

From Karmøy, Norway, to U.S.A.

Tollef Johan Helgesen Syhre	Born 1853	Died 1902
Louise Likness Syhre	1856	1901

Tollef was a sailor, but because it meant leaving his family for long periods, he decided to immigrate to America. They settled at Pierpont, South Dakota, U.S.A. in 1885 with their two daughters Lisa, age 5, and Lena, age 3. In all they had eleven children, five died in infancy. Tollef farmed until his death in 1902.

1. Lisa - was born in 1880 in Norway, and lived at Pierpont, S. Dak. with her parents until her marriage to Ludvig Aadland. They then moved to homestead near Loreburn, Sask. Canada, and raised ten children, seven daughters and three sons. Lisa died in 1933.
2. Lena - also born in Norway, in 1882, and lived at Pierpont, S. Dak. She married Olaus Akre and they immigrated to Strongfield, Sask. Canada to homestead. They had eight children, four boys and four girls.
3. Hannah - was born in 1887 at Pierpont, S. Dak., was confirmed in 1902. She was only 14 when her parents died, so worked in the area until she married Gustav Tastad in 1906. In 1907 they too left for Canada to homestead at Hanley, Sask. They lived in a sod house until a frame house was built, and had five children born on the homestead. Getting them to school was a problem, so they rented out the farm and moved to Hawarden where two more children were born. In 1920 Gustav bought a farm near the town of Loreburn where Hannah's two sisters, Lisa and Lena were her neighbors, and were members of the same church. Three children were born here, so we were a family of four girls and six boys. The youngest (a girl) died at age 12. Hannah and Gustav retired to Loreburn where they lived until his death, May 24, 1957. Hannah, who was 100 years in 1987, now lives in Saskatoon, Sask. with her youngest son, Walter, and daughter Gudrun Jackson ( a widow).
4. Hagbert - Grew up at Pierpont, S. Dak. and served in the U.S. army in World War 1. He married Minnie and lived in Oregon, U.S.A. After her death he married Pearl. He had no family. Hagbert died in 1976.
5. Lydia - Came to Canada and stayed with sisters Lisa and Lena. She married Andrew Halvorson and they moved to Sylvan Lake, Alberta to farm. They had two daughters and four sons. Lydia died in 1982.
6. Olof - Came to Canada with sisters Lisa, Lena and Hannah. Also served in the U.S. Army in World War 1. Married Emma and farmed at Pierpont, S. Dak. After her death he married Kathryn, and lived at Watertown, S. Dak. Kathryn died in 1982. Olof still lives at Watertown.