

From Karmøy, Norway to U.S.A.

Tollef Johan Helgesen Syhre. Born 1853 Died 1902

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Kvise Syhre 1856 died 1901

Tollef was a sailor, but because of his family <sup>it meant leaving his family for good</sup> he decided to immigrate to America. They settled at Pierpont S. Dak. <sup>1885</sup> 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 <sup>in 1902</sup>.

1. Lisa - was born in 1880 in Norway, and lived at Pierpont <sup>S. Dak.</sup> with her parents until her marriage to Ludwig Aadland. They then moved to homestead near Soreburn, Sask. Canada, and raised ten children, seven daughters and three sons. Lisa died in 1933.
2. Lena - also born in <sup>1862</sup> Norway <sup>1882</sup> and lived at Pierpont S. Dak. She married Olaus Akre, and they immigrated to Strongfield, Sask. Can. 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 fourteen when her parents died, so worked in the area until she married Gustav Tasta. <sup>in 1906</sup> In Aug 1907 they too left for Canada to homestead at Shanley, 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 as they rented out the farm and moved to Hewarden where

two more children were born. In 1920 Gustav bought a farm near Loreburn where Hannah's two sisters, Lisa and Lena, were her neighbours, and <sup>were</sup> 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 & Gustav retired to Loreburn where they lived until his death May 24, 1957.

Hannah, who was 100 yrs in 1987 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 I. He married Minnie and lived in Oregon, U.S.A. After her death he married Pearl - They had no family. Hagbert died in 1976.

5. Lydia. Came to Canada and stayed with sisters Lisa and Lena. She married Andrew Halvorsen and they moved to Sylvan Lake, Alberta to farm. They had two daughters and four sons. Lydia died in 1982.

6. Olaf. Came to Canada with sisters Lisa, Lena and Hannah. Also served in the U.S. Army in World War I. Married Emma and farmed at Pierpont S. Dak. After her death, he married Kathryn and lived at Watertown, S. Dak. Kathryn died in 1982. Olaf still lives at Watertown