

TORGER AND GERTRUDE NELSON

Their Ancestors, Descendants and
Related Families
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PREFACE

Because of an interest in our family, its history and genealogy, I began collecting information on ancestors and relatives in the fall of 1972. My search has included visiting with relatives; checking graduation, wedding and birth announcements; reading obituaries; examining courthouse and church records; exploring cemeteries; writing scores of letters; and culminating in a trip to Norway the summer of 1975.

Searching for relatives in Norway has been interesting, to say the least. Besides their casual spelling of names, brothers didn't necessarily carry the same surname. Sometimes the father's surname was used, sometimes the name of the land where they lived became their last name, and at times a man would adopt his wife's last name, especially if they lived on land belonging to her father. The spelling of names and places is compounded by the fact that the Norwegian alphabet has three more letters than ours--æ which I have written as "ae," ø or ö, and å which becomes the English "aa."

Immigrants to the United States often changed their last names upon arriving here. For example, Torger Nilsen Skauge became Torger Nelson; Ole Kleiven became Ole Kleveland while his nephew Ingolf Kleiven spelled his last name Cleveland upon settling here. A child's middle name was usually the given name of his or her father with "sen" or "datter" (sometimes spelled "dotter") added to it, signifying son or daughter as in the name Engel Torgersdatter Reknes. However, this practice has been discontinued to a large extent.

Although I have tried to make this account as accurate as possible, a few errors are inevitable. For these I am truly sorry and hope they will be brought to my attention. In cases where there was a variance of a name or date, I have tried to search out the correct one. But where that was impossible, both have been included.

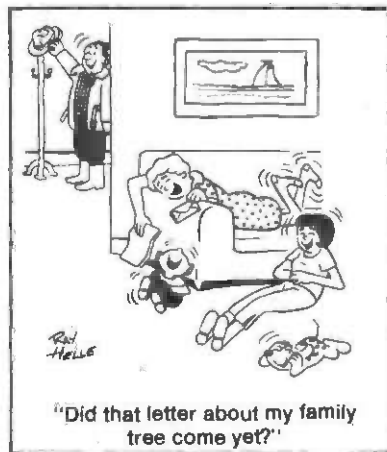
I am deeply grateful to all who contributed information and pictures for this book, especially to Nellie Skouge with her remarkable memory and to Bernhard Refsdal who did extensive research on ancestors in Norway.

Perhaps I should include a paragraph on how this book has been arranged so that you can more easily identify the various families and generations. At or near the beginning of each chapter is an outline for that chapter with the first generations shown in Roman numerals, their children

in capital letters, their grandchildren in Arabic numbers, great grandchildren in small letters, etc. The chapter follows the outline exactly. The families of Refsdal, Nelson, Kleiven (Kleaveland or Cleveland), and Sundsbø have been given separate chapters as more knowledge was obtained about their descendants. In the last pages of this book is a complete index, listing the pages on which every person is mentioned.

May you find within this book
From first page to the last,
The joys of sweet nostalgia as you
Reminisce the past.

Twila R. Schroeder
Kanawha, Iowa
March 1, 1976



(Cartoon is from the March, 1976, issue of Farm Journal magazine.)

INTRODUCTION

Since all of us in this family have our roots in Norway, it might be interesting to know a little more about that rugged and beautiful land and its people.

Norway has been inhabited for several thousand years. Historians believe that after the last great Ice Age about 10,000 years ago, two distinct races came to live there: the fair "Nordic" race which settled mainly in the eastern valleys, and the dark-haired and dark-skinned race which settled along the western coast. As time went on, the two intermingled and gradually became one people with basically the same language and customs. But even today, the people of Bergen have a reputation for gaiety, while their countrymen in the east are more serious.

Life has been difficult for these people. In western Norway where the terrain is very rugged and mountainous, only two percent of the land can be plowed. Small farms of only a few acres each can be seen perched on mountain ledges, nestled in narrow valleys, or bordering on the fjords. Ancient glaciers deposited innumerable rocks which had to be grubbed from the soil by hand and resulted in the building of miles of stone fences.

Most of the farm work in western Norway is still done by hand. The hay is cut with a scythe, raked, then carried in armfuls and spread to dry on wires which have been strung between poles. One can easily see why many of our ancestors came to America. Opportunities on these small farms were severely limited, and richer lands beyond the sea appealed to adventurous and penniless young people. By contrast, the land of eastern Norway is less rugged, the farms are larger, and small grains are grown with the aid of modern tractors and combines. Besides farming, the people of Norway fish extensively, leading the world in fishing and whaling, plus having the world's third largest merchant fleet.

The waterway inlets, or fjords, which have been gouged out of the shoreline by massive glaciers, indent the coast so deeply and so frequently that the actual length of the coastline equals the distance around the earth at the equator. Sogne Fjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, wends its way 120 miles inland and in one place is 3,966 feet deep.

Because of the countless waterfalls resulting from glaciers melting high in the mountains, Norway has ample water power and electricity. The beautiful Seven Sisters falls which tumble into Geiranger Fjord fall from a height of 1500 feet. Nearly all of Norway's trains are powered

with electricity.

Trains on the Oslo-Bergen Railway are hidden for almost one-seventh of the distance by the nearly 200 tunnels, the longest of which is $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles, and by numerous timber snow-sheds which protect the tracks from heavy snows. The village of Finse, roughly half way on the rail line, is the highest train depot in Europe, and even in the month of August ice chunks can be seen floating in the lakes of that region.

If it weren't for the Gulf Stream controlling the climate of Norway, the northernmost counties would be covered by eternal ice and snow. The Gulf Stream brings rain and warmth from the southwest, resulting in a rainy and mild climate for the west coast, while in the eastern part of the country it is colder and drier. Because of the Gulf Stream, temperatures at a depth of 300 feet in Sogne Fjord are 45.5 degrees Fahrenheit winter and summer. It has been said, and rightly so, that America's most important export to Norway is the Gulf Stream.

The early history of Norway centers around the adventurous Vikings. Between the 8th and 11th centuries some of these brave people sailed westward and established colonies on Iceland, Greenland, and even the continent of North America. The ruthless Viking commandos struck terror throughout western Europe where church services often added an extra line to their prayers: "From the fury of the Northmen deliver us."

Norway was first united as a nation in the 800's under the rule of King Harold the Fair-Haired after having been ruled by a number of petty chieftains. However, his realm soon fell apart and local kings again ruled. The country was reunited by Olaf Haraldsson the Saint in the 1000's. He made the whole country Christian and later became the patron saint of Norway.

In the 1300's Norway had many serious epidemics, causing it to lose much of its power and importance. In 1375 the heir apparent of Norway was elected king of Denmark, and gradually Norway was brought under Danish rule. During the time of the Napoleonic wars, Denmark was an enemy of Great Britain, and when Denmark fell to defeat in 1814, Great Britain forced Denmark to cede Norway to Sweden. This union was not successful. As Norway's shipping and industries grew, so did the desire for independence.

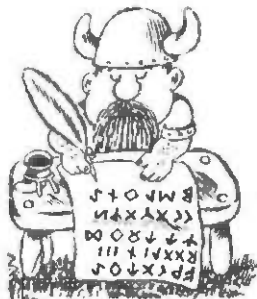
In 1905 the Storting (Norway's parliament) elected Prince Carl of Denmark as Norwegian king, and the Norwegian people voted almost unanimously in his favor. He accepted

the crown under the name Haakon VII.

The country made steady progress between 1905 and 1940. It remained neutral during World War I and tried to do so in World War II. But on April 9, 1940, the Germans attacked all the major Norwegian ports at the same time. Norway declared war on Germany, and detachments of British, French and Polish troops came to Norway's aid.

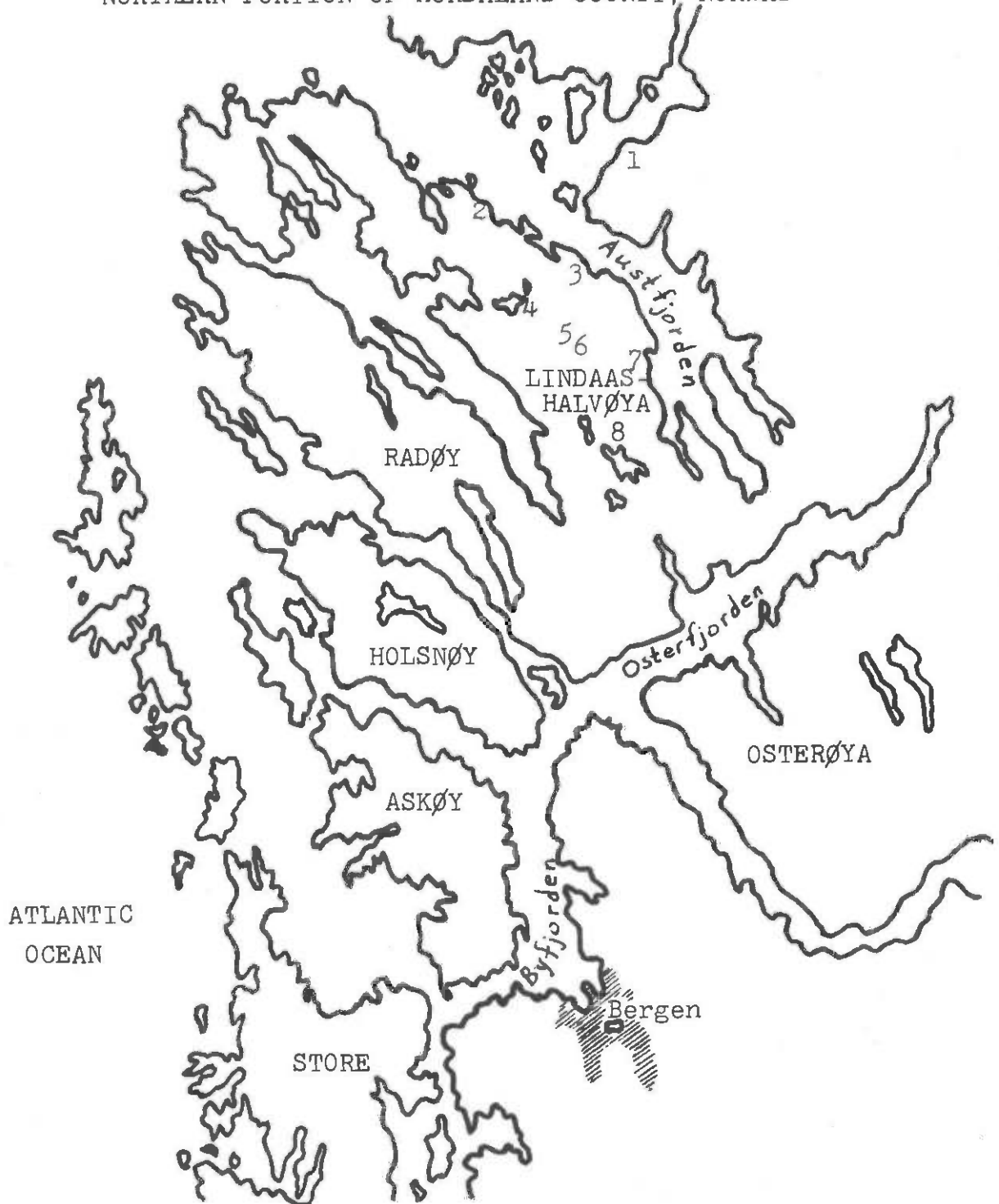
The German oppupation of Norway was a very trying period for all Norwegians. Instead of peacefully submitting as the Germans had expected them to do, they took every opportunity to fight back. Thousands of young people escaped to Britain or Sweden where they joined Norwegian forces which were organizing. Much of the Norwegian Air Force received training in Canada.

The country remained in Nazi hands until 1945. On June 7 of that year, the fortieth anniversary of Norway's independence, King Haakon VII returned to Oslo from exile. King Haakon died in September 1957 and was succeeded by his son Olav V who is presently on the throne.



Information for the Introduction was obtained in part from the World Book Encyclopedia, The Land and People of Norway by John Dent, Norway by the Norwegian Travel Information Office in New York, and The National Geographic Magazine for January 1957. Cartoon is from the Sons of Norway Viking magazine, No. 10, Vol. 72.

NORTHERN PORTION OF HORDALAND COUNTY, NORWAY



ATLANTIC
OCEAN

1. Masfjorden
2. Sundsbø
3. Severaasvaag
4. Vaagseidet
5. Skauge
6. Uglas
7. Myking
8. Kleiven

Scale of Miles:

3 7/8 inches = 20 miles

CHAPTER I

TORGER NELSON'S ANCESTORS

and Related Families

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TORGER NELSON'S ANCESTORS AND RELATED FAMILIES

Section 1

Torgjer Nelson's Great Grandparents:

Johannes Johannessen Reknes m. Anna Torgersdatter Totlandsdal
 and
 Anders Olson Bakke m. Engel Guttormsdatter Andvik

Torgjer Nelson's Paternal Grandparents:

Torgjer Johannessen Reknes m. Brita Andersdatter Sandnes

I. Nils Torgersen Reknes (Skauge) m. Maria Torsdatter Gjelsvik

A. Brita Skauge m. Martin Refsdal

(See Chapter II for their descendants)

B. Torgjer Nilsen Skauge (Nelson) m. Gertrude Olsdatter
 Severaas

(See Chapter III for their descendants)

II. Engel Torgersdatter Reknes m. Lars Jonsen Solheim (Solem)

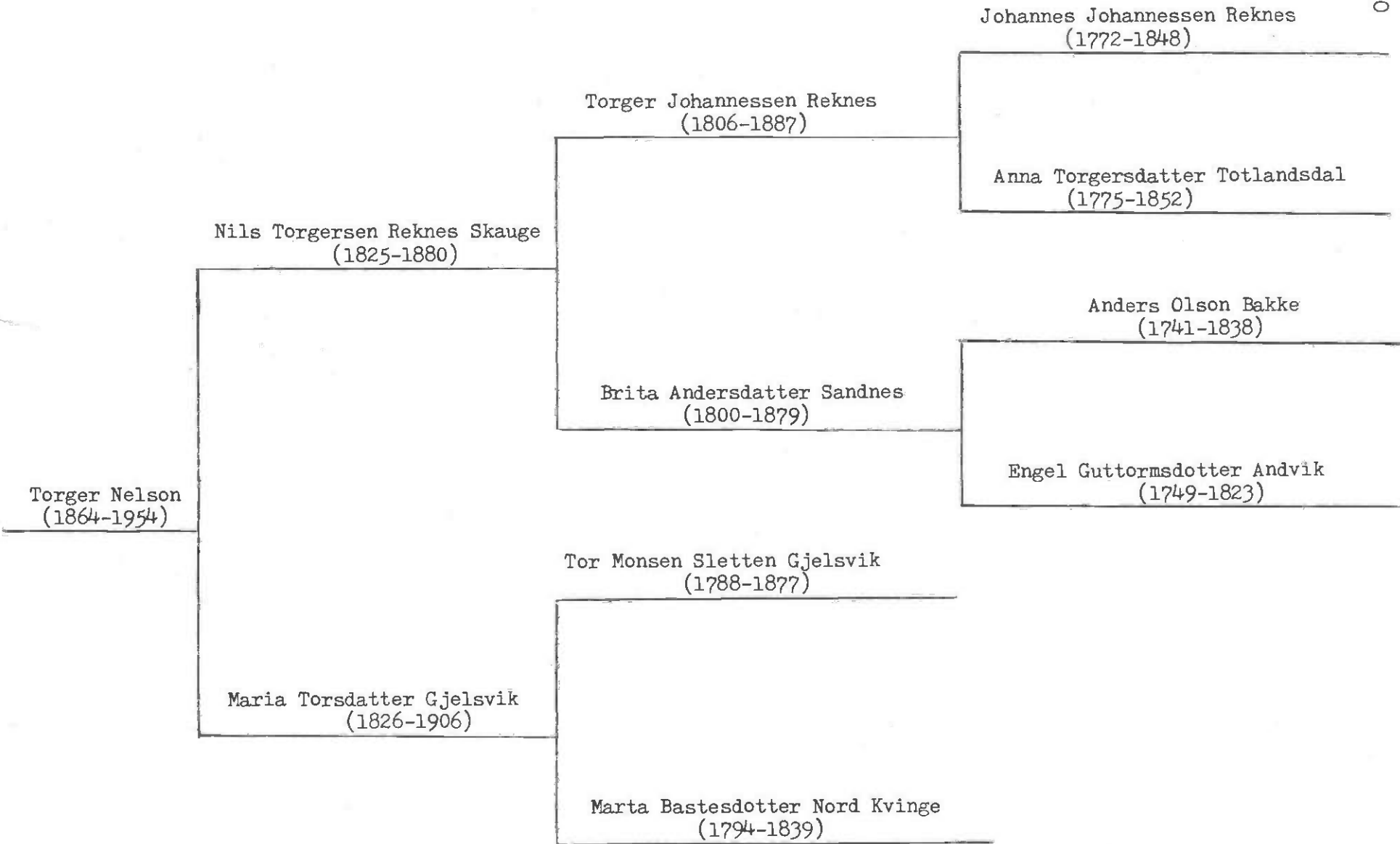
III. Anna Reknes m. Hans Hansen Hauge

A. Andrea Hauge (not married)

IV. Alet Reknes m. Ola Gjelsvik

V. Johannes Reknes m. Elisabet Ericksdatter Mollandseid

ANCESTORS OF TORGER NELSON



CHAPTER I, Section 1
Torger Nelson's Great Grandparents:

JOHANNES JOHANNESSEN REKNES	married	ANNA TORGERSDATTER
b. 1772	1798	TOTLANDSDAL
d. 1848		b. 1775
		d. 1852

Johannes and Anna were Torger Nelson's great grandparents who farmed in Masfjorden, Norway. Among their children was Torger Johannessen Reknes, Torger Nelson's grandfather, who married Brita Andersdatter Sandnes. (see below.)

Children:

Torger Johannessen Reknes	b. 1806
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Torger Nelson's Great Grandparents:

ANDERS OLSON BAKKE	married	(1)
b. 1741	1785	(2) ENGEL GUTTORMSDOTTER
d. 1838		ANDVIK
		b. 1749
		d. 1823

Anders was from Store-Sleire, but probably farmed at Sandnes (near Masfjorden) as that was the name used by his daughter Brita. Engel was Anders second wife whom he married in 1785. They were Torger Nelson's great grandparents. Their daughter Brita married Torger Johannessen Reknes. (See above.)

Children:

Brita Andersdatter Sandnes (Reknes)	b. 1800
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(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

CHAPTER I, Section 1

TORGER JOHANNESSEN REKNES	married	BRITA ANDERSDATTER SANDNES
b. 1806	1825	b. 1800
d. 1887		d. 1879

Torger and Brita, Torger Nelson's grandparents, farmed the Reknes place in Masfjorden, Norway.

Brita's parents were Anders and Engel Bakke, apparently of Sandnes; and Torger's parents were Johannes and Anna Reknes.

Children:

I. Nils Torgersen Reknes (Skauge)	b. 1825
II. Engel Torgersdatter Reknes (Solem)	b. 1828
III. Anna Torgersdatter Reknes (Hauge)	b. 1829
IV. Alet Torgersdatter Reknes (Gjelsvik)	b. 1833
V. Johannes Torgersen Reknes	b. 1836

I. NILS TORGERSEN REKNES	married	MARIA TORSDATTER
(SKAUGE)		GJELSVIK
b. 1825	1860	b. October 13, 1826
d. 1880		d. May 5, 1906

Nils was the first child born to Torger and Brita Reknes. When he moved from his parents' home in Masfjorden to Skauge, he adopted the name Skauge as his last name.

Nils and Maria lived at Uglaas near the village of Skauge where they had a little farm and also did other work for their livelihood. Nils's trunk is now in the home of his grandson, Bernhard Refsdal, in Vaagseidet, Norway. The trunk is beautifully decorated with rosemaling and on it is printed "Nils Torger Sen Skauge 1864." Maria's father was Tor Monsen Sletten. (See section 2 of this chapter.)

When their son Torger was 15 years old, Nils died of brain fever. Maria died May 5, 1906, and was buried nine days later. The house where Torger and Brita were born is still in use, but no relatives live there now.

Children:

A. Brita Skauge (Refsdal)	b. February 15, 1861
(See Chapter II for her descendants.)	
B. Torger Nilsen Skauge (Nelson)	b. September 19, 1864
(See Chapter III for his descendants.)	

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

CHAPTER I, Section 1
 Descendants of Torger Johannessen Reknes, continued

II, ENGEL TORGERSDATTER REKNES	married	Lars Jonsen Solheim (Solem)
b. February 16, 1828	July 14,	b. November 11, 1827
d. November 17, 1919	1861	d. April 21, 1897

Engel was a sister of Nils Torgersen Reknes, Torger Nelson's father. She was born in Masfjorden, Norway, to Torger and Brita Reknes. Engel and Lars were married before they emigrated to America at which time their name was modified to Solem. They chose to settle near what is now the town of Jewell, Iowa, because Lars had a relative, Beren Pedersen, who was a carpenter in that area. Later, Beren and his family moved to Canton, South Dakota. The town of Jewell was begun about 1880 with the building of the east and west railroad to Webster City, Iowa, which intersected with the north and south railroad. At that intersection David T. Jewell laid out a town and the locality was named Jewell Junction.

Engel sewed all her dresses by hand since she didn't own a sewing machine. All were in the same style, and she always had a black dress for "good." She also made many lovely pieced quilts.

On March 3, 1880, Lars and Engel bought 54 acres of land off the north end of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 35, township 87, range 25 in Hamilton Township, Hamilton County, Iowa. Then on July 8, 1881, they bought the remaining 26 acres of the south end of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$. Both pieces of land were purchased from J. L. Kamrar and wife, and D. D. Miracle and wife. These transactions are recorded in Deed Book 16, page 375, and Deed Book 18, page 193, at the Hamilton County Courthouse in Webster City.

On August 22, 1890, Gertrude and Torger Nelson were married in the Solems' home where they continued to live for about two years, their first two children being born there.

Lars and Engel sold their land on September 17, 1895, to Knut Godmonson. Probably it was at that time that Lars and Engel moved into Jewell where Lars died April 21, 1897.

Engel suffered a broken hip about 1906. Ida Nelson cared for her in her home for three weeks before Engel moved into the Torger Nelson home. Since the boisterous children disturbed her, she was given a room upstairs. The children called her "Besta," meaning grandmother. Later, she made her home with another lady in Jewell, a Mrs. Borgen.

Engel died of bronchitis on November 17, 1919, at the age of 91. She was buried November 19 in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell beside her husband. She and Lars had no children which

CHAPTER I

TORGER NELSON'S ANCESTORS AND RELATED FAMILIES

Section 2

Torgjer Nelson's Maternal Grandparents:

- Tor Monsen Sletten (Gjelsvik) m. Marta Bastesdatter Nord
Kvinge
- I. Brita Gjelsvik m. Ole Rasmussen Hindenes
- II. Baste Gjelsvik m. Marta Magnesdatter Rødland
- III. Mons Gjelsvik m. Brita Kristiansdatter Hindenes
- IV. Maria Torsdatter Gjelsvik m. Nils Torgersen Reknes
(Skauge)
- A. Brita Nilsdatter Skauge m. Martin Andersen Refsdal
(See Chapter II for their descendants)
- B. Torgjer Nilsen Skauge (Nelson) m. Gertrude Olsdatter
Severaas
(See Chapter III for their descendants)
- V. Anders Torsen Gjelsvik (Indatebo) m. Brita Bastesdatter
Kvingedal
- A. Martha Sletten m. _____ Christopherson
1. (son)
 2. (son)
- B. Adolph A. Sletten m. Nettie Lee
1. Alfred Jack Sletten (adopted)
 2. (an adopted girl)
- VI. Ole Torsen Gjelsvik

CHAPTER I, Section 2

TOR MONSEN SLETTEN (GJELSVIK)	married	(1) MARTA BASTESDATTER
	1816	NORD KVINGE
b. 1788		b. 1794
d. 1872 or 1877		d. 1839
	1840	(2) Guri Olsdatter Stall
		b. 1806
		d.

Tor and Marta were the parents of Torger Nelson's and Brita Refsdal's mother Maria. One can reason from Tor's name that his father was Mons Sletten. When Tor bought the farm at Gjelsvik, he then used that as his surname. LaVonne Lockhart now has possession of a paper written by Torger Nelson on which he gives his maternal grandfather's name as "Thor M. Gelsvik," apparently using the English spelling.

Bernhard Refsdal reports that Tor worked as a hired hand on a farm when he was young. He had to work for six years, saving all his wages, before he could afford to buy a Bible. In addition to his wages, he received some clothing and two pairs of shoes.

After Marta's death in 1839, Tor married Guri Olsdatter Stall and they had four children between the years 1841 and 1851.

Children:

I. Brita Torsdatter Gjelsvik (Hindenes)	b. 1817
II. Baste Torsen Gjelsvik	b. 1820
III. Mons Torsen Gjelsvik	b. 1824
IV. Maria Torsdatter Gjelsvik (Skauge)	b. October 13, 1826
V. Anders Torsen Gjelsvik (Indatebo)	b. 1829
VI. Ole Torsen Gjelsvik	b. 1831

I. BRITA TORSDATTER GJELSVIK	married	Ole Rasmussen Hindenes
b. 1817	1846	
d.		

Brita, born on the Gjelsvik farm in Norway, was the oldest child of Tor and Marta Gjelsvik.

II. BASTE TORSEN GJELSVIK	married	Marta Magnesdatter Rødland
b. 1820	1857	
d.		

Baste's parents were Tor and Marta Gjelsvik.

(Sources: Bernhard Refsdal, Adolph Sletten's death certificate)

CHAPTER I, Section 2

Descendants of Tor Monsen Sletten (Gjelsvik), continued

III. MONS TORSEN GJELSVIK married Brita Kristiansdatter
 b. 1824 1848 Hindenes
 d.

Mons was the third child born to Tor and Marta Gjelsvik.

IV. MARIA TORSDATTER GJELSVIK married NILS TORGERSEN REKNES
 (SKAUGE)
 b. October 13, 1826 1860 b. 1825
 d. May 5, 1906 d. 1880

Maria and Nils were Torger Nelson's parents. (See the account of Nils Torgersen Reknes Skauge, page 12.)

Children:

A. Brita Skauge (Refsdal) b. February 15, 1861
 (See Chapter II for her descendants)
 B. Torger Nilsen Skauge (Nelson) b. September 19, 1864
 (See Chapter III for his descendants)

V. ANDERS TORSEN GJELSVIK married Brita Bastesdotter
 (INDATEBO) Kvingedal
 b. 1829 1860
 d.

Anders was the fifth child of Tor and Marta Gjelsvik. This writer obtained Anders' last name from information given on the death certificate of his son Adolph. It is not known if there were more than two children, but the two mentioned here both came to the United States and used the name Sletten.

Children:

A. Martha Sletten (Christopherson) b.
 B. Adolph A. Sletten b. August 26, 1874
 (See the following page for accounts of Martha and Adolph.)

VI. OLE TORSEN GJELSVIK
 b. 1831
 d.

Ole's parents were Tor and Marta Gjelsvik.

(Sources: Bernhard Refsdal, Adolph Sletten's death certificate)

CHAPTER I, Section 2
Descendants of Anders Torsen Gjelsvik (Indatebo), continued

Coast, and Nettie became a nurse. Later, Nettie began writing poetry, having at least nine books to her credit. She was also active in church and welfare work as well as taking part in the activities of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Cancer of the stomach caused Adolph's death at the age of 57 years. He died at 4:30 p.m. on November 26, 1931. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon. Adolph is remembered as being a very pleasant and optimistic person. Nettie was over 80 years of age when she died.

Children:

1. Alfred Jack Sletten (adopted
2. (an adopted girl)

(Sources: Nellie Skouge, Ida Skouge, George Nelson, Adolph Sletten's death certificate)



Maria Gjelsvik Skauge,
mother of Brita Refsdal
and Torger Nelson



Adolph and Nettie Sletten
1903



Martha Sletten



Martin and Brita Refsdal
1883



Marie Refsdal Markhus



Bernhard Refsdal
Hans Markhus, Nels Refsdal, Tilla Totland, Emilie Grimstad
Taken in 1966 after the funeral of Marie Refsdal Markhus.

CHAPTER II

BRITA SKAUGE REFSDAL
and Descendants

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BRITA SKAUGE REFSDAL AND DESCENDANTS

- A. Brita Nilsdatter Skauge m. Martin Andersen Refsdal
1. Ida Marie Refsdal m. Hans Olai Markhus
 - a. Asbjørn Hanssen Markhus m. Ruth Terese Olsen
 - (1) Svein Markhus m. Wencke Mabel Andersen
 - (a) Heidi Markhus
 - (b) Anette Markhus
 - b. Hans Annanias Markhus m. Randi Fjeld
 - (1) Grethe Markhus m. Thor Lyder Andersen
 - c. Birger Martin Markhus m. Irene Riedardotter Krogh
 - (1) Torunn Markhus m. Magne Refsdal
 - (a) Tone Merete Refsdal
 - (b) Øystein Magneson Refsdal
 - (2) Bjorn Arne Markhus m. Anne Lise Hokholt
 - d. Ingrid Marie Markhus m. Oskar Aabel Bandlien
 - (1) Aud Marie Bandlien m. Ragnar Bjartvik
 - (a) Geir Ole Bjartvik
 - (b) Signe Bjartvik
 - (c) Brynjar Bjartvik
 - (2) Einar Hans Bandlien
 - (3) Karl Øyvind Bandlien m. Linda Sanny
 - e. Ruth Edith Markhus m. Knut Hagen
 - (1) Tove Hagen m. Frank Nilssen
 - (a) Paal Nilssen
 - (b) Rune Nilssen
 - f. Odd Helge Markhus m. Randi Grønn Hansen
 - g. Anne Betsy Markhus m. Cato Lindquist
 - (1) Terge Lindquist
 - h. Aagot Helene Markhus m. Finn Tveter
 - (1) Vigdis Tveter
 - (2) Nina Tveter
 2. Nils Martinson Refsdal
 3. Anders Martinson Refsdal
 4. Ingeborg Martinsdotter Refsdal

CHAPTER II

Brita Skauge Refsdal and Descendants, continued

5. Augusta Henrietta Refsdal m. Gudmund Gudmundsen
 - a. Johan Gudmundsen m. Berit Karlsdotter Pofler
 - (1) Henning Gudmundsen
 - b. Berit Gudmundsen m. Artur Bendiksen
 - (1) Johnny Bendiksen
 - (2) Anita Bendiksen
 - (3) Gunnar Bendiksen
6. Tilla Gunhilde Refsdal m. (1) Knut Totland
(2) Anders Eide
7. Bernhard Martin Refsdal m. Ida Malene Kjenes
 - a. Magne Bjerne Refsdal m. Torunn Birgerdotter
Markhus
 - (1) Tone Merete Refsdal
 - (2) Øystein Magneson Refsdal
 - b. Ingunn Anna Refsdal m. Magnor Monsson Hauge
 - (1) Rune Magnorson Hauge
 - (2) Aage Magnorson Hauge
 - (3) Britt Helen Hauge
 - (4) Atle Magnorson Hauge
 - c. Aashild Bernharddotter Refsdal m. Osvald Flagtvet
 - (1) Frank Ove Flagtvet
 - (2) Jarle Osvaldson Flagtvet
 - d. Kaare Bernardson Refsdal m. Aasta Hjalmardotter
Kleiveland
 - (1) Kjartan Kaareson Refsdal
 - (2) Anne Karen Refsdal
 - e. Helge Bernardson Refsdal m. Karin Karsteindotter
Gjelsvik
 - (1) Kenneth Helgeson Refsdal
 - (2) Monica Refsdal
8. Emilie Birgitte Refsdal m. Ola Martin Janson Grimstad
 - a. Hildur Oladatter Grimstad m. Erling Arefjord
 - (1) Oddvar Arefjord
 - (2) Kjell Arefjord

CHAPTER II

Brita Skauge Refsdal and Descendants, continued

- (3) Jonny Arefjord
- (4) Elin Bente Arefjord
- b. Bjørg Oladatter Grimstad (not married)
- c. Jan Grimstad m. Inger Anne Sundby
 - (1) Morten Grimstad

CHAPTER II

Letter from Martin Refsdal to Torger Nelson and family:

Refsdal, 28 January 1923

Dear Brother-in-law and family,

Thousand thanks for the check you sent me for accounts of Mrs. Lars Solem (perhaps the division of her estate). I immediately sent the check to Rasmus Leivestads.

I came to that worry that my dear wife had to be brought to a doctor at that time. She was in a state that for a long time she had a kind of tumor on her left side which had started to grow so seriously. We went to Bergen. I went to the Privatebank and wanted to have the check paid. I couldn't get it then. Either the money is to be deposited in the bank or collection agency. I chose the latter when I understood that there would be a question of much money (for doctor bills). We got it at Christmas 160 kr. 44 øre, the amount of the check. Many thanks.

Then we went from the bank to the quay and on board "Johan Jebsen." We decided to go to Arne to Dr. Kollstrup. Brita was hopeful as always. I asked my way to the doctor. She was examined, but he didn't dare to do anything because he was afraid that it could be in connection with internal organs. He asked us to go to a surgeon doctor of women's diseases. The Red Cross Clinic in Bergen is the best place for us. We were allowed to stay at the hospital over night. Then we returned to Bergen on the first of November, and then to Dr. Friele where she was examined and he did make some tests, but there was not place for her in the hospital until Friday. She wanted me to go home and that I did with a heavy heart for I knew that the situation was serious. Friday was penitence (or prayer) day and the operation had to be postponed until Saturday the 4th at 7:00 a.m.

On the 7th Ingeborg visited her. Saturday the 11th I was there and we spoke together from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock. We were hopeful and without complaint. Then I talked to the doctor. It was a dangerous and very difficult operation. The pieces removed showed that it was cancer, but the doctor hoped that she would be sound again. Saturday, 21 days after the operation, I got the idea to go to town. Anders went and was told that mother could go home. So she came home at 7:30. Then she thanked God with a loud voice for His good gift. She had some food and slept well in the night. She was up for a while almost every day. She improved past hopes. She had some work to do with her hands now and then so we hoped that she by and by could get well again. But then on Christmas evening started ___?___ beneath the wound night and day and then we had to go to the doctor. We were supposed to use onion poultice and she got 12 pills, then she was a bit better. . . .

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Letter from Martin Refsdal, continued

The eternal values of life are clear. I have just now stood by the bed and asked what I should write from her and she said, "I had in mind to write a little letter to my dear brother this time and thank him for the money and all good things Greet him from me. If we don't meet any more here, then we shall meet at home with God where it is good to stay. Goodbye dear brother, until we meet again there." Then she dried my tears away and asked me not to cry as we were not sure yet who would be the first to leave to go home. That is in His hand. We know nothing. Life and death are in His power. "Make us ready, make us worthy for the New Jerusalem." If we are so happy that the cancer was cut out, everything may be well. But it has proved so often that the cancer is so difficult to get rid of when it has come.

The Lord give a happy ending. I prayed God in Jesus name about healing if it is His will. It will be heavy for me to be parted from my dear wife but I must say as he said, the parson, Rev. Hodneland, "There are many who must do that." God's will be done. Pray for us. It was too long since I wrote to you this time. First we wanted to see what would come out of this, the before-mentioned, but I was so unhappy I hurt my right side and broke a rib. So I wasn't able to write before now It hurt so that it was impossible to move my right hand to do anything so I hope you will excuse.

Will you please send some words to Nils so that he may know something from Refsdal. I wrote there once to him when Brita came home but I have not got any answer back. You must be kind and write home at once So I wish you everything good from God in the New Year. We others live well. Augusta and Tilla had to stay at home. Live well. Loving greeting, friendly, Martin and Brita Refsdal.

What a bad letter this time. Almost perturbed in my head out of sorrow and working during nights. I ought to have written another, but I shall have to do it better next time. My powers are small and get by and by ever less when I must see on my dear wife's suffering. But she can say, "There is a little time and then I have won. Then the whole struggle is suddenly disappeared. Then I can rest in rose valleys and all the time talk with Jesus." Yes, God gather us there for Jesus sake. Amen. February 3.

CHAPTER II

Descendants of Brita Skauge (Refsdal)

1. IDA MARIE REFSDAL married Hans Olai Hansen Markhus
 b. September 28, 1884 1912 b. July 19, 1885
 d. January 27, 1966 d. June 26, 1967

Marie was the first born child of Brita and Martin Refsdal.

Bernhard Refsdal reported that for many years Hans Markhus was "stallmester" (stablemaster) on the Grefsen farm where he tended 32 horses. Their main occupation was digging sand which they hauled to Oslo with the horses. Later, trucks took over the hauling job. Hans worked at the Grefsen farm until 1937, then spent his last working years repairing roads in Oslo. Marie and Hans lived at Grefsen in Oslo.

Children:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Asbjørn Hansson Markhus | b. June 5, 1912 |
| b. Hans Annanias Markhus | b. October 4, 1913 |
| c. Birger Martin Markhus | b. July 12, 1916 |
| d. Ingrid Marie Markhus (Bandlien) | b. August 17, 1918 |
| e. Ruth Edith Markhus (Hagen) | b. March 7, 1920 |
| f. Odd <u>Helge</u> Markhus | b. July 12, 1921 |
| g. Anne Betsy Markhus (Lindquist) | b. January 29, 1923 |
| h. Aagoth Helene Markhus (Tveter) | b. January 5, 1926 |

- a. ASBJØRN HANSSON MARKHUS married Ruth Terese Olsen
 b. June 5, 1912 June 23, 1945 b. March 8, 1906

Asbjørn, the eldest child of Marie and Hans Markhus, was born at Rygge about 70 kilometers south of Oslo. He works in a stationery store in Oslo.

Address: Jens Bjelkesgate 43, Oslo 5, Norway

Only child:

- (1) Svein Markhus b. April 7, 1946

Svein married Wencke Mabel Andersen. They live in Oslo where he is foreman in a mechanic shop.

Address: Ujelsisvein 100, Oslo, Norway

Children:

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| (a) Heidi Markhus | b. December 24, 1968 |
| (b) Anette Markhus | b. March 30, 1971 |

(Sources: Bernhard Refsdal, Ingrid Bandlien)

CHAPTER II

Descendants of Ida Marie Refsdal (Markhus), continued

e. RUTH EDITH MARKHUS	married	Knut Hagen
b. March 7, 1920	November	b. August 20, 1918
	8, 1941	

Ruth is a daughter of Marie and Hans Markhus. Knut is a janitor in a dairy in Oslo where they sell milk and milk products as well as orange juice which is shipped in from Florida in frozen, concentrated blocks, then is reconstituted.

Knut built their "hytta" (mountain home) and he enjoys wood carving as a hobby.

Address: Dalenenggate 20, Fellesmeieriet, Oslo 5, Norway

Children:

(1) Tove Hagen (Nilssen) b. April 27, 1942

Tove is married to Frank Nilssen, born March 24, 1941. They live in Oslo where Frank is a salesman for a clothing factory, and they have two children.

(a) Paal Nilssen	b. March 2, 1963
(b) Rune Nilssen	b. November 6, 1972

f. ODD <u>HELGE</u> MARKHUS	married	Randi Grønn Hansen
b. July 12, 1921	February	b.
	28, 1962	

Helge was the sixth child born to Marie and Hans Markhus.

Randi has two daughters by a previous marriage, one of whom is a teacher. Helge had operated construction and digging equipment, but about 1960 he lost his right hand in an accident. Now he and Randi live in Oslo where he is maintenance man and gardener in Oslo's largest hospital, Ullevaal Sykehus. Randi works in the office of a plumbers' store.

Address: Chr. Michelsensgate 57, Oslo 4, Norway

g. ANNE BETSY MARKHUS	married	Cato Lindquist
b. January 29, 1923	October	b. March 18, 1919
	15, 1949	

Anne's parents were Marie and Hans Markhus. Cato owns large construction equipment which he rents out. They live in Oslo, and have one son.

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Descendants of Brita Skouge (Refsdal), continued

2. NILS MARTINSON REFSDAL

b. December 13, 1887

d. January 2, 1974

Born in Norway, Nils (or Nels) was the first son of Brita and Martin Refsdal. He came to America in the spring of 1906, and worked for a time on the railroad section between Jewell and Stanhope, Iowa. He also did tiling and drainage work in the area and later worked in the timber near Duluth, Minnesota.

During World War I, Nels was in the United States Army. He served in France where he was taken prisoner by the Germans after a battle in which he was the only one of his group left alive. He reportedly was terribly thin when he returned to this country.

From April 1950, until July 1953, he worked on an air field in Guam. Later, he bought a forty-acre farm near Hayward, Wisconsin, cleared some acres and planted potatoes and oats. Nels returned to Norway for visits several times during his life.

His last years were spent in a nursing home in Hayward where he died on January 2, 1974. Services were conducted by Pastor Ronald Pechauer at the Anderson Funeral Chapel in Hayward on January 4 with military honors accorded by V.F.W. Post 7233. Interment was in the Veterans' Square of Greenwood Cemetery in Hayward.

(Sources: Nellie Nelson Skouge, Bernhard Refsdal, Nels's funeral folder)

3. ANDERS MARTINSON REFSDAL

b. March 29, 1891

d. September 16, 1953

Anders, the second son born to Brita and Martin Refsdal, never married.

He was in the army for a time, as all able-bodied men were required to do, taking three months basic training, then returning to camp for a week or so every year. But his chief occupation was farming at Refsdal.

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

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Descendants of Brita Skauge (Refsdal), continued

4. INGEBORG MARTINSDOTTER REFSDAL

b. August 1, 1893
d. October 16, 1949

Ingeborg was the fourth child, second daughter of Brita and Martin Refsdal. When she was about 14 or 15 years old, she had infantile paralysis which affected her left arm and left foot. Her foot recovered its use, but she never regained full strength in her arm. She was educated as a teacher in needlework and was occupied with that for many years. Her crippled arm was no hindrance in doing her job very well.

Nellie Skouge reported that Ingeborg did beautiful embroidery. During one of Nels Refsdal's visits to Norway, Ingeborg died. When Nels returned to this country, he brought with him some of the lovely embroidery that Ingeborg had done.

5. AUGUSTA HENRIETTA REFSDAL married Gudmund Gudmundsen
b. November 24, 1896 November b. November 17, 1890
d. March or April 1975 11, 1933

Augusta was a daughter of Brita and Martin Refsdal. On November 11, 1933, she married Gudmund Gudmundsen, son of Peder Johan Gudmundsen. Gudmund was a fisherman, having his own fishing boat.

Address: Eide pr. Kopervik, Norway

Children:

a. Johan Gudmundsen b. March 23, 1935

On August 4, 1961, Johan married Berit Karlsdatter Pofler from Denmark. She had a son Jimmy, born December 4, 1959, before her marriage to Johan. They now live in Denmark where he is a sailor on a small freighter. Children:

(1) Henning Gudmundsen b. November 1, 1967

b. Berit Gudmundsen b. November 27, 1939

Berit and Artur Johnson Bendiksen were married April 23, 1962, in America where he had been a shell fisherman. He now works in a mechanic shop in Norway, repairing ships. Artur's father is Jon Bendiksen.

Address: Eide pr. Kopervik, Norway

Children:

(1) Johnny Bendiksen b. September 8, 1964
(2) Anita Bendiksen b. June 2, 1968
(3) Gunnar Bendiksen b. October 7, 1971

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

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Descendants of Brita Skauge (Refsdal), continued

6. TILLA GUNHILDE REFSDAL married (1) Knut Larson Totland
 b. May 5, 1902 June 18, 1938 b. January 19, 1896
 d. January 31, 1961
 December 7, 1968 (2) Anders Hansson Eide
 b. April 25, 1895
 d. December 19, 1974

Tilla, daughter of Brita and Martin Refsdal, had no children by either marriage. She and Knut lived at Refsdal for eight years. When she was married to Anders, they lived for seven years at Ostereidet. Tilla now resides with her brother Bernhard Refsdal and his wife.

Address: 5156 Vaagseidet, Via Bergen, Norway

7. BERNHARD MARTIN REFSDAL married Ida Malene Kjenes
 b. December 25, 1904 August 7, 1937 b. September 1, 1916

The seventh child of Brita and Martin Refsdal was named Bernhard. He took over farming the family farm when his father was no longer able to operate it. The farm at Refsdal consists of about 30 acres which is considered a large farm in western Norway.

Bernhard raised foxes on his farm for a time when the children were small. In 1935 he built his present house, constructed a short distance from the original house where his brother Anders was living. Bernhard's son Kaare and his family now reside in the original house which has been enlarged and remodeled. Bernhard and Kaare have about 13 cows, a milking machine and stainless steel bulk tank.

As Bernhard says: "We now make our living by the pension fund." He also states, "We belong to the Lutheran Church. Besides, I am foreman in a local Christian organization which is called the Indremisjon. My wife and I came to faith in God and joined the mentioned Christian organization in 1950."

Address: 5156 Vaagseidet, Via Bergen, Norway

Children:

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| a. Magne Bjerne Refsdal | b. October 21, 1938 |
| b. Ingunn Anna Refsdal (Hauge) | b. July 17, 1940 |
| c. Aashild Bernhardsdotter Refsdal
(Flågtvet) | b. July 12, 1942 |
| d. Kaare Bernhardson Refsdal | b. June 28, 1945 |
| e. Helge Bernhardson Refsdal | b. May 22, 1951 |

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

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Descendants of Bernhard Martin Refsdal

- a. MAGNE BJARNE REFSDAL married Torunn Birgerdotter
 b. October 21, 1938 June 5, Markhus
 1965 b. December 12, 1943

Magne, eldest child of Bernhard and Ida Refsdal, is married to a distant relative: Torunn's grandmother, Marie Refsdal Markhus, was a sister to Magne's father, Bernhard Refsdal.

Magne and Torunn live in Oslo where Magne is foreman in a clothes cleaning establishment and Torunn works in a sales office. They have a small "hytta" in the mountains where they enjoy many summer weekends.

Address: Kristins. Vei 42, Oslo 6, Norway

Children:

- (1) Tone Merete Refsdal b. February 28, 1969
 (2) Øystein Magneson Refsdal b. June 20, 1973
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- b. INGUNN ANNA REFSDAL married Magnor Monsson Hauge
 b. July 17, 1940 August b. July 13, 1934
 20, 1960

Ingunn is the second child of Bernhard and Ida Refsdal. She and Magnor live at Hauge in Myking. Magnor is a cabinet-maker and Ingunn is busy with their home and four children.

Address: 5167 Dalsgrend, Norway

Children:

- (1) Rune Magnorson Hauge b. September 8, 1961
 (2) Aage Magnorson Hauge b. August 25, 1964
 (3) Britt Helen Hauge b. July 28, 1971
 (4) Atle Magnorson Hauge b. April 13, 1973
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- c. AASHILD BERNHARDDOTTER REFSDAL married Osvald Flagtvvet
 b. July 12, 1942 February b. February 3,
 11, 1967 1936

Aashild's parents are Bernhard and Ida Refsdal. She and Osvald live at Hylkje in Aasane near Bergen. Osvald is a carpenter while Aashild tends their home and two small children.

Address: Hylkje, Via Bergen, Norway

Children:

- (1) Frank Ove Flagtvvet b. March 24, 1969
 (2) Jarle Osvaldson Flagtvvet b. March 19, 1973

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

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Descendants of Emilie Birgitte Refsdal (Grimstad), continued

c. JAN GRIMSTAD married Inger Anne Sundby
 b. September 18, 1945 b. August 15, 1947

Jan is the youngest child of Emilie and Ola Grimstad. He teaches mathematics, physics, Norwegian and swimming in high school, besides teaching a mathematics class in the prison. Inger works in an office where they make precut buildings, but she enjoys painting pictures as a hobby.

Address: Hellaasvain 7B, Bodø, Norway

Children:

(1) Morten Grimstad b. March 21, 1968

(Sources: Jan and Inger Grimstad)

CHAPTER III

TORGER AND GERTRUDE NELSON
and Descendants

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TORGER AND GERTRUDE NELSON AND DESCENDANTS

- B. Torger Skauge Nelson m. Gertrude Olsdatter Severaas
1. Edward Martin Nelson m. Elfreda Johanna Mickelson
 - a. Ellen Lorraine Nelson m. Lewis Donald Munzenmaier
 - (1) Janet Lorraine Munzenmaier m. David Rolland Cleveland
 - (a) Brent Edward Cleveland
 - (b) Brian David Cleveland
 - (2) Robert Nelson Munzenmaier m. Jeanette Rachelle Young
 - b. Edward Donald Nelson m. Mary Jane Cole
 - (1) Heidi Ann Nelson
 - (2) HollieSue Nelson
 2. Ida Oliva Nelson m. Gerhard Martin Skouge
 - a. June Gertrude Skouge
 - b. Geraldine Ione Skouge m. Harold Willard Sorenson
 - (1) Jacqueline Ann Sorenson m. Gary John Hoffman
 - (a) Colleen Lynnae Hoffman
 - (b) Gregory John Hoffman (adopted)
 - (c) Darrin J. Hoffman
 - (d) Jessica Anne Hoffman (adopted)
 - (2) James Harold Sorenson
 - c. Avynelle Rachel Skouge m. Truman Dale Jeppesen
 - (1) Irene Olivia Jeppesen m. Pierce William Krohn
 - (a) Timothy Dean Krohn
 - (b) Julie Ann Krohn
 - (2) Jill Annette Jeppesen
 - (3) Barbara Joy Jeppesen
 - (4) Gaylene Marie Jeppesen
 - (5) Thomas Dale Jeppesen
 3. Nellie Marie Nelson m. Mons Skouge
 - a. Oren Tenner Skouge m. Mary Elizabeth Sias
 - (1) James Richard Skouge m. Sharon Eloise Lynn
 - (2) John William Skouge
 - b. Grace Marilyn Skouge m. Neil Earl Irwin
 - (1) Julie LaVonne Irwin

Descendants of Marilyn Skouge (Irwin), continued

- (2) Michael James Irwin
- (3) David Neil Irwin
- 4. Arthur Olai Nelson m. (1) Merle Janette Brooks
(2) Elizabeth Emelia Schmidt
 - a. Betty Lou Nelson m. Donald William Drewes
 - (1) Elizabeth Ellen Drewes
 - (2) Graham Nelson Drewes
 - b. Arthur Oren Nelson m. Kathleen Ethel Scully
- 5. Ludwig Emanuel Nelson m. Marian Josephine Sicard, Smith
- 6. Minnie Amelia Nelson m. (1) Carroll Edgar Eckstrom
(2) Claude Green Ellsworth
 - a. Twila Ruth Eckstrom m. William David Schroeder
 - (1) Steve Alan Schroeder m. Cynthia Lee Stalheim
 - (2) Karen Sue Schroeder m. Larry Charlie Lang
 - (a) Kathryn Christine Lang
- 7. Bessie Mabel Nelson m. Neilius Nelson
 - a. Blanchard Noel Nelson m. Mavis Lovena Warren
 - (1) LuAnn Kathryn Nelson
 - (2) Arlene June Nelson
 - (3) Orin Lyn Nelson
- 8. Thelma Gertrude Nelson m. Melvin Lloyd Husby
 - a. LaVonne Travelle Husby m. Wilfred Wesley Lockhart
 - (1) Lloyd Wesley Lockhart
 - (2) Joyce LaVonne Lockhart m. Benny Ray Bickness
 - (a) Terry Ray Bickness
 - (b) Todd Matthew Bickness
 - b. Lenore Grace Husby m. Donald Marvin Vee
 - (1) Marvin Donald Vee
 - (2) Michael Allen Vee
 - (3) Ann Marie Vee
- 9. George Theodore Nelson m. Viola Sylvia Teufer
 - a. Janet Viola Nelson m. Roland George Whalen
 - (1) Randall George Whalen
 - (2) Bradley Nelson Whalen
 - (3) Kristen Jan Whalen
- 10. Melvin Olean Nelson m. Eleanor Beatrice Sicard, Drewes
 - a. Donald William Drewes m. Betty Louise Nelson
(See #4-a, above, for their children)

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B. TORGER NILSEN SKAUGE (NELSON)	married	(GERTRUDE OLSDATTER SEVERAAS)
b. September 19, 1864	August	b. December 26, 1867
d. December 10, 1954	22, 1890	d. November 20, 1954

Torger Nelson was born in Lindaas, county of Hordaland, Norway, the only son of Nils and Maria Reknes (Skauge). (See Chapter I for his ancestors.) Torger grew up on Uglaas near the village of Skauge, and was 15 years old when his father died. As a young man, he learned the carpenter trade in Bergen.

Seeking better opportunities, Torger left Norway for the United States on March 19, 1887, at the age of 22. When he landed at Ellis Island in New York, he had only five dollars in his pocket and that had been borrowed. On April 8, 1887, he arrived in Jewell, Iowa, and very likely made his home with his aunt and uncle, Engle and Lars Solem who lived $4 \frac{3}{4}$ miles west of Jewell.

Upon coming to this country, Torger dropped the last name of Skauge, a practice which was not uncommon. He was an expert carpenter and worked first at that trade, earning 75¢ a day. Three years later, he wrote to Norway to his fiancée, Gertrude Severaas, asking her to join him here. Gertrude arrived in Jewell on May 1, 1890, and they were married on August 22 of that year by Rev. Board Mikkelson in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Solem. Due to a shortage of beds, the bride and groom slept on the floor the first night. Torger and Gertrude lived with the Solems for about two years and their first two children were born there.

(For information regarding Gertrude's ancestors and girlhood days, see Chapter IV.)

On January 27, 1891, Torger purchased from Thode Stonsen the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of section 35, township 87, range 25 (80 acres) in Hamilton Township, Hamilton County, Iowa for the sum of \$1500.00. That transaction is recorded in Deed Book 29, page 446, at the Hamilton County Courthouse in Webster City, Iowa. He bought an additional 40 acres on September 29, 1900, from Laura Hinds. This piece of land adjoined Torger's land on the west and was south of the railroad track. Evidently the buildings on the farm weren't completed for several years as the family lived on the Gastrin place across the intersection to the southeast while Torger was building the house, and their third child, Nellie, was born there in June, 1894.

The house on the "home place" was added onto several times as the family grew. The parlor and an upstairs bedroom were started in 1909 and completed in 1911. The present kitchen was added later with a room above in which the boys slept. For a time the stairway going up to this room was on the outside of the house, but later an entry-way was added to the kitchen,

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Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

enclosing the stairway.

The ten children were all baptized and confirmed in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the exception of George who was baptized at home because he was ill. Torger was "klokkar" in the church--the man who stood in front and led the hymn singing. Ida said that a special offering was taken twice a year for the klokkar and the organist. The money was divided between them, usually amounting to about five dollars each. Ida also reported, "When it wasn't possible for us to attend church, or if the itinerant pastor couldn't come, the folks called us children together for a religious service. We had to sit still and be attentive while Dad read from a book of sermons. Afterward, we sang a hymn or two."

Also from Ida: "Mother seemed to possess a sixth sense, so to speak. She seemed to know when one of her children was in danger, and at least several times she came to their rescue in the nick of time. Once at dinner-time Mother missed two-year-old Minnie, and her psychic feelings took her outside the house where she found that Minnie had fallen into a washtub used to collect rain water. She was lying on her back in the tub, covered with water. Again, when Bessie was about two years old, she slipped from her highchair one noon and disappeared. Upon noticing this, Mother became excited, but Dad said, 'Don't worry, she is around.' But Mother couldn't rest. Outside, she happened to look north to the railroad track where she spotted Bessie's bright red dress. She ran as fast as she could and picked up the sleeping child from the track shortly before a freight train rumbled by. Bessie had been picking flowers. Another time, Dad came home from the harvest field for a cool drink. When he left to return to the field, Mother discovered that George, age four, was missing. She hurried to the harvest field where Dad stopped his horse-drawn binder and they both looked for George, finding him asleep in some uncut oats."

One day one of the boys came home with a Jew's harp and was attempting to play it. Torger came in and asked if he could try it. To the amazement of the children, he played tune after tune on the simple instrument. When they asked how he knew how to play it, he said that as a boy in Norway he was so poor that the Jew's harp was the only musical instrument he could afford. Torger loved music and generously supplied his family with musical instruments--piano, accordians, violins.

At one time when the children were small, Gertrude was ill with a "water tumor" in her abdomen. She had to stay in bed while Torger applied poultices of warm oats. Apparently this illness left her quite weak because she was required to drink a case of beer before she got her appetite and strength back.

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Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

An itinerant Swedish painter came one day and asked to do rosemaling on the woodwork. Torger and Gertrude agreed, so he proceeded to decorate the kitchen cupboards, all the doors, and all the woodwork in the living room.

In 1912 Torger bought a 240-acre farm in Belmont Township of Wright County, Iowa, for the sum of \$27,246.00. This transaction was finalized on February 28, 1913, and recorded in Deed Book 57, page 98, in the Wright County Courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, as the "E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 30, township 93 north, range 24 west of the 5th p.m., except for one acre of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ used for school purposes." Edward Nelson and Gerhard Skouge farmed this for a time with Ed's sister Nellie keeping house for them.

Before Torger left for a visit to Norway in May, 1914, a family picture was taken. (See page 48b.) When he returned, Ingeborg and Emma Severaas, two of Gertrude's nieces, returned with him.

In 1937 Torger and Gertrude bought a house in Jewell located one block east of the post office. Before moving in that summer, George and Minnie redecorated the whole interior. In August of 1940, Torger and Gertrude's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated with an Open House on the home place where Melvin was farming. Their 60th anniversary was celebrated in Story City with a family reunion and pot-luck dinner.

After retiring, Torger enjoyed fishing, going to the largest lakes in northern Minnesota nearly every summer. Gertrude took pride in her house plants and flowers. She also enjoyed piecing and quilting beautiful quilts as well as crocheting. After her family was grown, she didn't do any more knitting, perhaps because she had supplied them with stockings, mittens, caps and scarves for so many years.

Several years before their deaths, Gertrude became very ill and Torger feared that she was dying. That night while praying long and earnestly, he saw Jesus standing at the foot of the bed. When Minnie questioned him later, Torger insisted that it had not been a dream; he had been unable to sleep that night and was wide awake. From then until the time of her death, Gertrude was never seriously ill.

Ed and Elfreda Nelson stayed with Torger and Gertrude the last few months of their lives. Torger passed away just forty-one days after Gertrude's death. They were laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell, Iowa.

Their children are listed on the following page.

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Torgler and Gertrude Nelson, continued

Children:

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| 1. Edward Martin Nelson | b. May 10, 1891 |
| 2. Ida Oliva Nelson (Skouge) | b. July 17, 1892 |
| 3. Nellie Marie Nelson
(Skouge) | b. June 9, 1894 |
| 4. Arthur Olai Nelson | b. December 28, 1895 |
| 5. Ludwig Emanuel Nelson | b. September 2, 1897 |
| 6. Minnie Amelia Nelson
(Eckstrom, Ellsworth) | b. January 3, 1900 |
| 7. Bessie Mabel Nelson (Nelson) | b. January 28, 1902 |
| 8. Thelma Gertrude Nelson
(Husby) | b. February 24, 1904 |
| 9. George Theodore Nelson | b. December 20, 1905 |
| 10. Melvin Olean Nelson | b. December 22, 1906 |

(Sources: their children, Hamilton County land records,
Wright County land records)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

State of Iowa, Hamilton County, ss:

Before me, the undersigned Clerk of the District Court in and for said Hamilton County, personally appeared

Torges Nelson a native of Norway

and makes solemn oath that it is bona fide his intention to become a

CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES,

and to renounce and abjure FOREVER all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Power, Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly allegiance to King of Sweden Norway of whom he was heretofore a subject.

Torges Nelson

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Torges Nelson this 11th day

of January 1800

Frank Robinson
Clerk of District Court.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

STATE OF IOWA,

Hamilton County.

In Dist Court, Sept 26th Term, 1893

Ingvar Nelson

a Native of

Norway

and at present residing within said State, appeared in open court and makes application to be admitted to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that he had declared on oath before

John Robinson

(a court of Record, having common law jurisdiction and using a seal), two years at least before his admission, that it was bona fide his intention to become a Citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to

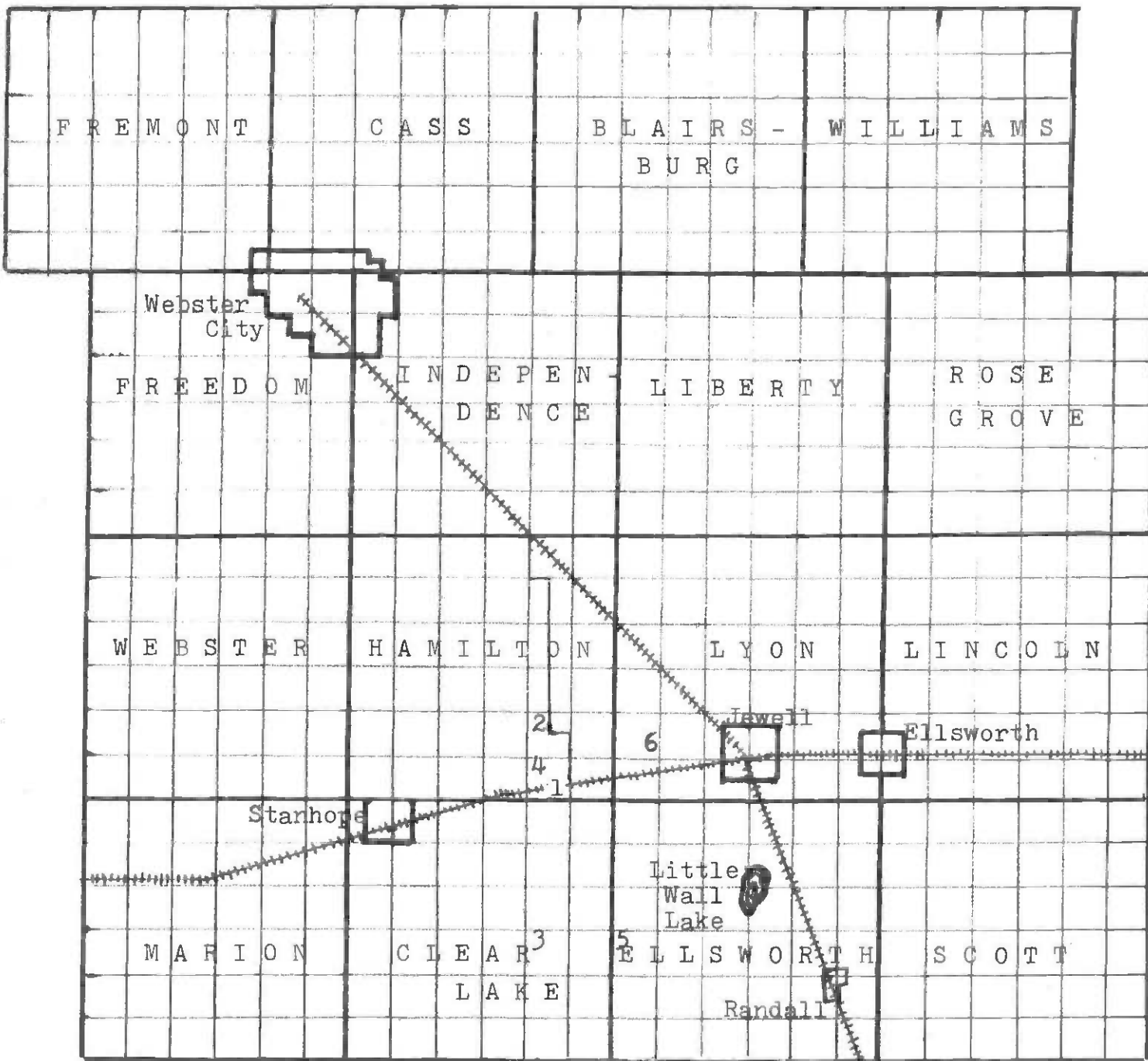
King of Norway

Said applicant having declared on oath before this court that he will support the constitution of the United States, and that he doth absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatsoever, and particularly to

King of Norway

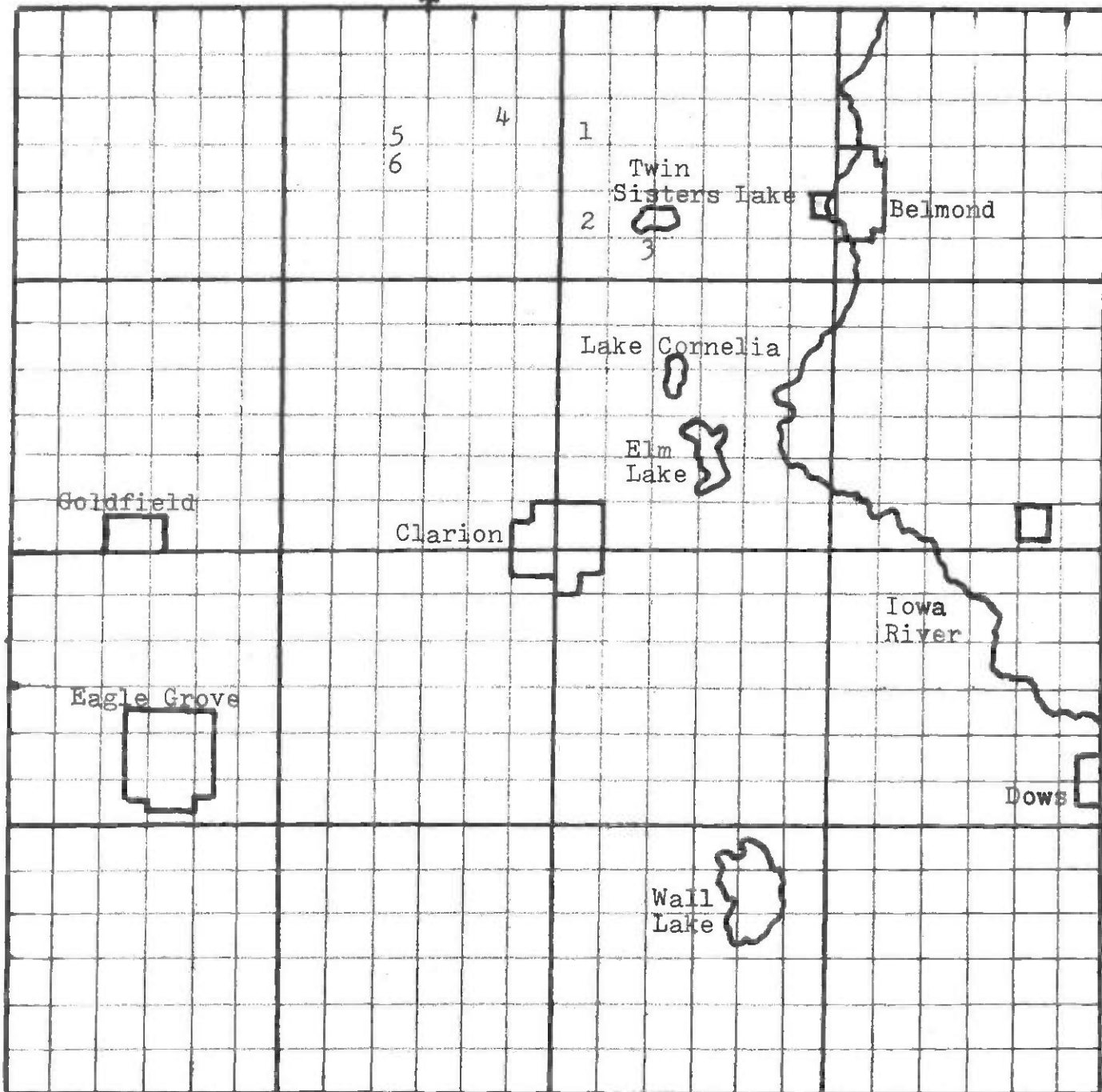
The court being satisfied that said applicant has resided within the United States for the term of five years next preceding his admission, without being at any time during the said five years out of the territory of the United States, and within this State one year at least; and it further appearing to the satisfaction of this court that during that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same. Thereupon the court admitted the said applicant to become a Citizen of the United States, and ordered all the proceedings aforesaid to be entered of record, which was accordingly done by the Clerk of this court.

HAMILTON COUNTY, IOWA



1. Torger Nelson's farm (home place)
2. Lake View School #1
3. Lloyd Husby's farm
4. Lars Solem's farm
5. St. Paul's Lutheran Church
6. Anton Peterson's farm

WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA
to Kanawha



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| 1. St. Olaf Lutheran Church | 4. Where Elfreda Nelson grew up |
| 2. Farm owned by Torger Nelson | 5. George Skouge's farm
Ida & Gerhard Skouge lived there |
| 3. Farm owned by Tom Brooks
Ida & Gerhard Skouge and
Art & Merle Nelson lived there | 6. St. John's Lutheran Church |

(Note: The Twin Sisters Lake was often called Morris Lake.)



Torger and Gertrude Nelson
1890



The Torger Nelson farm home west of Jewell, Iowa



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The Torger Nelson Family, May, 1914
Edward, Arthur, Ludwig, Ida, Nellie, Minnie, Thelma, Bessie, George, Melvin
Torger and Gertrude

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson

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| 1. EDWARD MARTIN NELSON | married | Elfreda Johanna Mickelson |
| b. May 10, 1891 | February | b. October 14, 1894 |
| d. October 19, 1972 | 23, 1916 | |

Edward, the oldest child of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, was born at the farm home of his great aunt and uncle, Engel and Lars Solem, $4 \frac{3}{4}$ miles west of Jewell, Iowa. He was baptized June 14, 1891, at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. Nehem Christensen with Hans Tynning, Elates Iverson and Brithe Johns as sponsors. On October 22, 1905, he was confirmed by Rev. M. N. Knutsen. Ed attended Lake View School, District #1, and also Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa.

In 1913 Ed began farming the 240-acre farm in Wright County which his father had purchased. Ed's sister Nellie kept house for him, and later that year Gerhard Skouge joined in the farming operation. They all attended the nearby St. Olaf Lutheran Church as did the Lars Larson family, Elfreda Mickelson's mother and step-father.

Ed and Elfreda were married February 23, 1916, at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church at high noon. Elfreda's only full brother Erling, and Edward's sister Nellie were their attendants; Ed's sister Minnie played the wedding march, and Rev. Holm performed the ceremony. Following the wedding a dinner was held in the Larson home. Elfreda was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Emelia and Engvold Mickelson.

Edward continued to farm Torger Nelson's farm for about four more years and their first child, Lorraine, was born there. In 1920 they moved to a farm east of Belmond where they lived for about one year, and in 1921 they moved in with the Lars Larsons who then lived two miles south of Kanawha, Iowa. They resided there for about a year before moving into Kanawha in the fall of 1922. Ed was employed with putting in tile ditches to drain farm land, assisting with work on the Robert Hoadley farm near Kanawha, and serving as janitor of the Kanawha Lutheran Church for many years.

Ed was in two tornados, the first being when he was about 20 years old. He and Nels Refsdal were walking home from Stanhope (a town about four miles east of the home farm) when a storm came up and they took refuge in an old barn. The building was demolished and Ed lost his hat, but the men were unharmed. The second time was on June 19, 1931 while he and two other men were working on a drainage project near Hayfield, Iowa. They were living in an old house near their work, and when the tornado struck, it carried the house about 150 feet into the air. Somehow Ed was thrown clear and landed on his feet without serious injury, but one of the men was killed.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued
Edward Martin Nelson, continued

In November, 1970, it was discovered that Ed had lung cancer. He entered the nursing home in Kanawha on August 29, 1972, and died there at 5:30 p.m. on October 19, 1972. Burial was in the Kanawha cemetery.

Elfreda continues to live in their home in Kanawha, but enjoys extended vacations with her children in Lafayette, California, and Des Moines, Iowa. She takes a vital interest in the work of the church and also enjoys gardening, raising flowers, sewing, crocheting and baking.

Address: Kanawha, Iowa 50447

Children:

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| a. Ellen Lorraine Nelson | (Munzenmaier) | b. January 8, 1919 |
| b. Edward Donald Nelson | | b. January 18, 1923 |

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| a. ELLEN LORRAINE NELSON | married | Lewis Donald Munzenmaier |
| b. January 8, 1919 | September 10, 1939 | b. July 25, 1913 |

Lorraine was born at the home of her parents, Edward and Elfreda Nelson on a farm north of Clarion, Iowa, with Dr. Sams as the attending physician. She was baptized by Rev. Holm on April 6, 1919, in the St. Olaf Lutheran Church with Mr. and Mrs. George Skouge and Anna Larson as sponsors.

When Lorraine was two years old, the family moved to a farm east of Belmond, Iowa, where they lived for about a year before moving to the Kanawha area in 1922. She was confirmed in the Kanawha Lutheran Church by Rev. Gangsei and graduated from the Kanawha High School on May 19, 1936.

Following graduation, Lorraine went to Des Moines where she found employment at the F. W. Grant store. Margaret Munzenmaier, who worked at the counter next to her, introduced Lorraine to her brother Don and also accompanied them on their first date. Lorraine and Don became engaged on Christmas Eve, 1938. Don is a son of Rudolph Gotthilf Munzenmaier (b. April 26, 1877, d. October 30, 1960) and Henrietta Carolin (Stierle) Munzenmaier (b. January 21, 1881, d. August 10, 1955). Don's occupation was drafting and millwork estimating.

On September 10, 1939 Lorraine and Don were married in St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa. Oren Skouge,

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Edward Martin Nelson, continued

Lorraine's cousin, sang "Because" and "O Perfect Love," and Don's sister-in-law, Agnes Munzenmaier, was the organist. Attendants were Don's brother Raymond and his sister Margaret. They were at home in a new small brick home at 2715 41st Street Place where they have continued to live. An extra room and a porch were added in 1953.

During World War II, Don served in the United States Navy from March, 1944, until the spring of 1946. He received his basic training in Chicago, Illinois; college training in Brian, Texas, and was then stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. He received the Good Conduct Medal and was discharged with the rank of Seaman First Class.

In 1948 the polio epidemic was severe, and in September of that year Don was stricken with the disease. He was hospitalized in the Veterans' Hospital in Des Moines for nearly two years, the first week of that time being spent in an iron lung. Although he never did regain the full use of his legs, strength returned to his arms and hands enabling him to return to work for nineteen more years before retiring.

Since 1963, Lorraine has been working in Elsie's Gift Shop near their home in Beaverdale, a suburb of Des Moines.

Address: 2715 41st Street Place, Des Moines, Iowa 50310

Children:

- (1) Janet Lorraine Munzenmaier
(Cleveland) b. July 3, 1942
- (2) Robert Nelson Munzenmaier b. March 12, 1947

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Lorraine Nelson (Munzenmaier)

- (1) JANE^T LORRAINE MUNZENMAIER married David Rolland
 b. July 3, 1942 June 15, Cleveland
 1963 b. May 28, 1940

Janet was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 3, 1942, the older of the two children born to Lorraine and Donald Munzenmaier. She was baptized in October, 1942, by Dr. Frederick J. Weertz.

On January 28, 1960, Janet graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, and continued her education at Drake University, Des Moines. She graduated with honors from Drake in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education; was a member of Kappa Delta Pi honor society, and has been a local officer of the Kappa Beta Kappa National Education Society. She taught Kindergarten in Rose School in Des Moines during the 1963-64 school year, in the Stowe School in Des Moines from 1964 to 1971, and taught summer school at Bird and Moulton Schools between 1965 and 1970.

Janet married David Cleveland, son of Alvina Cecil and Max Oliver Cleveland, on June 15, 1963, in the St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Both Janet and Dave have been active members in that church. They met there as members of the Luther League, and both are members of the senior choir. More recently, Dave has been a soloist with the choir. He has also served on the Church Council, and is chairman of the Electronics Committee of St. John's, plus being an officer in the men's organization, The Christmen.

Dave graduated from Drake University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. He received his Master's degree in 1973, and has taught United States history at Hillside Junior High School in West Des Moines since 1968.

From September 1972, to June 1973, Janet was manager for Project MOTIVATE, a federally funded educational project designed to train volunteers to assist in the public schools. At present, she is quite involved in the development of the library at St. John's Lutheran Church as well as being active in the Lutheran Women's organization.

Janet enjoys reading, music, working in her yard and entertaining. Dave and Janet annually conduct tours of Washington, D.C. for eighth grade students in West Des Moines, the tours being handled through Lakeland Tours in Lake Forest, Illinois. Dave also likes golfing and flying. He took flying lessons briefly, but would like to continue them some day.

In January 1976, Dave and Janet purchased a lot on Lake

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Lorraine Nelson (Munzenmaier), continued
 Janet Munzenmaier (Cleveland), continued

Marie in Mercer, Missouri, and look forward to many years of water pleasure for the family. They plan to begin developing the land and constructing a summer home this year.

Address: 8409 Horton Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Children:

(a) Brent Edward Cleveland	b. March 17, 1971
(b) Brian David Cleveland	b. November 4, 1974

(2) ROBERT NELSON MUNZENMAIER married Jeanette Rachelle Young
 b. March 12, 1947 June 1, b. May 11, 1947
 1973

Born in Des Moines, Iowa on March 12, 1947, Robert is the son of Lorraine and Donald Munzenmaier. He attended Byron Rice Elementary School, Franklin Junior High School, and Roosevelt High School from which he graduated June 10, 1965. That fall he enrolled in Drake University in Des Moines, graduating from there in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Robert was inducted into the United States Army in 1969. After receiving basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana, he was on active duty in Viet Nam and Fort Hood, Texas. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal, and was discharged from the Service on June 8, 1971.

Upon returning home, Robert was employed in the actuarial science department of Equitable Life Insurance of Iowa in Des Moines where he continues to work. It was there that he met Jeanette Young, daughter of William Edward and Goldie Elizabeth Young of Creston, Iowa. Jeanette attended Simpson College in Indianola, graduating in 1969 with a Bachelor of Music degree.

Robert and Jeanette were married in the chapel of St. John's Lutheran Church on June 1, 1973. Robert's sister, Janet Cleveland, was the matron of honor, and Janet's husband David was the best man.

"Bob" and Jeanette are members of the church family at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Urbandale. Both of them enjoy music; Bob also likes archery, tennis, and attending plays. Jeanette is busy with gardening, ceramics and sewing in addition to her employment at Equitable Life.

Address: 3009 Hillside, Urbandale, Iowa 50322

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Edward Martin Nelson, continued

b. EDWARD DONALD NELSON	married	Mary <u>Jane</u> Cole
b. January 18, 1923	August	b. July 17, 1933
	31, 1957	

Edward was born in Kanawha, Iowa, the only son of Edward and Elfreda Nelson. He was baptized by the Rev. P. B. Trelstad, and confirmed in the Kanawha Lutheran Church by Rev. M. N. Peterson in 1937. Often referred to as "Sonny" by his family, Edward attended the Kanawha schools, graduating from high school on May 23, 1940.

Following graduation, he went to Des Moines where he worked for an insurance company for a year, during which time he lived with his sister and her husband, Lorraine and Donald Munzenmaier. He then went to a sheet metal and mechanics school in Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1942 obtained a job with the Curtis Wright Aircraft Corporation in Buffalo, New York. After being there for six months, he went back to Des Moines and enlisted in the United States Navy in December, 1942.

While in the Navy, he served in the Mediterranean theater with a P.T. boat squadron. He was also in North Africa, participated in the invasion of southern France and Elba, and for a time was stationed on the island of Corsica. They attacked German shipping along the coasts of Italy and France. Edward was discharged in February, 1946, with the rank of Motor Machinist Mate Second Class. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Edward moved to California in July of 1946, and during the next few years worked at various jobs including raising chin-chillas. He met Jane Cole on New Year's Eve, 1956. They were both flying back to San Francisco and happened to sit together on the plane. During their conversation, Edward found that she was originally from Eagle Grove and that her father's farm was adjacent to a farm he used to visit often. They became engaged in April, 1957, and were married the following August 31. Jane, a registered nurse, is a daughter of William and Amy Cole.

While in California, Edward learned the printing trade, and in 1959 he and Willard Robinson started their own printing business in San Francisco, calling it Service Litho. Edward's hobby is painting pictures as well as tending and riding his horses. The whole family is very active in the work of the Lutheran Church as well as Bible Study Fellowship.

Address: 3406 Shangri La Road, Lafayette, California 94549

Children:

- (1) Heidi Ann Nelson b. October 29, 1960
Born in Burlingame, California, Heidi was baptized December 25, 1960, at Grace Lutheran in San Mateo, and confirmed October, 1975, at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lafayette.
- (2) Hollie Sue Nelson b. August 24, 1964
Hollie was born in Burlingame, California and baptized January 3, 1965.



Edward and Elfreda Nelson
February 23, 1916



Gerhard and Ida Skouge
February 25, 1915



Mons and Nellie Skouge

June 28, 1916

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

2. IDA OLIVA NELSON	married	Gerhard Martin Skouge
b. July 17, 1892	February	b. December 25, 1886
	25, 1915	

Ida, daughter of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, was born on the Lars Solem farm west of Jewell, Iowa. On August 21, 1892, she was baptized by Rev. Board Mikkelson, the sponsors being Lars and Engel Solem, Ole J. Oppedal, Ingeborg Oppedal and Ole Sotter. She was confirmed December 9, 1906, in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Rev. M. N. Knutson.

Since the Norwegian language was spoken at home, her entrance into school was her first major contact with the English language. She attended Lake View School #1, Hamilton County, finishing the eighth grade, then went to Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, for one and one-half years where she studied music. She served as organist in St. Paul's Lutheran Church southwest of Jewell for two years before her marriage.

Ida says: "I remember going to Lars Solem's funeral in April 1897. It was impossible to go by road because of the mud, so we walked the railroad track to Jewell. Dad carried Nellie, and Mother carried baby Arthur while Ed and I trailed behind. Ed was five and I was four. I remember being frightened by the many different snakes encountered along the way and how tired my legs were. The undertaker lifted Ed and me up to see Uncle Lars in the coffin. We were dinner guests of Aunt Engel and then walked the five miles home to the farm.

"At an early age I learned to crochet lace trim for pants and slips. This was made of regular spool sewing thread. I crocheted booties, caps and sacques of wool yarn for the babies. To get this accomplished, I took the yarn to school and crocheted at recess and at noon. Other school girls did this also."

In her parents' home on February 25, 1915, Ida married Gerhard Skouge who had emigrated from Norway in 1907. His parents were Ole Skouge and Johanna (Kvalvaag) Skouge. Ida's sister Nellie was bridesmaid; Alfred Skouge, Gerhard's brother, was bestman, and Rev. Omar Brenne of St. Paul's Lutheran Church performed the ceremony. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out, and the bride's bouquet was of pink roses. Gerhard's brother, Mons Skouge, married Ida's sister Nellie the following year. Ida and Gerhard started married life on the 240-acre Brooks farm west of Belmond, Iowa. (See map of Wright County on page 48.) They lived there four years and their first daughter was born there. In the spring of 1919 they moved to a 120-acre farm owned by Gerhard's uncle, George Skouge. That farm was five miles south and three-fourths mile west of Kanawha, Iowa. Their second daughter was born there.

Gerhard and Ida bought a 173-acre farm in Murray County, Minnesota, near the village of Hadley in 1919, but rented it out

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

Ida Olivia Nelson (Skouge), continued

until they moved there on March 1, 1921. In 1926 a new house was erected on the farm.

Ida enjoys raising flowers and her yard is abloom with color.

Address: Hadley, Minnesota 56133

Children:

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| a. June Gertrude Skouge | b. December 6, 1915 |
| b. Geraldine Ione Skouge
(Sorenson) | b. March 5, 1920 |
| c. Avynelle Rachel Skouge
(Jeppesen) | b. March 12, 1925 |

CHAPTER III
Descendants of Ida Oliva Nelson (Skouge)

- a. JUNE GERTRUDE SKOUGE
b. December 6, 1915

June, the oldest of three daughters born to Ida and Gerhard Skouge, was born on the Brooks farm west of Belmond, Iowa, where her parents were farming. On March 12, 1916, she was baptized in the St. Olaf Lutheran Church west of Belmond by Pastor C. H. Holm. Mr. and Mrs. George Skouge of Clarion, Edward Nelson, Arthur Skouge and Minnie Skouge were sponsors. When June was three years old, her parents moved to a farm five miles south and three-fourths mile west of Kanawha, Iowa, then in 1921 they moved to a farm on the edge of Hadley, Minnesota.

June was confirmed October 12, 1930, in the Hadley Lutheran Church by Pastor O. Gunstenson. She attended the Hadley Public School, and graduated from Slayton High School, Slayton, Minnesota, on June 2, 1933. During the school year 1933-34, she was trained to become an elementary school teacher at the Teacher Training Department (equivalent of teachers' college) in the Slayton High School. The following year she took a correspondence course in business administration from the American Technical Society, Chicago, Illinois, for which she received a certificate. She attended the Minneapolis Business College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she took a nine months secretarial course, receiving a diploma on April 13, 1937. June attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis intermittently from 1946 to 1964, taking courses leading to a degree in journalism with a minor in English. She left the University while a senior in good standing. From July 7, 1969, to November 10, 1969, she took a Manpower Development and Training Program stenography course at the Minneapolis Vocational High School for which she received a certificate.

June has held many interesting and responsible office positions in Slayton, Redwood Falls, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D. C. In 1945 she worked for six months in the immediate office of U. S. Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes as clerk-stenographer. In 1960 and 1961 she was employed as secretary to Dr. Paul C. Rosenbloom, one of the ten top mathematicians in the United States, at the Minnesota School Mathematics Center at the University of Minnesota.

Hobbies that June likes include embroidering, reading and letter writing.

Address: Hadley, Minnesota 56133

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Geraldine Skouge (Sorenson), continued

- (2) JAMES HAROLD SORENSON
b. April 26, 1951

Jim, son of Geraldine and Harold Sorenson, was born in Slayton, Minnesota, on April 26, 1951. He attended the Slayton Public Schools and graduated from high school in 1969.

For four years after graduation, Jim was employed by United Parcel Service in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He left there in the spring of 1974 to return to Hadley and establish a farm-oriented business. Jim and four associates incorporated under the name of Hadley Steel. Their business is selling, erecting and servicing steel bins and drying equipment for elevators and farmers.

At present, Jim is living with his parents. He is engaged to be married to Kathleen Marie Nepp of Lake Wilson, Minnesota, daughter of Carol and Derald Nepp. Kathleen is employed at the Murray County Courthouse where her duties are that of Assistant Registrar.

Address: Hadley, Minnesota 56133

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Avynelle Skouge (Jeppesen)

- (1) IRENE OLIVIA JEPPESEN married Pierce William Krohn
 b. September 20, 1947 1965 b. February 17, 1947

Irene is the oldest child of Avynelle and Truman Jeppesen. She was born in Slayton, Minnesota, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lime Lake Lutheran Church in Avoca, Minnesota.

Her first three years of elementary school were in School District #78, a country school located one-half mile north of her home. Because of school consolidation, she started her fourth grade in the Slayton Public School, graduating from high school in 1965. While in high school, she took part in many school activities such as plays and declamatory contests. She played a cornet in the school band, and was also very active in 4-H work.

Irene and Pierce, son of William and Yvonne Krohn, were married in Faith Lutheran Church, Avoca, Minnesota, by Pastor Glen Oman. They moved to Farmington, Minnesota, in the fall of 1967. Pierce is employed by the Dakota County R.E.A. (Rural Electrification Association) in Farmington. For recreation, he enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing.

In the fall of 1975 Irene began to think in terms of going back to school, and in December she started college at Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove, Minnesota, planning to become an elementary teacher.

Irene's hobbies are knitting, crocheting, sewing and working with various crafts. One of her specialities is rosemaling.

Address: Farmington, Minnesota 55024

Children:

- (a) Timothy Dean Krohn b. February 25, 1966
 Tim was born in Worthington, Minnesota.
- (b) Julie Ann Krohn b. October 18, 1968
 She was born at Northfield, Minnesota

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Avynelle Skouge (Jeppesen), continued

(2) JILL ANNETTE JEPPESEN

b. July 21, 1949

Jill, born at Worthington, Minnesota, is the second daughter of Avynelle and Truman Jeppesen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lime Lake Lutheran Church in Avoca, Minnesota.

Jill enjoyed six weeks of kindergarten at the Avoca elementary school, and her first year of school was at the District #78 country school one-half mile north of her home. Schools were consolidating at that time and her second year of school was begun in the Slayton Public Schools from which she graduated in 1967. In high school she took part in class plays and declamatory contests, played a flute in the band, and was active in the county 4-H activities. She attended Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, graduating in June, 1971, with a double major in speech and theater arts and English. Her practice teaching from September through December of 1970 was done in Mexico City, Mexico, at one of the large American schools there. While she was in college, Jill worked part-time at the "Sugar and Spice" gift shop in Mankato.

From January to May of 1972 she taught at Bricelyn, Minnesota, and that fall she began teaching speech and English at the Franklin Public School in Franklin, Minnesota. The summer of 1975 was spent working for the Scott County Treasurer in Shakopee, Minnesota, and in the fall she moved to Faribault, Minnesota, where she teaches speech and English in the Senior High School.

In her spare time, Jill likes to knit, crochet and read.

Address: 409 Northwest 8th Street, Faribault, Minnesota 55021

(3) BARBARA JOY JEPPESEN

b. September 6, 1958

Avynelle and Truman Jeppesen's third daughter, Barbara, was born in Worthington, Minnesota, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lime Lake Lutheran Church in Avoca, Minnesota.

Barbara attends the Slayton Public School in Slayton, Minnesota. She enjoys playing the piano, reading, and playing a trumpet in the Slayton Senior Band. In her junior year of high school she was selected as a member of the National Honor Society.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Avynelle Skouge (Jeppesen), continued

- (4) GAYLENE MARIE JEPPESEN
b. April 2, 1960

Gaylene, born in Worthington, Minnesota, is the fourth daughter of Avynelle and Truman Jeppesen. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lime Lake Lutheran Church in Avoca, Minnesota.

"Gay" attends the Slayton Public School in Slayton, Minnesota. She likes cooking, playing a flute in the Slayton Senior Band, and doing oil paintings. At the present time, she has a large landscape painting traveling with an art show.

- (5) THOMAS DALE JEPPESEN
b. July 26, 1961

Thomas, also born in Worthington, Minnesota, is the youngest child and only son of Avynelle and Truman Jeppesen. He was baptized in the Lime Lake Lutheran Church in Avoca, Minnesota.

Tom attends the Slayton Public School in Slayton, Minnesota. He enjoys drawing, hunting, and playing a bass horn in the Slayton Junior Band.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

3. NELLIE MARIE NELSON	married	Mons Skouge
b. June 9, 1894	June 28,	b. October 23, 1884
d. July 10, 1973	1916	d. August 29, 1963

Nellie was the second daughter, third child born to Torger and Gertrude Nelson. She was born on the Gastrin farm across the road to the southeast from the "home place," with Mrs. Ole Oppedahl acting as midwife. Nellie was baptized in the St. Paul Lutheran Church on July 29, 1894, by the Rev. Board Mikkelson, the sponsors being Ole and Ingeborg Oppedal and Britha and Michal Kringlen. She was confirmed October 11, 1908, by Rev. M. N. Knudson, and finished the eight grades of school in Lake View School #1 which was two miles from home.

From 1913 to 1915 she kept house for her brother Edward who was farming the land in Wright County purchased by their father in 1912. Nellie said that she used to hitch up the horse and buggy and go to Belmond or Clarion to shop.

Nellie met Mons Skouge while he was doing drainage work in the area. Nellie and Mons were married at high noon on June 28, 1916, in the home of her parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Omar Brenne, pastor of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, and the wedding march was played by Nellie's sister Minnie, who also sang "O Promise Me." Following the wedding, a three-course dinner was served. The couple went on a wedding trip to Chicago, Illinois, and Muskegon, Michigan. Mons was born in Skauge, Norway, a son of Ole Skauge and Johanna (Kvalvaag) Skauge. Before his marriage, Mons was employed for four years as a sailor on the Great Lakes.

On July 17, 1916, Nellie and Mons moved into their home in Kanawha, Iowa, where Mons was a drainage surveyor and contractor. He had gone to Des Moines, Iowa, bought a transit, and taught himself to survey. When the drought came, people jokingly said that Mons had drained off all the water. In the summer of 1923, when their son Oren was six years old, they camped out from May to October northeast of Kanawha, where Mons was operating a large ditching machine, having contracted the job from the county.

In the depression Mons bought an oat huller and began hulling oats which the farmers used for baby-pig feed. In the severe drought year of 1936, Mons hulled only one load of oats. He was also town constable for several years; he sold DeKalb seed corn, sold subscriptions for the Des Moines Register, and worked in ordinance plants in Des Moines and Minneapolis. In 1942 he worked on the Alcan Highway; in 1943 he was firing boilers at an air base in Hudson Bay; and

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

Nellie Marie Nelson (Skouge), continued

in 1944 he worked at an air base in Fairbanks, Alaska. Part of 1943 was spent at Hanford, Washington, at an atomic plant, and in 1945, he was in Seattle, Washington, as a longshoreman.

Nellie's niece, Twila Eckstrom, daughter of Nellie's sister Minnie Nelson Eckstrom, made her home with them during the school months from November, 1934, until her graduation from high school in May, 1943.

For a total of fifty years Nellie sang in church choirs, first at St. Paul Lutheran west of Jewell, then at St. Olaf, north of Clarion, and finally in the Kanawha Lutheran Church. She served as secretary for the Ladies'Aid of Kanawha Lutheran for ten consecutive years and never missed a meeting.

Mons had a stroke on May 25, 1946, which left him partially paralyzed. Several light strokes followed, and on August 29, 1963, he died at the age of 78 years. Nellie passed away July 10, 1973, in the hospital in Sac City, Iowa, of an abdominal aneurysm. She and Mons are buried in the Kanawha Cemetery. Nellie will long be remembered for her remarkable and accurate memory, especially regarding birth dates.

Children:

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| a. Oren Tenner Skouge | b. June 17, 1917 |
| b. Grace <u>Marilyn</u> Skouge (Irwin) | b. September 4, 1929 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Nellie Marie Nelson (Skouge)

a. OREN TENNER SKOUGE	married	Mary Elizabeth Sias
b. June 17, 1917	June 12, 1942	b. July 19, 1916

Oren, son of Nellie and Mons Skouge, was born in Kanawha, Iowa, on June 17, 1917, with Dr. A. L. Judd as the attending physician. On July 29, 1917, he was baptized by Rev. Jensen from Belmond and was confirmed by Rev. N. A. Gangsei at the Kanawha Lutheran Church on September 4, 1932.

At the age of nine, Oren began taking piano lessons from Bertha Thormann; he continued them through high school. He played a saxophone in the town band, and sometimes the bass horn and drums. Oren was a Boy Scout for five years and attained the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15. When he was 16 years old, he was graduated from the Kanawha High School.

In the fall of 1934, he entered the University of Iowa in Iowa City, graduating on June 2, 1941, from the College of Medicine. Oren essentially worked his way through college by doing janitor work, washing windows, and any other job he could find. He used to hitch-hike home to Kanawha for vacations.

The summer of 1940 found Oren employed in Yellowstone National Park where he met Mary Sias of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was employed in a Haynes souvenir shop. Following Oren's internship, they were married on June 12, 1942, in a chapel in Iowa City. Mary, daughter of Harry and Fannie Sias, was graduated from South High School in Minneapolis, in 1934, and from the University of Minnesota in 1938, with a Bachelor of Science degree and a major in English. She taught in the high school in LeRoy, Minnesota, for one year, and in the junior high school in Bayport, Minnesota, for three years before her marriage.

Oren was a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserves at the time he finished his internship. It was during World War II that he reported for duty June 30, 1942, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The first week in December, 1943, he sailed for Europe, and Mary returned to the home of her parents in Minneapolis. Oren was in active service for three and one-half years, two of which were in the European theater of operations. He returned to Minneapolis and was discharged on December 24, 1945, with the rank of Major.

On February 1, 1946, he began a residency in Internal Medicine at the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis. Oren and Mary moved to Helena, Montana, July 1, 1949, where Oren was Chief Medical Officer in the V. A. Hospital. He was certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in June, 1950. The year 1955, found them moving to Denver, Colorado, where Oren

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Descendants of Nellie Marie Nelson (Skouge), continued
Oren Tenner Skouge, continued

was appointed Chief of Professional Services in the V. A. Hospital.

In 1957, they moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Oren assumed his duties as Director of the Veterans' Hospital. He was also an associate professor of Medicine on the faculty of the University of Oklahoma Medical School.

Washington, D.C. was the next move which was made April 1, 1966. Here Oren was Deputy Chief Medical Director of all the V. A. Hospitals in the United States. This was during Lyndon Johnson's administration. However, with the coming of the next administration in government, changes were made, and August of 1970, found them moving to San Francisco, California, where Oren was Director of the V. A. Hospital.

In 1974 Oren retired from the administrative side of medicine and returned to practice. He is currently on the staff of the State Veterans' Hospital in Yountville, California, and an associate professor of Medicine on the faculty of the University of California Medical School at San Francisco.

Oren and Mary enjoy traveling. Among places visited by them are Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Mexico, Hawaii, Finland and Russia. Mary has studied and taught Spanish for a number of years, and at the present time is enjoying taking classes in various crafts as well as teaching part-time in the Napa Community College.

Address: V. H. Station, Box 231, Yountville, California 94599

Children:

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| (1) James Richard Skouge | b. August 26, 1947 |
| (2) John William Skouge | b. November 2, 1951 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Oren Tenner Skouge, continued

(2) JOHN WILLIAM SKOUGE
b. November 2, 1951

Born in Great Falls, Montana, John is the second son of Oren and Mary Skouge. He started to school in Denver, but finished the first grade in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At an early age he began taking piano lessons, later winning state competitions in Oklahoma. In the summer of 1962, John and his brother James attended a boys' camp in Shattuck, Minnesota.

John received his last three years of high school in Arlington, Virginia. During that time, he studied piano and theory at American University in Washington, D. C. For the four summers following grades eight, nine, ten and twelve, he attended music camp at Estes Park, Colorado, where he won a \$100 scholarship after the 10th grade music camp and had the honor of performing on graduation night. The summer of 1968 he lived with a family in Valencia, Spain, for six weeks while he studied Spanish in the University of Valencia. In the 12th grade he gave a piano recital at American University in Washington, D. C.

John entered the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland, on September 14, 1969, and was graduated in the spring of 1973. The summer after his freshman year at Peabody, he worked in Ripon, Wisconsin, for the Green Giant Company; following his sophomore year, he studied chemistry and the operas of Mozart at Berkley, California, and after his junior year he studied German at California State University in San Francisco. During his junior and senior years at Peabody, he was president of the student body. In his senior year he gave recitals at four colleges and universities in the Washington, D. C. area, plus two concerts in San Francisco. Mrs. Freundlich was John's piano teacher at Peabody where he received his Master's degree in Music in June, 1975.

As John decided not to pursue Music as a career, he began taking courses in Pre-Medicine at the California State University at Hayward in 1973. He was accepted into Medical School at the University of California at Irvine in Southern California; his training there begins July 1, 1976.

John has travelled with his parents to Mexico many times. Time permitting, he enjoys skiing and ping-pong in addition to his chief pass-time, that of playing his Steinway Grand piano.

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Descendants of Nellie Marie Nelson (Skouge), continued

D. GRACE MARILYN SKOUGE married Neil Earl Irwin
 b. September 4, 1929 August b. June 16, 1927
 23, 1953

Marilyn was born in Kanawha, Iowa, at the home of her parents, Nellie and Mons Skouge, with Dr. Judd in attendance. She was baptized at home on December 1, 1929, by Rev. Reitan. Marilyn always enjoyed sports and outdoor activities. Once at a large picnic there was to be a foot race among the children. Marilyn was going to take part, but happened to be looking elsewhere when the signal was given to start. A moment later she noticed that the others were already running, but she dashed off and won the race!

On May 21, 1944, Marilyn was confirmed by Rev. Axel Shevland in the Kanawha Lutheran Church. She attended the Kanawha schools, graduating from high school with the class of 1946. For several years during grade school and high school, she took piano lessons, first from Bertha Thormann, and later from Pauline Kubicheck. She also played an oboe in the high school concert band.

Marilyn entered Iowa State Teachers' College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in the fall of 1946, graduating May 20, 1950, with a major in Physical Education. She taught for two years in the schools at Sac City, Iowa, and one year at Marshalltown, Iowa, where one of her pupils was Jean Seberg who later became a movie star.

While teaching in Sac City, Marilyn met Neil Irwin on a blind date. They became engaged in September 1952, and were married August 23, 1953, in the Lutheran Church in Kanawha. Floyd Schnirring, a friend of the groom, was bestman; Twila Schroeder, Marilyn's cousin, was matron of honor, and Barbara Rankin, a friend and neighbor, was organist. Neil had graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, in January 1951, majoring in Industrial Education. His parents are Earl and Olga Irwin of Sac City.

Marilyn and Neil live on a farm owned by his parents and located three and one-half miles west of Sac City on highway 20. They have a large milking operation, averaging about 100 cows, and they sell grade A milk.

Address: Route 3, Box 136, Sac City, Iowa 50583

Children:

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| (1) Julie LaVonne Irwin | b. November 12, 1955 |
| (2) Michael James Irwin | b. August 28, 1958 |
| (3) David Neil Irwin | b. August 25, 1960 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Marilyn Skouge (Irwin)

- (1) JULIE LAVONNE IRWIN
b. November 12, 1955

Julie, born in Sac City, Iowa, is the oldest child and only daughter of Marilyn and Neil Irwin.

At an early age she began taking piano lessons, and later, organ lessons. While in high school she accompanied many solos and musical groups, was an organist at church, and played a baritone horn in the high school band. In 1973 she was named to the National Honor Society because of her scholastic achievements and character.

Julie graduated from Sac City High School in May, 1974, and this year (1976) is her second year at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

- (2) MICHAEL JAMES IRWIN
b. August 28, 1958

Born in Sac City, "Mike" is the second child and first son of Marilyn and Neil Irwin.

Mike will graduate from Sac City High School in the spring of 1976 and plans to enroll in the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. He plays a trombone in the high school band, is active in F. F. A. (Future Farmers of America), and likes hunting and riding his motorcycle.

- (3) DAVID NEIL IRWIN
b. August 25, 1960

David is the youngest child of Marilyn and Neil Irwin. He was born in Sac City, Iowa, on August 25, 1960.

Dave, a ninth grader this year (1976), is active in F. F. A. (Future Farmers of America) and choir, and he plays a baritone horn in the band. One of his favorite activities is riding the motorcycle. Both Dave and Mike are a great help to their father in the milking operation.

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

4. ARTHUR OLAI NELSON married (1) Merle Janette Brooks
 b. December 28, 1895 December b. October 3, 1899
 25, 1917 d. January 25, 1921
- January (2) Elizabeth Emilia
 4, 1936 Christiana Schmidt
 b. May 13, 1904
 d. September 13, 1970

Arthur was born December 28, 1895, at the farm home of his parents, Torger and Gertrude Nelson, west of Jewell, Iowa. On February 28, 1896, he was baptized by Rev. Olaus Qualen, with Lars and Engel Solem, Claus Iverson, and Mrs. G. J. Nelson as sponsors. He was confirmed in the Norwegian language by Rev. M. N. Knutson on October 9, 1910. As with his older sisters and brother, he could not speak English at the time he started to school at Lake View #1 in Hamilton County. Art tells that as a boy he used to stand on his head on top of the windmill.

Art's sister Ida said that their great-aunt, Engel Solem, was fond of the children and they would visit her often. One time she gave four-year-old Art a toy watch with a chain. Thinking he would break it, she hung it on the wall. Art was disturbed by the fact that he was given a toy that he couldn't play with. One morning as he walked back and forth in the room, gazing repeatedly at his watch on display, he suddenly climbed on a chair, took down the watch, went to the old coal heater and threw it into the stove. When Mrs. Solem asked why he did that, Art replied, "If I can't play with it, I might as well burn it." Mrs. Solem always chuckled heartily when telling of the incident.

On December 25, 1917, Art married Merle Brooks, daughter of Thomas and Nellie (Anderson) Brooks of near Belmond, Iowa. They were married at the St. Paul Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Omar Brenne, with Art's sisters Minnie and Bessie as witnesses. Art and Merle lived on a 240-acre farm owned by her father. It was located about one-fourth mile south of Morris Lake west of Belmond. For one year Merle taught in the school near their farm.

In 1919 Merle gave birth to a premature baby girl who lived only a few hours. On Friday, January 21, 1921, Art and Merle were to have gone to a dance, but since Merle didn't feel well, they stayed at home. She died the following Tuesday of scarlet fever. Because it was a communicable disease, graveside funeral services were conducted the next day. Burial was in the Franklin Grove Cemetery in Belmond beside her little daughter. A portion of Merle's obituary is being copied here because of its beauty and inspiration:

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued
Arthur Olai Nelson, continued

"Her parting words to all were that they live so that they would meet her in heaven, and her last words were, 'I see Jesus, I am going to heaven to be with Jesus.' Then she smiled and her face shone with a heavenly light as she passed on to her reward. As she lived, so she died, quietly, cheerfully."

After Merle's death, Art sold his farm equipment, and in March 1921, went to Central America where he joined a crew of ironworkers. He returned to the United States in July of that year. The following year he went to Joliet, Illinois, where he was employed as an ironworker. He helped to build many of the buildings and bridges in the Joliet and Chicago area. His brother George joined him after a time and they lived in a new house on Osage Street in Joliet.

Art was critically ill for several weeks in 1933, having undergone surgery in September of that year. His faithful special duty nurse was Elizabeth Schmidt, whom he later married in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Joliet. Art's brother George, and Elizabeth's sister Louise were their attendants. Elizabeth's parents were Charles Frederick Schmidt and Christiana Emily Elizabeth (Schulz) Schmidt. She received her R. N. degree on November 10, 1927, from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Joliet.

In 1941 the family moved to Osage Street (Ridgewood) in Joliet, and then to 13 Lockport Street, Plainfield, Illinois, in 1942. In 1945 Art purchased an 82-acre farm two miles east and two and one-half miles north of Story City, Iowa, where they moved in November, 1946. In later years Art became unable to farm because of heart trouble, so the land was rented out, but they continued to live in the house. After Elizabeth's death September 13, 1970, of a kidney ailment, Art moved into Story City where he rented an apartment. He now resides in Bethany Manor in Story City. Elizabeth was laid to rest in the Story City Cemetery.

Address: Bethany Manor, Story City, Iowa 50248

Children:

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| a. Betty Lou Nelson (Drewes) | b. June 26, 1936 |
| b. Arthur Oren Nelson | b. May 23, 1940 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Arthur Olai Nelson

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| a. BETTY LOU NELSON | married | Donald William Drewes |
| b. June 26, 1936 | September
26, 1954 | b. March 26, 1930 |

Betty, born in Joliet, Illinois, is the older of two children of Arthur and Elizabeth Nelson. She was baptized July 26, 1936, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Joliet. At an early age she moved with her family to Plainfield, Illinois, then to a farm near Story City, Iowa, where she graduated from high school May 27, 1954.

On September 26, 1954, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City, Betty married Donald Drewes, son of August Frederick and Eleanor (Sicard) Drewes. Donald was also her Uncle Melvin Nelson's step-son. Following the wedding, the photographer took a picture of Torger and Gertrude Nelson and their immediate family of ten children. That sitting proved to be the last time they were all together. (See photograph on page 98a.)

Don first went to college at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Economics in 1952. From 1952 to 1954, he served in the United States Army Finance Corps. In 1956 he earned his Master's degree in Labor and Management from the University of Iowa in Iowa City. His Ph.D. degree in Industrial Psychology was from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1959.

Don has been teaching graduate psychology at North Carolina State University in Raleigh since 1959; recently, he has also been active in government-sponsored research.

While Don was in college, Betty often took art courses and has painted many beautiful pictures. She also attended Meredith College in Raleigh for over two years.

Both Betty and Don share a liking for music. Don is also interested in Indian arts and crafts, Japanese gardening and landscaping, art, photography and model-building. Betty keeps busy with sewing, art, decorating, crafts, house plants, and caring for her family and home.

Address: 3205 Kenly Ct., Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

Children:

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| (1) Elizabeth Ellen Drewes | b. April 9, 1964 |
| (2) Graham Nelson Drewes | b. July 25, 1967 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Betty Lou Nelson (Drewes)

- (1) ELIZABETH ELLEN DREWES
b. April 9, 1964

Elizabeth, born in Raleigh, North Carolina, is the first of two children born to Betty and Donald Drewes. She was baptized at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Raleigh on May 24, 1964.

Elizabeth likes social studies and arts and crafts; she also enjoys reading and coin collecting, and has a love of animals, especially horses. Being very interested in music, she has begun taking lessons on the violin her Great-uncle Lud Nelson had purchased in 1918.

A former Brownie Scout, Elizabeth is currently a member of the Y.M.C.A. Youth Program.

- (2) GRAHAM NELSON DREWES
b. July 25, 1967

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, to Betty and Donald Drewes, Graham was baptized November 26, 1967, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Raleigh.

His interests include sports, especially N.F.L. football. He is currently learning to swim at the Y.M.C.A., likes to read, and is looking forward to taking lessons on a musical instrument when he reaches the sixth grade.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Arthur Olai Nelson, continued

b. ARTHUR OREN NELSON	married	Kathleen Ethel Scully
b. May 23, 1940	August	b. January 12, 1947
	22, 1970	

Arthur, the second child and only son of Arthur and Elizabeth Nelson, was born at St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet, Illinois, and was dubbed "Little Art" by his family.

He began school in Plainfield, Illinois, attended the second semester of the first grade in Randall, Iowa, then completed the elementary grades and high school in Story City, graduating on May 27, 1958. He graduated from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, in June of 1963, majoring in Sociology.

On August 21, 1963, Art enlisted in the United States Navy. After attending radio school in Norfolk, Virginia, he was assigned to the Guantanamo Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he was supervisor of a communication relay center. He was separated from active duty on August 21, 1965, a recipient of the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Art met Kathleen Scully in Burlington, Iowa, where she was dating his best friend. Fourteen months later, Art and Kathy were married, with the "best friend" acting as bestman. The wedding took place at Saint Patrick's Church in Burlington on August 22, 1970. Kathy, daughter of William and Ethel (Horn) Scully of Burlington, teaches eighth grade social sciences and girls' physical education in the Argyle School District, where she also coaches junior high girls' track and basketball. She is an accomplished seamstress; she also enjoys gardening, furniture refinishing, swimming, playing softball and reading.

Art is employed as local office manager of the Iowa State Employment Service in Fort Madison, Iowa. For recreation, he likes hunting, fishing, boating and photography.

As yet, Art and Kathy have no children, but enjoy the companionship of their English Pointer, Cindy.

Address: 3923 Avenue L, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

5. LUDWIG EMANUEL NELSON married Marian Josephine Sicard,
 b. September 2, 1897 June 24, Smith
 1941 b. January 22, 1903

Lud was born September 2, 1897, at the "home place" west of Jewell, Iowa, the fifth child, third son of Torger and Gertrude Nelson. He was baptized October 10, 1897, by Rev. Olaus Qualen in the St. Paul Lutheran Church southwest of Jewell; sponsors were John and Anna Jacobson and T. S. Oppedal. On October 1, 1911, he was confirmed in the same church by Rev. M. N. Knutson.

Since only the Norwegian language was spoken at home, Lud's entrance into school at Lake View #1 was his first contact with English. As a youth, he taught himself to play the accordian, and in 1918 he bought a violin which is now being used by his great-niece, Elizabeth Drewes, to take lessons.

Lud and his brother Art used to trap rabbits, skunks and muskrats along the dredge ditch on the way to and from school, then sold the furs. One time while Lud was hunting near the dredge ditch northeast of the farm, he was climbing over a fence while his right hand was placed on the muzzle of the gun. The gun discharged, shooting off his little finger. For many years Lud stayed at home and assisted his father and brother Melvin on the family farm.

Through a "lonely hearts" club, Lud met Marian Sicard who had previously been married to Walter Smith. Lud and Marian were married on June 24, 1941, and made their home in Ackley, Iowa. William Sicard, Marian's father, lived with them until his death in 1947.

On May 22, 1942, during World War II, Lud was inducted into the United States Army and was sent to California for training. He was discharged March 10, 1943.

From October 1943, until his retirement in 1962, Lud worked at the Ralston Purina Company in Iowa Falls, Iowa, where soy beans were processed.

Lud and Marian enjoy raising a large garden every year. They have no children of their own, but have been like a second set of parents to Donald Drewes, son of Eleanor Drewes Nelson, Marian's sister.

Address: 1001 South Mitchell Street, Ackley, Iowa 50601



Arthur and Merle Nelson



Arthur and Elizabeth Nelson



Carroll and Minnie Eckstrom
September 1, 1920



Ludwig Nelson

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

6. MINNIE AMELIA NELSON married (1) Carroll Edgar Eckstrom
 b. January 3, 1900 September b. September 5, 1892
 1, 1920 d. April 10, 1959
 November (2) Claude Greene Ellsworth
 9, 1936 b. February 9, 1885
 d. January 3, 1962

At the farm home of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, their sixth child, Minnie, was born on January 3, 1900, with Mrs. Ingeborg Oppedahl as the midwife. She was baptized February 4, 1900, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church southwest of Jewell, Iowa, by Rev. J. H. T. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Satre and Adolph Sletten acted as sponsors. She was confirmed in the same church on November 15, 1914, by Rev. Omar Brenne.

Minnie attended Lake View School, District #1, in Hamilton County as did her brothers and sisters. She taught herself to play the piano, going into the cold parlor in the winter-time to figure out the lines and spaces of the notes. She also became an accomplished seamstress. Her sister Ida reports that at the age of ten, Minnie fashioned dresses out of crepe paper for herself and her younger sisters, Bessie and Thelma. Dressed in their finery, they went across the road to model them for Mrs. Gastrin. The next time Mrs. Gastrin saw Gertrude Nelson, she remarked, "Minnie is going to be a dressmaker."

In the fall of 1918 she went to Des Moines to work. While there, she met Carroll Eckstrom, a sergeant in the United States Army who was stationed at Camp Dodge near Des Moines, Iowa. Carroll's parents were Oliver and Caroline (Farber) Eckstrom of Moline, Illinois. Minnie and Carroll became engaged in May of 1920, and were married September first of that year in the home of her parents. Minnie's brother Arthur and his wife Merle were their attendants, and Minnie's sister Bessie played the wedding march. Performing the ceremony was Rev. Hans Oppedal.

After honeymooning in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Minnie and Carroll made their home at 1710 16th Avenue in Moline, Illinois, for one year before moving to Ames, Iowa, where Carroll was employed at the Carr Hardware Store as a sheet metal worker, installing furnaces. At first they lived in the Lincoln Apartments in Ames, then in 1927 began building a home which was completed the following year, the address being 518 13th Street. The family moved to Mason City, Iowa, in 1931 and on October 31st of that year the marriage was dissolved.

Minnie and her daughter spent the next three years in part in Kanawha, Iowa, with Minnie's sister and her husband, Nellie

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

Minnie Amelia Nelson (Eckstrom, Ellsworth), continued

and Mons Skouge; in Hadley, Minnesota, due to the illness of Minnie's sister Ida, and in Joliet, Illinois where Minnie kept house for her brothers, Arthur and George, while they were employed as ironworkers in the Joliet and Chicago area. On November 10, 1934, Minnie took her daughter Twila to Kanawha, Iowa, to live with her aunt and uncle, Nellie and Mons Skouge, while Minnie went to Des Moines to seek employment.

In May of 1936 she met a Des Moines physician, Dr. Claude G. Ellsworth, a widower with three grown children. They were married on November 9, 1936, in Liberty, Missouri, by the pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Ellsworth's mother lived with them at 1057 40th Street in Des Moines. Minnie studied and became a laboratory technician, assisting her husband in his office. Due to family problems, the marriage was terminated on November 29, 1939.

Between 1938 and 1954 Minnie underwent three major surgeries, a series of x-ray treatments, and a serious bout of pneumonia.

In the summers of 1956 and 1959 she made two trips to Europe with her nephew, Dr. Oren Skouge, and his wife Mary. They visited relatives in Norway and toured other countries including Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Sweden.

Minnie was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines. She was employed by Broadlawns Polk County Hospital in Des Moines in 1940, and served as housemother in the Nurses' Residence until illness forced her to retire in 1960, a victim of cancer. That fall she moved to Kanawha, Iowa, where she lived with her daughter and family until it became necessary for her to be hospitalized. She entered the hospital in Britt, Iowa, on July 10, 1961, and died there at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 30, 1961. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Perry Sampson on August 2, 1961, in the Kanawha Lutheran Church and she was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell, Iowa, beside her parents.

In spite of misfortunes and illnesses, Minnie never lost her cheerful disposition. Part of a tribute to her written by a Broadlawns supervisor for the Alumni Newsletter is as follows:

"It would seem to me that this newsletter is an appropriate place for me to voice my sense of loss of a true friend and loyal helpmate. I am sure that each of you who lived in the Residence and felt the warmth of her personality and was the recipient of her many thoughtful and helpful gestures join me in paying tribute. Many of you will

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Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

Minnie Amelia Nelson (Eckstrom, Ellsworth), continued

recall her individual kindnesses and favors--even words of wisdom--which helped make your three years in the school happy ones. Her passing has been a great loss and each day we realize all the extra things she did beyond her 'job description.' We miss her vivacious manner, ready laughter, pitter-patter down the hall, and let's not forget her 'answering the telephone before she got there.'"

Regarding the last phrase, Minnie often would sing out, "Yes, yes, I'm coming," while hurrying to answer the telephone.

Only child:

a. Twila Ruth Eckstrom (Schroeder) b. July 16, 1925

a. TWILA RUTH ECKSTROM	married	William David Schroeder
b. July 16, 1925	September 15, 1946	b. July 6, 1926

Twila was born at 5:20 a.m. on a Thursday morning July 16, 1925, at the Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames, Iowa, with Dr. McFarland in attendance. Her parents were Carroll and Minnie Eckstrom. She was baptized at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames by Rev. Lester A. Pierson on October 11, 1925.

(For some of the details regarding Twila's childhood, see the account of her mother just previous to this.)

A big event while living in Joliet, Illinois, was visiting the 1932-33 World's Fair in Chicago entitled "A Century of Progress."

In November of 1934 she went to Kanawha, Iowa, to live with her aunt and uncle, Nellie and Mons Skouge. The following January she began taking piano lessons from Miss Bertha Thormann, continuing them for four years. She was confirmed at the Kanawha Lutheran Church on June 11, 1939, by Rev. M. N. Peterson. Twila completed the fourth through the twelfth grades in Kanawha, graduating from high school on May 11, 1943. She and a classmate, William Schroeder, were tied for being the second highest in the class.

Following graduation, Twila went to Des Moines, Iowa, where she was employed by Central Life Assurance Society. During the three years and three months that she worked there, she was promoted from mail clerk to a secretarial position. While in Des Moines, she lived with her mother at the Broad-lawns Nurses' Residence where Minnie was housemother.

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Descendants of Minnie Amelia Nelson (Eckstrom, Ellsworth)
Twila Eckstrom (Schroeder), continued

Twila became engaged to classmate William Schroeder, son of Otto and Edith (Eliason) Schroeder of Kanawha, Iowa, on September 5, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, where he was stationed at Navy Pier. Bill had enlisted in the Navy in February, 1944. Besides Chicago, he attended schools in Minot, North Dakota, and Seattle, Washington. He was also stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi; Shoemaker, California; Bremerton, Washington, and Attu in the Aleutians. He was discharged in May of 1946.

On September 15, 1946, Twila and Bill were married in the Kanawha Lutheran Church by Rev. F. R. Lien. Their attendants were Marilyn Skouge (Twila's cousin) and Richard Thompson (friend of Bill). Twila was escorted to the altar by her cousin, Dr. Oren Skouge. After a short honeymoon, the couple made their home on his parents' farm three and one-half miles north of Kanawha where they still reside. Besides farming his parents' farm, Bill purchased his uncle Fred Schroeder's farm of 156 acres in 1966.

Bill has served on the Board of Deacons of the Kanawha Lutheran Church for six years, and taught eighth grade and high school students in Sunday School for a total of eleven or twelve years. At this writing (1976), he is in his fourth year as president of the congregation.

Twila has been an organist in the church since 1948; she was also a teacher of the Bethel Series, an adult educational program. For seven years she gave piano lessons in her home to over 20 pupils, having taken more lessons herself at Drake University while she was working in Des Moines, then at Britt, Iowa. From June 1, 1968, to November 1, 1975, she was employed as office assistant for the local physician, Dr. L. W. Eller.

Twila enjoys knitting, crocheting and sewing, while Bill is an avid reader.

Address: Route 1, Kanawha, Iowa 50447

Children:

- (1) Steve Alan Schroeder b. July 31, 1948
- (2) Karen Sue Schroeder (Lang) b. October 12, 1951

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Twila Ruth Eckstrom (Schroeder), continued
 Steve Alan Schroeder, continued

Steve and Cindy enjoy collecting and refinishing antique furniture, and Steve has a large collection of antique swords and guns. Cindy likes to sew, embroider, and do needlepoint. In 1975 they purchased one-third interest in an 80-acre farm about sixty miles south of Des Moines.

Address: 1024 Polk Blvd., Des Moines, Iowa 50311

(2) KAREN SUE SCHROEDER	married	Larry Charlie Lang
b. October 12, 1951	July 1, 1972	b. May 7, 1949

Karen was born in the Belmond hospital at 2:55 a.m. on October 12, 1951, the second child of William and Twila Schroeder. She was baptized on November 25, 1951, in the Kanawha Lutheran Church by Pastor Perry Sampson, with Marilyn Skouge and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson as sponsors. On June 5, 1966, she was confirmed by Pastor Bernard Oebser.

Karen attended the schools in Kanawha, Iowa, and graduated from high school May 20, 1969. She was second highest in her class and also received a National Merit Scholarship Commendation. During her last two years of high school, she played tympani in the concert band, besides being on the track team. The summer of 1968, she worked as a car-hop at the A & W Drive-in in Britt, Iowa. She also "walked" soy bean fields for several summers, chopping out the weeds and corn.

In September 1969, she enrolled in Mankato State College in Mankato, Minnesota, where she took two years of general education and one year of secretarial courses.

When Karen was home for Easter vacation the latter part of March, 1970, she met Larry Lang who was home on leave from the Navy where he was a member of the "Sea Bees," stationed in California. After several trips to Kanawha by Larry and two trips to California by Karen, they became engaged on September 22, 1971.

Larry served in Viet Nam for six months where he helped drill water wells; he was in the Philippines for a short time, and was discharged from active duty in December of 1971.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Twila Ruth Eckstrom (Schroeder), continued
Karen Sue Schroeder (Lang), continued

Larry's parents are Gottlieb and Elsie (Schaeffer) Lang of Corwith, Iowa.

Karen and Larry were married July 1, 1972, at the Kanawha Lutheran Church with Rev. Charles Hulsether officiating. Bridesmaids were Cindy Wicks (friend), Julie Irwin (second cousin), and Cindy Schroeder (sister-in-law). The groomsmen were Ron Byman (friend), Allen Lang (brother), and Steve Schroeder (Karen's brother). Lloyd Lockhart, Karen's second cousin, was the organist.

After honeymooning at Itasca State Park in Minnesota, they were at home first in a trailer house in Mason City, Iowa, before building a new home in Sheffield, Iowa, that fall. Larry is employed as a diesel mechanic for Gibbs-Cook Caterpillar Company in Mason City, and Karen worked for a time in the office of Sukup Manufacturing Co., a factory for grain-drying equipment, in Sheffield.

Karen enjoys doing needlepoint, sewing, gardening and cooking. She also teaches Sunday School in the United Methodist Church in Sheffield where she and Larry are members.

Address: P. O. Box 255, Sheffield, Iowa 50475

Children:

(a) Kathryn Christine Lang b. September 13, 1973

Kathy was baptized in the United Methodist Church in Sheffield by Rev. James A. Davidson on March 3, 1974. Mr. and Mrs. John Lang were her sponsors.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

7. BESSIE MABEL NELSON	married	Neilius Nelson
b. January 28, 1902	October 8, 1924	b. September 20, 1896 d. March 1, 1973

Bessie, the fourth daughter, seventh child of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, was born on her parents' farm west of Jewell, Iowa, with Mrs. Britha Kringlen as midwife. She was baptized April 20, 1902, by Rev. J. H. T. Lee, her sponsors being Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobsen and Lawrence Jacobsen. On October 15, 1916, she was confirmed in the St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. Omar Brenne.

Bessie attended Lake View School, District No. 1, finishing the eighth grade. One winter day when she was on her way to school, she became lost in a snow storm and took refuge with a neighbor where she stayed the rest of the day.

For two years, 1921 and 1922, Bessie was employed in Ames, Iowa.

On July 7, 1924, she met Neilius Nelson of Story City, Iowa. Three months later, on October 8, 1924, they were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Ames by Rev. Lester A. Pierson. Their attendants were Minnie and Carroll Eckstrom, Bessie's sister and brother-in-law. They made their home on the farm where Neilius had been born and reared, one and one-half miles west of Roland, Iowa. Neilius and Bessie purchased the 160-acre farm in 1935 after the deaths of his parents, Ellen (Jensen) and Nels Nelson.

For years before his death, Neilius was plagued with illnesses and allergies. He died March 1, 1973, of an apparent heart attack. Funeral services were held in the Salem Lutheran Church in Roland, Iowa, with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell, Iowa.

Bessie continued to live on the farm for nearly two years after Neilius' death, but sold it and moved into an apartment in Story City, Iowa, in December, 1974.

Address: 934 Maple Street, Apartment 3, Story City, Iowa 50248

Only child:

a. Blanchard <u>Noel</u> Nelson	b. December 10, 1927
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CHAPTER III

Descendants of Bessie Mabel Nelson (Nelson)

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| a. BLANCHARD <u>NOEL</u> NELSON | married | Mavis Lovena Warren |
| b. December 10, 1927 | February 27, 1955 | b. October 14, 1928 |

On December 10, 1927, Noel was born at the farm home of his parents, Bessie and Neilius Nelson, with Dr. Snyder of Roland, Iowa, as the attending physician. He was baptized in the Salem Lutheran Church in Roland, and was confirmed there on May 5, 1942.

Being an only child, Noel was very attached to his dog and pony. At the ages of eight and nine, he took piano lessons; he had violin lessons for three years while in high school, and graduated from the Roland High School May 16, 1946.

In 1951 Noel was inducted into the United States Army and served in Korea for one and one-half years. He was in a search-light outfit in the front lines. One time while driving an Army vehicle, he became lost. When he discovered his position, he was 50 miles behind enemy lines. Noel received the Good Conduct Medal upon discharge in 1953.

Noel met Mavis Warren, the oldest daughter of Otis and Bertha Warren, while she was teaching in Story City, Iowa. Mavis was born in Newark, South Dakota, but grew up near Ames, Iowa, and graduated from Milford Township Consolidated School in 1946. That summer she attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and in the fall began teaching country school near Boone, Iowa. The next seven or eight years were spent attending summer school and teaching during the school terms. She has taught in Gladbrook, Story City, South Hamilton in Jewell, and in Webster City, all of which are in Iowa. She has taught for 17 consecutive years, mainly in the first grade. In 1952 she graduated from two years at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, but continued to attend Saturday classes at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and Community College classes in Webster City, Iowa.

Noel and Mavis were married in the Bethesda Lutheran Church (now called Ascension Lutheran) in Ames on February 27, 1955. That same day they moved to their farm one-half mile south of Ellsworth, Iowa. In addition to farming, Noel began driving a school bus in 1969. In 1975 they sold their farm near Ellsworth and purchased one near Clare, Iowa. Time permitting, Mavis likes to read, sew and work with crafts.

Address: Rural Route, Clare, Iowa 50524

Children:

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| (1) LuAnn Kathryn Nelson | b. November 21, 1955 |
| (2) Arleen June Nelson | b. June 26, 1964 |
| (3) Orin Lyn Nelson | b. June 29, 1970 |

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Blanchard Noel Nelson

- (1) LUANN KATHRYN NELSON
b. November 21, 1955

LuAnn, Noel and Mavis Nelson's first child, began taking piano lessons at the age of six. She also plays clarinet and organ. LuAnn was confirmed in 1971 in the Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Iowa.

While in high school, she did baby-sitting, worked part-time in the nursing home, and worked as a waitress in Jewell, Iowa.

In the spring of 1974 LuAnn graduated from South Hamilton High School in Jewell as valedictorian of her class. That fall she enrolled at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, aiming for a major in computer science. In this, her second year of college (1975-76), she is serving as organist at Ascension Lutheran Church in Ames.

- (2) ARLEEN JUNE NELSON
b. June 26, 1964

Arleen is the second child of Noel and Mavis Nelson. She was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Iowa, in July 1964, her sponsors being William and Twila Schroeder of Kanawha, Iowa.

Like her sister, Arleen began taking piano lessons when she was six years old. At the age of nine, she started taking flute lessons.

- (3) ORIN LYN NELSON
b. June 29, 1970

Orin is the third child and only son born to Noel and Mavis Nelson. He was baptized in August 1970, in the Lutheran Church in Ellsworth, Iowa.



Lloyd and Thelma Husby



Neilius and Bessie Nelson



George and Viola Nelson
1975



Melvin and Eleanor Nelson
1938

CHAPTER III
 Descendants of LaVonne Husby (Lockhart)

(1) LLOYD WESLEY LOCKHART
 b. November 29, 1946

Lloyd, son of LaVonne and Wilfred Lockhart, was born in Jewell, Iowa, on November 29, 1946. He attended the elementary school and Bible School in Randall, Iowa, and South Hamilton High School in Jewell, graduating from there in 1965. Lloyd has been a faithful member of the Lutheran Church since birth. He was baptized in the St. Paul Lutheran Church west of Jewell on January 19, 1947, confirmed there May 13, 1962, and was always active in the Sunday School, choir and Luther League.

Lloyd played a tenor saxophone in the elementary and high school bands; also studied piano and organ, his parents providing both instruments for him. He accompanied many instrumental and vocal solos as well as two high school musicals, "Oklahoma" and "The Music Man." Other high school interests were speech contests, and being basketball manager and student librarian.

In the fall of 1965 he entered the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland, to study organ. After one year at Peabody, he transferred to Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he studied organ and church music. While there, he played an alto saxophone in the Drake University Band. His organ recital was presented at the University Christian Church in Des Moines. On weekends he often went home where he worked on the assembling of a harpsichord.

In the summers of 1970 and 1973, Lloyd joined the Parish Mission Builders of the American Lutheran Church where he served as a "Slave for Christ," traveling through Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan, Florida and California. In 1971 he was the recipient of a scholarship to the California Lutheran Bible School at Los Angeles which he attended for one year, also experiencing the Los Angeles earthquake of 1971. For a time, he was director of music at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Whittier, California.

Lloyd attended Drake University the last semester of 1972 and graduated on May 12 of that year with a Bachelor of Music degree. He majored in Organ with minors in Piano and Voice. An important highlight in his life was his 10-day study tour of the Holy Land, January 3 to January 12, 1973. Later that year he accepted a Letter of Call as music director and lay assistant at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alpena, Michigan. Recently he accepted a call as Music Director and Administrative Assistant at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Royal Oak, Michigan and began work there February 2, 1976. In addition, he is a Congregational Development Program consultant for the Michigan District of the American Lutheran Church. In his spare time, Lloyd enjoys traveling, camping and gourmet cooking.

Address: c/o Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

CHAPTER III

Descendants of LaVonne Husby (Lockhart), continued

- (2) JOYCE LAVONNE LOCKHART married Benny Ray Bicknese
 b. January 5, 1948 May 12, b. May 5, 1944
 1968

Joyce, LaVonne and Wilfred Lockhart's daughter, was baptized March 7, 1948, confirmed April 7, 1963, and was a faithful member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sunday School, choir and Luther League.

She attended elementary and Bible school in Randall, Iowa, played a flute in the band and studied piano during her grade school years. She was graduated from South Hamilton High School in Jewell, Iowa, with the class of 1966. Some of her high school activities included vocal and instrumental music, senior pompettes, Annual Staff and basketball. She was a member of the cast in two musicals--"Oklahoma" and "My Fair Lady." Joyce was a member of the Randall Rosebuds 4-H Club for eight years, won a blue ribbon at the Iowa State Fair for her yeast rolls, and was awarded a trip to Chicago for top honors on her Record Book.

Following high school, she attended the Americana Academy of Beauty in Des Moines, Iowa, graduating on July 10, 1967, after which she was employed at the Finesse Beauty Salon in Ames, Iowa.

On May 12, 1968, at the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell, Joyce was united in marriage to Benny Bicknese, son of Ira and Louise Bicknese. Benny is employed by the Iowa Electric Light and Power Company of Iowa Falls, Iowa. Joyce has been active in church activities, including choir member, Circle chairman, primary Sunday School superintendent, and a member of the board of the Lutheran Church Women. Currently, she is serving as secretary for the church.

Joyce enjoys her family and likes to sew, knit, paint, crochet, decoupage, and do macrame and crewel work. Recently she has begun taking guitar lessons.

Address: 519 Bliss, Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126

Children:

- (a) Terry Ray Bicknese b. February 25, 1969

Terry was baptized May 27, 1969, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church west of Jewell. He enjoys ice skating, swimming, bicycling, and is looking forward to starting piano lessons soon.

- (b) Todd Matthew Bicknese b. July 6, 1970

He was baptized at Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls. He likes music and is interested in anything on wheels.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Thelma Gertrude Nelson (Husby), continued

b. LENORE GRACE HUSBY married Donald Marvin Vee
 b. April 22, 1933 1955 b. September 21, 1924

Grace, the younger of two daughters born to Thelma and Lloyd Husby, was baptized and confirmed in the St. Paul Lutheran Church west of Jewell, Iowa. She graduated from Randall High School with the class of 1950.

After high school, Grace worked for Dr. Drummond, an optometrist, in Ames, Iowa, then moved to Albert Lea, Minnesota where she was employed as a bookkeeper for a garage.

While in Albert Lea, she met Donald Vee whom she married in the Lutheran Church in Bricelyn, Minnesota. Don's parents are Sam and Ida (Dahl) Vee. Sam was born in Aardalsogen, Norway, and Ida in Bricelyn, Minnesota.

Grace and Don continue to live in Albert Lea where he is custodian for the new high school.

Address: 1402 W. Clark Street, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007

Children:

- (1) Marvin Donald Vee b. February 24, 1956
 Marvin graduated from high school in 1974 and is now attending junior college in Austin, Minnesota. He enjoys band, sports, stamp collecting, music, history and reading.
- (2) Michael Allen Vee b. August 22, 1957
 Michael's interests are band, wrestling, sports, fishing, hunting and all kinds of music. He graduated from high school in 1975, and is attending junior college in Austin, Minnesota.
- (3) Ann Marie Vee b. December 26, 1958
 Ann is a pom-pom girl with the band this year. She plans to go on to college following her high school graduation in 1977. Her interests include music, drama, sports, and crocheting.

All of the children were baptized and confirmed in Grace Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued
George Theodore Nelson, continued

16, 1942, and made their home at 1017 Kelly Avenue in Joliet. For many years, Vi's mother and her sister Edna lived with them. Vi's mother died in 1948 and Edna passed away on November 5, 1967. George was rebaptized by immersion in a rock quarry near Joliet in April, 1939.

On March 29, 1967, George had a severe heart attack. When he had recovered sufficiently, he went to work as secretary for the business agent of Ironworkers Local 444. He retired on July 30, 1975, after 47 years with the ironworkers.

In 1974 George and Vi built a home in Florida where they enjoy spending the winters.

Addresses: 1017 Kelly Avenue, Joliet, Illinois 60435

or

709 East Putt Lane, Poinciana, Kissimmee, Florida
32741

Only child:

a. Janet Viola Nelson (Whalen) b. March 16, 1943

a. JANET VIOLA NELSON	married	Roland George Whalen
b. March 16, 1943	May 26, 1962	b. January 3, 1939

Janet, the only child of George and Viola Nelson, was born in Joliet, Illinois. She graduated from Joliet Township High School in 1961 after which she was employed at the Joliet Federal Savings and Loan.

On May 26, 1962, "Jan" married Roland Whalen, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Whalen. The marriage took place in the First Assembly of God Church in Joliet. "Rollie" was graduated from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, then went to night school and summer school to earn his Master's degree which he received from Illinois State College at Normal, Illinois in 1970.

Jan continued working for Joliet Federal Savings and Loan until 1964 when she and Rollie moved to Lockport, Illinois, where they bought a home. Rollie taught elementary school at Kelvin Grove in Lockport before getting his Master's degree. At the present time, he is a football and baseball coach, also

CHAPTER III

Descendants of George Theodore Nelson, continued
Janet Viola Nelson (Whalen), continued

department chairman of the reading lab at Romeoville High School in Romeoville, Illinois, which is near Lockport.

Janet and Rollie were baptized in the Judson Memorial Baptist Church in Joliet on April 30, 1967.

In 1974 Jan and Rollie installed a swimming pool in their back yard.

Janet enjoys working with ceramics, knitting and crocheting, while Rollie likes to play golf and is interested in all sports.

Address: 1040 McKinley Street, Lockport, Illinois 60441

Children:

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| (1) Randall George Whalen | b. November 8, 1964 |
| (2) Bradley Nelson Whalen | b. August 6, 1967 |
| (3) Kristen Jan Whalen | b. February 17, 1970 |

The boys enjoy baseball and swimming in the summer, and basketball and wrestling in the winter. Both boys have achieved high scholastic recognition and have been awarded trophies in various sports.

Kristen takes ballet and tap dancing lessons and has been in four dance recitals.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of Torger and Gertrude Nelson, continued

10. MELVIN OLEAN NELSON	married	Eleanor Beatrice Sicard,
b. December 22, 1906	February	Drewes
d. May 7, 1969	14, 1937	b. March 21, 1910

Melvin was born December 22, 1906, at the farm home of his parents west of Jewell, Iowa, where he lived his entire life. He was the youngest of Gertrude and Torger Nelson's children and was baptized in the St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. M. N. Knutson on March 31, 1907, with Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kleaveland, Mr. and Mrs. August Kleaveland, and Nels Refsdal as sponsors. On October 10, 1920, he was confirmed by Rev. Hans Oppedal.

At the age of three, Melvin had the misfortune of falling from the corn crib and breaking his right arm. The family doctor, C. J. Christenson of Jewell, set the broken bone. When Melvin returned home, he told his brothers and sisters, "The doctor tried to kill me, but I was pretty hard to kill."

Melvin attended Lake View School #1 in Hamilton County. He also learned to play the "fiddle" and the accordian.

At Hubbard, Iowa, on February 14, 1937, he married Eleanor Drewes of Ackley, Iowa. Eleanor had one son Donald by her former marriage to August Drewes.

After his father's death in 1954, Melvin bought 80 acres of the home place; his brother George bought the remaining 40 acres. Melvin continued his farming activities until May 7, 1969, when he died suddenly of a heart attack. He was a soft-spoken, pleasant man with a winning smile. After Melvin's death, Eleanor rented out the farm, then built a house in Ackley, moving in on February 9, 1970.

On December 17, 1974, Eleanor married Gail Groves of Jewell, Iowa. Melvin and Eleanor, and Gail and Joyce Groves had always been close friends and neighbors. Joyce died a couple of years after Melvin's death. Eleanor and Gail live in Jewell.

Address: Jewell, Iowa 50130

Only child:

- a. Donald William Drewes (step-son) b. March 26, 1930
 (For account of Donald, see Betty Lou Nelson, page 75.)



The Torger Nelson Family, September 26, 1954

Back row: Melvin, George, Arthur, Ida Skouge, Edward, Ludwig

Front row: Thelma Husby, Minnie Ellsworth, Gertrude, Torger, Bessie Nelson, Nellie Skouge



Gertrude and Torger Nelson
Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary
August 1950

CHAPTER IV

GERTRUDE SEVERAAS NELSON'S ANCESTORS
and Related Families

CHAPTER IV

ANCESTORS OF GERTRUDE SEVERAAS NELSON

The names with the asterisk (*) are Gertrude Nelson's direct forefathers.

*OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS	married	ANNA IVARSDATTER FJELLENDE
b. 1685		b. 1685
d.		d. 1757

Ole and Anna were Gertrude Severaas Nelson's great, great, great, great grandparents.

Ole's father was Ole Magnesen Severaas.*

Anna's father was Ivar Larsen Fjellsende.*

Children:

*Ole Olsen Severaas	b. 1706 in Severaas
Ivar Severaas	b. 1707 in Hodneland; probably died young as another child was later named Ivar.
Magne Severaas	b. 1710
Ivar Severaas	b. 1715
Marta Severaas (Vaage)	b. 1720, m. Baste Monsen Vaage in 1745
Karie Severaas (Lygren)	b. 1723, m. Mons Larsen Lygren in Ullygra in 1750
Eli Severaas	b. 1726
Brita Severaas (AEse)	b. 1729, m. Mons Olsen AEse in Eidsheim in 1747

*OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS	married	ANNA
b. 1706		b. 1710
d. 1767		d. 1763

Ole was born in Severaas, the first child of the above Ole. Ole and Anna were Gertrude Severaas Nelson's great, great, great grandparents.

Children:

Nils Severaas	b. 1740, m. Anna Gudmundsdatter Hopland in 1762
*Ole Olsen Severaas	b. 1743, m. Brita Andersdatter Li in 1765
Anna Severaas (Li)	b. 1745, m. Hans Halvorsen Li in 1763
Siri Severaas	b. 1748, d. at age of 8
Bertel Severaas	b. 1750, m. Agata Monsdatter Nataas in 1773

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

CHAPTER IV

Ancestors of Gertrude Severaas Nelson, continued

*OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS	married	BRITA ANDERSDATTER LI
b. 1743	1765	b. 1743
d. 1785		d.

This Ole Olsen Severaas and his wife Brita were Gertrude Nelson's great, great grandparents.

Children:

Ole Severaas	b. 1766, probably died young as another son was named Ole 9 years later
Anna Severaas (Fjellsende)	b. 1766, m. Ole Larsen Fjellsende in 1796
Marta Severaas (Hodneland)	b. 1770, m. Ole Ivarsen Hodneland in 1794
*Ole Olsen Severaas	b. 1775, m. Ingeborg L. Fjellsende in 1806
Eli Severaas	b. 1777, d. 1780
Anders Severaas	b. 1779, m. Anna Olsdatter Mykinghella in 1806
Eli Severaas	b. 1782, m. Fuse Mikkelsen Nataas in 1806

*OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS	married	INGEBORG LARSDATTER FJELLENDE
b. 1775	1806	b. 1783
d. 1858		d. 1843

Ole and Ingeborg were Gertrude Severaas Nelson's great grandparents.

Children:

Marie Severaas (Kolaas)	b. May 17, 1807, m. Bertel Olsen Kolaas in 1828
*Ole Olsen Severaas	b. October 6, 1808, m. Marta Monsdatter Nedretveit in 1836
Lars Severaas	b. October 25, 1810, m. Siri Olsdatter Hauge in 1840
Anders Severaas	b. March 13, 1813, d. 1881, unmarried, was a shoemaker
Ingeborg Severaas	b. March 15, 1816, d. 1843
Brita Severaas (Skauge)	b. January 8, 1821, m. Annanias Monsen Skauge in 1842
Siri Severaas (Leikvoll)	b. May 31, 1819, m. Martin Gudmundsen Leikvoll in 1854
Lars Severaas	b. July 22, 1823, m. Johanna Jonsdatter Kaland in 1858
Ole Severaas	b. February 18, 1825

(Source: Bernhard Refsdal)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of August and Oline Severaas, continued

- b. Olaug Severaas m. Haakon Solheim
 - (1) Arne Lauritz Solheim
 - (2) Geir Ove Solheim
 - (3) Torbjørn Solheim
 - (4) Kjersti Solheim
 - c. Solveig Severaas m. Sverre Jegerstedt
 - (1) Kari Jegerstedt
 - 3. Martin Severaas (Nataas) m. Oline F. Nataas
 - a. Fredrik August Nataas
 - b. Olga Nataas
 - c. Martha Nataas
 - 4. Ingeborg Severaas m. Paul Mickelson
 - a. Torvald Mickelson
 - b. Arnold Mickelson
 - 5. Ingvold Severaas
- B. Marta Severaas m. Jacob Mjøs
 - 1. Isak Mjøs m. Martha
 - 2. Ole Mjøs (Soltvedt) m. Nora
 - a. Kaare Soltvedt
 - b. Jan Soltvedt
- C. Andreas Severaas
- D. Mons Severaas
- E. Gertrude Olsdatter Severaas m. Torger Nilsen Skauge
(Nelson)
(See Chapter III for Gertrude and Torger's descendants)
- F. Martin Severaas m. Brita Rødland
 - 1. Emma Oliva Severaas m. (1) Paul Holmelund
(2) Børre Schroeder
 - a. Mary Ann Schroeder m. William Samuel Perlé
 - (1) Linda Bjørg Perlé
 - (2) Paul Alexander Perlé
 - 2. Ingeborg Severaas (died about age 14)
 - 3. Olga Amalie Severaas m. Haakon Dorph Andersen

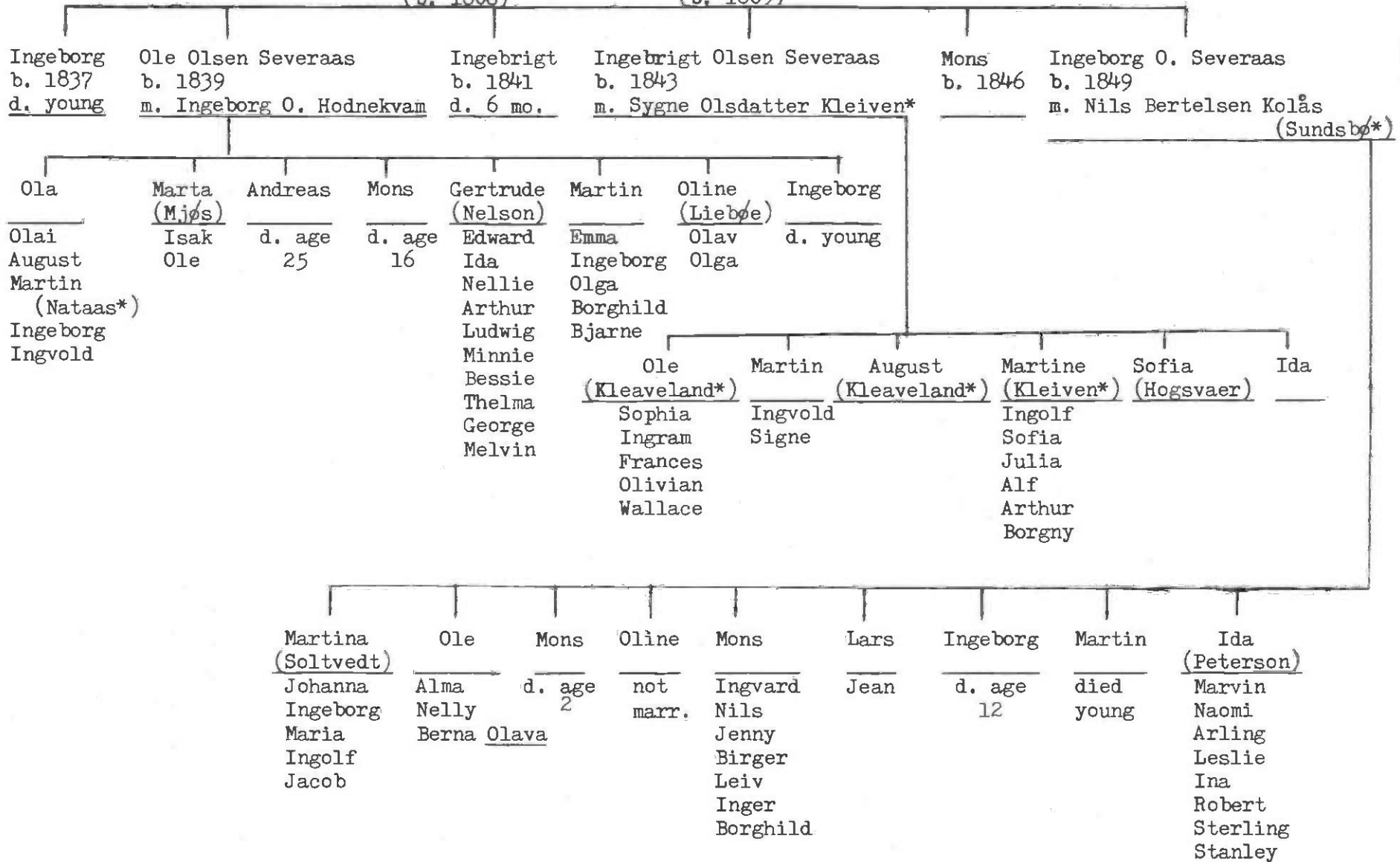
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Descendants of Olga Severaas (Andersen), continued

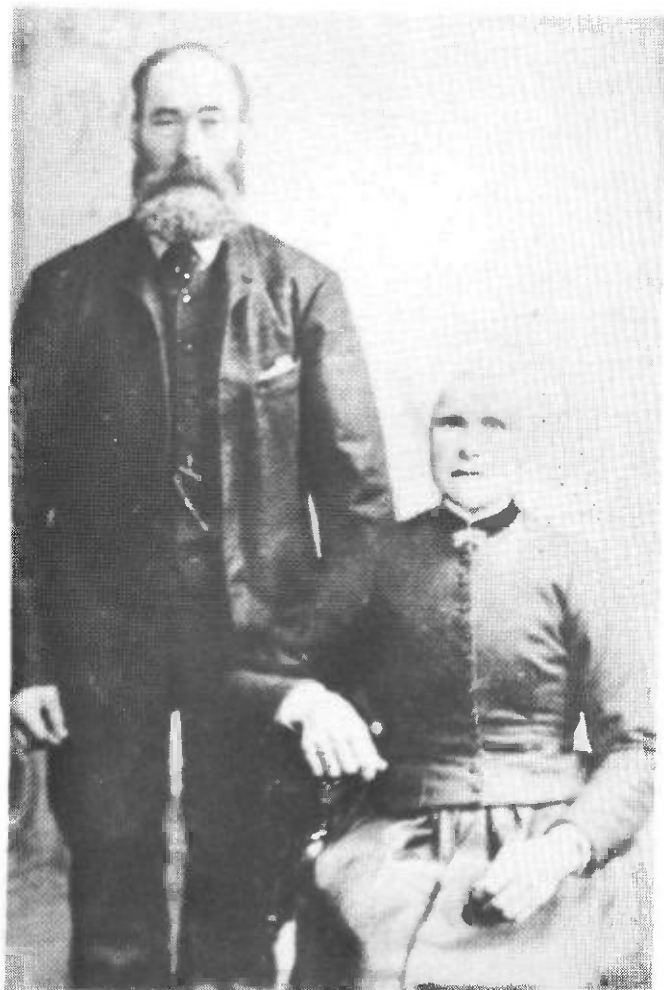
- a. Britt Dorph Andersen m. Ørnulv Dannevig Hauge
 - (1) Hilde Hauge m. Steinar Henriksen
 - (a) Stein Otto Henriksen
 - (b) Tore Henriksen
 - (c) Siri Henriksen
 - (2) Torbjørn Hauge
 - b. Turid Dorph Andersen m. Finn Just Gading
 - (1) Eva Gading
 - (2) Nina Gading
 - 4. Borghild Sofie Severaas m. Johan Fredrik Nielsen
 - a. John Norman Nielsen m. Alice Ruth Matthews
 - (1) Eric John Nielsen
 - (2) Janice Ruth Nielsen
 - b. Norma Borghild Nielsen m. Douglas Lindsley
Dickerson
 - (1) Susan Louise Dickerson
 - (2) Brian Lindsley Dickerson
 - 5. Bjarne Martin Severaas m. Klara Helle
 - a. Greta Irene Severaas m. August Konow
 - (1) August Konow
 - (2) Irene Konow
 - (3) Tom Konow
 - b. Marit Severaas m. Rolf Pihl
 - (1) Anne Marit Pihl
 - (2) Jannicke Pihl
 - (3) Torstein Pihl
 - G. Oline Severaas m. Christian Liebøe
 - 1. Olav Johannes Liebøe (died at age 5)
 - 2. Olga Sofie Liebøe (not married)
 - H. Ingeborg Severaas (died in infancy)
- III. Ingebrigt Severaas (died young)
- IV. Ingebrigt Olsen Severaas m. Sygne Olsdatter Kleiven
(See Chapter V for descendants of Ingebrigt and Sygne
Kleiven)
- V. Mons Severaas
- VI. Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas m. Nils Bertilsen Kolaas
Sundsbo

(See Chapter VI for descendants of Ingeborg and Nils
Sundsbo)

Descendants of
 Ole Olsen Severaas and Marta Monsdatter Nedretveit
 (b. 1808) (b. 1809)



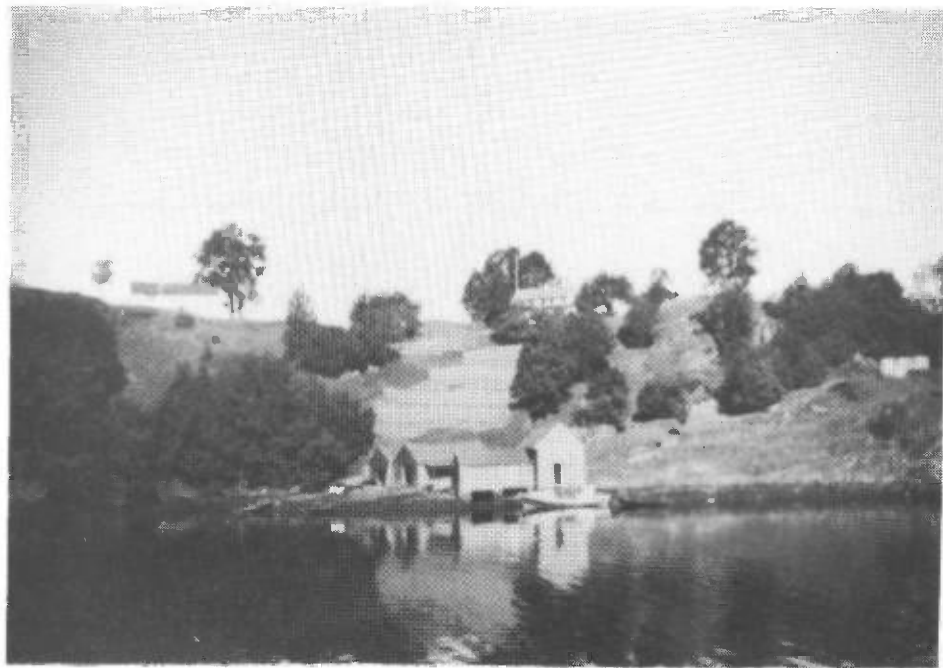
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Ole and Ingeborg Severaas,
parents of Gertrude
Severaas Nelson and her
sisters and brothers.

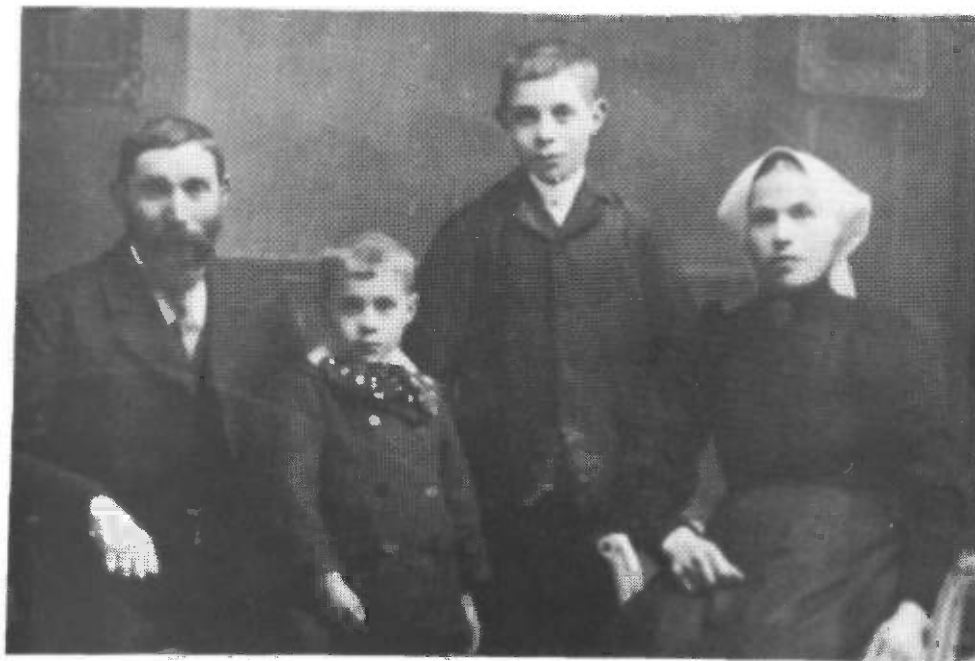


View from the Severaas farm



The Severaas Farm

The Severaas home is in the center, top of picture.
Note the hay-drying fences between the house and boathouses.



Jacob Mjøs, Ole, Isak, Marta Severaas Mjøs

CHAPTER IV

Gertrude Severaas Nelson's ancestors and related families:

OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS	married	MARTA MONSDATTER NEDRETVEIT
b. 1808	1836	b. 1809
d.		d.

This Ole Olsen Severaas was Gertrude Severaas Nelson's grandfather. (See outline of his descendants, pages 101 to 103.) He farmed the Severaas farm in Lindaas, Norway.

A rosemaling trunk now at the Severaas farm probably belonged to this Ole. On it is printed: "Ole Olsen Severaas 1844." The name Severaas has been spelled various ways, including Sæveraas, Sevraas, and Sævraas.

Children:

I. Ingeborg Severaas	b. January 23, 1837 (died young)
II. Ole Olsen Severaas	b. January 30, 1839
III. Ingebrigt Severaas	b. October 5, 1841 (died young)
IV. Ingebrigt Severaas (Kleiven)	b. November 11, 1843
V. Mons Severaas	b. September 21, 1846
VI. Ingeborg Severaas (Sundsbo)	b. October 20, 1848

I. INGEBORG SEVERAAS

b. January 23, 1837

Ingeborg, the first child born to Ole and Marta Severaas, died at an early age.

II. OLE OLSEN SEVERAAS
b. January 30, 1839
d. 1911

married INGEBOG OLSDATTER HODNEKVAMME
b. December 28, 1833
d. August 19, 1908

Ole was a son of Ole Olsen Severaas and Marta Monsdatter Nedretveit Severaas. Nellie Skouge said that all of their sons were quite tall. On Ingeborg's grave stone are the words: "Elsket og savnet" (loved and missed).

Children:

A. Ola Olsen Severaas	b. March 7, 1859
B. Marta Severaas (Mjøs)	b. September 1, 1862
C. Andreas Severaas	b. June 5, 1865
D. Mons Severaas	b. November 10, 1866
E. Gertrude (or Gjertrud) Olsdatter Severaas (Nelson)	b. December 26, 1867
F. Martin Severaas	b. September 30, 1870
G. Oline Severaas (Liebøe)	b. June 24, 1873
H. Ingeborg Severaas	b. August 24, 1877

(Sources: Bernhard Refsdal, Olge Liebøe, Nellie Skouge, Ida Skouge, Minnie Ellsworth's records)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Ole Olsen Severaas (b. 1839)

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|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|
| A. OLA OLSEN SEVERAAS | married | Marta Olsdatter Myking |
| b. March 7, 1859 | | b. October 8, 1858 |
| d. May 8, 1921 | | d. April 25, 1902 |

Ola was the first child born to Ole Olsen Severaas and Ingeborg Olsdatter Hodnekvamme. He was Gertrude Severaas Nelson's oldest brother. On his grave stone are the words: "Tak for Alt" (thanks for everything).

Marta's trunk is currently in the house at Severaas. It is beautifully decorated with rosemaling and bears the inscription "Martha Olsdatter Myking 1882." Although her trunk states her name as Martha, her tombstone and other sources have it as Marta.

Children:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Olai Severaas | b. July 27, 1881 |
| 2. August Severaas | b. 1886 |
| 3. Martin Olsen Severaas
(Nataas) | b. 1888 |
| 4. Ingeborg Severaas
(Mickelson) | b. 1889 |
| 5. Ingvold Severaas | b. about 1903 |

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|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1. OLAI SEVERAAS | married | Ida Andersen |
| b. July 27, 1881 | 1905 | b. August 19, 1880 |
| d. February 18, 1969 | | d. September 24, 1970 |

Olai was the eldest son of Ola and Marta Severaas. He lived on the Severaas farm.

Olai and his brother August were in the United States for a few years doing timber and carpenter work in Montana. August died two days before Olai passed away.

Children:

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Ole Severaas | b. November 4, 1905 |
| b. Emma Severaas (Grimstad) | b. |
| c. Sverre Severaas | b. July 22, 1911 |
| d. Martha Severaas
(Gunderson) | b. May 24, 1913 |
| e. August Severaas | b. September 17, 1914 |
| f. Ingeborg Severaas (Økland) | b. May 21, 1917 |
| g. Ingrid Severaas (Meland) | b. August 16, 1919 |
| h. Olga Severaas | b. February 22, 1921 |

(Sources: Tombstones, Gerhard Skouge, the children of Olai Severaas)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Olai Severaas, continued

c. SVERRE SEVERAAS	married	Borghild Nataas
b. July 22, 1911	April 10, 1937	b. April 26, 1915

Sverre, son of Olai and Ida Severaas, is now farming the Severaas farm with the help of his brother August. On the seven-acre farm they have one horse, three cows and a few pigs. Their chief crops are potatoes and hay. The hay is cut with a scythe and hung on fences to dry, after which Sverre carries it up the hill on his back and puts it in the barn. When this writer asked why he didn't have the horse carry the hay to the barn, he said that the hill was too steep for the horse.

Sverre has a fishing boat and does some fishing for mackerel and halibut. He and a neighbor own a nearby uninhabited island, the trees of which are used mainly for paneling and fuel for their own use, but some of them are sold.

Address: Severaasvaag, Via Bergen, Norway

Children:

(1) Ingunn Severaas (Lindaas) b. June 28, 1939

Ingunn married Harold Kolaas Lindaas. They have one son:

(a) Helge Lindaas

(2) Aud Severaas (Skaala) b. January 31, 1942

Aud married a man named Skaala, which possibly is his surname. They have two children:

(a) Linda Skaala

(b) Grethe Skaala

d. MARTHA SEVERAAS	married	Bernhard Gunderson
b. May 24, 1913	1944	b. October 18, 1900

Martha is a daughter of Olai and Ida Severaas. Her husband was a miller in Bergen, but is now retired. He is not very well. Martha and Bernhard have no children.

Address: Krohnengsgate 21, Bergen, Norway

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Olai Severaas, continued

e. AUGUST SEVERAAS

b. September 17, 1914

August, son of Olai and Ida Severaas, stayed at home and worked on the farm. He continues to live at Severaas, has his own apartment in the north part of the house, and helps his brother Sverre with the work. August has his own fishing boat and he fishes for haddock, mackerel and salmon.

Address: Severaasvaag, Via Bergen, Norway

f. INGEBORG SEVERAAS

b. May 21, 1917

married

March
27, 1943

Johannes Økland

b. March 21, 1913

Ingeborg is a daughter of Olai and Ida Severaas. She and her husband operate a furniture store in Bergen.

Address: Lyngbøveit 144, 5034 Laksevaag, Bergen, Norway

Children:

(1) Terje Økland b. March 13, 1947

Terje married a girl named Reidun and they have two children:

(a) Mona Økland	b. May 15, 1970
(b) Tore Johan	b. June 26, 1971

g. INGRID SEVERAAS

b. August 16, 1919

married

1964

Ragnar Meland

Ingrid, daughter of Olai and Ida Severaas, married Ragnar Meland. They live in Bergen where she works in a factory where curtains are made; he is an electrician. They have no children.

Address: Ortuflaten 44, Fyllingsdalen, Bergen, Norway

h. OLGA SEVERAAS

b. February 22, 1921

Olga, youngest child of Olai and Ida Severaas, lives in Bergen where she has worked in a clothing factory for 29 years. In recent years she has not been too well.

Address: Fageraasveien 26-9 Minde, Bergen, Norway

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Ola Olsen Severaas (b. 1859), continued

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| 2. AUGUST SEVERAAS | married | Oline Severaas |
| b. August 16, 1886 | | b. February 24, 1897 |
| d. February 16, 1969 | | d. December 25, 1964 |

August was a son of Ola and Marta Severaas. Gerhard Skouge said that he and August were confirmed together, and used to go and see the girls together.

August lived in Missoula, Montana, for a time before World War I; he served in the United States Army during that war; then he returned to Norway. After Oren and Mary Skouge visited Norway in 1956, Oren was instrumental in seeing that August received the soldier's pension from the United States to which he was entitled.

August married a neighbor girl, Oline Severaas, cleared his land, fished and farmed. Oline was a teacher in the Nataas school which Gertrude Severaas Nelson had attended as a young girl. That school is now on display in the Folk Museum on the Bygdøy peninsula in Oslo.

There was a double funeral for August and his brother Olai who died within two days of each other.

Children:

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| a. Marta Oliva Severaas (Haaskjold) | b. April 7, 1927 |
| b. Olaug Severaas (Solheim) | b. April 16, 1929 |
| c. Solveig Ingeborg Severaas
(Jegerstedt) | b. January 12, 1931 |

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|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| a. MARTA OLIVA SEVERAAS | married | Paal Mork Haaskjold |
| b. April 7, 1927 | | b. July 14, 1921 |

Marta, daughter of August and Oline Severaas, is a teacher; her husband Paal farms.

Address: Haaskjold Volda, Norway

Children:

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Fredrik Haaskjold | b. August 2, 1953 |
| (2) Trond Haaskjold | b. October 10, 1957 |
| (3) Arne Haaskjold | b. October 11, 1959 |
| (4) Olav Inge Haaskjold | b. November 17, 1962 |

(Sources: Olga Liebøe, Gerhard Skouge, Nellie Skouge, tombstones for August and Oline Severaas)

CHAPTER IV
 Descendants of August Severaas, continued

b. OLAUG SEVERAAS married Haakon Solheim
 b. April 16, 1929 b. July 4, 1926

Olaug, the second daughter of August and Oline Severaas, married Haakon Solheim, a sailor. Their home is just down the path west of the Severaas farm.

Address: Severaasvaag, Via Bergen, Norway

Children:

(1) Arne Lauritz Solheim	b. February 12, 1953
(2) Geir Ove Solheim	b. August 11, 1954
(3) Torbjørn Solheim	b. September 9, 1966
(4) Kjersti Solheim	b. July 31, 1973

c. SOLVEIG INGEBORG SEVERAAS married Sverre Johan Jegerstedt
 b. January 12, 1931 b. January 14, 1921

Solveig is the third and youngest daughter of August and Oline Severaas.

She and her family live in Trondheim where her husband Sverre is a sea captain.

Address: Trondheim, Norway

Children:

(1) Kari Jegerstedt	b. May 20, 1963
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(Source: Olga Liebøe)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Ola Olsen Severaas (b. 1859), continued

3. MARTIN O. SEVERAAS (NATAAS) married Oline F. Nataas
 b. November 25, 1888 b. June 4, 1888
 d. November 19, 1959 d. March 12, 1969

Martin, the third child of Ola and Marta Severaas, married Oline from Nataas. As Oline's father didn't have any sons, they farmed the land at Nataas, thus that was used as their surname.

At one time Martin lost a hand in a dynamite explosion.

Children:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Fredrik August Nataas | b. June 10, 1914 |
| b. Olga Nataas | b. April 21, 1916 |
| c. Martha Nataas | b. September 14, 1923 |
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4. INGEBORG SEVERAAS married Paul Mickelson
 b. about 1889 b.
 d. 1958

Ingeborg was the only daughter of Ola and Marta Severaas. When Torger Nelson was in Norway for a visit in 1914, she and her cousin Emma Severaas accompanied him back to the United States.

Ingeborg married Paul Mickelson; they lived in Milltown near Missoula, Montana. She died of cancer in 1958.

Children:

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| a. Torvald Mickelson |
| b. Arnold Mickelson |
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5. INGVOLD SEVERAAS
 b. about 1903
 d. 1919

The youngest child of Ola and Marta was Ingvold who died at the age of 16 of influenza.

(See picture of him with his father, page 122a.)

(Sources: Gerhard Skouge, Olga Lieboe, tombstones of Martin and Oline Nataas)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Ole Olsen Severaas (b. 1839), continued

B. MARTA SEVERAAS married Jacob Mjøs
 b. September 1, 1862 b.
 d. d.

Marta was the second child, first daughter of Ole Olsen Severaas and Ingeborg Olsdatter (Hodnekvamme) Severaas. She married Jacob Mjøs, a widower who had been married twice previously. They lived in Nordangervaag, Norway, where Jacob farmed.

In Jacob's second marriage, he had a daughter named Ingeborg who apparently married a man whose last name was Helle. Their daughter Klara married Bjarne Severaas, son of Marta's brother Martin.

Marta died about Easter time, but the year is unknown.

Children:

1. Isak Mjøs

When Isak was nearly 50 years old, he married a woman named Martha. They were married in the United States and had four or five children. Both Isak and his brother Ole had died before the year 1973.

2. Ole Mjøs (Soltvedt)

Ole used the name Soltvedt for his last name. He married a girl named Nora. It's possible that Soltvedt was her maiden name and that they lived on land owned by her father. Ole and Nora have two children:

- a. Kaare Soltvedt
- b. Jan Soltvedt

Jan and his wife live in Denmark and have about six children.

C. ANDREAS SEVERAAS

b. June 5, 1865
 d. 1890

Andreas, son of Ole and Ingeborg Severaas, died of brain fever at the age of 25.

D. MONS SEVERAAS

b. November 10, 1866
 d. 1882

At the age of 16, Mons was killed in a hunting accident. He was hunting birds when he slipped on a rock; the gun discharged and he died of a bullet wound in the head.

His parents were Ole and Ingeborg Severaas.

(Sources: Ida Skouge, Nellie Skouge, Bernhard Refsdal)

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Emma Severaas (Holmelund, Schroeder)

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|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| a. MARY ANN HOLMELUND | married | William Samuel Perlé |
| b. September 12, 1925 | May 30,
1948 | b. |

Mary Ann, only child of Emma (Severaas) and Paul Holmelund, was born in Brooklyn, New York. She received her R. N. degree from the Brooklyn Hospital School of Nursing.

Her husband, Dr. William Perlé, is a general practitioner in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Mary Ann, called "Billie," assists him in his office as well as working part-time in the Mercy Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Since 1956 she has been doing volunteer work in the Red Cross blood bank. Before her marriage, she worked aboard a ship as a registered nurse; she also worked in several hospitals in New York.

Billie and Bill have traveled to many countries: Norway, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and the Caribbean. Time permitting, Billie enjoys knitting, bowling, swimming, reading and crocheting her own designs.

Address: 111 E. Gambier Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

Children:

- (1) Linda Bjørg Perlé b. April 30, 1949

Linda, born in Bergen, Norway, graduated from Bowling Green University in Ohio in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Following graduation, she went to New York to live with her grandmother, Emma Schroeder, and seek employment in social work. At the present time, she is employed as a caseworker in a hospital. Linda's interests include playing tennis, swimming, bowling and reading.

- (2) Paul Alexander Perlé b. September 29, 1953

Paul was born in Brooklyn, New York. In 1975 he graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science. He now works for the Health Department in Painesville, Ohio, but plans to return to school for his Master's degree. He played football in high school, and rugby in college. He also likes to play golf, lift weights, jog, swim and play tennis. While traveling in Europe in the summer of 1974, he visited relatives in Norway.

CHAPTER IV

Descendants of Olga Severaas (Andersen), continued
 Britt Andersen (Hauge), continued

Children:

- (1) Hilde Britt Hauge (Henriksen) b. November 11, 1947

Hilde married Steinar Henriksen and they have three children:

- (1) Stein Otto Henriksen b. June 27, 1966
 (2) Tore Henriksen b. April 9, 1969
 (3) Siri Henriksen b. May 7, 1971

- (2) Torbjørn Hauge b. July 20, 1952

He will become a technical engineer this summer, then hopes to take an additional year of study at a university in Illinois.

- b. TURID DORPH ANDERSEN married Finn Just Gading
 b. January 9, 1925 December b. December 27, 1921
 20, 1952

Turid, Olga and Haakon Andersen's second daughter, was born in Bergen where she was baptized at Domkirken. After finishing elementary school and high school, called "middel-skole," she attended a junior college, then went to a commercial school for one year. She worked in a lawyer's office for about two years before going to Rouen in France for six months of study to improve her French. Back in Bergen, she worked for six years in Bergen's "Haandvarks og Industriforening," a society of people who are masters in handcrafting and industry.

Turid and Finn have a lovely home situated on the side of a mountain overlooking Bergen where Finn is employed as marketing and public relations manager of a shopping center.

Turid likes to read, listen to music and work in the garden.

Address: Kolstien 57, 5030 Landaas, Bergen, Norway

Children:

- (1) Eva Gading b. June 28, 1956

Eva is studying art history at the university in Bergen. To help earn money for her education, she works several days a week as a waitress in a popular restaurant in Bergen where actors and others meet.

- (2) Nina Gading b. September 25, 1958

Nina has been working for a year and a half in a children's clothing store, but plans to go back to school. She has a lovely singing voice, and she likes to sew.

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Descendants of Borghild Severaas (Nielsen)

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|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| a. JOHN NORMAN NIELSEN | married | Alice Ruth Matthews |
| b. October 1, 1933 | June 1,
1957 | b. April 4, 1937 |

John was born in Bergen, Norway, to Johan and Borghild (Severaas) Nielsen.

In 1963 he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey.

John married Alice Matthews, daughter of Arthur and Ruth Matthews of Fall River, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1957. They live in Stillwater, Minnesota, where Alice is a Deputy Clerk of Court in Washington County. For recreation, she likes reading, gardening and cross-country skiing.

John is a consultant to management and computer science professionals. In the summer of 1975, he worked in Munich, Germany, for three weeks, after which he and Alice toured in Germany, Austria and Norway, also visited London. In his leisure time, John enjoys cross-country skiing, playing tennis, reading, painting and drawing.

Address: 2214 Fairmeadows Road, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

Children:

- (1) Eric John Nielsen b. November 12, 1958

In May, 1973, Eric was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Utica, New York. He is an honor roll student in high school and is interested in pursuing a college education in the field of psychology. In his spare time, Eric likes playing golf and tennis, bowling and reading.

- (2) Janice Ruth Nielsen b. June 13, 1961

Janice, a ninth-grader at this writing, will be confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater in April 1976. She is a member of the Student Council and the junior high gymnastics team, and will be on the track team in the spring. Janice is an excellent skier; she also enjoys gymnastics, tennis, reading, sewing and playing the piano.

The following information on BJARNE MARTIN SEVERAAS and descendants had to be added later as it was received from his widow, Klara Helle Severaas, after this book had gone to the printers.

Bjarne was born July 18, 1907, and died January 29, 1973. On August 4, 1928, he married Klara Hjordis Helle who was born October 19, 1907, in Bergen, Norway. Bjarne and Klara lived in the United States for three or four years after their marriage in New York City.

Their first daughter, Greta, born July 20, 1929, was married April 21, 1951, to August Konow, a sales manager. The birth dates of their three children are as follows: August Charlton Konow was born July 20, 1952; Trine Konow was born December 9, 1955, and died in 1971; Tom Konow was born January 21, 1963.

Marit, second daughter of Bjarne and Klara Severaas, was born February 4, 1933. She married Rolf Pihl, an engineer, on March 27, 1955. Their three children are: Anne-Marit Pihl, born January 20, 1956; Jannicke Pihl, born July 7, 1957, and Torstein Pihl, born September 27, 1961.



Ola Severaas and son Ingvold



Andreas Severaas



Martin and Brita Severaas
and daughter Emma

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Oline Severaas Liebøe



Olav Liebøe



Olga Liebøe
1975

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Descendants of Ole Olsen Severaas (b. 1839), continued

G. N. OLINE SEVERAAS	married	Christian Liebøe
b. June 24, 1873		b. May 1, 1867
d. December 8, 1958		d. February 15, 1942

Oline was the seventh child born to Ole and Ingeborg Severaas in Lindaas, county of Hordaland, Norway. When she was about five years of age, she had scarlet fever which resulted in her being deaf. Oline attended a school for the deaf in Bergen where she learned the tailoring trade, then made men's clothing.

Oline married Christian Liebøe of Sunnfjord who was also deaf. They lived in Bergen, where Christian was a shoemaker.

Children:

1. Olav Johannes Liebøe	b. May 7, 1911
2. Olga Sofie Liebøe	b. March 24, 1919

1. OLAV JOHANNES LIEBØE
 b. May 7, 1911
 d. September 23, 1916

Olav, young son of Oline and Christian Liebøe, was struck and killed by a streetcar in Bergen at the age of five. His obituary states: "Begraves fra hjemmet, Fredriksbergsmuget 10, Fredag, kl. 12." This means, "Burial (or funeral) from home at Fredriksbergsmuget 10, on Friday at 12 o'clock."

2. OLGA SOFIE LIEBØE
 b. March 24, 1919

Olga was born in Bergen, Norway, to Oline and Christian Liebøe. One time when she was seven years old, King Haakon and his son, Prince Olav, were driving in an open car on the street where Olga and her family lived. With a picture of her brother Olav in one hand, Olga ran up to the royal car shouting, "See, I had a brother named Olav."

At one time she was engaged to be married, but elected instead to stay at home and care for her elderly mother whose eyesight was failing. For 29 years Olga was head of a clothing factory in Bergen, then in 1975 she was employed as manager of the payroll department of Bergen's largest laundry. She has visited the United States twice. Olga shares a lovely apartment in Bergen with her friend, Anne-Marie, and she enjoys the companionship of her old dog Dick, an English Setter who has won many awards as a hunting dog.

Address: Nebbeveien 27 III, 5033 Fyllingsdalen, Norway

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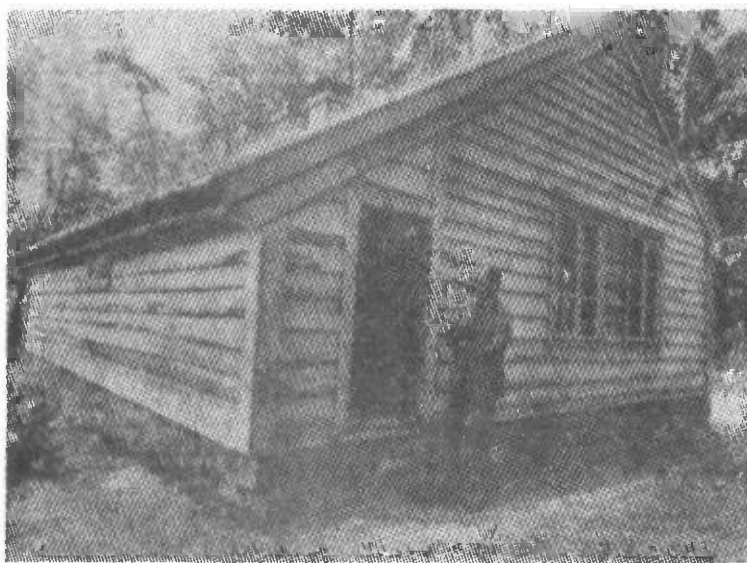
Descendants of Ole Olsen Severaas (b. 1808), continued

VI. INGEBORG OLSDATTER SEVERAAS married Nils Bertilsen Kolaas
Sundsbo
 b. October 20, 1848 1870 b. July 24, 1844
 d. October 13, 1925 d. September 17, 1924

Ingeborg was the youngest of the six children born to Ole Olsen Severaas and Marta Monsdatter (Nedretveit) Severaas. She married Nils Bertilsen Kolaas of Sundsbo and they farmed the Sundsbo farm in Lindaas, Norway.

(See Chapter VI regarding Ingeborg and Nils Sundsbo and their descendants.)

(Sources: Bernhard Refsdal, Ida Sundsbo Peterson)



THE NATAAS SCHOOL

Gertrude Severaas Nelson attended school here, as well as many other Severaas youth. The school has been moved from Lindaas and is now preserved at the Bygdoy Folk Museum in Oslo, where the above picture was taken.

CHAPTER V

INGEBRIGT SEVERAAS (KLEIVEN)

and Descendants

CHAPTER V

INGEBRIGT SEVERAAS (KLEIVEN) AND DESCENDANTS

- A. Ole Ingebrigt Kleiven (Kleaveland) m. Nettie Tonita Solso
1. Sophia Irene Kleaveland m. Joseph M. Baer
 2. Ingram Justin Kleaveland m. Hildreth Lenore Covington
 - a. Rodney Covington Kleaveland m. Lydia Zieck
 - (1) David Rodney Kleaveland (adopted) m. Jean Waggoner
 - (2) Debra Ann Kleaveland (adopted)
 - b. Ingram Justin Kleaveland m. Rosemary Stokes
 - (1) Joseph Patrick Kleaveland m. Renee Biren
 - (2) Timothy Justin Kleaveland
 - (3) Andrew Covington Kleaveland
 - (4) Mary Daley Kleaveland
 - (5) Michael Ingram Kleaveland
 - (6) Elizabeth Hardin Kleaveland
 - c. Richard Norman Kleaveland m. Sally Essex
 - (1) Richard Essex Kleaveland
 - (2) Lanse Kleaveland
 - (3) Bruce Kleaveland
 - (4) Jay Covington Kleaveland
 - (5) Jeffery Kleaveland
 - d. Jay Covington Kleaveland m. (1) Sally Grant
(2) Rosita Marie Smith
 - (1) Anne Turnage Kleaveland
 - (2) Sarah Covington Kleaveland
 3. Frances Marie Kleaveland m. Cornelius Leo Redmond
 - a. Frances Terese Redmond (adopted) m. Richard Bedoar
 4. Nora Olivian Kleaveland m. John R. Kinnear
 - a. Nita Helen Kinnear m. James S. Raby
 - (1) Carol Anne Raby
 - (2) Jane Marie Raby
 5. Wallace Cameron Kleaveland m. Fern Aline Bullar
 - a. Neta Mae Kleaveland m. Lynn Charles Tarbox
 - (1) Laura Ann Tarbox
 - (2) Karen Ann Tarbox
 - (3) Michael Kent Tarbox

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Descendants of Ingebrigt Severaas (Kleiven), continued

B. Martin Kleiven (Kleaveland) m. Marta

1. Sygne Kleiven m. Nesse

a. (son)

b. (son)

c. (son)

2. Ingvold Kleiven (Kleaveland) m. Elna Ruth Louisa
Pettersson

a. Mary Lou Kleaveland m. Roderick C. Halstad

(1) Charisse Malene Halstad

b. Leonard L. Kleaveland m. J. Sherry Disbrow

(1) Kathy Kleaveland

(2) Tamara Kleaveland

C. August Kleiven (Kleaveland) m. Christina Flygstad

D. Martine Kleiven m. Helge Stall

1. Ingolf Kleiven (Cleveland) m. (1) June Margerette Brown
(2) Frances Christine
Campbell

a. Joan Patricia Cleveland m. Robert L. Mardock

(1) Michael Mardock

(2) Sherri Mardock

(3) Jerry Mardock

b. Charles Henry Cleveland m. Phoebe Newby

(1) Marie Cleveland

(2) Craig Cleveland

(3) Michelle Cleveland

(4) Marsha Cleveland

c. Karen Marie Cleveland m. Michael L. McCurdy

(1) Lesa McCurdy

(2) Ian McCurdy

2. Sofia Kleiven m. Alfred Kvingedal

a. Helge Kvingedal

b. Bernt Aage Kvingedal

c. Margunn Kvingedal

3. Julia Kleiven m. Karl Matre

a. Ivar Helge Matre

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Descendants of Ingebrigt Severaas (Kleiven), continued
Descendants of Martine Kleiven, continued

4. Alf Kleiven m. Borghild
- a. Otto Kleiven
- b. Henny Margrethe Kleiven
- c. Berit Kleiven
- d. Reidun Kleiven
5. Arthur Kleiven m. Malmfryd
- a. Henry Kleiven
6. Borgny Kleiven m. Bjarne Veland
- E. Sophia Kleiven m. Hogsvaer
- F. Ida Kleiven

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Descendants of Ingebrigt Olsen Severaas (Kleiven)

A. OLE INGEBRIGT KLEIVEN (KLEAVELAND)	married	Nettie Tonita Solso
b. October 9, 1871	August	b. May 16, 1869
d. December 9, 1963	20, 1896	d. January 24, 1952

Ole, born in Norway, was the first child of Ingebrigt and Sygne Kleiven. He was a carpenter by trade, having served an apprenticeship in Norway before emigrating to the United States at the age of 21, at which time he changed the spelling of his name to Kleaveland.

On August 20, 1896, Ole married Nettie Solso in her home town of Boushie, Iowa, which was near Webster City. At first, they lived in Webster City where Ole worked for Ziltrell Contractors. Later, he became a contractor himself and built the courthouse in Webster City as well as some of the old schools, stores and churches.

For over 30 years, beginning in the early 1900's, Ole owned and operated a lumber business in Jewell, Iowa. He is remembered as being a good businessman, and his lumber business prospered. Son Wallace states: "A big day for the family happened about 1918 when Dad purchased the first Cadillac car in Jewell."

Ole and Nettie were members of the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell. For about ten years prior to Nettie's death, they spent the winters in Florida, Texas and California. Following her death, Ole spent his winters either in Long Beach, California, or in Florida.

Ole suffered a stroke on February 9, 1963, while in Long Beach. Later, he was taken to a hospital in Murphysboro, Illinois, and from there to the Murphysboro Nursing Home where he died on December 9, 1963. He was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery in Jewell beside his wife.

Children:

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| 1. Sophia Irene Kleaveland (Baer) | b. April 21, 1897 |
| 2. Ingram Justin Kleaveland | b. December 31, 1898 |
| 3. Frances Marie Kleaveland (Redmond) | b. August 26, 1903 |
| 4. Nora <u>Olivian</u> Kleaveland (Kinnear) | b. December 13, 1905 |
| 5. Wallace Cameron Kleaveland | b. May 26, 1909 |

(Sources: Ole's obituary, Frances Redmond, Wallace Kleaveland, Ingolf Cleveland, Nellie Skouge)

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Ole Ingebrigt Kleaveland

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|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1. SOPHIA IRENE KLEAVELAND | married | Joseph M. Baer |
| b. April 21, 1897 | August | b. January 30, 1892 |
| | 31, 1922 | d. February 14, 1973 |

Sophia, the first-born child of Ole and Nettie Kleaveland, grew up in Jewell, Iowa, and attended the schools there. She received her high school education at Jewell Lutheran College, an academy; graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1919, and taught at the Murphysboro Township High School in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Sophia and Joseph Baer, operator of a men's wear store, were married August 31, 1922, in Jewell.

Sophia's sister Olivian has lived with them for many years. In later years, they have spent their winters in Arizona and California.

Joseph died on February 14, 1973, of cancer of the face and mouth. Sophia and Joseph had no children.

Address: 217 So. 22nd Street, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Ole Ingebrigt Kleaveland, continued

2. INGRAM JUSTIN KLEAVELAND married Hildreth Lenore Covington
 b. December 31, 1898 July b. May 11, 1900
 14, 1921

Ingram is the first son, second child of Ole and Nettie Kleaveland. He attended the schools in Jewell, Iowa, graduating from high school in 1916. That fall he entered Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1921 from the College of Veterinary Medicine.

On July 14, 1921, the marriage of Ingram and Hildreth Covington took place in Ames. Hildreth, born in Pleasantville, Iowa, to Jacob and Louella Covington, had attended Iowa State College with a major in Home Economics.

Ingram has been a veterinarian in the Sioux Rapids, Iowa, area where he also bought several farms which have been rented out on a 50-50 basis. He and his son Rodney have purchased several farms in partnership, besides being in the turkey raising business. Beginning in 1961, they have concentrated on hog production.

After Ingram's retirement in 1949, he and Hildreth have spent many winters in Sun City, Arizona. Hildreth suffered a heart attack on May 6, 1974, but has made a good recovery and is enjoying a nice social life.

Addresses: Sioux Rapids, Iowa 50585

or

10413 - 101 Avenue, Sun City, Arizona 85351

Children:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Rodney Covington Kleaveland | b. December 9, 1922 |
| b. Ingram <u>Justin</u> Kleaveland | b. April 11, 1924 |
| c. Richard Norman Kleaveland | b. September 10, 1926 |
| d. Jay Covington Kleaveland | b. January 2, 1932 |

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Ole Ingebrigt Kleaveland, continued

3. FRANCES MARIE KLEAVELAND married Cornelius Leo Redmond
 b. August 26, 1903 November b. June 7, 1900
 27, 1936

Frances, born in Webster City, Iowa, is the third child of Ole and Nettie Kleaveland. At an early age, she moved with her family to Jewell, Iowa, where she grew up and graduated from high school. She attended Ward-Belmont, a girls' college in Nashville, Tennessee, then completed her college education at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, graduating in 1926 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Frances taught speech and drama in the senior high school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, from 1926 to 1928, then in Muskegon, Michigan from 1928 to 1936.

On the day after Thanksgiving, November 27, 1936, Frances and Leo were married in Dixon, Illinois, due to the fact that Frances' brother Wallace lived there at the time. Leo was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Now retired, Leo was football coach and Director of Athletics in Muskegon Senior High School from 1925 to 1946, then Principal of Bunker Junior High School from 1946 to 1965. He belongs to the Michigan Coaches' Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Detroit Free Press. On the 75th anniversary of the founding of football, he was honored as one of Michigan's outstanding football coaches at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, and at Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. On September 12, 1975, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Western Michigan University. He has also been an active member and an officer in the Elks Lodge in Muskegon.

While living in Michigan, Frances gave book and play reviews throughout western Michigan, besides organizing Port City Playhouse, a civic theatre which is still very active. She now enjoys volunteer work on the hospital board, besides making tapes of text books for the blind.

On November 9, 1972, Frances and Leo moved to their present home in a retirement area entitled "Leisure World" in Laguna Hills, California.

Address: 22-A Avenida Castilla, Laguna Hills, California
 92653

Only child:

- a. Frances Terese Redmond (adopted) b. December 16, 1942

CHAPTER V

Descendant of Frances Kleaveland (Redmond)

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| a. FRANCES TERESE REDMOND | married | Richard Scott Bedoar |
| b. December 16, 1942 | June 12, | b. March 26, 1945 |
| d. August 25, 1975 | 1971 | |

"Terri" was adopted by Frances and Leo Redmond from "The Cradle" in Chicago, Illinois, and was baptized in April, 1943, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Muskegon, Michigan.

In 1965 she was graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, then taught history at Mona Shores Junior High School in Muskegon from 1965 to 1971.

Terri married Richard Bedoar on June 12, 1971, and they made their home at 4718 Dewey Avenue in Rochester, New York. Richard, born in Rochester, was graduated from St. John Fisha College there. He served in the United States Navy for two years during the Viet Nam conflict. Terri and Richard had no children.

Terri died at the age of 32 years of diabetic neuropathy. She was an invalid the last three and one-half years of her life, but continued her handicraft work--knitting, in which she designed many of her own patterns, ceramics and decoupage.

She was buried in Lakeside Cemetery in Muskegon.

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Wallace Cameron Kleaveland

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| a. NETA MAE KLEAVELAND | married | Lynn Charles Tarbox |
| b. December 29, 1934 | December 23, 1955 | b. February 15, 1933 |

Neta was born in Murphysboro, Illinois, December 29, 1934, the only child of Wallace and Fern Kleaveland. She graduated from high school in Tampa, Florida, and was a 1956 graduate of the University of California in Los Angeles.

Besides being an active member of the P.T.A. and Junior Woman's Club, Neta has been a Girl Scout troop leader for twelve years, plus serving as a council trainer and camp director. In 1965 she was named Woman of the Year by the Junior Woman's Club in Whittier, California.

Neta's husband, Lynn Tarbox, is president of Unionbank Computer Corporation. His family has been traced back to B. Thomas Tarbox who died at Ippolits, Co. Herts, England, in 1619. Lynn was named for Lynn, Massachusetts, where many of the ancestors settled after 1638.

Address: 1801 North Hills Drive, LaHabra, California 90631

Children:

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| (1) Laura Ann Tarbox | b. June 15, 1957 |
| Laura entered U.C.L.A. | the fall of 1975. |
| (2) Karen Ann Tarbox | b. January 1, 1960 |
| | d. July 18, 1961 |
| (3) Michael Kent Tarbox | b. August 4, 1961 |
| Michael, who entered high school in the fall of 1975, is interested in sports and music. | |

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Ingebrigt Olsen Severaas (Kleiven), continued

- B. MARTIN KLEIVEN (KLEAVELAND) married Marta
- b.
- d.

Martin, born in Lindaas, Norway, was a son of Ingebrigt and Sygne Kleiven. His occupation was carpentry.

He came to the United States in the fall of 1902 and found work in California where he was killed in an accident. His son, Ingvald, determined to find out what had happened to his father, came over from Norway and succeeded in locating the carpenter who had been working with Martin at the time of his death. He was told that Martin had died a few years before (in the early 1930's). Martin had been working on a building project when he fell through a scaffold or floor. He sustained internal injuries which led to pneumonia and he died within three days. Nellie Skouge reported that all that Martin had left was a small insurance policy, about enough to bury him.

Children:

1. Sygne Kleiven (Nesse) b.
 2. Ingvald Kleiven (Kleaveland) b. November 12, 1902
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1. SYGNE KLEIVEN married Nesse
- b.

Sygne, daughter of Martin and Marta Kleiven, reportedly has three sons and still lives in Oslo at this writing.

2. INGVALD KLEIVEN (KLEAVELAND) married Elna Ruth Louisa
- b. November 12, 1902 January Pettersson
- d. May 14, 1965 25, 1925 b. October 24, 1902

When Ingvald, son of Martin and Marta Kleiven, became a citizen of the United States in 1928, he changed the spelling of his last name to Kleaveland, as his relatives had done before him. He received his education in Bergen, Norway, where he was employed as a city salesman and correspondent for an import company. He migrated to America with his uncle August Kleaveland and stayed for a few months in Jewell, Iowa, with him. Later, he went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked for Hawkeye Leather Company as a traveling salesman.

Ingvald married Elna Pettersson at four o'clock on a Sunday afternoon, January 25, 1925, at Madrid, Iowa, in the home of Elna's sister. Elna was born in Persberg, Värmland, Sweden, on October 24, 1902 to Alfred and Maria (Brygg) Pettersson. She arrived in America November 28, 1923, and went to Madrid,

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Martin Kleiven (Kleaveland), continued

Iowa, where her sister and husband, Alma and Joseph Reedholm, were living. Later, Joseph Reedholm moved his hardware store from Madrid to Boone, Iowa, where it still remains.

Previous to his marriage, Ingvald had been unable to obtain any information about his father who had come to the United States many years before. Elna suggested that he write to the Salvation Army, which he did, and they in turn contacted the Carpenters' Union. As a result, Ingvald succeeded in contacting a man who had known his father. He was informed that Martin had died in an accident a few years before. He had been working on a building project when he fell through a scaffold or floor, receiving internal injuries. Pneumonia soon developed and he died within three days.

Ingvald was a salesman for the "Aluminum Company of America." Later, he was promoted to field supervisor, at which time he had a sales-force of 35 men. Upon transfer to Detroit, Michigan, he was a sales representative, selling to hardware stores and restaurants. With the coming of the second World War, aluminum was scarce, so Ingvald worked in the office of the aluminum company in Detroit.

Next, Ingvald worked in the sales office of the John Nylen Company where they made "pistons and pins." Soon he was promoted to sales manager, building a sales-force from coast to coast. After hiring all the men he needed, Ingvald was tired of traveling and wished to be at home. In 1950 he bought a paint and wallpaper store in Benton Harbor, Michigan, calling it "Colorland," which he operated until the time of his death in 1965. He died on May 14, and was buried on May 17, Norway's Independence Day, a day which had always meant so much to him.

Elna says that their home was always a meeting place for Scandinavians and others who wanted someplace to go for holidays and weekends. She also reports that Ingvald had helped many a young man to success, and that his personality was such that when he entered a sales meeting or committee meeting, people sat up and took notice. He served as deacon in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Detroit, and was on the Board of Trustees as well as Sunday School Superintendent at Saran Lutheran Church in Saint Joseph, Michigan. Elna did interior decorating at their store, "Colorland." At present, she enjoys oil painting and working with driftwood. She spends her winters in Florida and her summers in Michigan with her children.

Address: Trailer Estates, Box 5958, Bradenton, Florida 33507

Children:

- (a) Mary Lou Kleaveland (Halstad) b. January 29, 1930
- (b) Leonard Louis Kleaveland b. January 29, 1940

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Descendants of Ingebrigt Olsen Severaas (Kleiven), continued

C. AUGUST KLEIVEN (KLEAVELAND) married Christina Flygstad
 b. 1873 March b. February 26, 1876
 d. June 24, 1956 29, 1905 d. August 28, 1956

August, born in the area of Lindaas, Norway, near Myking, was a son of Ingebrigt and Sygne Kleiven. As with his brothers, Ole and Martin, August spelled his name Kleveland upon coming to America.

On a rainy spring night, March 29, 1905, August and "Tena" were married by Rev. C. J. Eartvold, Lutheran pastor, in the home of her parents north of Jewell, Iowa.

August worked as a carpenter before starting a hardware store in Jewell in 1919. Later, he had a hardware store in Story City, Iowa, then a beer parlor there. Often when Tena opened the cash register, August asked, "Vat do you vant in dat money drawer, Tena?" Tena worked hard, often helping to cook for threshers on the farms near Story City. August and Tena had no children.

According to the Marriage Register of the Hamilton County Courthouse in Webster City, Iowa, August's age at the time of his marriage was 28, which would mean that he was born in 1877, but the birth date in the Death Register is given as 1873.

Bessie Nelson reports that August and Tena didn't live together the last few years of their lives. Tena died of an enlarged heart and is buried in the cemetery in Jewell; August died of cancer and is buried in Story City.

(Sources: Nellie Skouge, Bessie Nelson, Marriage Register at Hamilton County Courthouse in Webster City, Iowa, Death Register at Story County Courthouse in Nevada, Iowa)

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Descendants of Ingebrigt Olsen Severaas (Kleiven), continued

D. MARTINE KLEIVEN	married	Helge Stall
b. January 31, 1882	1907	b. 1883
d. December 15, 1965		d. 1952

Martine, daughter of Ingebrigt and Sygne Kleiven, was born on the Kleiven farm in the county of Hordaland in Norway. The name on her tombstone in the cemetery of the church at Myking is inscribed "Marthina." When she married Helge Stall, he adopted her last name as they lived on Kleiven and farmed there. Martine's three brothers had all emigrated to the United States.

Helge Stall was in this country twice, residing in the state of Washington. The first time he used the name Stall (possibly this was before his marriage) and the second time he used the name Kleiven.

Helge died by drowning in 1952. Gerhard Skouge gave the following account: "Kleiven is located along the inlet of a fjord. Helge was taking his boat back and forth to the far end of the fjord, loading it with sand, and bringing it back for cement work. One time he loaded the boat too heavy and it sank."

Children:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ingolf Kleiven (Cleveland) | b. January 21, 1908 |
| 2. Sofia Kleiven (Kvingedal) | b. |
| 3. Julia Kleiven (Matre) | b. |
| 4. Alf Kleiven | b. |
| 5. Arthur Kleiven | b. |
| 6. Borgny Kleiven (Veland) | b. |

1. INGOLF KLEIVEN (CLEVELAND)	married	(1) June Margerette Brown
b. January 21, 1908	May 25,	b. July 7, 1916
d. August 28, 1975	1937	
	September	(2) Frances <u>Christine</u>
	2, 1967	<u>Campbell</u>

Ingolf was born on Kleiven in Lindaas, Norway, to Martine Kleiven and Helge Stall (Kleiven). Upon arriving in the United States December 22, 1928, he changed his last name to Cleveland. He resided in the state of Washington until 1930 when he moved to California.

Ingolf and June Brown were married May 25, 1937, in Berkeley, California, and were divorced in 1957. On September 2, 1967, he married Mrs. Christine Campbell who was also divorced. In 1972 Ingolf and Christine enjoyed visiting relatives in Norway.

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Martine Kleiven, continued
 Ingolf Kleiven (Cleveland), continued

For 33½ years, Ingolf worked for Sears Roebuck and Company as salesman and as division manager. He retired January 31, 1968. In addition to their home in Walnut Creek, California, Ingolf and Christine built a house at Lake Tahoe in California.

Ingolf passed away August 28, 1975, and was buried on September 2, his wedding anniversary. Christine continues to live in Walnut Creek.

Address: 1830 Almond Ave., Walnut Creek, California 94596

Children:

- a. Joan Patricia Cleveland (Mardock) b. March 17, 1938

Joan married Robert L. Mardock

Address: Star Route 135, Branscomb, California 95417

Children:

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| (1) Michael Mardock | b. |
| (2) Sherri Mardock | b. |
| (3) Jerry Mardock | b. |

- b. Charles Henry Cleveland b. November 21, 1941

Charles, pastor of Houghton and L'anse Seventh Day Adventist Churches, married Phoebe Newby.

Address: 1301 Garden Street, Hancock, Michigan 49930

Children:

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|------------------------|----|
| (1) Marie Cleveland | b. |
| (2) Craig Cleveland | b. |
| (3) Michelle Cleveland | b. |
| (4) Marsha Cleveland | b. |

- c. Karen Marie Cleveland (McCurdy) b. December 7, 1944

Karen married Michael L. McCurdy. They did live in King Salmon, Alaska, for a time, but when this writer sent a letter there, it was returned.

Address:

Children:

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| (1) Lesa McCurdy | b. |
| (2) Ian McCurdy | b. |

CHAPTER V

Descendants of Martine Kleiven, continued

2. SOFIA KLEIVEN married Alfred Kvingedal
 b. b.

Sofia was the second child born to Martine and Helge Stall Kleiven. Her older brother Ingolf said that before he left Norway to come to America, he hired Alfred to take care of the farm. Sofia and Alfred have two sons and one daughter.

Address: Dalsgrend, Norway

Children:

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|-------------------------|----|
| a. Helge Kvingedal | b. |
| b. Bernt Aage Kvingedal | b. |
| c. Margunn Kvingedal | b. |
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3. JULIA KLEIVEN married Karl Matre
 b. b.

Martine and Helge Stall Kleiven were Julia's parents.

Address: Matredal, Norway

Children:

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| a. Ivar Helge Matre |
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4. ALF KLEIVEN married Borghild
 b. b.

Alf, a furniture factory worker, is a son of Martine and Helge Kleiven. He and his wife live on part of the Kleiven land.

Address: Dalsgrend, Norway

Children:

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|----------------------------|----|
| a. Otto Kleiven | b. |
| b. Henny Margrethe Kleiven | b. |
| c. Berit Kleiven | b. |
| d. Reidun Kleiven | b. |
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5. ARTHUR KLEIVEN married Malmfryd
 b. b.

Arthur, the fifth child of Martine and Helge Kleiven, works in a furniture factory. He and his wife live on the Kleiven farm.

Address: Dalsgrend, Norway

Children:

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| a. Henry Kleiven | b. |
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6. BORGNY KLEIVEN married Bjarne Veland
 b. b.

Borgny, the youngest child of Martine and Helge Kleiven, lives in Bergen. She and her husband have no children.

(Sources: Ingolf Cleveland, Gerhard Skouge, Martine's gravestone)



Ole and Nettie Kleaveland
August 20, 1896



Children of Ole and Nettie Kleaveland
Sophia, Ingram, Frances,
Olivian



The Sundsbø Family, April 12, 1912

Back row: Ole, Mons, Lars, Ida

Front row: Martina, Nils (father), Ingeborg (mother), Oline



Ida and Anton Peterson

May 8, 1918

CHAPTER VI

INGEBORG SEVERAAS SUNDSBØ
and Descendants

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INGEBORG SEVERAAS SUNDSBØ AND DESCENDANTS

- VI. Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas m. Nils Bertilsen Kolaas (Sundsbo)
- A. Martina Sundsbø m. Martin Jacobsen Soltvedt
1. Johanna Soltvedt
 2. Ingeborg Soltvedt
 3. Maria Soltvedt (died at age 17)
 4. Ingolf Soltvedt m. Marian
 5. Jacob Soltvedt m. Charlotte Solheim
 - a. Martin Soltvedt m. Berit Dale
 - (1) Malin Soltvedt
 - (2) Kjartan Soltvedt
- B. Ole Sundsbø m. Berta Saetre
1. Alma Ragnfrid Sundsbø m. Hans Austrheim
 - a. Oslaug Hedrig Austrheim m. Ingar Sørhaug
 - (1) Anlaug Irene Sørhaug
 - (2) Aage Sørhaug
 - b. Berta Austrheim m. Thomas Findenes
 - (1) Anbjørg Findenes
 - (2) Tordis Findenes
 - (3) Tern Birge Findenes
 - (4) Unni Findenes
 2. Nelly Ingrid Sundsbø
 3. Berna Olava Sundsbø
- C. Mons Sundsbø (died at age 2)
- D. Oline Sundsbø (not married)
- E. Mons Sundsbø m. Berta Gjerline Birkeland
1. Ingvard Sundsbø m. Swanhild Raunehaug
 2. Nils Sundsbø m. Johanna Jaadahl
 - a. Anne Berit Sundsbø
 - b. Ingebjorg Sundsbø
 - c. Sunniva Sundsbø
 - d. Aashild Sundsbø
 3. Jenny Sundsbø

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Mons Sundsbø, continued

4. Birgar Martin Sundsbø m. Marta Morthen
 - a. Svein Sundsbø m. Solfrid Tamter
 - (1) Saalve Sundsbø
 - b. Dagfinn Sundsbø
 - c. Erlend Sundsbø
 - d. Nils-Erik Sundsbø
5. Liev Sundsbø m. Anne Lise Bjaarnstad
 - a. Solvaar Sundsbø
 - b. Gyrd Sundsbø
 - c. Ingild Sundsbø
6. Inger Sundsbø m. Olav Kvamme
 - a. Endre Kvamme
 - b. Bodil Kvamme
 - c. Anne Kvamme
 - d. Magne Kvamme
7. Borghild Sundsbø m. Georg Wethal
 - a. Gerd Wethal
 - b. Solveig Wethal
 - c. Nils Edvin Wethal
- F. Lars Nilsen Sundsbø (Sundsbo) m. Alvidia Menora J. Quisley
 1. Jean Marie Sundsbo (adopted) m. Wayne Reid Johnson
 - a. Cynthia Rae Johnson
 - b. Kathy Lynn Johnson
 - c. Thomas Clay Johnson
 - d. Kari Marie Johnson
- G. Ingeborg Sundsbø (died at age 12)
- H. Martin Sundsbø (died young)
- I. Ida Marie Sundsbø m. Anton N. Peterson
 1. Marvin Justin Peterson m. Madeline Louise Stauffer
 2. Naomi Irene Peterson m. Lloyd Paulmer Sabby
 - a. Ronald Lloyd Sabby m. Wanda Fay Olson
 - b. Dennis Alan Sabby
 - c. Karen Marie Sabby

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Ida Marie Sundsbø (Peterson), continued

3. Arling Nels Peterson m. Ruth Marie Valde
 - a. Susan Elaine Peterson m. Gregory Lawrence Olsen
 - (1) Kristin Marie Olsen
4. Leslie Martin Peterson m. June Burlette Laurine Ness
 - a. Linda Suzanne Peterson m. Danny Kaye East
 - (1) Stacy Lynne East
 - b. Lori Jean Peterson
5. Ina Marie Peterson m. Leland Curtez Sabby
 - a. Paul David Sabby
 - b. Mary Margaret Sabby
 - c. Rachel Marie Sabby
 - d. John Mark Sabby
6. Robert Durwood Peterson m. Patricia Dee Thomason
 - a. Robert Travis Peterson m. Judy Jeanette Wirth
 - b. Robin Diane Peterson
 - c. Rodney David Peterson
 - d. Kathleen Jo Peterson
7. Sterling Oliver Peterson
8. Stanley Reuben Peterson m. Gloria Ana Biehler
 - a. Mark Edwin Peterson
 - b. Michael Eric Peterson
 - c. Shannon Elaine Peterson
 - d. Myron Stanley Peterson

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbo)

A. MARTINA SUNDSBØ	married	Martin Jacobsen Soltvedt
b. May 26, 1871	August	b. May 9, 1876
d. June 29, 1951	24, 1897	d. June 13, 1951

Martina, the first child of Nils and Ingeborg Sundsbø, was born on the Sundsbø farm in Lindaas, Norway.

On August 24, 1897, she married Martin Soltvedt, a farmer. They made their home on the Soltvedt farm.

Children:

1. Johanna Soltvedt b. June 7, 1898

Johanna, unmarried, worked as a hired girl. She now lives with her sister Ingeborg.

Address: 5127 Sletta Radøy, Norway

2. Ingeborg Soltvedt b. August 3, 1899

Ingeborg is not married. She lives with her sister at the above address.

3. Maria Soltvedt b. May 18, 1901
d. October 31, 1918

4. Ingolf Soltvedt b. July 24, 1902
d. 1970

Ingolf was an engineer. He and his wife Marian lived in Pennsylvania, but had no children.

5. Jacob Soltvedt b. August 6, 1903
d. October 12, 1962

Jacob, a male nurse, married Charlotte Solheim who was born May 19, 1902. They had one son:

a. Martin Soltvedt b. January 31, 1931

Martin married Berit Dale. They have two children:

(1) Malin Soltvedt b. November 22, 1970

(2) Kjartan Soltvedt b. January 9, 1973

(Sources: Johanna Soltvedt, Nelly Sundsbø)

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbo), continued

B. OLE SUNDSBO married Berta Saetre
 b. September 19, 1873 b. August 3, 1868
 d. February 18, 1951 d. January 24, 1927

Ole was born on Sundsbo in Lindaas, Norway. He was the second child, first son of Ingeborg (Severaas) and Nils Bertilsen Kolaas Sundsbo.

Before he started farming in 1910, he had been a carpenter in Bergen for many years.

Children:

1. Alma Ragnfrid Sundsbo
 (Austrheim) b. August 5, 1899
2. Nelly Ingrid Sundsbo b. May 14, 1901
3. Berna Olava Sundsbo b. June 2, 1904

1. ALMA RAGNFRID SUNDSBO married Hans Austrheim
 b. August 15, 1899 b. March 18, 1896
 d. July 8, 1973 d. December 1961

Born in Bergen, Alma was the eldest of three daughters born to Ole and Berta Sundsbo. She and Hans had two daughters.

Children:

- a. Oslaug Hedrig Austrheim
 (Sørhaug) b. August 10, 1922

Oslaug was a cashier before she married Ingar Sørhaug, a captain in the merchant marine. Ingar was born October 21, 1927. Oslaug and Ingar have two children:

- (1) Anlaug Irene Sørhaug b. February 15, 1957
- (2) Aage Sørhaug b. April 26, 1960

- b. Berta Odlaug Austrheim
 (Findenes) b. April 21, 1926

Berta was a shop-keeper before her marriage. Her husband, Thomas Findenes, born November 10, 1920, is a businessman. Their children are as follows:

- (1) Anbjørg Findenes b. September 4, 1951
- (2) Tordis Findenes b. August 14, 1952
- (3) Tern Birge Findenes b. August 23, 1956
- (4) Unni Findenes b. December 18, 1960

(Source: Nelly Sundsbo)

CHAPTER VI
 Descendants of Ole Sundsbø, continued

2. NELLY INGRID SUNDSBØ
 b. May 14, 1901

Nelly, daughter of Ole and Berta Sundsbø, was born in Bergen, became a registered nurse and worked for 40 years at Ullevaal Hospital in Oslo.

She has traveled through several countries in Europe, plus Asia and Africa. Now she lives with her younger sister Olava. They have kept the house on the Sundsbø farm, but use it only on holidays and vacations.

Address: Øvregt 9, 5000 Bergen, Norway

3. BERNA OLAVA SUNDSBØ
 b. June 2, 1904

Olava, born in Bergen, is the youngest of three daughters of Ole and Berta Sundsbø. She lives with her sister Nelly in Bergen. Her interests include clothing and fabrics.

Address: Øvregt 9, 5000 Bergen, Norway

Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbø), continued

C. MONS SUNDSBØ

Mons, son of Ingeborg and Nils Sundsbø, died at the age of two. His birthdate is not known, but it is likely that he was born between Ole and Oline, as the next son born was also given the name Mons.

D. OLINE SUNDSBØ
 b. February 2, 1879
 d. September 17, 1958

Oline's parents were Nils and Ingeborg Sundsbø. She never married, but stayed at home on the farm and worked.

(Sources: Birgar Sundsbø, Nelly Sundsbø, Ida Peterson)

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Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbo), continued

E. MONS SUNDSBO	married	Berta Gjerline Birkeland
b. March 9, 1884	1907	b. July 27, 1882
d. February 18, 1968		d. August 5, 1952

Mons, son of Nils and Ingeborg Sundsbo, was a farmer. His farm has since been sold and none of the family lives there now.

Children:

1. Ingvard Sundsbo	b. January 26, 1907
2. Nils Sundsbo	b. April 7, 1909
3. Jenny Sundsbo	b. June 21, 1911
4. Birgar Martin Sundsbo	b. April 22, 1914
5. Leiv Sundsbo	b. June 30, 1917
6. Inger Sundsbo (Kvamme)	b. April 20, 1921
7. Borghild Sundsbo (Wethal)	b. May 23, 1923

1. INGVAR D SUNDSBO	married	Swanhild Raunehaug
b. January 26, 1907		b.

Ingvard was the first child born to Mons and Berta Sundsbo. He was a school principal. Ingvard and his wife Swanild have no children.

Address: Sogndal in Sogn, Norway

2. NILS SUNDSBO	married	Johanna Jaadahl
b. April 7, 1909		b.

Nils, a farmer, is the second son of Mons and Berta Sundsbo. He and Johanna have four daughters.

Address: Kløfta, Ulleusaker, Norway

Children:

a. Anne Berit Sundsbo	b. May 24, 1937
b. Ingebjorg Sundsbo	b. November 1938
c. Sunniva Sundsbo	b. 1942
d. Aashild Sundsbo	b. 1946

(Source: Birgar Sundsbo)

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Mons Sundsbø, continued

5. LEIV SUNDSBØ married Anne Lise Bjaarnstad
 b. June 30, 1917 b.

Leiv's parents were Mons and Berta Sundsbø. He and Anne Lise have two daughters and one son. Leiv is an architect.

Address: Kraakenes in Fana, Norway

Children:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| a. Solvaar Sundsbø | b. May 14, 1953 |
| b. Gyrd Sundsbø | b. April 9, 1956 |
| c. Ingild Sundsbø | b. April 24, 1961 |
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6. INGER SUNDSBØ married Olav Kvamme
 b. April 20, 1921 b.

Inger is a daughter of Mons and Berta Sundsbø. She and her husband Olav have two daughters and two sons.

Olav is an official who directs the division of land or estates with the help of two appraisers.

Address: Straume, Fana, Norway

Children:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| a. Endre Kvamme | b. December 21, 1954 |
| b. Bodil Kvamme | b. May 28, 1956 |
| c. Anne Kvamme | b. December 28, 1959 |
| d. Magne Kvamme | b. April 22, 1961 |
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7. BORGHILD SUNDSBØ married Georg Wethal
 b. May 23, 1923 b.

Borghild is the youngest of Mons and Berta Sundsbø's children. She married Georg Wethal, a farmer, and they are the parents of two daughters and one son.

Address: Kløfta, Ulleusaker, Norway

Children:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| a. Gerd Wethal | b. February 28, 1948 |
| b. Solveig Wethal | b. 1949 |
| c. Nils Edvin Wethal | b. April 24, 1958 |

(Source: Birgar Sundsbø)

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Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbo), continued

F. LARS NILSEN SUNDSBØ	married	Alvidia <u>Menora</u> J. Quisley
b. April 25, 1890	February	b. September 22, 1897
d. April 20, 1969	18, 1925	d. October 12, 1956

Lars, son of Nils and Ingeborg Sundsbø, was born on the Sundsbø farm in Lindaas, county of Hordaland, Norway. He came to the United States the first time in 1907, later returning to Norway.

On April 12, 1912, Lars and his sister Ida (Mrs. Anton Peterson of Jewell, Iowa) left Bergen for the United States. A family portrait was taken the day before they left. (See page 148b.) Lars used to say that he came to America to get rich; then he would go back to Norway. In the United States the spelling of his last name was changed slightly to Sundsbo.

During World War I, Lars served with the United States Army in France. He suffered from tuberculosis for many years after the war and was hospitalized for almost a year in the Veterans' Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lars and Menora were engaged for seven years before their marriage in Emmons, Minnesota, on February 18, 1925. They lived on a farm near Slayton, Minnesota. Menora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans F. Quisley, taught school for 20 years in Slayton, and around the Albert Lea area of Minnesota.

In 1941 Lars and Menora bought a small farm near Glenville, Minnesota. Jean Marie Quisley came to live with them in 1942 after the death of her mother. Jean's father and Menora were twins. In 1954, when Jean was 15 years old, Lars and Menora officially adopted her.

Menora died October 12, 1956, of a cerebral hemorrhage. On April 20, 1969, Lars passed away and was buried the day before his 79th birthday.

Adopted daughter:

1. Jean Marie Quisley Sundsbo (Johnson) b. March 23, 1939

(Sources: Jean Sundsbo Johnson, Nellie Skouge, Ida Sundsbo Peterson)

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Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbø), continued

G. INGEBORG SUNDSBØ
b. about 1891

Ingeborg, who died at the age of 12, was a daughter of Ingeborg and Nils Sundsbø.

H. MARTIN SUNDSBØ

As Martin's birthdate is not known, one cannot be sure just where he fits into the family group. Martin hurt his back as a child so that he was unable to walk. Gerhard Skouge said that one of the Sundsbø boys, presumably Martin, was an invalid, but was very capable in the use of his hands. Martin, son of Ingeborg and Nils Sundsbø, died young.

(Sources: Ida Sundsbø Peterson, Gerhard Skouge)

I. IDA MARIE SUNDSBØ	married	Anton N. Peterson
b. September 15, 1894	May 8, 1918	b. April 26, 1892 d. May 23, 1970

Ida, born on the Sundsbø farm in Lindaas near Bergen, Norway, is a daughter of Nils and Ingeborg Sundsbø. She said that in Norway she was called Maria. Ida and her brother Lars emigrated to the United States, leaving Bergen on April 12, 1912. A family picture was taken the day before they left. (See page 148b.)

On May 8, 1918, Ida married Anton Peterson. The wedding was held at the Peterson homestead near Jewell, Iowa, with the Rev. K. O. Eittrem officiating. Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. August Kleaveland. Ida and Anton farmed two miles west and one-fourth mile north of Jewell. From the time of their marriage, Anton's parents lived with them. Anton's mother died in 1935, and his father died in 1939.

Anton served in the United States Army for nearly eleven months during World War I, being inducted on July 26, 1918, and discharged June 10, 1919. He took part in the Mease Argon Offensive in France.

Ida and Anton raised a family of eight children, all of

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Descendants of Ingeborg Olsdatter Severaas (Sundsbø), continued
 Ida Sundsbø (Peterson), continued

whom married except Sterling who stayed home to tend the family farm.

Address: Jewell, Iowa 50130

Children:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Marvin Justin Peterson | b. March 16, 1919 |
| 2. Naomi Irene Peterson (Sabby) | b. August 1, 1920 |
| 3. Arling Nels Peterson | b. June 4, 1922 |
| 4. Leslie Martin Peterson | b. October 19, 1924 |
| 5. Ina Marie Peterson (Sabby) | b. September 12, 1926 |
| 6. Robert Durwood Peterson | b. November 16, 1928 |
| 7. Sterling Oliver Peterson | b. October 21, 1930 |
| 8. Stanley Reuben Peterson | b. August 19, 1935 |
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|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. MARVIN JUSTIN PETERSON | married | Madeline Louise Stauffer |
| b. March 16, 1919 | June 14,
1959 | b. March 21, 1929 |

Marvin, born near Jewell, Iowa, was the first child of Ida and Anton Peterson. He grew up on the family farm and attended the schools in Jewell.

In 1942 Marvin started farming for himself. He married Madeline Stauffer, daughter of Donald and Helen (Settlemire) Stauffer of Odebolt, Iowa, on June 14, 1959.

Marvin and Madeline live on their farm one mile north and one-fourth mile west of Jewell.

Address: Jewell, Iowa 50130

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Naomi Peterson (Sabby), continued
Ronald Lloyd Sabby, continued

of Northwest Missouri State University in Marysville, Missouri. She is a daughter of Bertram and Thelma Olson of Irwin, Iowa. Wanda taught junior high English for one year at Irwin and was a key punch operator in the courthouse in Estherville for one year.

Address: Box 145, Wallingford, Iowa 51365

b. DENNIS ALAN SABBY
b. May 6, 1952

Dennis was born in Estherville, Iowa, on May 6, 1952, the second son of Naomi and Lloyd Sabby.

He graduated from Estherville High School with the class of 1970, from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville in 1972, and from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in 1975. Since the age of 16, he has spent every summer working for the Rock Island Railroad.

c. KAREN MARIE SABBY
b. May 29, 1955

Born in Estherville, Iowa, Karen is the youngest child and only daughter of Naomi and Lloyd Sabby.

In 1973 she graduated from Estherville High School; in 1975 she graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville. In the fall of 1975, she enrolled at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, planning to go into social work.

Part-time jobs have included baby-sitting, working at the Villager, helping in school as a teacher's aid, and working at the Barnes Insurance Agency.

CHAPTER VI
Descendants of Leslie Martin Peterson

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|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| a. LINDA SUZANNE PETERSON | married | Danny Kaye East |
| b. April 18, 1949 | March | b. January 17, 1949 |
| | 27, 1971 | |

The first child born to Leslie and June Peterson was named Linda. She grew up on her parents' farm near Jewell, Iowa, and graduated from South Hamilton High School in Jewell with the class of 1967.

After graduating from two years at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, where she studied to become a medical secretary, she accepted a position at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and began work in June 1969.

On March 27, 1971, in the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell, Linda became the bride of Danny East, son of William and Frances East of Stanhope, Iowa. Linda continued to work until their little daughter was born May 20, 1974.

Linda and Danny resided in Waterloo, Iowa, where he was Customer Service Manager at Penney's store, until they moved to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1975. Danny is now the manager of Maurice's at the Merle Hay Shopping Center.

Linda's special interests include interior decorating, bowling, reading and being an active member of the Compass Club. In his spare time, Danny enjoys bowling and playing golf, tennis and basketball.

Address: 4516 - 68th Street, Urbandale, Iowa 50322

Children:

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Stacy Lynne East | b. May 20, 1974 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
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- b. LORI JEAN PETERSON
 b. July 4, 1954

Lori, the second daughter of Leslie and June Peterson, grew to adulthood on her parents farm west of Jewell, Iowa.

In 1972 she graduated from South Hamilton High School in Jewell, and in 1974 graduated from two years at Waldorf Junior College in Forest City, Iowa. She then enrolled at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa, where she will graduate in 1976 with a major in Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Ida Marie Sundsbø (Peterson), continued.

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|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 5. INA MARIE PETERSON | married | Leland Curtez Sabby |
| b. September 12, 1926 | August
27, 1950 | b. February 29, 1920 |

Ina, born in Jewell, Iowa, is a daughter of Ida and Anton Peterson. She attended the schools in Jewell, graduating from South Hamilton High School in 1944. In May of 1946, she graduated from two years at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, as an Associate in Education. She taught the first grade in Roland, Iowa, until May, 1949, then the first grade in Denison, Iowa, the following year.

On August 27, 1950, Ina and Leland Sabby were married in the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Jewell. Leland was born in Rolette, North Dakota to Andrew and Carrie (Sevold) Sabby. Ina and Leland live in Valley City, North Dakota, where he is a mathematics instructor.

In the first year of their marriage, Ina taught the fourth grade in Valley City before taking time out to have a family of four children, all of whom were born in Valley City. When the children were all in school, Ina returned to college and graduated in May, 1967, from Valley City State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She began teaching the fourth grade in September of that year and has taught continuously since then.

Both Ina and Leland enjoy complete involvement with their home, family, school and church. Ina says that Leland is handy at nearly everything; his latest hobby is making beautiful jewelry out of walnut wood.

Address: 1133 - 6th Ave. N.E., Valley City, North Dakota
58072

Children:

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Paul David Sabby | b. March 26, 1952 |
| b. Mary Margaret Sabby | b. June 10, 1954 |
| c. Rachel Marie Sabby | b. June 24, 1956 |
| d. John Mark Sabby | b. September 5, 1958 |

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Descendants of Ina Marie Peterson (Sabby)

- a. PAUL DAVID SABBY
b. March 26, 1952

Paul, born in Valley City, North Dakota, is Ina and Leland Sabby's first child.

He graduated Magne Cum Laud from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in May 1974. At the present time (1976) he is in his second year of law school at the University of Minnesota.

- b. MARY MARGARET SABBY
b. June 10, 1954

Mary, daughter of Ina and Leland Sabby, was born in Valley City, North Dakota.

She is an art major, having attended Valley City State College for two years, then transferring to the University in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She stayed out of school to work during the 1975-76 school year, but plans to return and complete her final year.

- c. RACHEL MARIE SABBY
b. June 24, 1956

Born in Valley City, North Dakota, Rachel is the third child of Ina and Leland Sabby.

Now, in 1976, Rachel is in her second year at Valley City State College.

- d. JOHN MARK SABBY
b. September 5, 1958

John, the youngest child of Ina and Leland Sabby, was born in Valley City, North Dakota.

John will graduate from Valley City High School in 1977.

CHAPTER VI

Descendants of Robert Durwood Peterson, continued

b. ROBIN DIANE PETERSON

b. September 23, 1956

Robin and her twin brother Rodney were born September 23, 1956, to Robert and Patricia Peterson of Jewell, Iowa.

While in high school, Robin was on the girls' softball team which won the 1974 State Championship. She plays a clarinet and was selected for All State Band in November 1974. In June of 1975 she went with the high school band to Winnipeg, Canada, where they won the marching competition.

Robin graduated from high school in May, 1975, and enrolled in Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, that fall.

c. RODNEY DAVID PETERSON

b. September 23, 1956

Rodney and his sister Robin are twins born to Robert and Patricia Peterson. He grew up on the family farm near Jewell, Iowa, and will graduate from high school in the spring of 1976.

"Rod" has been very active in the Future Farmers of America as well as in sports, being on the cross country and track teams.

d. KATHLEEN JO PETERSON

b. December 31, 1960

Kathy, daughter of Robert and Patricia Peterson of Jewell, Iowa, is in the ninth grade this 1975-76 school year.

She plays softball and was pitcher for the eighth grade team. She also plays the French horn and, while still in junior high school, was selected to go to Winnipeg, Canada, with the high school band where they won first place in the marching competition in June, 1975.

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