

THE
SKJELVER FAMILY HISTORY

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1977

OTTO CHRISTIAN SKJELVER SR.

	Date Married	Birth Date	Birthplace	Date of Death
Otto Christian Skjelver Sr. Ellen Marie Olson	4-17-1875 Hudson, Wisc.	4-14-1849 10-16-1848	Oslo, Norway Throneim Norway	3-13-1925 1-30-1889 (Pneumonia)
Children: Tilda, Ada, Grace, Ella, Albert, Christina, Otto				
Tilda Mathea Skjelver Selmer Berentson		4-18-1876	NW of Inavale	1- 4-1966
Children: none				
Ada Olina Skjelver	unmarried	11- 3-1877	NW of Inavale	12- 8-1964
Clara(Grace)Skjelver Fred William Lambrecht	6-26-1907	1-19-1880 1-13-1880	NE of Inavale Freeport, Ill.	4-20-1961 4-16-1955
Children: George and Margaret				
George Harold Lambrecht Ruth Allen	11-21-1940	5-20-1908 3-19-1917	Inavale, Nebr. Eagle, Nebr.	8- 7-1953
Children: David, Shirley, Douglas				
David Bruce Lambrecht Patricia Ann Piskac	6-12-1969	1-21-1947 8-25-1949	McCook, Nebr. McCook, Nebr.	
Shirley Ann Lambrecht Vytautus (George) Sederavicius	6-12-1971	6-30-1949 7- 5-1947	McCook, Nebr. Bad Gondersheim Am Harts, Germany	
Douglas Eugene Lambrecht Sidny Kay Zink	10-16-1971	6- 9-1951 10- 8-1951	McCook, Nebr.	
Ruth Lambrecht: Re-married to Cyril Robert Lambrecht (Cousin to George) Feb. 11, 1956 no children with this marriage				
Margaret Lambrecht Edward John Votipka	11- 7-1948	6- 8-1914 2- 4-1912	Inavale, Nebr. Fairmont, Nebr.	
Children: John, Benjamin, Mary, Frank				
John Edward Votipka Marsha Stubbendick	5-27-1972	7-16-1950	Friend, Nebr.	
Benjamin Fredrick Votipka		5- 6-1952	Friend, Nebr.	
Mary Margaret Votipka		10- 7-1955	Friend, Nebr.	
Frank Warren Votipka		10-26-1956	Friend, Nebr.	

CHILDREN OF OTTO AND ELLEN SKJELVER SR. CONTINUED

	<u>Date Married</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Death Date</u>
Ella Bertha Skjelver	6-14-1911	12- 3-1881	Inavale	1-15-1969 9- 5-1965
William(Ross)Brooks		3-16-1886		
Children: Robert, Phillip, Racheal, Francis				
William (Robert) Brooks	4-21-1946	1-12-1914	Webster Co.NE	
Marcella Larson		12-19-1911	Pipestone Co.Minn.	
Children: Paul, Mary				
Paul Albert Brooks	2-16-1974	3-10-1947	Des Moines, Ia.	
Cynthia Isaacs		4- 1-1947	Des Moines, Ia.	
Mary Elenor Brooks		12-11-1949	New York, N.Y	
Thomas A. Thatcher		3- 6 -1950		
Children: Aaron and Amy				
Aaron Paul Thatcher		2-15-1973		
Amy Elizabeth Thatcher		July 22-1975		
Phillip Henry Brooks	8- 5-1944	9- 3-1915		
Agnes Hayden		5- 3-1919		
Children: Christine, Patricia, Michael, Suzanne, Brian				
Christine Ella Brooks	9-27-1969	7-20-1945		
Joel Ikenberry		1-26-1943		
children: none				
Patricia Ann Brooks	3- 9-1974	1- 9-1947		
Charles Merrifield		3- 9-1940		
Michael Joseph Brooks		2- 7-1954		
Suzanne Marie Brooks		11-11-1957		
Brian Anthony Brooks		10-23-1961		
Ellen(Rachel) Brooks	8- 9-1941	1-30-1917	Webster Co. NE	
Harvy Francis Holmes		6-19-1917	Los Animas, Colo.	2- 2-1972
Children: William, Susan, Francis, Ann				
William Clay Holmes	7- 3-1969	2-21-1943	McPherson, Ks.	
Patricia Mae Hart		5- 1-1942	Cincinnati, Ohio	
Children: David, Matthew				
David William Holmes		4-17-1970	Croton Conn.	
Matthew Francis Holmes		4-30-1971	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	
Susan Elizabeth Holmes		1- 1-1946	McPherson, Ks.	
Francis Alan Holmes		12-31-1949	Pauls Valley, Okl.	
Ann Seora Holmes	1- 5-1973	3-27-1952	Pauls Valley, Okl.	
Galen Archie Osburn		1- 8-1949	Carneige, Okl.	
Francis Eugene Brooks	8-27-1948	6- 28-1923	Cambell, Nebr.	
Nancy Elaine Lydia Cook		2- 23-1924	Santiago, Chili So. America	
Children: Stephen, Francis, Frederick				

Children of Francis Eugene Brooks, Continued

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Stephen Victor Brooks	12-19-1971	2-21-1951	San Diago, Calif	
Kathryn Janet Schwarz		1-19-1952	Frankfort, Germany	
Children: Nathaniel				
Nathaniel Stephen Brooks		6-21-1973	Fairfax, Va.	
Francis Gregory Brooks		6-22-1955	Lawrence, Ks.	
Frederick Eugene Brooks		7-25-1958	Lawrence, Ks.	

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	<u>Date Married</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Albert Skjelver Josie Simon Children: Robert, Raymond, Mary Ann, and Alberta	10-20-1915	7-16-1883 11-11-1890	Inavale, NE Gosper Co. NE	8-29-1947 8-1-1969
Robert Simon Skjelver Mabel Ruth Cooper Children: None	8-10-1965	10-27-1916 4-1-1918	Inavale, NE. Inavale, NE	11-17-1977
Charles <u>Raymond</u> Skjelver	unmarried	12-21-1917	Inavale, NE	
Mary Ann Skjelver LeRoy Merritt Curry (Killed in action in battle of Stolberg, Germany in World War II) Children: CaSandra Jean	2-15-1941	6-28-1920 11-6-1918	Inavale, NE Lebanon, KS	9-22-1944
CaSandra Jean Curry Lyle Bostock Children: Angela, Jason, Abby	10-22-1967	11-19-1943 10-23-1943	Superior, NE Hastings, NE	
Angela Jean Bostock		1-27-1971	Red Cloud, NE	
Jason Lyle Bostock		7-20-1972	Red Cloud, NE	
Abby Nicole Bostock		12-12-1975	Red Cloud, NE	
Mary Ann Skjelver Curry (re-married) William Russell Johnson Children: Tom, Jim	4-27-1946	11-1-1914	Blue Hill, NE	
Thomas Gregory Johnson Pamela Jean Kort Children: Aaron and Brian	11-25-1972	7-1-1947 10-30-1950	Campbell, NE Hastings, NE	
Aaron Thomas Johnson Brian Russell Johnson		1-8-1975 10-11-1975	Hastings, NE Hastings, NE	1-16-1975 10-11-1975
James Russell Johnson		7-17-1955	Hastings, NE	
Alberta Jean Skjelver Edsel LeMoyne Pope Children: Mary, John	1-16-1949	3-5-1928 2-4-1926	Inavale, NE Red Cloud, NE	
Mary Jean Pope Curtis Eugene Brumbaugh	8-28-1971	12-25-1950 2-24-1949	Hastings, NE Red Cloud, NE	
John Edward Pope		9-10-1953	Hastings, NE	

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Marie(Christina)Skjelver	6-15-1910	5-17-1885	Inavale	2- 8-1974
Olaf Erickson		3- 3-1882	Oslo, Norway	6- 4-1967
Children: Grace, Olga, Theodore, James, Otto				
Grace Margaret Erickson	6-15-1933	2-26-1912	Campbell, Neb.	6-15-1933
Walter Kinney				5-17-19
Children: Jimmie, Patricia				
Jimmie Dean Kinney	2-26-1954	10-20-1933	Campbell, Nebr.	
Delores				
Children: Raymond, Rickie, Debbie, Christie, Kay, Michelle				
Raymond		Nov. 29-1950		
Married				
Children: Shawn Leroy and Rene				
Shawn Leroy:		1- 4-1973		
Rene Leilani		2 -26-1974		
Rickie		3-30-1952		
Children: Rickie Jr.		5- 3-1974		
Debbie		8-25-1953		
Christie		8- 7-1956		
son- Scott Allen		5-19-1973		
Kay		10-18-1958		
Michelle		1-25-1960		
Patricia Ann Kinney		4- 2-1965		
Robert Crews				
Children: John, William, Jeremiah				
John Ashley		6- 3-1965		
William Stewart (Bill)		1-15-1970		
Jeremiah Robert		6- 8-1973		

Children of Christina and Olaf Erickson continued

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Olga Marie Erickson Cecil Wilford Worman Children: Robert, Theola	6-24-1936	8-10-1914 2-15-1910	Campbell, Nebr. Inavale, Nebr.	
Robert Eugene Worman Sharron Kay Moore Children: Douglas, David	3-27-1964	1-21-1937 8-18-1943	Inavale, Nebr. Bloomington, NE	
Douglas Eugene Worman		8-28-1964	Hastings, Nebr.	
David Edward Worman		4-29-1968	Kearney, Nebr.	
Theola Marie Worman Robert Eugene Arneson Children: Lynne and Lorie	1-15-1961	4-20-1942 8-24-1940	Inavale, Nebr. Inavale, Nebr.	
Lynne Marie Arneson		12-13-1961	Phillipsburg, Ks.	
Lorie Michelle Arneson		11- 8-1963	Phillipsburg, Ks.	

Children of Christina and Olaf Erickson Continued

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Otto Walter Erickson	6-30-1948	10-19-1925	Campbell, Nebr.	10- 1-1960
Doris Kathleen McMahon		3- 3- 1924	Riverton, Nebr.	
Children: Linda, Leland, Dennis, Billy, Ann, Mary, Kenneth				
Linda Kathleen Erickson		8-18-1949	Red Cloud, Nebr.	
Leland Otto Erickson		7- 1-1953	Hastings, Nebr.	
Dennis Gene Erickson		9-25-1954	Red Cloud, Nebr.	
Billy Joseph Erickson		3-21-1956	Myrtle Point, Oregon	
Ann Marie Erickson		6-12-1957	Myrtle Point, Ore.	
Mary Margaret Erickson		11-16-1959	Myrtle Point, Ore.	
Kenneth Walter Erickson		4-13-1961	Bandon, Ore.	
Theodore Olaf Erickson	7-20,1963	1-12-1918	Campbell, Neb.	
Doris K. McMahon Erickson				
Children: Ted adopted the above children--Linda, Leland Dennis, Billy, Ann, Mary, and Kenneth				
Linda Kathle en				
Son--Eric Eugene		9-10-1971	Lincoln, NE	
Leland Otto				
Dennis Gene				
Billy Joseph				
Ann Marie				
Mary Margaret				
Kenneth Walter				

Children of Christina and Olaf Erickson Continued

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James Einar Erickson Dasie Meta Duval	5-20-1945	8-15-1923 10-10-1924	Campbell, Nebr. Inavale, Nebr.	
Children: Judith, Gayle Michael, Emely				
Judith Kay Erickson		8-13-1946	Campbell, Nebr.	
Gayle Ann Erickson David Stolzenburg Children: Sean, Bill	6- 1-1968	7-13-1948	Inavale, Nebr.	
Sean Stolzenburg		12-10-1968		
Bill Stolzenburg		1-25-1970		
Michael James Erickson Judith Meyer Children: Kenneth	4-6-1973	5-29-1950		
Kenneth James Erickson		12-31-1973		
Emely Jean Erickson		9- 6-1958	Red Cloud, Nebr.	

CHILDREN OF OTTO AND ELLEN SKJELVER SR. CONTINUED

Otto Skjelver	12-22-1920	1- 6-1887	Inavale NE
Elsie I. Lambrecht		5-25-1899	Inavale NE
Children: Bonnie, Doris, Eloise, Ila			

Bonnie Harriet Skjelver	10- 3-1942	5-31-1921	Inavale
Johnny R. Wilson		8-15-1918	Inavale
Children: Teresa, Robert, Jayne			

Teresa Ann Wilson		7- 2-1948	Red Cloud, NE	9-23-1968
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Robert Leroy Wilson	4- 9-1972	10- 2-1951	Red Cloud, NE
Diana Lynn Krichau		9-28-1953	Red Cloud, NE

Children:			
Laci Lynn		9-3-78	Red cloud - Ne
Amber Lee		8-4-81	Hastings ne

Jayne Jo Wilson	5-10-1975	1- 5-1955	Red Cloud, NE
William G. Hogeland		7- 2-1954	Alma, ne
Children: Geoff			

Geoffrey Wilson Hogeland		10-24-1975	Hastings NE
Gronthaw William Hogeland		5-27-78	Alma, ne

Doris Marie Skjelver	2- 4-1951	2- 2- 1923	Inavale, NE
Hugo Padovan		7-21-1917	Clinton, Ind.
Children: Ricky, Patti			

Ricky Lee Padovan	11- 1972	4-14-1953	Warren Ohio
Sherry Jones			
Children:			

Chris	4- 1977	1-21-1977	"
Jessica		6-20-79	"

Patrica Gail Padovan		7-21-1955	Warren Ohio
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Children of Otto and Elsie Skjelver, Continued

	<u>Date Married</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Ellen Louise (Eloise) Skjelver Floyd Rutter Children: Lynn, Paula	7-28-1945 (divorced)	9-24-1925 6-16-1914	Inavale Fostoria, O	
Lynn Elizabeth Rutter Gerald Richard Lueders	10-1971	2-20-1947 11-24-1943	McCook, NE Hastings, NE	
Paula Jo Rutter Jerry Lee Luther Children: Kari (stepdaughter) Tyler John T.J.	5-17-1974	12-10-1948 10-11-1949 11-28-1968 1-4-1982	Ravanna, Ohio Hastings, NE <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	
Ellen Louise (Eloise) Skjelver Rutter re-married to Vernon Alfred Sanford Children: Kevin	2-12-1966	3-24-1927	Oklahoma	5-12-1980
Kevin Dean Sanford		6-19-1966	Minn.	

Children of Otto and Elsie Skjelver, Continued

Ila Freda Skjelver Dale E. Yung Children: Pamela, Mark, Cindy	12-28-1950	9- 9-1931 7-15-1930	Inavale, NE Hastings, NE
Pamela Jean Yung Dan Eutsler Children: Mandy, Jeremy, <i>Shaun</i>	6-14-1970	11-14-1951 7- 3-1951	Lincoln, Nebr. Montrose, Colo.
Mandy Eutsler		12-23-1970	Lexington, NE
Jeremy Eutsler <i>Shaun</i>		7-24-1972 <i>7-18-79</i>	Stuttgart, Germany <i>Lexington Ne</i>
Mark Kenneth Yung Pat Bell Children: <i>Heidi Lynn</i> <i>Jill-</i>	2- 9-1974	8-24-1953 11-29-1953 <i>10-26-78</i> <i>9- 23-80</i>	Red Cloud, NE Lexington, NE <i>Lexington Ne</i> <i>"</i>
Cindy Lee Yung Mark Schweitzer <i>Christopher-</i> <i>Nicholas</i>	5-	6- 5-1956 <i>4-13-1984</i> <i>7- 8-1988</i>	Red Cloud, Nebr. <i>Lexington</i> <i>LINCOLN, NE</i>

Pemberton, Minn.,

May 24, 1962

Dear Alberta:

Your letter was received some time ago. I was so glad to hear from you and to know that you are interested in your father's people. I can tell you a few things, but I wish I knew more. We never talked so much about those early days.

Mother and father were born near Oslo in Norway and came to the U.S. when they were eighteen years old.

Otto Christian Skjelver	Apr. 14, 1849
Ellen Marie Olsen	Oct. 16, 1849
Tilda Mathea Skjelver	Apr. 18, 1876
Ada Olina	Nov. 3, 1877
Clara Grace	Jan. 19, 1880
Ella Bertha	Dec. 3, 1881
Albert	July 16, 1883
Christina Marie	May 17, 1885
Otto	Jan. 6, 1887

2/ Father and mother came to Hudson, Wisconsin. He worked in a lumber camp and I think he went to school too. Mother did house work for Platt's who had a big store. Mrs. Platt wrote to us for many years. She always sent us Christmas gifts and magazines. She wrote often that she had never been able to get any girl as good as Ellen. She really could do so many things with her hands.

Mother and father were married in Hudson, Wis. April 17, 1875.

In the Fall of 1876 they went to Nebraska. From Hastings they rode in the stage coach to Riverton. I think Riverton was the oldest town in the valley. There was no Inavale then.

3) Father had 25¢ left after that long trip. He spent that for coffee! Uncle Hans had been in Nebr. a few years and had a log house. He was not married.

Tilea could tell a lot if she only would. She likes to listen.

Father made a dug out in a bank east of uncle's house. They dug into the bank, put up a front with a door and a window and put on a roof.

I think Tillie and I are the only ones who lived for a while in a dug out. I was born in Uncle Hans's log house.

Father built a log room and a sod room on his farm. Tillie says that Albert was born in the log house. Later they built a new sod house of three rooms. It was plastered and white washed and the wide windows were full of

4) nice house plants - geraniums, smilax, maderia vine etc.

I don't know much about the homesteading. I know they were supposed to live on that land a certain length of time.

To get a timber claim you had to plant a lot of trees.

Dad planted so many trees on his timber claim. His claim is west of where Olaf lives.

Uncle Hans's homestead and timber claim join into a half section of very good land. I heard that story about uncle carrying trees from the R. river to his timber claim. I rather think it is true. Tilea knows.

This letter will be continued at a later date. I thought you might like the first installment! I have not heard from your mother for some time. Love, Ada

This letter was written to Elsie Skjelver from Margaret Lambrecht Votinka:

Dear Aunt Elsie:

I too wish we knew more about the early days of the Skjelvers. At one time I asked Aunt Ada about some things so I will copy from her letter.

Otto Skjelver Sr. was born April 14, 1848 near Oslo, Norway. He married Ellen Marie Olsen at Hudson, Wisconsin, April 17, 1875. Otto Sr. came to the U.S. and settled near Hudson, Wisconsin, working in a lumber camp. He also attended school there. Aunt Ada didn't say where her mother was born, but I suppose in Norway. Her Sister was born in Skedsmo, Norway.

Aunt Ada wrote that her parents came to Nebr. in the fall of 1876 perhaps because Uncle Hans (Tilia & Elmer's folks) and brother to Otto, and other relatives were in Nebr. Holts & Walsteds (Julia Markers folks) were relatives (cousins)?

Aunt Tillie was 6 months old when they came to Hastings, Nebr. by train and then by stagecoach to Riverton, Nebr. Grandpa Skjelver had 25¢ left and he spent that for coffee. Uncle Hans met them there.

On Nov. 3, 1877 Aunt Ada was born in Uncle Han's log house. Later Grandpa Skjelver made a dugout east of Uncle Han's house. Tillie and Ada lived in the dug-out, but a house was built on the home place before Grace was born. One room was logs and the other rooms were sod with dirt floors. If holes were worn they filled them with mud to make floors smooth. Later a new sod house was built. It had 3 rooms, was plastered and white washed. It had such nice windows for plants and vines. They lived here until the frame house was built in 1900.

Tillie and Ada herded cattle where Coopers later lived. Grace was timid and did not herd much.

Aunt Ada did not know what Grandpa Skjelver's parents did for a living in Norway. He had a brother, Hans; another brother and 2 sisters in Norway.

Aunt Ada thought her mother (our grandmother) had 3 brothers in Norway and one in Oregon. They did not correspond. Mrs. John Mattison Sr. was Ellen Skjelver's sister. There was also another Sister.

Grandmother Skjelver died Jan. 30, 1889. Grandfather Skjelver died March 13, 1925. I remember my mother saying that Grandmother Skjelver's death was caused from pneumonia.

You probably have this information, but here is the birth dates of their children.

Tillie Mathia	April 18, 1876
Ada Olena	Nov. 3, 1877
Clara Grace	Jan. 19, 1880
Ella Bertha	Dec. 3, 1881
Albert	July 16, 1883
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A cousin came to keep house for them after grandmother's death. She was a daughter of grandmothers sister. (all this information I rec'd in Aug. 1962) At that time this cousin was still living in Florida and 92 years old. This cousin came from Fargo, No. Dakota having come from Norway a short time before that. This cousin stayed about 2 years. She also attended school at North Star.

Grandfather taught school--mostly teaching the settlers how to speak the English language. Later (she didn't say how much later) this cousin asked Aunt Ada to come to Fargo to help her Aunt take care of her children. Aunt Ada went to school in Fargo and graduated from the 8th grade. When Ada came home from Fargo, she went to school at North Star for one year before going to high school in Red Cloud. She said J. C. Brooks was teacher. I think that was Uncle Ross's Father. He taught her Algebra and when she went to high school she did not miss any problems! At that time there was just one course--She had Latin, Ceasar, Cicero, etc. Aunt Ada graduated in 1897. She worked for her room and board at Walter Sherwoods. Miner & Phil were little--Phil had not learned to walk. Aunt Ada taught school in Dist. 9 boarded at Norris's. The next year she taught in the Fox district, then she taught in Red Cloud for 8 years. She taught third and fourth grades at first. Later she was principal and had 7th and 8th grades. Nearly every year teachers had to attend teacher's institute a few weeks in the summer. After such a meeting in McCook she was asked to teach in McCook. Here she had seventh and eighth grades. McCook would not release her when Omaha asked her to teach there! Aunt Ada had to quit teaching when Aunt Ella was married. She had taught 14 years. Her first salary was \$35 and her last was \$62.50. I don't know if this was per month or for the entire term.

Guess this is all of the information that I have to pass on to you now, but it should fill in a few of the gaps in the Skjelver past.

Good bye,

Love, Margaret (daughter of Grace Skjelver)

Died—Otto Skjelver

Mr. Otto Skjelver, an old and highly respected resident of Cather-ton precinct, passed away at his home March 13, 1925. The funeral service was held March 17, at the Zion Lutheran church, of which he was a charter member. The follow-ing account of his life was read by Rev. Eugene Aal:

Otto Skjelver was born near Oslo, Norway, April 14, 1849, and at time of his death had reached the age of 75 years and 11 months.

He came to America in 1869 and settled at Hudson, Wisconsin, where he resided about 7 years.

He was united in marriage to Ellen Marie Olsen, April 17, 1875.

In the fall of 1876 he came to Webster county, Nebraska and took up a homestead, upon which he lived the rest of his life.

To this home came seven chil-dren, Mrs. Selmer Berentson of Pemberton, Minn., Mrs. Fred Lambrecht, Mrs. Ross Brooks, Mrs. Olaf Erickson, Albert, Otto and Ada, who cared for her father during the long years of his last illness.

His wife preceded him to the Great Beyond, January 30, 1889.

He is survived by all his children, 16 grandchildren and a brother residing at Silverton, Oregon, who mourn the loss of their friend and father.

The gift to the churchyard we tender,

As dust to the dust we surrender;
Returning the clay to its Maker
We lay it to rest in God's Acre.

Family Binder

Ellen Marie Olsen
ogive til Otto Skjelver
17^{te} April 1875.
døde 30^{te} Januar
1889

Otto Skjelver
døde 13^{de} Mars, 1925

Velsign

Albert Skjelver døde August
29 1947

Grace døde April 20,
Ada " Dec 8 1961
Tillie " Jan 4 1965

**ATTORNEY GILHAM WRITES
OF ANOTHER PIONEER**

The older residents of this city were grieved to learn of the death of Otto Skjelver, a farmer who resided northwest of Inavale from 1876 until his death on the 13th of March. Mr. Skjelver was an unusually intelligent and educated Norwegian, who for many years acted as interpreter between the Scandinavian immigrants and other people of this county. At that time the Scandinavians constituted a large element in the population of the western part of the county, and the services of Mr. Skjelver were much in demand to instruct his compatriots in the usages and laws to which they must conform in the land of their adoption.

It is not uncommon for persons occupying the positions Mr. Skjelver occupied to take advantage of the ignorance of his countrymen, but during his entire life among us there was not even a suspicion that Mr. Skjelver betrayed any trust or confidence reposed in him. He was the friend, helpful and wise, of the Americans and the ignorant Norsemen, and saw to the best of his ability, that the dealings between them all were fair and just.

For many years he served as justice of the peace and general arbiter of the disputes arising in his neighborhood. He was vitally interested in every scheme for promoting the education, secular and moral of his fellow countrymen, and to him is largely due the fact that the children of the Swedes and Norwegians in his locality are thoroughly American and that the services of an interpreter

are no longer required.

His daughter, Ada Skjelver, is one of the best educated ladies in the county and for a number of years was principal of the Red Cloud school in the First ward. During the last few years she has given her father, who has been in failing health, all the care and tenderness of a devoted daughter.

Mr. Skjelver was married in his native town in Oslo, Norway, where he was born on the 14th of April 1849. After his removal to this county the following children were born to this marriage: Mrs. Zelma Barentson, of Pemberton, Minnesota, Mrs. Fred Lambrecht, Mrs. Ross Brooks, Mrs. Olaf Erickson, Albert Skjelver and Otto Skjelver and Ada Skjelver. His wife passed away January 30th, 1889 since which date his daughter Ada has given him her affectionate care.

His older brother Hans Skjelver came to this county some years before he did, and is still living at an advanced age at Silverton, Oregon.

There are seventeen grandchildren who are mourning the absence of a loved grandfather and all the early settlers of the county who came in contact with him are recalling pleasant memories of his integrity and courteous gentlemanly conduct.

Familie Minder.

Otto Skjölvers fød den
14^{de} April 1849.

Ellen Skjölvers fød den
16^{de} October 1848

Tuva Matha Skjölvers
föd 18 April 1876.

Acta Olano Skjölvers
föd 3^{de} November 1877.

Clara Emma Skjölvers
föd 19^{de} Januar 1880

Ella Bertha fød 3 Decem
1881.

Albert Skjölvers fød
16 July 1883.

Maria Christina fød
17^{de} Mai 1885

Otto Skjölvers fød 6^{te}
Januar 1887.