

Nick Liedahl

Nick Liedahl was born in Aalesund, Norway on February 7, 1867, the son of Daniel N. and (Anne Kleppe) Liedahl, where he grew to manhood.

At the age of 17, he became a Seaman. For two summers he was with a Whaling Fleet owned by his father, Daniel, consisting of three boats, namely: the "Obring" with eight men; the "Treroring" with five men; and the smallest the "Terring". All were equipped with fishing nets and lines. They sailed in the Northern Waters and into many European Ports.

Nick immigrated to the United States in the fall of 1886 coming to Fargo, N. Dak. Where he was hired by a farmer, Mr. Waver, in harvest time. He bought a homestead relinquishment from a Mr. Harlow with a well built cabin, deep well, and a fenced in pasture. He also took out a homestead in Helendale Township which was later taken over by his father, Daniel N. Liedahl, who immigrated here in 1888. After several years Nick went back to Norway where he married Johanna Rye on April 23, 1892, who was born on September 4, 1867.

In 1892 Mr. And Mrs. Nick Liedahl came back to this country and settled on the N.E. ¼ of Section 4 in Sheyenne Township that he bought from J. B. Powers. They built a log cabin with a sod roof near the river banks. This land was mostly all timber, but Nick was a hard worker so cleared much timber from his land with an old "stump puller" pulled by horses traveling in a circle. In the wintertime he hired help to cut and put up cordwood to be sold. There were long piles of cordwood stacked up from the bridge and back to the woods.

In 1908, Nick built the first all modern house in Sheyenne township. It was a large two-story house with full basement, electric lights, running water, bathroom, and hot water heat. Later this house was sold, moved to Leonard, N. Dak., and is the parsonage for Leonard Lutheran Church.

Nick was very active in school affairs and church. He served on the Sheyenne school board for many years. Together with his dad, Daniel N. Liedahl, and brother Anton, they founded the Zion Lutheran Church, formerly known as the Liedahl Church. He was Secretary of the church from the time it was organized until the year 1940.

The Nick Liedahl's had a large family of five sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Fred J. (Agnes) Solhjem born December 22, 1892; Conrad born January 26, 1894, World War I Veteran, deceased; Daniel born August 2, 1895; Martin born March 11, 1897; Mrs. Harry (Dena) Solhjem born March 4, 1899; Mrs. Marcus (Ruth) Bremerthon born January 29, 1901; Nels born June 4, 1903; Sigurd born May 5, 1905 and Mrs. Arthur (Anna) Solhjem born June 25, 1907.

Mrs. Johanna Liedahl passed away on May 3, 1910. Agnes, the oldest child, kept the household for many years. Later on Nick married Bertha Markve on June 25, 1925. She was born on May 21, 1882. In their later years they lived on a small farm just south of Zion Lutheran Church. Nick passed away on January 22, 1943. Bertha continued to live on the farm later moving to Bethany Nursing Home in Fargo, N. Dak. Where she spent the remaining years of her life, passing away September 6, 1967.