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LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY



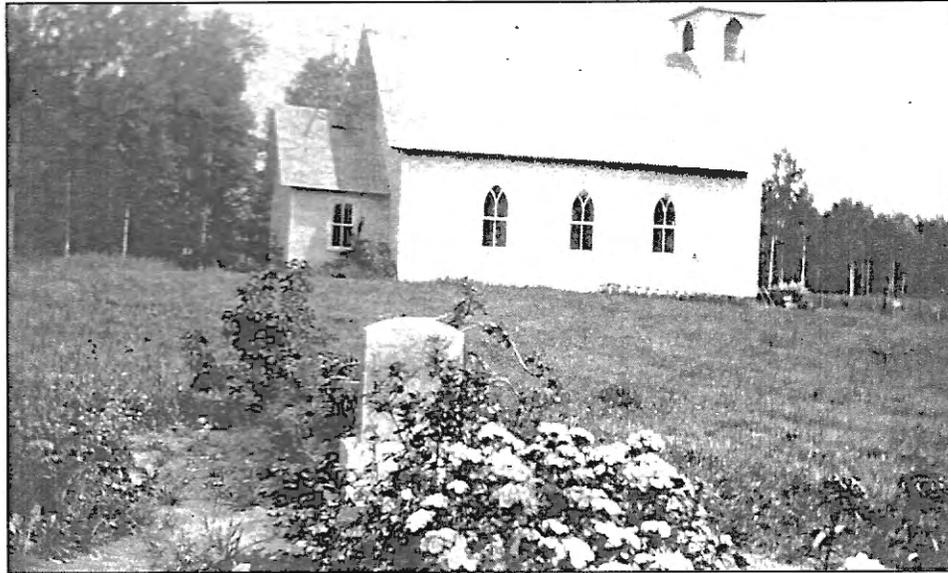
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RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE



Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery

Hovland, Minnesota

Information compiled by Dusty Nelms



This cemetery is located at the site of the original Trinity Lutheran Church in the SE corner of SE1/4 of SE1/4, Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 3 East.

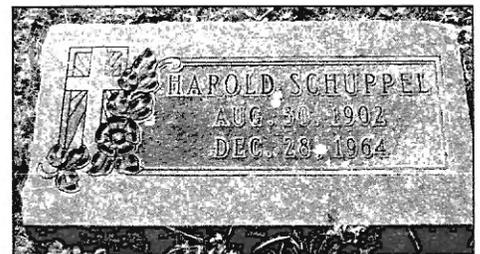
The property, located on a parcel that was known as "Frank's corner", was conveyed from Frank Hogeboom to the Trinity Congregation of Hovland, Minnesota, a religious association by deed dated March 15, 1915 for the sum of \$50.00, recorded as Document No. 13794 in the office of the Register of Deeds, Cook County, Minnesota.

The legal description reads as follows:

"Beginning at a point in the Southeast corner of Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 3 East, where the north and south section line between Sections 13 and 14 intersects with the north side of State road right of way, extending thence west 440 feet, thence north 198 feet, thence east 440 feet, thence south 198 feet, to the place of beginning, it being the intention hereby to convey two acres of land in the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 3 East."



Cover designed by Nicole M. Nelms,
Great, great granddaughter of
Mary Sundquist Sannes and A. Werner
Sundquist, Charter members of the
Trinity Lutheran Church congregation
of Hovland, Minnesota.





Record Keepers of the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery include:

Mons A. Hanson, who served in this position for many years,
 Clarence A. Johnson,
 Arthur Sundquist and
 Duane and Virginia Johnson.

Note: The list of people in this booklet includes those that are buried in the cemetery plus a few additional people who have lived in Hovland and contributed to the church in various ways, but are not actually buried in this cemetery. The information found on this list was gathered from tidbits of information about Hovland people compiled by Hovland historian Elsie (Soderlund) Palmer, family members of those buried here, Hovland Cemetery Records, Cook Co. Marriage Records, Death Records, Social Security Death index, obituaries and from the Grand Marais Public Library. Pictures have been obtained from family members and the Cook County Historical Society.

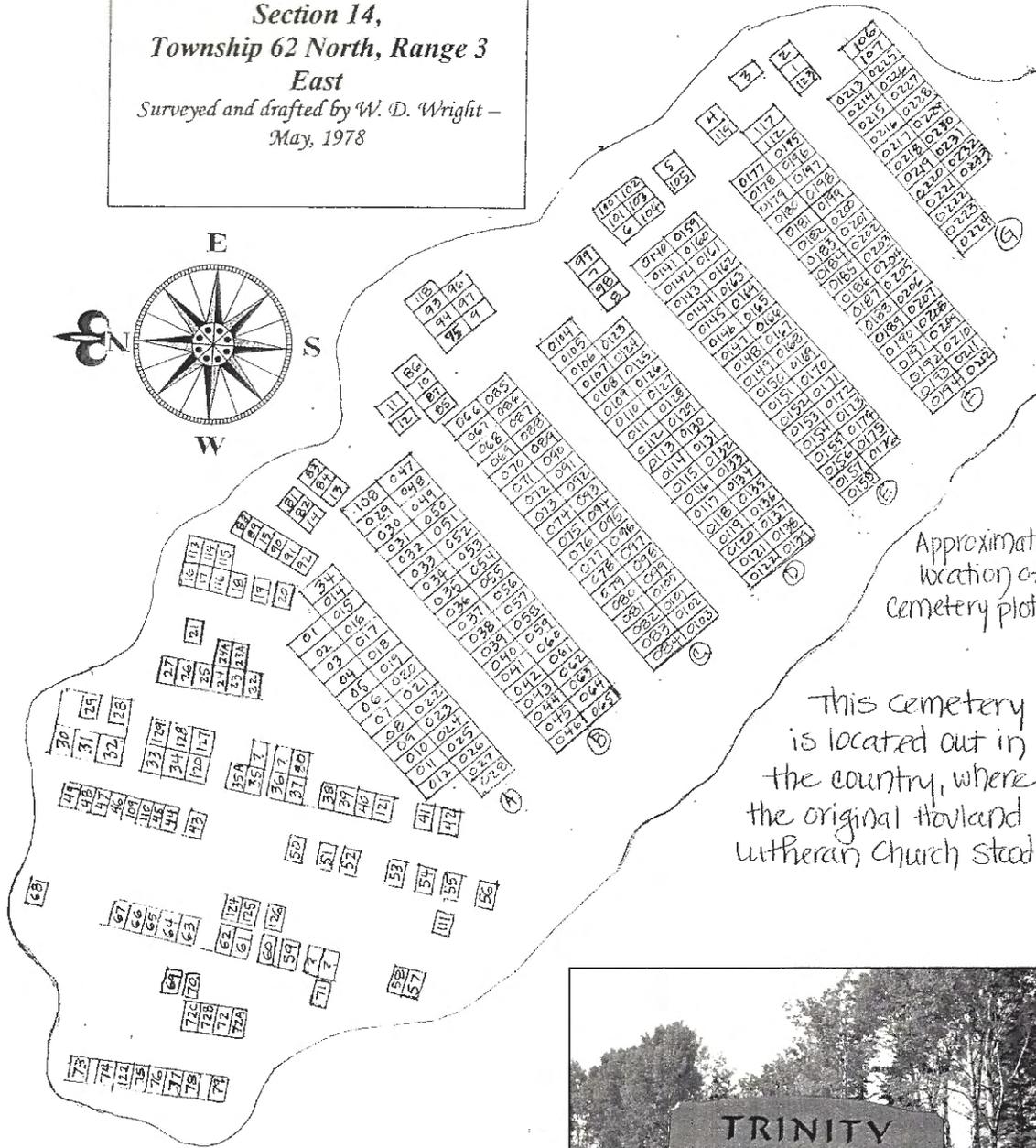
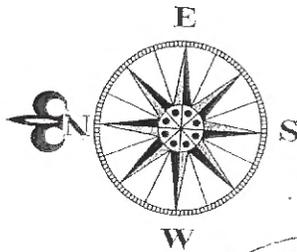
Note from Dusty Nelms: **Thank you** to everyone who has contributed information and/or pictures to this project. A special thank you goes to Dianne Peltó who gave a lot of her time in scanning most of the photos for me. I would like to continue gathering additional information about the people buried in this cemetery. If you wish to contribute information and/or pictures about your family members, please contact: Dusty Nelms, PO Box 118, Hovland, Minnesota or send email messages to: fowlake@boreal.org.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church
Cemetery**
 Hovland, Minnesota
 Located in SE1/4 of SE1/4,
 Section 14,
 Township 62 North, Range 3
 East
 Surveyed and drafted by W. D. Wright -
 May, 1978

County Road #70



County Road #69

Approximate location of Cemetery plots.

This cemetery is located out in the country, where the original Hovland Lutheran Church stood.



This flag by person's name signifies that person served in some branch of the armed forces.



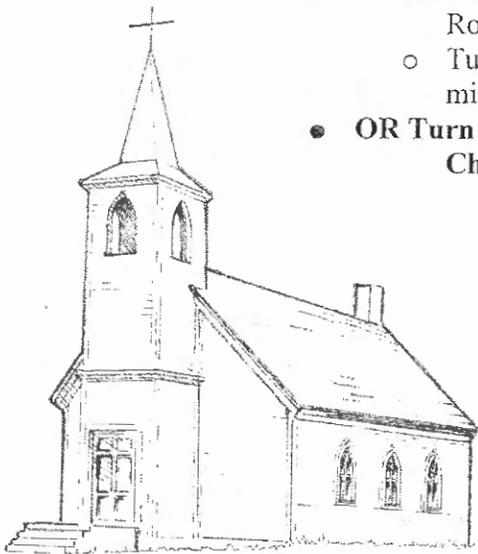
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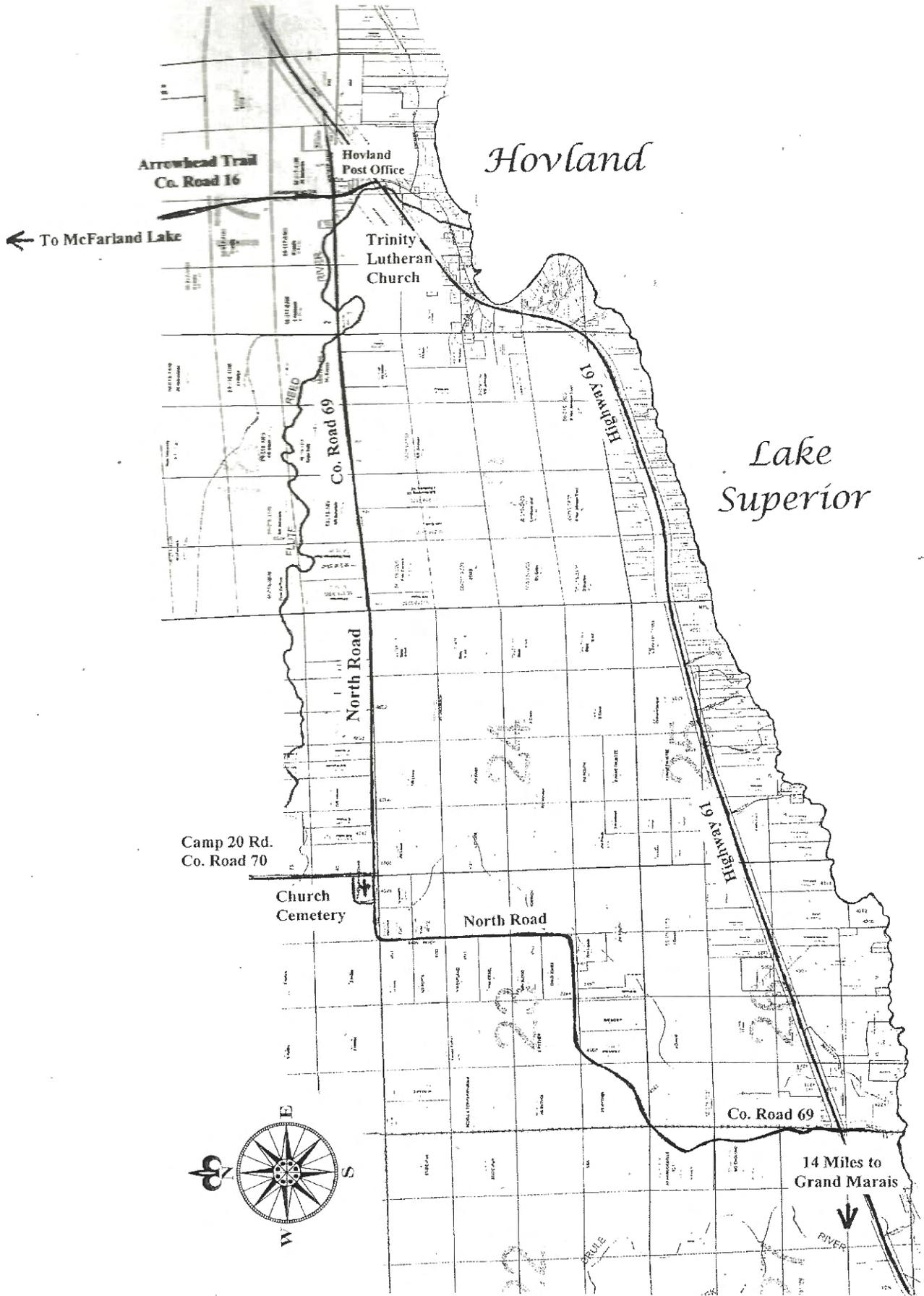
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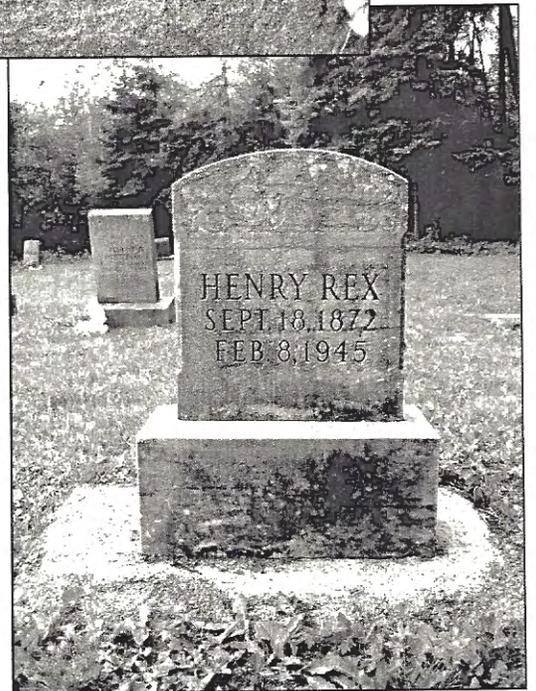
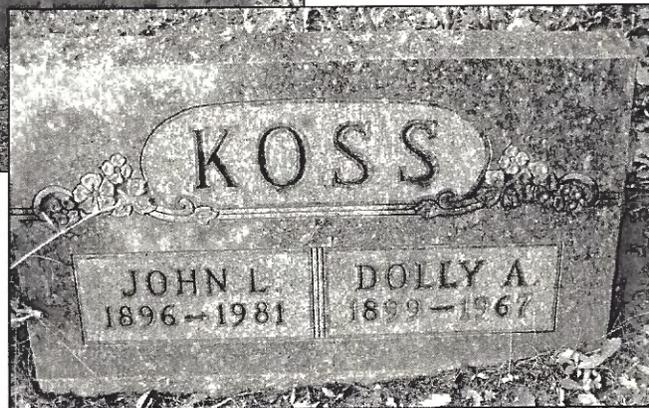
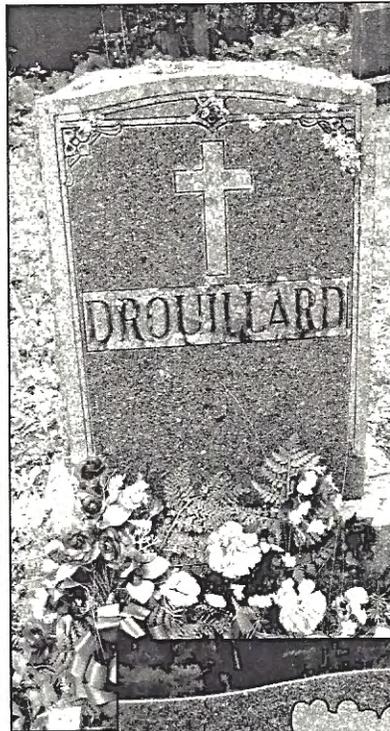
- **Drive East from Grand Marais towards Hovland**
 - Approximately 14 miles
- **Turn Left on Co. Road 69 aka North Road**
 - Drive 2.5 miles on this road and you will arrive at cemetery. It is on upper side of road right before you reach Camp 20 Rd.
- **To reach Trinity Lutheran Church**
 - Continue to drive East 2.5 miles to Arrowhead Trail. Turn right and drive short distance to Highway 61. *You will see Old Settlers Cemetery and Hovland Post Office on your left.*
 - At Hwy. 61, turn right and drive a short distance to the church. It will be on the upper side of Hwy. 61

OR

- **Drive East from Grand Marais to Hovland**
 - Approximately 18 miles
- **Turn Left on Co. Road 16 aka Arrowhead Trail**
 - Drive a short distance to Co. Road 69 and turn left. *You will see Hovland Post Office and Old Settlers Cemetery to your right.*
 - Drive 2.5 miles on this road, going just past Camp 20 Rd. aka Co. Road 70, and you will arrive at the cemetery. It will be on your right.
- **To head back to Grand Marais**, continue on Co. Road 69 2.5 miles back to Hwy. 61.
 - Turn Right on Hwy. 61 and drive approx. 14 miles back to Grand Marais.
- **OR Turn Left to head toward Trinity Lutheran Church**, approx. 4 miles away.







Helmer M. Aakvik

(1896-1987) – Plot 112

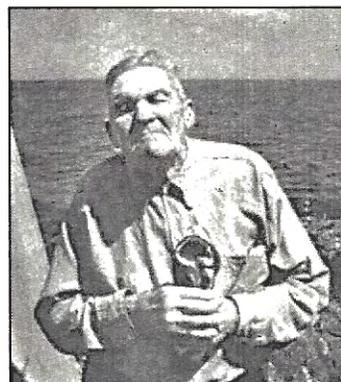
Born 18 August 1896 Died 11 January 1987 Grand Marais, MN

Son of Albert and Tora Andersen Spouse: Chrestine Aakvik

Adopted daughter: Fannie Marie Lassila

Helmer Aakvik was born on the island of Donna in Norway in 1897. As a young boy he sailed on ocean-going ships, enduring the rigors and discipline required. At the age of 18, he came to the United States to work on a relative's farm in Clarksfield, Minnesota. Shortly after that, he met Chrestine Haaland, who lived in Clarksfield. They were married and moved to Hovland, where they lived in their home on the shore of Lake Superior and where Helmer carried on commercial fishing for over sixty years. He and Chrestine adopted Marie Lassila when she was about 8 years old. Helmer was an officer in Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as Treasurer for several years.

Helmer Aakvik became famous for his dramatic rescue attempt of Carl Hammer in 1958. He never found his fellow fisherman and neighbor, but his valor won him the Carnegie Medal for bravery and he received national attention in newspapers and on television. He was also written up in the Reader's Digest. He died in 1987 at the age of 90.



Marie Chrestine Aakvik

(1905-1989) – Plot 117

Born 17 April 1905 Died 19 December 1989 Clarksfield, MN

Daughter of Gabriel and Barbara Haaland Spouse: Helmer Aakvik

Adopted daughter: Fannie Marie Lassila

Marie Chrestine Aakvik was born near Clarksfield, Minnesota on April 17, 1905. In 1926, she married Helmer Aakvik and two years later, they moved to Hovland. Chrestine was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Ladies Aid organization. She was active in various projects of the church and served as president of the Ladies Aid for several years.

She and Helmer adopted a girl, age of 8 years, named Marie Lassila.

Being fluent in the Norwegian language, Chrestine especially enjoyed her visit to Norway in later years. Content with living a simple life in their modest home on the lakeshore, she enjoyed many hobbies and activities. Some of these included gardening, growing flowers and houseplants, and making rag rugs. She passed away at the Clarksfield Care Center on December 19, 1989 at the age of 84.

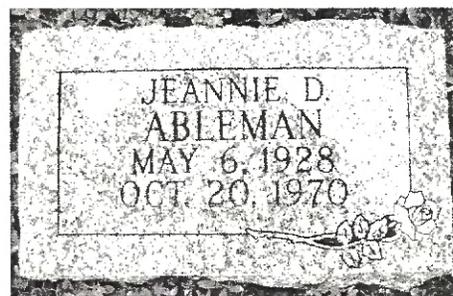
Jeannie ("Penny") Ableman

(1928-1970) - Plot 53

Born 6 May 1928 Died 20 October 1970 Hovland, MN

Spouse: Lawrence Ableman Daughter: Karla

Jeannie Delores Ableman was born May 6, 1928 in New Orleans, Louisiana. She married Lawrence Ableman January 7, 1955 in Cook, Minnesota. Before coming to Hovland in 1967, the Ablemans lived in the areas of Cook, Greaney and Grand Portage, Minnesota.



Inez Anderson

(1915-2008) – buried in Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin

Born 28 February 1915 Died 6 April 2008 Duluth, MN

Daughter of John and Ida (Ekern) Gullickson Spouse: Otis Anderson

Children: Dennis, Virginia, Dianne and Susan

Inez was born in 1915 at Lewis Valley, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. She was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Lewis Valley and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Inez attended rural elementary schools in LaCrosse and Trempealeau Counties and Whitehall Memorial High School. She graduated from Gale College in Galesville, Wisconsin and taught at the elementary school in Fitch Coulee for several years.

On May 25, 1940, Inez married Otis Arden Anderson, a local farmer who also worked for the Town of Pigeon and in the family lumber business. In 1949, the family relocated to Hovland, MN. They returned to Wisconsin in 1956 and moved back to Hovland again in 1960.

Over the years Inez had various jobs, including teaching, operating a country grocery store in Wisconsin, bookkeeping for a dairy, operating a tourist cabin business in Minnesota, and working as an aide at the North Shore Nursing Home in Grand Marais.



She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hovland. She died at Bayshore Health Center in Duluth where she had resided since March of 2004.

Otis Anderson

(1918-2004) – buried in Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin

Born 4 May 1918 Died 7 September 2004 Duluth, MN

Son of Gilbert Joel and Cora (Foss) Anderson

Spouse: Inez (Gullickson) Anderson

Children: Dennis, Virginia, Dianne and Susan

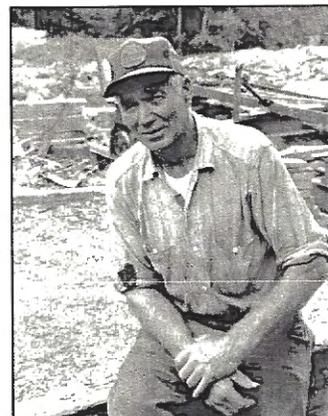
Otis was born in 1918 at Whitehall, Wisconsin. He was baptized and confirmed at Pigeon Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pigeon Falls, Wis. He attended rural school through the eighth grade in Trempealeau County. He enrolled in Whitehall High School, staying with his grandparents Ole and Johanna Foss, delivering milk for their dairy. His secondary schooling was interrupted when he returned to the family farm and sawmill during the Depression.

On May 25, 1940, he married Inez Gullickson, the local schoolteacher. He did roadwork for the Town of Pigeon and farmed and worked in the family lumber business. In 1949, he sold his livestock to invest in that business, which had relocated to the tall timber of northeastern Minnesota near Hovland.

When the others returned to Wisconsin for work, Otis and his family stayed on. He logged, sawed timber, made fish boxes used to transport Lake Superior whitefish via Great Lakes freighters and farmed until 1956 when Otis, Inez and their three daughters returned to Wisconsin to operate the Coral City Store, a grocery store near Whitehall.

Four years later, the family returned to Hovland, where Otis' reputation as a fair and accurate sawyer grew. He continued to saw through the 1990s, passing his skills to his son-in-law, Stanley Pelto.

Otis was a member of Trinity Lutheran church in Hovland and served a term as council president (1965). When the present Trinity Lutheran Church was being constructed, local loggers went out on Otis' land and cut trees down and then Otis skid them out with his cat. He then used these trees to make all the shakes, with a hand made apparatus created by Oscar Sundquist, that were put on the roof of the present church. The roof has since been replaced, but these original shakes lasted for many years.



Eline ("Lena") Arnquist

(1894-1920) - Plot 38

Born 9 June 1894 Died 14 December 1920 Hovland, MN

Adopted daughter of Louis and Nella Ellingson

Spouse: Anton Arnquist Son: Arvin Arnquist

Lena helped her parents with the work of running the Ellingson Hotel previous to her marriage. Lena married Anton Arnquist June 27, 1915 at Hovland. Anton and Lena had one son, Arvin, who was just a baby when his mother died. His grandparents, the Ellingson's, raised Arvin. Lena was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served as an organist in the old church.



Anton and Lena - 1915

(Pere') Anton Arnquist

(1891-1970) - Plot 98

Born 10 October 1891 Died 22 January 1970 Duluth, MN

Son of Per Arnquist and Maria (Nelson) Arnquist

Sister: Esther Drouillard

Spouse (1): Eline Ellingson,

(2): Jennie Jacobson

Son: Arvin Arnquist (with Eline)

Anton Arnquist was born October 10, 1891, in Brosta Arnasvall, Sweden. He came to this country in 1911, settling in the Hovland area. After coming to Hovland, he met and married Eline ("Lena") Ellingson, the daughter of Louis and Nella Ellingson, June 27, 1915 at Hovland.

Anton and Lena had one son, Arvin. Lena died in 1920, when Arvin was just a small boy.

Anton married Jennie Jacobson Nov. 24 1927 and the two of them began a farm just north of the Chicago Bay settlement. They lived at Ellingson's while they were building their home. They had a small dairy business, selling milk and cream to Hovland customers. Their well built home and traditional red barn comprised one of the few real farms in this county. Anton was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as a trustee and also serving on the building committee for the present church building. After several years of illness, Anton died in 1970 at the age of 78.



Jennie Eline Arnquist

(1895-1968) - Plot 8

Born 7 May 1895 Died 24 March 1968 Grand Marais, MN

Daughter of Esten and Ingeborg Jacobsen Spouse: Pere' Anton Arnquist

Jennie Jacobsen was born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin in 1895. She came, with her family, to Hovland when they moved in 1907. She was one of six children, arriving here with their parents, Esten and Ingeborg Jacobsen. At the age of 12, she was one of the first group of children to attend the Flutereed School, the year it opened. She was a charter member of the Trinity Lutheran Church when it was organized in 1909.

Jennie married Anton Arnquist on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1927 at Duluth. They lived in Hovland for over 40 years and the two of them operated a dairy farm for many years. She was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church all through the years, and a member of the church women, serving as president for this group. She died in 1968 at the age of 73.



Arvin Gerhardt Arnquist

(1918-1995) – Plot 121

Born 10 November 1918 Died 21 March 1995 Avon Park, FL

Cremated, ashes placed 6-16-95

Son of Eline (Ellingson) and Anton Arnquist

Spouse: Signe Elizabeth Carlson

Children: Janet, Jerry, Carol and Cheryl

Arvin was born in Hovland, MN. Arvin's mother, "Lena", passed away when Arvin was two years old. Lena had been adopted by Nella and Louis Ellingson and they raised Arvin at the Ellingson Hotel in Chicago Bay. He graduated from high school in Grand Marais. Arvin married Signe Carlson November 29, 1939 in Duluth, MN. Arvin inherited the "Ellingson Hotel" from his grandparents. However, after they died, he chose not to run it as a hotel and sold it. He and his wife moved to Duluth, MN. Arvin served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was employed as a truck driver and drove trucks from Duluth to Minneapolis, MN most of his career. He liked to play horseshoes and shuffleboard and both he and Signe loved to play cards. They both enjoyed camping all of their married life and loved to travel and fish. Arvin and Signe started going to Florida when Arvin was still working as Signe had a brother living in Miami. After Arvin retired, they chose to spend their winters in Florida and their summers in Cook County, where they were born and raised.



Signe Elizabeth Arnquist

(1919-2008) – Plot 121

Born 15 January 1919 Died 27 October 2008 Florida

Cremated, ashes placed August of 2009

Daughter of Victor and Catarina Carlson

Spouse: Arvin Arnquist

Children: Janet, Jerry, Carol and Cheryl

Signe was born in Lutsen, MN. She was raised in Croftville, Minnesota. Her dad was a fisherman and her parents also rented cabins on Lake Superior.

She was a homemaker. She married Arvin Arnquist Nov. 29, 1939. Signe and Arvin loved it when their grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to visit them and enjoyed watching them play and catch up on what was going on in their busy lives. Signe was an avid gardener and she really did have a green thumb! It seemed that she could nurse any plant back to health. Signe and Arvin loved to fish and Signe usually caught the most. Her daughter remembers many a time when they cooked fish over an open fire and had Girl Scout Stews and S'mores on the shore of Lake Superior. Once Arvin passed away in 1995, Signe chose to live in Florida full time and only visited Minnesota for a couple of months each summer until it became too hard for her to travel the distance. She rode her two-wheel bike until the age of 87 years.

Signe died at the age of 89 in Florida.



Dennis Dewayne Ashford

(1966-1992) – Plot G0214

Born 17 May 1966 Died 21 November 1992 Grand Marais, MN

Son of Dennis Ashford and Janice Hall

Dennis Ashford died November 21, 1992 in a snowmobile accident. He and a companion were riding their snowmobiles northbound on a road when they met a southbound pickup truck on the crest of a hill. Ashford was in the wrong lane and collided with the pickup about ¼ mile south of Pike Lake Resort. Dennis was pronounced dead at the scene.

Dennis was born in Canoga Park, California on May 17, 1966. He came to Hovland in 1974 and attended Cook County Schools where he played football in high school and graduated in 1985. Following high school, Dennis entered the Air Force and served in San Antonio, Texas for three years. He moved to California and worked as a mason for two years. In 1990, he returned to Grand Marais and worked with his stepdad, Tim Hall, as a mason for Hall Masonry of Hovland.

Survivors include his mother, Janice Hall, his stepfather, Tim Hall, his father, Dennis Ashford, sister, Cortnee Brazell and brother, Jason Hall.



Alf Ragnar Bergstrom

(1933-1936) - Plot 122

Born 15 October 1933 Died 26 August 1936 Hovland, MN

Son of Nils and Caroline (Jacobsen) Bergstrom

Alf Bergstrom was born October 15, 1933. At the age of 3, Alf fell off the lower Flutereed bridge, into two feet of water and was drowned. Apparently the boy was knocked unconscious by the fall and was unable to save himself. Mr. Bergstrom, noting the absence of the lad, went out to look for him and discovered his body near the bridge. Dr. Parks, of the Hovland CCC Camp was called, but efforts to revive the boy proved futile.



Nils Julius Bergstrom

(1895-1961) - Plot 22

Born 3 May 1895 Died 24 July 1961 Hovland, MN

Son of Nils and Johanna Bergstrom Spouse: Nora Caroline Bergstrom

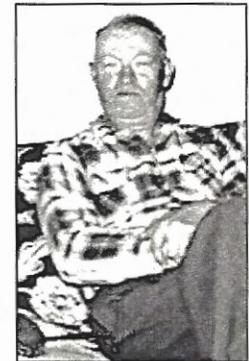
Children: Alf, Helen, Arnold, Kenneth, Eva, Ronald Earl and Wesley



Julius Bergstrom was born in 1895 in northern Arvika, Sweden. He lived in Chicago for a number of years before coming to Hovland in 1933. He worked as a commercial fisherman and also as a carpenter. In 1933, he married Caroline Jacobsen, the youngest daughter of Nora and Kaurin Jacobsen. Julius and Caroline had six boys and two girls.

Julius and Bill Killstrom built the Anton Arnquist home and worked on the building of the Bergstrom home together. Julius died unexpectedly at his home in 1961. He had been

puttering around in the woods cutting some poplar, north of the house, and was about to leave for a cup of coffee when he was seized with a heart attack and died almost instantly. He was 66 years old.



Nora Caroline Bergstrom

(1914-1994) - Plot 22 (same as Julius)

Born 25 March 1914 Died 9 March 1994 Grand Marais, MN

Daughter of Kaurin and Nora Marie Jacobsen

Spouse: Nils Julius Bergstrom

Children: Alf, Helen, Arnold, Kenneth, Eva, Ronald, Earl and Wesley

Caroline was born in Melbu, Norway on March 25, 1914. She immigrated to the United States with her mom at age 15, arriving in Hovland on September 21, 1929, on the America. Her father, Kaurin had already settled in Hovland, where he was a fisherman and a carpenter. Her two sisters arrived in Hovland a year later.

Caroline married Nils Julius Bergstrom at Hovland, MN.

Caroline enjoyed walking, crocheting, baking and socializing with friends. She was a member of the American Legion #413 Auxiliary for many years.



Ronald Jorgen Bergstrom

(1965-1986) - Plot E0159

Born 30 October 1965 Died 20 Sept. 1986 Grand Marais, MN

Son of Ronald and Gloria Bergstrom

Ronald "Chopper" Bergstrom was born in Grand Marais October 30, 1965. Ron was a lifetime resident of Grand Marais. He graduated from Cook County High School in 1984 and was employed by Hedstrom Lumber Company. Ron loved the outdoors and would often be out hunting or fishing. Ron died during a fire in his residence at Carlson Cabins, Grand Marais, on September 20, 1986. He was 20 years old. His mother - Gloria, his father - Ronald, his two sisters - Tavanne and Pamela and his paternal grandma - Caroline Bergstrom survives him.

Anna K. Bjerken

(1878-1950) – Plot 64

Born 15 August 1878 Died 1 March 1950 Moose Lake, MN
Daughter of John and Karen Magnuson Spouse: Hans O. Bjerken
Children: Karen, Ole and Harold

Anna Bjerken was born in Norway in 1878. She was married to Hans Bjerken, but remained in Norway for several years while he traveled to the United States to work. She gave birth to two children, Karen and Ole, both born in Norway. After her husband settled in Cottonwood, and later in Eveleth, Minnesota, she joined him with their two children. Later, they decided to homestead in Colvill and made their home there. She died in 1950 at the age of 72.



Hans O. Bjerken

(1855-1919) – Plot 65

Born 16 January 1855 Died 1 August 1919 Colvill, MN
Son of Ole and Bynhila Bjerken Spouse: Anna K. Bjerken

Hans Bjerken was born in Norway in 1855. After he immigrated to the United States, he worked on the west coast in the state of Washington for several years. He traveled back to Norway many times during those years and married Anna on one of these trips. However, she remained in Norway for several years while he returned to the United States to work. After moving to Cottonwood, Minnesota and from there to Eveleth, Minnesota, Anna arrived from Norway with their two children. From Eveleth, Hans and his family moved to Colvill to take up a homestead. They cleared the land and farmed with the help of their children, Ole and Karen, who were born in Norway and Harold, born in the United States.

Hans Bjerken died in 1919 at the age of 64.

David Bloomquist

(1938-2006) – Plot C085

Born 29 May 1938 Died 18 September 2006 Grand Marais
Son of Leo Gilbert and Alma (Anderson) Bloomquist
Spouse: Sharon Rouser

Children: Dean, Lisa, Jody, Missy and Darren

David, age 68, died unexpectedly Sept. 18, 2006 in Grand Marais.

David was born May 29, 1938 in Duluth, MN. He was a life long resident of Grand Marais, graduating from Cook County High School in 1956, attending UMD for one year and then returning to the woods where he was a self-employed logger.

David married Sharon Rouser September 1, 1962. He served on the Trinity Lutheran Church council where he was an active member. He served as council



president for several years. He worked with the elderly for 19 years and made many trips driving for those with medical needs.

David enjoyed hunting with his grandsons, fishing, gardening and watching the kids ride around the neighborhood on motor toys. David liked following them with the lawn mower and golf cart. He had a great sense of humor, enjoyed playing cards, mind puzzles and sudoku.

Einar George Bloomquist

(1905-1978) – Plot B047 (See Photo to left)

Born 17 February 1905 Died 8 October 1978 Grand Marais, MN
Son of Matt and Maria Bloomquist Spouse: Lillian Bloomquist (Thompson)

Einar was born in Ashland, Wisconsin in 1905. While he was still a baby, he was taken back to the country of Finland, where he grew up. The reason for this unusual circumstance is unknown to those who knew him. Perhaps his mother immigrated here, and, like some other, wanted to return to the "old country". At any rate, he remained in Finland after he grew up, was married and had children.

Einar returned to the United States and worked as a commercial fisherman at French River. He met Lillian Potter when he brought some nets to her for "seaming".





By this time, Einar was divorced from his wife in Finland and was also free to marry. Einar and Lillian were married in 1952 – a marriage which lasted over 25 years until his death in 1978.

Lillian Bloomquist Thompson

(1906-1984) – Plot B048

Born 24 October 1906 Died 7 September 1984 Grand Marais, MN

Daughter of Adam and Margaret Waananen

Spouse (1): George Potter Spouse (2): Einar Bloomquist

Spouse (3): Henry Thompson

Children: Mildred, Merle, Patricia, Marjorie and Lillian Potter

Lillian Bloomquist Thompson was born in Sparta, Minnesota in 1906. When she was only three, her mother died and she was placed in a foster home. After she grew up, she worked at a resort on Isle Royale, where she met George Potter, a commercial fisherman. They were married and moved to Beaver Bay, living there about two years before coming to Hollow Rock in 1930. George fished commercially there until they moved to Hovland. Their home was a short distance west of the Spelman home on Lake Superior. The marriage of Lillian and George ended in divorce after many years.

Lillian and her family moved to Grand Marais where they lived for several years. In 1952, Lillian married Einar Bloomquist, a marriage which lasted 25 years, until his death in 1978. After several years, she met and married Henry Thompson.

Lillian was a member of Trinity Lutheran church while she lived in Hovland. In later years, she was a member of the church in Finland, Minnesota. During her last years' residence in Grand Marais, she was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She died in 1984 at the age of 77.



Leo "Gilbert" Bloomquist

(1906 – 1997) - Burial was at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Grand Marais, Minnesota

Born 28 June 1906 Died 12 July 1997 Grand Marais, MN

Son of John Bloomquist and Anna Lisa (Beck) Bloomquist

Children by 1st wife: George, David, John, Thelma and Shirley Bloomquist

1st Spouse: Alma Anderson

2nd Spouse: Lydia Hoffman Padis

Gilbert was born in Eveleth, MN in 1906. At 2 years of age, Gilbert traveled with his mother to Vasa, Finland, for a year while his father came to Colvill to establish a homestead.



Gilbert and Alma Bloomquist

Gilbert lived at this homestead in Colvill until June of 1989 when at the age of 83, he moved to Harborview Apartments in Grand Marais, MN.

Gilbert married Lydia Hoffman Padis in Lincoln Valley, ND, in 1968. Over the years, he and his daughters-in-law built their homes while his sons engaged in the logging business.

Gilbert was called "Pa" by many more than his immediate family. Many a well in Cook County was sited by his gift with a willow stick. Neighbors and friends sought his advice or opinion on numerous subjects. At one point, he was given a plaque which said, "If all else fails, ask "Pa.""

Gilbert suffered a massive stroke in December of 1989 and was subsequently at the North Shore Care Center. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hovland, the Minnesota Board on Aging, Cook Co. Council on Aging, County Extension Advisory Board and the Trinity Lutheran Church Council.



Lydia and Gilbert Bloomquist

Gilbert died at Grand Marais at the age of 91 years.

Lydia Bloomquist

(1907 – 2000) - Burial was at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Grand Marais

Born 28 June 1906 Died 12 July 1997 Grand Marais, MN

Son of Johann Hoffman and Carolina Docktor Hoffman

1st Spouse: George Padis 2nd Spouse: Gilbert Bloomquist

Lydia was born in 1907, the fourth of 11 children. She was baptized in 1907 at the Evangelical Lutheran Jakobi Church at Lincoln Valley, ND. She was raised and went to school in the Schiller district of Sheridan Co., ND. She grew up on the family farm in this primarily German speaking community.

Long days and hard work came early to children growing up in those days. At an early age, she "hired out" to supplement the family income. In her late 20's, she moved to Minot, ND.

In 1937, she married George Padis. They lived in Minot, ND and then in Oakland, CA. In 1953, they moved back to Lincoln Valley, ND where George ran a small tavern and she ran the ice cream parlor.

Lydia's husband died in 1960. After her father's death in 1962, she moved in with and cared for her invalid mother. Following her mother's death in 1967, she moved to Minot and worked there briefly.

At the age of 61, Lydia married Gilbert Bloomquist on Nov. 30, 1968 at Lincoln Valley, ND. She moved to his home in the Colvill area. There, she was a stepmom to Gilbert's five children and a "Grandma" to 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She became a widow again after 29 years of marriage, when Gilbert died in July of 1997.

Following an illness in June of 1999, she temporarily entered the North Shore Care Center. When it became clear to her that she could no longer live alone, she gave up her apartment at Sawtooth Ridges. She died of kidney failure on April 22, 2002 at the age of 92 in Grand Marais, MN.

Robert S. Carpenter

(1942-1999) – Ashes placed in Plot G0213

Born 24 April 1942 Died 10 February 1999, age 56

Janice Hall's brother Child: Kimberly

Robert was born in California and lived in Apple Valley. He worked as a mechanic. Robert had two sisters – Janice and Barbara, and one brother – Jerry Carpenter. "Bobby" was a fun, loving man and was always there to help his family and friends.



Joseph Collins

(1858-1925) – Plot 78

Died 21 May 1925 of pneumonia at Hovland, MN

Joseph Collins was a bachelor who lived in a cabin overlooking the Flutereed River on the county road known then as the "Section Line". Joe purchased property from Frank Hogeboom in November of 1920 (E½ of SE¼, Sec. 14, T62N, R3E). He owned the property adjacent to the original Trinity Lutheran church. His home was about one fourth of a mile from the church. He had no near relatives so very little is known about him. It is thought he was about 67 years old.

Francis Nelson Drouillard

(1898-1931) – Plot 72

Born 7 May 1898 Died 20 Nov. 1931 of accidental drowning, South Fowl Lake

Son of John and Elizabeth Drouillard Spouse: Esther Drouillard

Francis Drouillard was born in 1898. He married Esther Arnquist in 1920.

Drouillard was a member of a party of four men, which reached South Fowl Lake about noon for the purpose of fishing whitefish. Shortly before three o'clock, Drouillard and Ragnar Ojard (one of his group) left the shore of the island upon which the party was camped, to set a net in the narrows. While turning the canoe about to head for shore after the net had been set, the canoe was somehow tipped over and the two men thrown into the icy waters of the lake. Ojard became tangled in the net, and was busy trying to free himself, while Drouillard was trying to climb onto the overturned canoe. Andrew Westerlund and Selmer Kjarum (the other two of their group) jumped into a second canoe and rushed to aid the two men.

Ojard was able to climb into the canoe with their assistance, but Drouillard seemed suddenly to lose consciousness and it was necessary for them to hold onto him and paddle ashore. When they reached shore, Drouillard was dead. It was thought that the shock of the cold water brought death rather than drowning. The water at this point was reported to have been little over five feet in depth.





Ojard was taken at once to the camp of another party, who were camped on the same island. The other men build a fire and furnished him with blankets with which to keep warm while his clothes were being dried out and keeping him warm by exercise after this severe exposure. Westerlund & Kjarum left at once with their canoe to secure aid and enter the report of the tragedy. They reached Hovland that evening and called Grand Marais notifying immediate relatives, the coroner and others. Due to the fact that it was quite dark, it was decided the coroner wait till morning of the following day to make the trip. The next morning, Fred, Charles and Wm. Drouillard, along with a group of other men, journeyed to the scene to bring back the body of Francis.

Esther Karoline Drouillard

(1897-1986) – Plot 72A

Born 3 July 1897 Died 27 November 1986
Grand Marais, MN

Daughter of Per Arnquist and Maria (Nelson) Arnquist

Spouse: Francis N. Drouillard Children: Hazel, Violet, Francis and James
Esther was born July 3, 1897 at Varternonland, Sweden to Maria Nelson and Per Arnquist. In 1916, at age 19, she saw the statue of Liberty. Esther came to Hovland where her brother, Anton Arnquist, was living. She married Francis Drouillard in 1920. She lived for about three years at Ashland, Wisconsin. Her working life was as a cook and janitor for the Chicago Bay School, Hovland, and as a cook for logging camps, road construction crews and the Arrowhead Hotel in Grand Marais. Esther retired about 25 years prior to her death. Esther's last job was as cook at Bill Deater's logging camp. She moved to the Grand Marais apartments in 1978 where she died Thursday morning, the 27th of November, 1986 at the age of 89.



Bereth Johanna Dyrstad

(1858-1940) – Plot 35

Born 4 August 1858 Died 26 January 1940 Norwalk, Ohio
Mother of Emma (Jacobsen), Elise, Sigurd, Johanna and John

Bereth Dyrstad was born in Norway in 1858. Her husband passed away in Ebestad, Norway and Bereth was left alone with a daughter, Johanna, 14 years old, and a son, Johan, 12 years old. Bereth decided to come to Minnesota where her two daughters (Emma and Elise) and a son (Sigurd) lived. Bereth came to the United States, arriving in Hovland, (with Johanna and Johan), October 5, 1913. Three days later, granddaughter Edith Beatrice Jacobsen was born, delivered by her wonderful grandmother. Bereth made her home with her daughter, Emma Jacobsen, and her family. She became the midwife of the Hovland area and kept busy delivering most of the Hovland babies in the early years. It gave her a little income. Her granddaughter, Olga, figured Bereth delivered at least 35 babies (and maybe more) over the years. She was a faithful

member of Trinity Lutheran Church. When her daughter, Emma, died in 1927, leaving eight young children, Bereth took over the household and the responsibility of raising the children until 1933, when her health failed, and she moved to Duluth to be with her daughter Hannah Olson. Olga said, "We were so fortunate to have our beloved Grandma Dyrstad who took over and taught us to sew and cook and most of all, instilled in us her strong courage and trust in God. She was remarkable!" In 1936, Bereth moved to Norwalk, Ohio to be with another daughter, Mrs. Eliza Gannett, where she stayed until her death. Her grandchildren have fond memories of her kind, loving care of them. Granddaughter Olga said, "My Grandma was such a great help and inspiration for us all." Bereth Dyrstad died in 1940 at the age of 82.



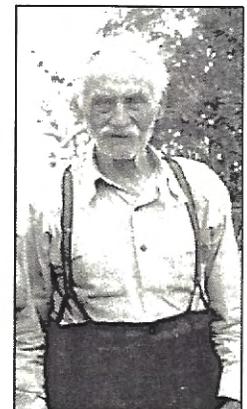
Louis G. Ellingson

(1855-1940) – Plot 40

Born 3 June 1855 Died 1 August 1940 Hovland, MN
Son of Elling Andreas McCarlson and Matilda Indahl

Spouse: Nella Ellingson

Lauritz Gerhardt Anton Ellingson was born in Tromse, Norway in 1855. Encouraged by his brother in America, he came to Baldwin, Wisconsin in 1881 and there married Nella Nelsen in 1889. They lived on a farm until 1897, when they moved to Hovland. Arriving on November 11, they took a homestead. Here, Mr. Ellingson conducted commercial fishing operations for many years.



From news items in the Cook County News Herald, it appears that Louis Ellingson had purchased the property of Ole Brunnes in 1902. Ellingson expanded the "boarding house" started by Ole Brunnes, according to a news item of March 9, 1907. This "boarding house" became the "Ellingson Hotel", providing accommodations for new settlers and visitors arriving by boat to Chicago Bay. Mr. Ellingson also had a grocery store and a warehouse for flour, feed, etc., a boon to early settlers. He also ran the post office out of the hotel. Louis was engaged in logging operations for several years. The Ellingsons were very sympathetic in taking in homeless people. Ellingson sent a big package of groceries, clothing, etc. to a children's orphanage in Wittenberg, Wisconsin annually. He served as one of the town supervisors on the Hovland Town Board in the year 1910.

Louis was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as an officer for many years. Church services were also held in the Ellingson Hotel, prior to the church being built. Louis died in 1940, at the age of 85.

Nella Ellingson

(1862-1948) - Plot 39

Born 6 September 1862 Died 19 December 1948 Hovland, MN

Daughter of Nels and Fredrikke Guthormson

Spouse: Louis Ellingson

Nella was born in 1862 near Trondjhem Norway and immigrated to America in 1887. She married Lauritz Ellingson in 1889 in Wisconsin. Nella Ellingson came to Hovland in the early 1897. The Ellingsons had purchased the Ole Brunnes' property, including the beginnings of a hotel.

After enlarging the hotel to accommodate new settlers and visitors arriving by boat, the Ellingsons also had a store and warehouse to supply the settlers with the basic staple foods and also feed for their animals. They operated this store out of the hotel until Louis passed away in 1940. Mrs. Ellingson was an active member of Trinity Lutheran church throughout the years. Her home was a center for church activities, including church services (before the church was built), the annual bazaar, and other gatherings. She also had regular boarders in their hotel, as well as temporary guests. Some of the kids would stay at the hotel while attending the Chicago Bay School during the week and then walk home on the weekends.



Alexander Englund

(1887-1931) - Plot 34

Born 2 September 1887 Died February 4, 1931 Duluth, MN

Spouse: Blanch Wilson

Children: Milton, Elizabeth, Margaret and Bernard

Alexander Englund was born September 2, 1887 in Vasa lan, Finland. He left from Hango, Finland in May of 1908 to come to America with a friend who was in Finland, visiting his folks. He offered Alex a chance to come with him and he would pay the transportation and let Alex work for him to pay it back. He owned a sawmill near Wallace Idaho.

It was such a wonderful chance to get to America that Alex could not turn it down.

He immediately got all the necessary papers signed and on May 27, 1908, he sailed from Liverpool on the R.M.S. Maurentania; and landed on Ellis Island on June 2, 1908. He went directly to Idaho and stayed there just long enough to pay his debt to his friend and earn enough to come to Grand Marais, Minnesota where his brother, Andrew Westerlund, had already taken up a homestead and had his home established.

Alex came to Grand Marais on the Steamer "America" where his brother, Andrew, went to meet him, but not having seen his baby brother since he left home in Finland, he did not recognize him, so Alex went on to Chicago Bay, got off into a skiff and landed at last. He stayed at the Ellingson Hotel that night and walked to Andrew Westerlund's in the morning.



There was only a trail where the old highway is now. He met George Eliason about where the old Lutheran church used to be. George was out on his trap line, and directed Alex as to how to find Andrew Westerlund's home.

Alex built his own home in 1911. His brother, Andrew, helped him put it up, but he hewed the logs himself and put them together with pegs as he had learned back in Finland, where he had begun to learn the carpenter's trade. In February of 1912, he got his Homestead deed and he became a naturalized citizen on June 26, 1916.

Alex married June 4, 1917, in Hovland, to Blanch Wilson, formerly of Onalaska, Wisconsin, to whom were born four children: Milton, Elizabeth, Margaret and Bernard.

Alexander was a fisherman on the north shore most of his life. He worked in the woods in the wintertime. He was a "road boss" for the Town of Hovland for five years and was on the school board of District #1.

Alex was Treasurer of that board when he died February 4, 1931. A ruptured appendix caused his death. He died in St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth; and was buried in the Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery. His house still stands in good condition and his grandchildren and great grandchildren love to vacation there as often as they can.



Baby Englund

- Plot 120

Child of Paul Englund & Kathleen Batholomay
Memorial only – ashes in Brule River



Simon Marius Erickson

(1896-1974) – Plot 56

Born 5 September 1896 Died 14
September 1974 Hovland, MN
Son of Jens and Martine (Nelsen) Erickson
Never Married



Simon Marius Erickson was born September 5, 1896 in Vesteraalen, Norway. He came to Hovland in 1909, with his mother and several younger children, traveling from Norway to join his father, Jens Erickson. He attended the Flutereed School. He worked as a trapper and logger most of his life. He moved to Grand Marais with his parents in 1928. Following the death of his mother, he moved back to his cabin in the north woods, near the Jens Erickson homestead in 1949. A veteran of World War I, he died in 1974. Graveside and Military Honors were held at Trinity Cemetery in Hovland.

Baby Erickson

Plot 73

Born 28 September 1929 Died 28 September 1929

Eugene Erickson, the infant son of Oscar and Evelyn (Harriman) Erickson, was born premature.
The baby lived a short life – only four hours.

Eloise Ferne Gould

(1927-1978) – Plot G106

Born 26 October 1927 Died 17 November 1978 Minneapolis, MN
Daughter of George and Mabel (Sutphin) Cline
Spouse: Leslie Gould



Eloise was born October 26, 1927 in Valley Junction (West Des Moines), Iowa. At the beginning of World War II, she moved to Rock Island, Illinois, where she graduated from Rock Island High School. On February 27, 1949, she married Leslie Gould and they moved to St. Paul Park, MN in 1952. There, she worked for Wright Products of St. Paul Park for some years. Later, she was employed by Remmele Engineering Company of St. Paul. She worked here for 15 years before retiring as an executive secretary. She and her husband retired to Hovland in 1975 and she was very active in the Evangelical Free Church and was also a secretary of the Hovland Fire Department for two years. Eloise died November 17, 1978, two days after she had been diagnosed as having cancer.



William Theodore "Ted" Greenfield

(1903-1980) – Plot A01

Born 3 April 1903 Died 12 June 1980

Son of Albert and Brigitta Greenfield

Spouse: Gudrun Greenfield

William Theodore Greenfield, known as "Ted", was born April 3, 1903 in Fessenden, North Dakota. He graduated in 1925 with a Bachelor of Science degree from North Dakota State College. He worked for several years as a chemist in Bismarck before entering the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1928. After receiving his medical degree in 1932, he interned at Fairview Hospital for one year and then entered the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) for a year and a half as a doctor.

After leaving the Army, Ted joined the Sivertson Clinic in Minneapolis in 1936. In 1951, he moved to Cokato where he purchased the Cokato Hospital. In 1967, Dr. Greenfield began work at Anoka State Hospital, where he became the medical director in 1971. He retired April 1, 1976. He died June 12, 1980, following a long illness of cancer, at his home. Memorial services for Dr. Greenfield were held on June 19, at Servant of Christ Lutheran church, Champlin, Minnesota.

Gudrun Greenfield

(1903-1987) – Plot A02

Born 20 April 1903 Died June of 1987 MN

Daughter of Dr. Johan Arndt Aasgaard and Ragnhilde Hoyme Aasgaard

Spouse: Dr. Theodore Greenfield

Children: Theodore, Stephen, Susan and Elizabeth

Gudrun Greenfield was born in 1903 in De Forest, Wisconsin, the daughter of Dr. J.A. Aasgaard, former president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and former president of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She grew up in Moorhead, graduated from Concordia and taught at Minot (North Dakota) State College before marrying Dr. Greenfield.

She and her husband moved to Champlin in 1968 where she turned her energies to community service groups. She was instrumental in starting the Father Hennepin Days in Champlin and helped establish the Father Hennepin Park Landing along the Mississippi River.

Gudrun was a founder of Champlin's Father Christmas festival, a member of the Champlin Library Board, American Field Service committee, Champlin Women's Club and Champlin DFL Party. She was honored as Champlin's Outstanding Citizen in 1980 and 1981.

Mrs. Greenfield had many friends in Hovland where she spent vacations at the family summer cabin and where she attended services at Trinity Lutheran Church. She died in 1987 at the Maranatha Nursing Home in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, after a long illness. A memorial service was held at Servant of Christ Lutheran Church at Champlin, Minnesota.



Clarence "Soupy" Hagen

(1909-2000) – Plot F0196

Born 31 December 1909

Died 8 August 2000 Duluth, MN

Son of Alec and Manda (Lindrud) Battleson

Spouse: F. Marie Hagen

Children: Gene, Ralph, Laurie and Dorothy

Clarence was born in Ottertail County, MN. He attended school in Duluth and traveled the railroad during the Depression years working throughout the United States. He owned a mink farm, a carpentry business and was a commercial fisherman on Lake Superior after

moving to Hovland in 1936. He entered the Army in 1942, serving as a medic on ships. He crossed the Pacific Ocean 24 times during his enlistment. He married Marie, in Hovland, April 19, 1947, and became a journeyman working for Arrowhead Electric Company until retiring in 1972 at the age of 62. He attended the Trinity Lutheran church and was a member of the VFW.



Clarence was very active and involved with his family his entire life. Clarence was appreciated by many. He was an avid bowhunter. He loved gardening and had a beautiful orchard. He was self-taught in the art of making guitars, violins, mandolins and long bows throughout his life. He will be greatly missed.



Fannie Marie Hagen

(1925-1979) – Plot F0195

Born 4 October 1925 Died 7 February 1979

Adopted daughter of Helmer and Chrestine Aakvik

Spouse: Clarence Hagen

Children: Gene, Ralph, Laurie and Dorothy

Marie (Lassila) Hagen was born in Gatzke, Minnesota in 1925. She moved to Hovland when she was adopted by Chrestine and Helmer Aakvik at the age of eight.

In 1947, Marie married Clarence Hagen and the couple made their home in Hovland. Four children were born to them. Marie was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Trinity Lutheran Church Women. She taught Sunday School for many years and also served as president of the Trinity Lutheran Church Women. She helped many local people who were sick, crippled or ill.



Paul E. Hall

(1918-1999) – Ashes placed in Plot G0213

Born 14 November 1918 Died 29 January 1999

Tim Hall's dad

Paul was a World War II Veteran. He was a belly gunner in USAF and received many awards for his bravery and saving lives. He lived in Simi Valley California. He was a well known butcher. Paul was a jolly man with many friends.



Timothy James Hall

(1942-2005) – Plot G0215

Born 27 March 1942 Died 17 June 2005 Grand Marais, MN

Son of Paul and Katheryne Hall Spouse: Janice Hall

Tim was born March 27, 1942 in Monroe, Michigan. He was raised in Abilene, Texas and at the age of 16, moved to California, where he graduated from high school. Tim served in the National Guard and began his masonry work when he was 19. He was a motorcycle enthusiast, which led him to work as a stuntman for seven feature films including "Easy Rider". He met Janice Carpenter and they adventured to Minnesota. They were married in Crosby in 1973.

The big lake and full winters drew Tim and Jan to Hovland. Tim worked as an independent stone mason for 32 years and his work can be seen though out the entire North Shore.

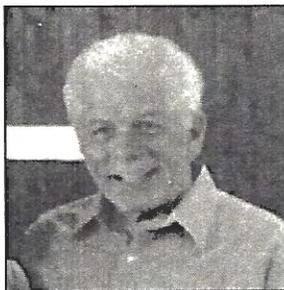
Tim was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hovland and held many positions on the church council. He was a charter member of the Hovland Volunteer Fire department.

Tim enjoyed four seasons of Cook County by fishing, snowmobiling, hunting and winter camping in the BWCAW with his own dog team.

Tim was a devoted grandfather to his two granddaughters. He was the world's best Papa and the rock for his family. He could and did fix anything and everything from cars to the kitchen sink.

Tim was mentoring his son Jason in the art of his stone and block work. He had the biggest heart for everyone he met and the twinkle in his blue eyes will be sadly missed by all.

Tim, age 63, died suddenly June 17, 2005 in Grand Marais.



Kristian "Chris" Hammer

(1902-1986) – Plot 23A

Born 25 July 1902 Died 29 October 1986 Grand Marais, MN
Son of Rikard Johannessen Hammer and Julie Berntine Kristiansdatter
Spouse: Ida (Jacobsen) Hammer



Chris Hammer was born in Trondheim, Norway in 1902. He came from a fishing family. His father, Rikard, had a fishing business. Chris was on a fishing vessel and his grandmother (on his mother's side) sent him money with instructions to go to his uncles in Little Marais, MN. Their names were Albert and Hans Bjornevik (which is the name of the place they had traveled from). They were fishermen. Chris immigrated to the United States sometime during the 1920's and was the only one of seven children that came to the United States. He lived with his uncles until he moved to Hovland about 1929, becoming a commercial fisherman himself. He married Ida Jacobsen, the daughter of Kaurin and Nora Jacobsen, November 29, 1931 at Hovland. Six children were born to them. During the years when lake trout was plentiful, Chris Hammer, in addition to commercial fishing, also took sports fisherman out on Lake Superior for "deep sea fishing". He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as president of the congregation for three years. In later years, he and Ida sold their home in Hovland and moved to Grand Marais. Chris died in 1986 at the age of 85.



Ida Hammer

(1907-1987) – Plot 24A

Born 23 May 1907 Died 9 December 1987 Duluth, MN
Daughter of Kaurin and Nora Jacobsen Spouse: Chris Hammer
Children: Carl, Irene, Edna, Jeanette, Evelyn and David

Ida Jacobsen was born in Bodo, Norway, north of the Arctic Circle, in 1907 to Kaurin and Nora Jacobsen. Ida came to the United States when she was 23 with her sister, Esther. Ida and Esther had stayed in Oslo for a year as they were unable to accompany their mother and sister, Caroline, to the United States the previous year as the quota was filled.

They stayed with friends in Oslo, where they worked for a year. Ida worked as a seamstress and Esther did housework, etc. When they left Norway, they went from Oslo to Bergen by train. From Bergen, they went to England by boat. Ida was very seasick and had to stay below deck. Then, it was by bus to South Hampton, England. Then, they traveled by boat to Halifax, Canada and on to Port Arthur, Canada, where they were met by their dad, Kaurin.

They continued to live in Hovland.

Ida married Chris Hammer, a commercial fisherman, November 29, 1931, and the couple built their home in Hovland where they lived much of their married life. Ida was a large woman, over 200 pounds strong. She baked and sewed for herself and others. She could make a dress without a pattern. She canned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit. Ida was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Trinity Lutheran Church women. She was the mother of six children. Ida took care of her father, Kaurin, when he became ill in 1955, until he died from cancer. Ida and Chris sold their home in Hovland and moved into a mobile home next to daughter, Irene, near Grand Marais. They lived there until 1980 when they moved into senior housing in Grand Marais. Ida continued to do hand work – crocheting, knitting and sewing. Weight was always a problem for her, but it didn't keep her from gardening and taking care of her family. After the death of Chris, Ida moved to Duluth, where she died unexpectedly in 1987.

Richard Carl Hammer

(1932 - 1958) – Carl has a gravestone memorial, but is buried at "sea"

Born 29 September, 1932 Perished November 26, 1958 in Lake Superior

Son of Kristian and Ida (Jacobsen) Hammer

Carl was born in Hovland, Minnesota in 1932. He attended school in Hovland and graduated from the Cook County High School in 1950.

Carl, at age 26, slipped into his 17 foot wooden fishing skiff and set out on Lake Superior November 26, 1958, the day before Thanksgiving. He figured he'd get to his offshore fishing nets before a storm came up, pick his catch and get back quickly. However, that was not to be. A storm did come up – one of the worst kinds – an offshore wind from the north-northwest.



The temperature dropped quickly. Helmer Aakvik, age 60 and an experienced fisherman on Lake Superior, set out searching for his young friend. The wind was coming up sharply and blowing fog around in patches.

Heavy rollers were high and mean. When Aakvik was about seven or eight miles out, he let his boat idle atop a wave for one last look around for his missing friend – however, there was no sign of Hammer. Aakvik decided to head back toward shore. He was unable to make it to shore that day and ended up drifting for the rest of that day, all night and part of the next day through the wind, huge waves and ice. He chopped ice all night long. The next morning, the wind had let up somewhat and Aakvik was able to make it closer to shore where a Coast Guard Cutter was able to find him and pick him up. He was treated for frozen toes and frostbite, lucky to still be alive. Carl Hammer was never found.

Anna J. Hanson

(1880-1959) – Plot 62

Born 17 September 1880 Died 4 April 1959 Grand Marais, MN
Daughter of Iver and Ragnhild Hunvik Spouse: Mons Hanson
Children: Ragna, Olga and Helmer



Anna Hundviik Hansen was born in Nordfjord, Norway in 1880. With an older brother, Andrew Wiik and two sisters, she immigrated to the United States in 1902, coming to Ortonville, Minnesota where their aunt lived. Anna went to work as a maid for a doctor's family and also for a lawyer's family where she learned the English language. Later she worked as a seamstress and made her own wedding dress. On October 21, 1909 she married Mons Hanson, who had homesteaded previously in Hovland. The two of them traveled back to his homestead cabin, first by train to Duluth, then by the steamer "America" to Chicago Bay, and on foot to the homestead on the North Road, seven miles inland.

Anna and Mons' first child was Ragna Oline, born on August 25, 1910. Two more children were born to them: Olga and Helmer. The life of all early settlers was full of hardships of many kinds and much hard work, as they cleared the land and cultivate gardens and kept livestock. There were no conveniences like washing machines or electricity, and at first no road into their homestead.

Both Anna and Mons were charter members of Trinity Lutheran church. Anna was also a charger member of the Trinity Ladies' Aid, serving as officer and active member. During her lifetime, the first church building was constructed, subsequently torn down and the new church was built on Highway 61. The Hansen's took part in all of these activities.

The Hansen's moved to Grand Marais around the year 1944. During the construction of the new church, the Hansen's lent their homestead for use by the St. Olaf work camp, in 1947-1948. Anna died in 1959 at the North Shore Hospital after an illness of three weeks.



Mons A. Hanson

(1877-1952) – Plot 61

Born 27 December 1877 Died 12 December 1952 Duluth, MN
Son of Hans and Olivia Monson Spouse: Anna J. Hanson
Children: Ragna, Olga and Helmer

Mons Hanson was born in Isane, Nordfjord, Norway, in 1877. With his brother, Andrew, and his sister, Marie, they immigrated to the United States when Mons and Andrew were in their twenties. They first came to Clinton, Minnesota where an uncle, Lars Monson lived. After working on the railroads and logging camps, Mons decided to go to Hovland, about the year 1907. He liked the country so well that he decided to homestead. The land he chose was about 1 ½ miles north of the Esten Jacobsen homestead. During the year 1908, he lived with the Jacobsen's while building his cabin. When it was finished in 1909, he went to Ortonville to marry his fiancée, Anna Hundviik. The newly weds traveled by train to Duluth on the steamer "America" to Chicago Bay, and from there, they walked seven miles to the new cabin in the woods.

The first years were like most of the other pioneers, filled with hard work and hardship.

At first, there was no road to the Hanson home – just a rough trail. Everything had to be carried in, as they did not even have a horse. Their first cook stove was carried home on Mons' back, all the way from Chicago Bay. As the years went by, Mons built a two-story house of logs, and cleared 18 acres of land.



They acquired livestock – cows, horses, chickens and pigs. In their garden they raised a variety of vegetables and enough potatoes to sell. They had a strawberry patch also. The feed for his horses and chickens and enough oats and barley were raised on their farm. In addition to farming and logging, Mons Hanson was also a trapper for 40 years. He trapped mink, weasels, fox, fishers, beavers, muskrats and wolves.

The Hanson's farm was about a quarter of a mile, from the Brule River, which provided them with fish whenever needed. They moved to Grand Marais about 1943.

Mons died in 1952, following an injury on his trapping trail after having spent 42 hours in the woods with a broken hip. The accident occurred while he was covering his trapline two miles north of his old homestead at Hovland.

Mons had gone out from his cabin about 8 a.m. and had walked about two miles when he slipped. He was found by his son-in-law, M.J. Humphrey, Sheriff Malner and a timber cruiser, Art Arndt Friday night at 10:30 a.m. Unable to speak, he could not relate what happened, but the rescuers concluded from the markings in the snow, that he had hobbled 300 feet to a tree where he was found in a sitting position with his back resting on his packsack against the tree trunk.

There he had tried unsuccessfully to build a fire. He had shot all of his ammunition.

Mons was first taken to a cabin where they gave him first aid. It took two hours to carry him out to the truck near his old homestead. Then he was taken to Duluth by ambulance. For a time, he revived somewhat in Duluth, but he never was able to speak.

Mons was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran church, being one of the charter members when the congregation was organized in 1909. He was the Kjorksanger (church singer) who led the hymn singing. He also served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. From 1910-1945, he served continuously in various offices: president, deacon, trustee, secretary, caretaker of the cemetery, church singer and Sunday School Superintendent.



Helmer Iver Hanson

(1913-1920) – Plot 60

Born 17 January 1913 Died 1 January 1920 of Scarlet Fever at Hovland, MN

Son of Mons and Anna Hanson

Helmer Hansen was born January 17, 1913, the son of Anna and Mons Hanson. In 1919, he contracted scarlet fever. He had been in the Christmas program at Flutereed School in December, 1918, just before he became ill. He died January 1, 1920, just before his seventh birthday. His sister, Olga, (Mrs. Richard Johnson) was not yet five years old, but she writes about this tragedy in her "family history". She remembers Pastor Johnson coming out, helping her father dress him and place him in the casket. A regular funeral service was not possible, perhaps because of the epidemic of scarlet fever and influenza prevalent.

Instead, the service was held at the Hansen's on their front porch.



Baby Girl Hess

(1967-1967) – Plot 55

Died 1 September 1967 – fetal death Duluth Daughter of David and Marion (Parker) Hess

David C. Hess

(1931-1981) – Plot A011

Born 27 February 1931 Died 4 April 1981 Minneapolis, MN

Son of Charles and Ethel Hess

Spouse: Marion (Parker) Hess

Children: Charles, David, Linda, Jan and Timothy & infant daughter

David C. Hess was born in Superior, Wisconsin in 1931. He grew up and graduated from East End High School in Superior in 1949 and then worked in Superior and at a job in Minneapolis before enlisting for the Korean Conflict. He was in the Air Force for 4 years. After serving for one year in Iceland, he spent the next three years in the United States and was discharged in Florida. On November 19, 1951, he married Marion "Snooks" Parker. From 1954 to 1961, he lived in Anoka managing a parking garage and working for Murphy warehouse. In 1961, they moved to Hovland in partnership with full ownership coming two years later, of the Flutereed Store and Bar, which they operated together until his death in 1981. Dave had also worked as a logger on road construction.



Dave worked at the Legion Bar in Grand Marais. His main activity was with the local legion club, sponsoring projects and helping to organize the military honors for deceased veterans.

Dave loved children and animals. He often had a do it yourself project going. He did whatever he could to help people in need.



Timothy Dean Hess

(1964-1980) – Plot A012

Born 7 June 1964 Died 29 December 1980 Hovland, MN

Son of David and Marion “Snooks” Hess

Timothy was born in June of 1964. He grew up in Hovland and attended Cook County schools in Grand Marais. Tim loved the outdoors. He liked to hunt. Tim liked to work hands on projects, building model cars when he was younger and tinkering with real cars as a teenager. He liked to make things for his family. Tim was a member of the Sons of Legionnaires. In 1980, when he was a sophomore in high school, he met his untimely death at the young age of 16. He left this world tragically and has been missed everyday by those who knew and loved him.

Reverend Carroll Hinderlie

(1913-1992) - Plot A03

Born 25 December 1913 Died 19 March 1992 Red Wing, MN

Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Aasgaard

Children: Mary, Maren, Elise, Paul, Johan and Andrew

Carroll Hinderlie was a powerful preacher who loved diversity and debate, and who advised others to “be exactly who they are”, recalled Rev. Nancy Winder, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church

Carroll Hinderlie, a Lutheran minister and former director of the Holden Village retreat center near the head of Lake Chelan in the Cascade Mountains, died of a heart attack March 19. “He was terrifically controversial, terrifically vibrant, he was just terrific,” said son Paul.

Carroll Hinderlie saw in Christianity a wide spectrum of people – from the traditionalists who believed everything was etched in stone to the radicals who believed whatever was new or different was the Gospel, said Paul. Nowhere might there have been a better setting than Holden Village for Mr. Hinderlie’s love of the give and take. He was its director from 1963 to 1977. Holden Village is a place for study, reflection, recreation, education, conversation and worship. The private nonprofit retreat center is open to all.

“He really set the image of the village,” said the Rev. Lowell Knutson, bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Avoiding a Bible-camp atmosphere, Knutson said Mr. Hinderlie set no rules except that people were expected to attend the evening vesper service to say goodbye to those leaving the next morning and to welcome those who had just arrived. A panel discussion at Holden Village might include a geologist, economist and theologian.

The idea was to show how they all related “to the wholeness of life” said Knutson. Of course, added Knutson, “If you needed to get away and go fishing, you could do that without a guilty conscience.”

Winder, pastor of the Fullness of God Lutheran church at Holden Village said one of the greatest lessons Mr. Hinderlie taught was the ability to laugh, that “we are so free in Christ that we can even laugh at ourselves”. Winder called Hinderlie an outstanding preacher. “The good news, God’s grace, came through so strongly when he preached,” she said.

Carroll Hinderlie was born on Christmas Day, 1913, in Ada, MN. He grew up in Detroit Lakes, MN and Minneapolis and received a bachelor’s degree in history from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN in 1935. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN in 1939 and went on to do graduate study at the University of Oslo, Norway, the University of Heidelberg, Germany and the University of Chicago. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark in 1960-61.

While studying at the University of Oslo, he and his wife, Mary, were forced out of Norway by the Germans in the summer of 1940. After stopping off in the United States, the couple headed to the Philippines, on their way to China. But the day after Christmas, 1941, the Japanese captured them and their 3-week-old daughter, Maren.

The family spent three years as prisoners of war.

“My father went through periods of torture. He was a large man (6 feet 2 ½ inches, 190-200 pounds), but weighed about 110 pounds when he got out,” said Paul Hinderlie. A man who was tortured along with his father died, said the son. Allied forces liberated the Hinderlies in February of 1945.

Carroll Hinderlie served parishes in Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota before becoming director of youth work for the old Evangelical Lutheran Church, based in Minneapolis. After he stepped down as director of Holden Village, Hinderlie served Lutheran parishes in Odessa, Texas; Edmonton, Alberta; and the San Jan Islands. He lived on Orcas Island while he served three parishes in the San Juans. He and his wife lived off and on in Seattle in the 1980s.



Mary Elizabeth Hinderlie

(1914-2003) - Plot A04

Born 29 December 1914 Died 7 April 2003 Pepin, WI
Daughter of Dr. Johan Arndt Aasgaard and Ragnhilde

Hoyme Aasgaard

Spouse: Carroll Hinderlie

Mary Hinderlie, an outstanding lay theologian in what is now the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, died of complications from pneumonia and asthma in Pepin, Wisconsin. She was 88 years old.

As the daughter of Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly the Norwegian Lutheran church), Mary grew up in a home where the leading theologians of the Lutheran church met to talk. She met her future husband, the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and married him in 1939.

They were studying in Norway when Germany invaded in 1940, but they escaped. In late 1941, they were waiting in the Philippines to enter China for missionary work when Mary Hinderlie gave birth to a daughter, Maren. The baby was 3 weeks old when the family was captured by the Japanese and interned.

During 1,137 days in prison camps, Carroll Hinderlie was sometimes tortured as a suspected spy. But boredom was also a major problem for prisoners, said the Hinderlies' daughter Mary Alette Davis, of Minneapolis. So the couple organized political and theological forums and discussions for them, most of who were well-educated engineers and missionaries. Since they were starving, a common topic was scenes from books that involved food, Davis said.

The sense of building community through dialogue later guided Mary Hinderlie at Holden Village, a retreat center that had so many ties to Minnesota through its staff and participants that it was sometimes called "Minnesota in the Mountains." As program director in the 1960s and 1970s, she helped shape the center's direction. Among other things, it became a welcoming place for young people who were questioning the church.

Edna Hong, a Lutheran author and friend of Hinderlies, called Carroll and Mary Hinderlie "the prime human shapers of the soul of Holden Village." The center was sponsored by the Hinderlies' denomination, which had become the American Lutheran Church in the early 1960s. Hong wrote that the center "played a significant role in shaping the youthful new church body into an exciting new church that gave women full status, did not undersell its young people, and was not scared of theological discussion."

Charles Lutz, a retired Lutheran magazine editor said: "Mary was an outstanding leader wherever she happened to be. Her daughter said, "She loved to celebrate. She had a very intense mind yet was very goofy and fun".



Robert L. Hodge

(1916-1972) - Plot 3

Born 16 January 1916

Died 28 May 1972 Hovland, MN

Robert lived in Hovland for a short time. He was the brother to Zelda Wright. Zelda and John Wright had purchased and lived in the home of Hannah Johnson at Moose Valley.

Robert was born in Meridan, Mississippi and lived most of his life in Pittsburgh. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Robert moved to Hovland in March of 1972. He was planning on building a home by his sister's in Moose Valley. Robert died of a heart attack. He was survived by his wife - Virginia.





Edna Hong

(1913-2007) – Plot B042

Born 28 January 1913 Died 3 April 2007 Heath Creek, MN
Daughter of Otto and Ida Hatlestad Spouse: Howard Hong

Edna was born on a farm near Neillsville in Clark Co., WI. She was the sixth of eight children. Her family later moved to a farm in Holway Twp, near Medford. She attended country school near the farm for eight years before renting a room in Medford and attending its high school. She graduated in 1930. She then took a teachers-training course through the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin to qualify herself for teaching country school, which she did for three years. Her purpose was to save money so that she could attend St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

Edna entered St. Olaf in 1934 and studied chiefly history and literature during her four years there. She also wrote a humor column for the student newspaper, the Manitou Messenger; served as the editor of the St.

Olaf Quarterly, a literary journal; and wrote an honors thesis titled "The Nature Tradition in American Literature". According to the college yearbook in her senior year, the 1938 Viking, she wrote "very extensive and original papers in literature", was "keen and intense," had "convictions," and aimed to "live genuinely." She met Howard Hong in the spring of her junior year. He had graduated from St. Olaf in 1934, had already discovered the nineteenth-century Danish writer Soren Kierkegaard, and was studying at the University of Minnesota. They were married June 6, 1938 at St. Olaf, in the lounge of Melby Hall, one day after she graduated. Two months later, they hitchhiked to New York and then sailed to Copenhagen, where they lived for a year and began their study of the Danish language and of Kierkegaard.

When they returned to Northfield in 1939, Howard Hong began more than forty years of teaching at St. Olaf College. They raised a family of eight children, two of them Latvian refugees they adopted during the years when the Hongs lived in Germany and worked to resettle displaced persons after World War II.

Edna Hong will be remembered as a Kierkegaard translator. She will also be remembered as a writer of stories, essays and books. She wrote 12 books. In addition to her work as a translator and writer, Edna

Hong will be remembered for the zest and variety of her Northfield life. She tended her large family, befriended the many souls in need who came to her door, and was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. A legendary Sunday school teacher for 30 years, she also taught midweek religion classes at the church and wrote the history of the congregation for its centennial. Her merry spirit flourished at home. She baked whole-wheat bread that she gave away freely, tramped along Heath Creek with friends, fed the birds and squirrels, carried on an extensive correspondence, gardened and read widely.

Honors came her way, sometimes given jointly to her and her husband.

Howard Vincent Hong

(1912-2010) – Plot B043

Born 19 Oct. 1912 Died 16 Mar. 2010 Northfield, MN

Daughter of Peter and Ada J. (Cooper) Hong Spouse: Edna Hong

Howard was a longtime summer resident of Hovland who died in Northfield, Minnesota March 16, 2010 at the age of 97.

Howard was born in Wolford, N.D. October 19, 1912, but grew up in Willmar, MN. He graduated from St. Olaf College in 1934 and was awarded a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1938. He was a member of the St. Olaf faculty from 1938 until he retired in 1978, and was a legendary teacher. He and his wife Edna were widely recognized as translators of the works of the Danish writer Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855). Many honors came their way.

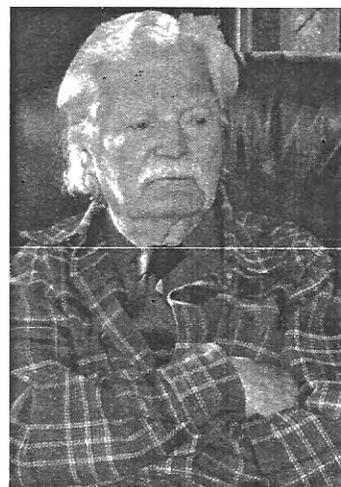
They also founded a special library at St. Olaf which bears their name: The Howard and Edna Hong Kierkegaard Library. It enjoys an international reputation.

Howard and Edna were as at home in Hovland as they were in Northfield.

With one exception, they spent their summers at Hovland from 1945 to the end of their lives. During World War II, he worked with prisoners of war in camps in both Missouri and Iowa.

After the war, the Hongs lived in Germany, where he worked in refugee camps and helped resettle over 250,000 refugees, 250 of them in Northfield alone. That work, he said, had been both "heart-breaking and heart-warming."

They were exhausted by what they had seen and done and sought rest in Hovland.



The sounds of Lake Superior and the silence of the woods helped to heal them; those sounds and that silence also renewed them annually for the demands of their Northfield life. So did their Hovland friends and the congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church.

They always worked at top speed. One example – after he retired at 65 from St. Olaf, he and Edna took on a new job, a uniform 25-volume edition of Kierkegaard's Writings, published by Princeton University Press. They translated 21 of these volumes and assigned four to others; he did the detailed editorial work on all of the volumes. This edition was completed in 1990, when he was 77. He produced 25 volumes in 12 years. Hovland saw them through the strain of this major post-retirement project.

The Hongs first rented the upper floor of a boat house on Lake Superior that belonged to a Norwegian immigrant fisherman, Jacob Newman. Then they built a "shack" away from the shore and next to the Brule River. After Newman's death, they bought his cabin, while keeping their place on the Brule. They called the cabin "Jacob's Place." It and the shack and Trinity were the centers of Hong life in Hovland.

In a speech, Edna once described their life by the Brule: "I don't need running water, electricity, indoor plumbing. I feel very comfortable with spider webs; the deer mice ... do not dismay me if they have babies in our cabin. An old fashioned wood range is a joy to cook on and bake in. Lugging water [a quarter of a mile] from a spring is an exercise in soul-solitude. No radio, no telephone, no TV is bliss!"

Howard Hong worked with fellow congregation members in planning for a new Trinity Lutheran Church. Before construction started, he and Edna were called to their refugee working Germany. Arnold and Evelyn Flaten took their place and in three successive summers (1946-48) supervised the St. Olaf students who helped congregation members build the church. This was a congregational project.

One member was Oscar Sundquist, who owned a garage. He repaired all the equipment used in the construction, including a workhorse jeep Howard Hong had bought for \$45 in Paris after the war. The students stayed with a Hovland man, Mons Hanson, who gave the land on which the church now stands; he was remembered long afterwards by both the students and the Flatens.

Howard Hong was active in Hovland life in another way. He bought many tracts of land in the area by paying delinquent taxes. The land had been logged over by timber companies; largely at his own expense, he restored it according to a plan he devised with the help of an experienced forester, Dave Eggen of Moose Lake. In 1991, he and Edna were given the Minnesota Outstanding Conservationist Award by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He enjoyed introducing himself as a "forester".

Howard was buried next to Edna March 29, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Hovland, MN.

Baby Jacobsen

Plot 80

Son of Paul and Emma Jacobsen

An infant with a brief life was the Paul Jacobsen baby. No dates are given on his gravestone.

Emma Marie Jacobsen

(1884-1927) – Plot 36

Born 13 May 1884

Died 20 June 1927 Duluth

Daughter of Bereth Dyrstad Spouse: Paul Jacobsen

Children: (Paul) Erling, Olga, Edith, Christian, Clara, Berger, Lindor and Clarence

Emma Dyrstad was born in Ebestad, Norway in 1884. In 1909, Paul Jacobsen, (who had arrived some years previously and homesteaded just west of the "Poplar Hill" settlement) sent a ticket to Emma Dyrstad, his 24 year old sweetheart in Norway. She immigrated to the United States in the fall of 1909 and stayed at Ellingsons' rooming house and also at John Eliasens' home. Emma and Paul walked from Hovland to Grand Marais to be married October 24, 1909 in Grand Marais and then sailed on the steamer, "America", to Port Arthur for their honeymoon and then back to Hovland. Paul and Emma were active members of Trinity Congregation. Emma would invite pastors from the Trinity Lutheran Church to come for dinner. There was always roast or chicken and fresh baked bread and desert. Emma was a Sunday school teacher and also a member of Ladies Aid. As such, she was involved in early fund raising projects, such as suppers, bake sales, and bazaars.



Emma had eight children, the ninth born died. Emma and her mother, Bereth, sewed the girls' dresses. When Emma died at the young age of 43, she left 8 young children. The children were raised with their grandmother (Emma's mom) – Bereth's help...until 1933, when her health failed and she moved to Duluth to her daughter, Johanna's, place.

Photo to left: *Paul Jacobsen family* (L-R): Paul holding Clara, Olga, Edith Erling, Christian and Berger, being held by Emma Jacobsen

Paul Karolfius Jacobsen

(1883-1978) – Plot 37

Born 3 December 1883 Died 22 September 1978 Duluth, MN

Son of Kristian Edward Jacobsen and Nickoline Eddlsen

Spouse: Emma Jacobsen Brother: Kaurin and Carl Jacobsen

Children: Erling, Olga, Edith, Christian, Clara, Berger, Lindor and Clarence

Paul Jacobsen was born in Borge, Norway in 1883. In 1906, he left his home in Bo – Vesteralen, Lofoten Islands at the age of 21 years, immigrating to the United States. His brother, Carl, and several neighbors and cousins had already gone to the U.S. Paul was a fisherman. He sailed to America and came to Duluth and then to Two Harbors, where he and his friends worked on the ore docks for a few years. Learning about land available for homesteading, he came to Hovland to file his claim, probably about the year 1909. Jens Erickson, second cousin to Paul, had already applied and was coming by steamer "America" to pick out his section. There were already the Soderlunds, Sundquists and Westerlunds nearby, so Paul stayed at the Ericksons' place and helped them build their home. He then stayed with them while he cleared some land for himself and built a couple of buildings with the help of his brother, Carl and friends. The first building was made from logs. His first home was a five-room house, which he finished in 1908. He sent for his bride, Emma Dyrstad, who arrived from Norway in 1909. The two were married the same year and lived on his homestead throughout their married life. Paul became a U.S. citizen November 9, 1911. As soon as Paul had a large barn built, he bought horses, cows and chickens. This barn held a team of horses, 5 – 8 cows, calves, a pig and chickens (1917). They sold eggs for 10 cents a dozen. So between trying to run a farm and digging wells, he also walked five miles from his homestead to Chicago Bay to fish Lake Superior herring and trout with his brother, Carl. Fishing was in their blood since they were born in the Fjords of Norway and fished ocean fish. Paul dug three wells on his property – one for drinking water, one for the cattle and one for washing clothes near the house. Paul helped build the first Lutheran church in Hovland. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, serving as a church officer. He also served as treasurer of the school board for several years. In addition to commercial fishing and farming, Paul worked for the state and also the county on highway construction. He drove school bus to Grand Marais for many years. During World War II, he worked in a defense plant in Fontana, California. After returning to Hovland, he moved away from his farm and built a home just west of the present church (currently the Parsonage for Hovland church) in Chicago Bay.

In later years, Paul moved to Duluth, living in an apartment for several years, and during his later years, making his home with his daughter, Olga. He died in 1978, at the age of 95