yet. He could have his pick of any claims that were to his liking. After some searching he found a perfect seven mile stretch just south of what is today Caledonia, North Dakota. This section of the river winds gently, in wide swaths like a sleeping serpent. He was sure that the spring thaws would swell and wake this restless giant. The land in this area looked as if it had benefitted from past flooding—times when the agitated river had vaulted its banks depositing fertile soil on land Sivert would turn fruitful with golden grain crops. The homesteading “quarters” he would claim for the family, were sectioned off into rectangular shaped parcels parallel to one-another springing back west from the banks of the lazy twisting river.

The basic homesteading allotment as defined in 1862 was a square section of land containing one hundred sixty acres called a “quarter”. In contrast to this, each Rognlie homesteading “quarter” was not a true square, but had its east boundary defined by the flowing Red River and was therefore not a straight line. Many

regions of the US were apportioned for homesteading. These regions were first divvied up into larger 2,560 acre areas called townships. The townships were divided into fourths called “sections” and finally the sections were sub-divided into the basic hundred and sixty acre “quarters” for homesteading. I think it was this early homesteading grid work that created the regular patchwork pattern that predominates much of the Midwest today.

Triumphant that he had found ‘his promised land’ he returned to Audubon to wait out the harsh winter, warming his hands and heart.

The adventurer in Sivert would not let him rest, however. When early spring arrived in 1872, he skied northwest a hundred miles beginning in this far western fringe of civilization, Audubon, Minnesota. Over the winter he had crafted a pair of skies. That was the best way to get back to the land he had scouted last fall. He was intent on building a home on his claim over the spring and summer. He wanted it to be ready when the family arrived there at summer’s end. He had told his brother Peter how to get to the new land. Winter was beginning to release its icy grip. Snow and ice cloaks were still worn by the river, drooping trees, and the flat earth as far as the eye could see.

While no account of his overland journey has been found to date, one can be sure that his hundred mile cross country trek was a story unto itself. At the end of this ski trip, restless Sivert found himself in the log cabin of the second settler in the Red River Valley, Ole P. Ojen. Ole was his friend from 500 miles ago and a year earlier in Spring Grove.

“Is the coffee hot enough?” asked Ole. “That is a long cold trip this time of year.” Sivert sipped gratefully at the steaming mug grasped snugly in his hands, now beginning to thaw. Looking up with a faint smile, “Yea thanks, I hoped you would be easy to find. I wanted to get here early in the spring without big problem from late winter blizzard.”

“This winter has not been so bad. You’ve been lucky.” Ole remarked.

“Mama and the family are waiting back in Audubon. By summer the snow will clear. Brother Peter will lead our three wagons here.”

“That’s good.”

“He is also waiting for my wife to get there before they begin. Marie is still in Spring Grove. She just had a baby.” Big gulp of warm coffee.

“Congratulations!” exclaimed Ole, whirling around from stoking the fire, smile from ear to ear, extending his hand to his friend. “Number two for you, yes? Jennie will have a little - brother, maybe?”

“Yea, we got good news, it is a boy. I named him Paul Christopher Rognlie.” Sivert beamed.

“So, where will you be settling?” inquired Ole.

“Just across the river from you, neighbor.” Sivert looked pleased with himself.

“That’s great! I do hope the Indian problem will not be bad.”

“Yea, me too. Hadn’t heard of any problem around here.” Sivert said.

“Before I came here I had stayed with the Andersons, a Swede family up in northern Clay County. After I left they were ambushed by Indians.” Ole said.

“That will not change my plan. Tomorrow I will pick a house site.” Sivert said.

“Can I stay with you while I build it?”

Yea, course, I’ll help.” Ole said. “We’ll start in the morning after breakfast.”

There is no evidence that Sivert and Ole met the previous fall during his exploration trip. I have three sources documenting Sivert’s trip, three others discussing Ole’s travels and their meeting. None have any mention of them seeing one-another during Sivert’s early fall of 1871 scouting adventure. I think this may be because Ole, an interesting character in his own right, first build a house in early June 1871 and began homesteading a quarter in “sections 24” a couple miles north and a couple miles east of where Sivert explored on the west side of the Red River. Ole being further north and inland (east, on the wrong side) from the Red River, Sivert probably didn’t meet up with him. Then sometime in early Oct 1871, Ole was told that he was on land owned by the railroad and it was not available for “free homesteading”. He could have bought the land from the railroad. But he chose not to since he could move a couple of miles or so and have a different 160 acre homestead for free. Besides, he had no money for that size a purchase. So he built a house on a new claim in “section 25”, south by the river. He lived the rest of the winter 1871-1872 in the new location where our intrepid Sivert found him that spring 1872. What I can’t imagine is building a log cabin in Minnesota in Oct-Nov. He did what needed doing. There were none of the comforts we might think of and no accommodations of any sort—no shelter, no Home Depot, no Starbucks. I guess these were real men—not us wimps who populate America today.

After a night’s rest, Sivert and Ole set out the next morning across the frozen river to the land destined to become the Sivert Rognlie claim. Sivert chose a site for the house and the duo set about constructing a fine log cabin. They cleared the snow

and felled the trees to erect a twenty six foot by eighteen and a half foot single room dwelling. Sivert's biggest obstacle became the river—getting back and forth from Ole's cabin to the land. When he began, the ice on the river was still frozen and passable on foot. As the mild days of spring swept aside the snow and dissolved the ice, crossing the river became problematic. Sivert's first solution was to hollow out a log to be used as a boat to cross the rising river. As the snow thawed, the thrashing of the restless serpent spelled trouble for the small watercraft. Sivert next fashioned a fine little raft and rowed across. As the spring thaws climaxed, the full fury of the river dragged Sivert further and further down the river with each days crossing. However, in true pioneer spirit he persevered, trying various solutions, i.e. using rope to pull across from one side to another and so on. Somehow he succeeded and the house progressed.

His house was of rough hewn logs with mud-plaster in the cracks between to keep the weather outside. It was one story high with an earthy bark roof. There was but one entrance, a door on the front flanked to the right by the cabin's only window with sturdy shutters, which at some point acquired actual glass. In 1881 when Sivert "proved-up" on his claim, he had added a stable twenty four feet by sixty feet, a mile of breaking rail fence and twenty five acres under cultivation. Its stated value was \$700.

By midsummer the cabin was ready. Peter Rognlie arrived leading three wagons, the family, sixty eight year old mama Johanna, and of course, Litage the milk cow. The whole family settled along the river. The farms were laid out side-by-side from north to south in this order: Farthest north was Sivert's sister Christine who had married Ole Bjøre. The second claim was given to Sivert's youngest brother Zephanius, the third to Mama Johanna Rognlie. In the center was Sivert and Marie's homestead. Next to the south lay Peter and Ingebor's spread. South of him was Peter Viken, brother of Peter Rognlie's wife Ingebor. Furthest south was the last of this Rognlie clan, brother Ole. Each set out to build their home and establish their farm as a piece of this Rognlie community and a founding cornerstone of the beautiful Red River Valley.

Sections to be added later:

An Indian encounter ...

Farming the hard sod was tough going ...

Then, Grandma Inga cooking. ...

My father's role and his tales about old Indians and the Indian trails ...

The photograph discussed in the early part of the piece can be seen at:
<http://rognlie.net/Genealogy.html> It is at the top of the page, the fourth thumbnail
view from the right.



Sivert Bertinius and Marie B Rognlie, and Family - 1898

Standing l-r: Paul Christopher (1871-1952), Clara Alma (1883-1963),
Severin "Sivert/Severus" Joel (1873-1945), Gjorgine Jorgina "Jennie" Sophie (1868-1934),
Nanna "Nannie" Rachel (1880-1956), Adolph Bernard (1875-1942)
Front Row: Sivert Bertinius Zachariasen Rognlie (1839-1915),
Marie "Mary, Mara" B. (Solumn) Rognlie (1884-1925), Frida "Freda" Ophelia (1887-aft 1925),
Lillie May (1890-aft 1925), Magdalena "Maggie" Bergita (1878-1967)