

Letter to Byron Klemmetson From Ida (Haugom) Erickson
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Dear Byron:

Thank you for the letter of August 5. I am glad to see that you are so much interested in our ancestors. The obituaries of my parents would give very little information. During Pa's funeral the minister asked us some questions, and a few statements were given, but very little. At mother's funeral, Soph gave about 4 statements and that was all – I can tell much more than those obituaries. My grandmother's maiden names were: Gunhild Jore, and Guro Hofto. You can see how we are related to the Jore's and the Hofto's.

History of my father's side: Anond Haugom was born Sept. 1, 1862, in Valle, Satersdalen Norway. His parents were Arne and Gunild Haugom. His father Arne Haugom was a seargeant in the Norwegian army. He was stationed at Gimlemoen, an army camp near Kristiansand. The king of Sweden was at that time also the king of Norway. They trained only in the summer time so grandpa A. spent the rest of the year at his home in Valle, Satersdalen.

In 1873, the family emigrated to the U.S. And settled at Granger, Fillmore Co. Minn. Across the line from Lime Springs, Iowa. Anond was confirmed in a church near Ostrunder, Minn. In 1878, the family moved to Reynolds, Dakota Territory where grandpa A. took a homestead. On August 5, 1888, Anond was married to Helga Myrum at the Walle Church south of Grand Forks. They lived at Reynolds until the spring of 1889 when they moved to a homestead near Aneta, N.D. They moved to Lessor Township near McIntosh. Four children were born at Aneta, N.D. They were Arne, Sophie, Gertie and Tilda. Six children were born near McIntosh. They were Gustav, Ida, Ole, Arthur, Julia Helmina, and Obert. Anond passed away March 1, 1924, at the age of 61 years and 6 mo., at McIntosh.

History of my mother's side: Helga Myrum was born Spet. 26, 1861, at Valle, Satersdalen, Norway. Her parents were Gunnuf and Guru Myrum. In 1867 the family emigrated to Harmony, Fillmore Co. Minn. They traveled by sail ship, coming first to Quebec, Canada and then by train to Minneapolis. Helga was confirmed in Greenfield Church in Harmony. In 1883, the family moved to Grand Forks, Dakota Territory, where they purchased a farm. (My cousin's sons are still living on the same farm.) On Aug 5, 1888, Helga was married to Anond Haugom. They first lived at Reynolds, then at Aneta, N.D., and then at McIntosh. Helga passed away May 28, 1938, at McIntosh at the age of 76 years, 8 mo.