

Biography of Elling Andersen Sende

Elling Andersen Sende, the son of a farmer, was born in 1832 in Vaerdal, Nord-Trondelag County, Norway, about forty miles north of Trondheim. He married Guruanna Johannesen (1839-1914) on July 12, 1864. They had six children, the oldest dying at six months and another at six years. Although Elling had inherited a small farm in Norway, he decided to follow his wife's brothers and sisters and immigrate to Wisconsin. Elling and his eldest daughter, Anna (born July 18, 1867), departed from Trondheim, Norway on May 11, 1880 and travelled to Hull, England on the ship "Tasso". They took a train to the other side of England, where they boarded an American or English ship bound for New York. They arrived in Jackson County, Wisconsin in June of 1880 and resided with a brother-in-law in Osseo. In August of 1880, Guruanna, their two sons, Karl (1871-1902) and Gustav (1874-1890), youngest daughter, Emelie (1876-1883), Guruanna's sister's family and mother all made the trip to Wisconsin. By October of 1882, the family had purchased a house at 725 Water St. in Eau Claire. Elling worked in the sawmills in the summer and in the lumber camps in the winter. By 1890, the family had Norwegian immigrant boarders in their house who worked in the sawmills. Daughter Anna married George Hagen, one of the roomers at her parents house, on October 22, 1887 in Eau Claire. They were the grandparents of the donor, Harold O. Hagen.