

Olof Anderson - October 8, 1943 to October 4, 1907

Olof and Anna Anderson, parents of Andrew, Anna, Christine, and Jennie, came to Coketo, Minnesota in 1867. Shortly thereafter, they took up homestead in Silver Creek Twp., Wright County. Olof Andersons mother, Kari, came to America with them. The whole family, including his mother, accepted the Seventh-Day Adventist faith in 1872, and were active members until their death. Olofs wife, Anna, died April 8, 1889. Olof sold his homestead and moved to Minneapolis, Minn. in 1892. His other two daughters, Jennie and Christine, also moved to Minneapolis with him. They attended the Swedish SDA Church in Minneapolis. Jennie and Christine became good friends of Bina Swenson and Elna Mathilda Mattison who attended the same church. Here Elna and Olof also became acquainted. Elder John Hoffman encouraged them to get married. Their wedding day was March 12, 1895. Bina Swenson also decided to get married to Louis Mattson of Cambridge, Minn. in July 4, 1894, with Jennie and Christine Anderson as her attendants at her wedding. Bina and Louis Mattsons daughter, Geneva, married August Anderson, the son of Olof and Elna Anderson in June 1, 1921. Elna's 1st husband, Peter Olof Carlson, died January 20, 1890 and left Elna with four children. She accepted the SDA faith after attending evangelistic meetings held in Minneapolis in 1890. Jennie and Christine went to Battle Creek, Mich. to take the Nurses Course in 1895 where they contracted TB and died, Jennie on May 2, 1895, and Christine on June 6, 1898.

Olof Anderson had purchased a small farm in Silver Creek Twp, Wright County, near his sister Christine Anderson Trogen and family, and other relatives, eight miles northwest of Monticello. Here Olof and Elna settled with her four children. The land was virgin soil with many oak trees on it. They worked hard to clear the land, build the home and farm buildings, till the soil, and care for their family, which grew to six more children. He gave the Great Northern Rail Road the land crossing his farm for locating the Siding in the NE corner of his land. Here the trains stopped each day to pick up the cream that the farmers brought to the Siding and shipped it to the St. Paul Creamery. This Siding was later named Enfield, Minn after L.P. Berglund and family moved there and built a store and started a Post Office. They came from Minneapolis to Enfield in 1905.

Olof Anderson passed away on October 4, 1907 several months after a farm accident when he was thrown off the mower which passed over him and broke his ribs and punctured his lungs.

On October 5, 1908, Elna remarried, marrying Oscar Hendrickson.