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### Family 10:

Guttorm Andersen, b. Jan. 11, 1831, d. Feb. 9, 1904, on Sept. 12, 1852, in Gran married Johanne Gudbrandsdtr., b. Feb. 15, 1827, both em. from Gran May 7, 1874 to Osage, Iowa, with children: 1. Gubjør, b. Feb. 28, 1857; 2. Johan, b. June 14, 1859; 3. Christian, b. Sept. 28, 1862. Son, 4. Anders, b. July 6, 1851. had earlier em. April 25, 1873. Daughter 5. Randi, b. Sept. 13, 1853, married Ole Halvorsen Gagnum, b. Jan. 2, 1854, on June 2, 1874 in Gran. They em. Aug. 5, 1875, to Osage, Iowa. Child no. 2. Johan (John G. Anderson), on March 6, 1885, married Karen Gudbrandsdtr. Liæker, b. June 1, 1858, em. July 6, 1883, to Osage, lived in Mitchell County, Iowa, with children: No. 5, Randi, and No. 3, Christ, who lived in Buffalo Center, Iowa. Mrs. John Olson (1. Gubjør?) lived in Osage, Iowa.

### Family 11:

Christopher Anderson Lunderbakken, b. July 20, 1823, in Jevnaker on April 23, 1850, married Randi Christiansdtr Morstad, b. Dec. 28, 1823. They em. from Lunner April 29, 1871, to Montreal with children: 1. Man, b. Jan. 7, 1854; 2. Christian Anton, b. Jan. 29, 1856; 3. Thorine, b. Feb. 12, 1858; 4. Halvor, b. Sept. 1, 1862, 5. Jørgen, b. June 3, 1865. Daughter 6. Kirsti, b. Aug. 29, 1850, had already em. April 16, 1869, to Milwaukee. No. 4. Halvor Anderson married Kaia P. Kortgard in 1884. They had 9 children and lived in Christine, North Dakota. Halvor's siblings Mrs. A.G. Steelhammer, Silverton, Oregon; and Mrs. John Haugh, died in 1912 in Camrose, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Ole G. Foss in Walcott, North Dakota; no. 2. Anton Anderson in Comstock, Minnesota; and no. 5. Jørgen Anderson in Mayville, North Dakota.

### Family 12:

Anders Eriksen Rønnerudseiet, b. 1818 at Eid in Land, died 1901 in Ramsey County, North Dakota. On Dec. 28, 1849 in Jevnaker he married Fredrikke Johannesdtr. Stenerud, b. Sept. 8, 1823, d. 1884 in Ottertail County, Minnesota. They em. from Bækkestuen in Jevnaker May 17, 1882 to Rothsay, Minnesota, with children: 1. Johanne, b. June 8, 1849; 2. Karoline, b. Sept. 22, 1864; 3. Anton, b. Feb. 13, 1868. Son 4. Bernt Anderson, b. Dec. 22, 1861, had earlier em. April 21, 1880, to Fergus Falls, Ottertail County, Minnesota, lived in Ramsey County and in Churches Ferry, North Dakota. He was a member of the North Dakota Legislature 1906-1912, married, and had 10 children. Son 5. Hans Andreas, b. May 2, 1859, had earlier em. June 4, 1879. Son 6. Peter b. July 16, 1856, had earlier em. April 21, 1880, to Fergus Falls. Daughter 7. Elise (Marie), b. Aug. 7, 1851, on June 27, 1873, in Jevnaker married Hans Andreas Andersen, b. Oct. 21, 1846, in Hole Parish. On May 17, 1882 at the same time as her parents, they em. from Piperbækken in Jevnaker with children: Fredrikke, b. May 31, 1873; Anton, b. Feb. 23, 1876; Karoline, b. Jan. 15, 1879; and Alfred, b. March 30, 1882, to Rothsay, Minnesota.

### Family 13:

Thorer Christensen, b. Jan. 6, 1807, at Helmeid in Brandbu, on Dec. 1, 1846 in Gran married Man Andersdtr., b. March 9, 1823. They em. from Løvbrøtte in Brandbu April 21, 1868, with children: 1. Randi, b. Sept. 4, 1847; 2. Anders, b. Oct. 5, 1849; 3. Christen, b. June 29, 1852; 4. Marthe, b. Feb. 1, 1854; Peter b. July 21, 1857; 6. Lise, b. Aug. 9, 1859; 7. Borger, b. Aug. 24, 1861. They settled in South Dakota; we don't know where. Thorer's nephew Brede Borgerson, b. Jan. 13, 1850, and his sister, Rønnaug Borgersdtr., b. March 23, 1843, em. the same day. Brede lived in Green County, Wisconsin,

and Rønnaug in Garrison, South Dakota. We know about them. Nephew Ole Borgerson, b. Sept. 17, 1847, em. April 10, 1866, married in Spring Grove in 1875 to Berthe Marie Pedersdr., b. \_\_\_\_\_ at Horgeneiet in Gran, em. in 1871. They lived in Madison, South Dakota. We have nothing more about them.

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### Family 14:

Peder Gundersen Tuff. b. Sept. 27.18 14, on Oct. 11.1849 married Kjersti Iversdtr. Jorstad. both em. from Gran April 25, 1866 with children: 1. Gunder, b. Oct. 27, 1849, 2. Ingeborg, b. April 11, 1852, 3. Iver, b. Nov. 13, 1854, 4. Peder. B. Nov. 5, 1860, 5. Anne, b. Sept. 17, 1864. In 1880 they were farmers in Martin township, Rock Co. MN. The brother, Erik Gundersen Tuff. b. March 1, 1817, em. March 19, 1849 with wife Ragnild Johannesdtr. Alm, b. Feb. 16, 1814 and children; 1. Johanna, b. Jan. 29, 1844, 2. Anne b. May 10, 1847. Brother, Haagen Gundersen Tuff. b. March 1, 1817, (twin), em. March 19, 1852. In 1867 this brother lived near Milwaukee, Wis. Relative, Haaken Olsen Tuff. b. Aug. 16, 1851, em. Oct. 11, 1872, settled in Rock Co. MN. In 1873 he married Anne Gudbrandsdtr. Hvattum, b. May 27, 1853 in Gran, em. ?? Their son, Gilbert, b. May. 30, 1878, gave land and money for building the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN. Haakens brother, Hans Olsen Tuff. b. Nov. 22, 1844, em. June 24, 1888. We know nothing about him.

### Family 15:

Ole Halvorsen Horgeneiet. b. Oct. 18, 1823, on Nov. 6, 1848 married Anne Pedersdtr. Tuffseiet, b. Feb. 1, 1828, both em. April 15, 1872 from Gran to LaCrosse, Wis. with children: 1. Halvor, b. Sept. 29, 1849, 2. Peder, b. Jan. 17, 1853, 3. Ole, b. Feb. 4, 1855. 4. Maria, b. Sept. 25, 1857, 5. Marthe, b. Sept. 8, 1860. 6. Anders, b. Jan. 24, 1864, 7. Anne, b. March 2, 1867, 8. Karina, b April 18, 1870, married 1891 in Jackson Co., Wis., with Martin Engelstad, b. Feb. 6, 1865. The family settled in Jackson Co., Wis.

### Family 16:

Gulbrand Andersen Brokerud. b. July 14, 1840, on June 6, 1865 married Mari Halvorsdtr. Lia, b. Feb. 20, 1840, both em. from Lunner April 24, 1871 with children: 1. Anders, b. Mar. 15, 1866, 2. Rangdi Marie, b. March 6, 1869. Gulbrand's father, Anders Torgersen, b. 1800, em. as a widower June 9, 1870. Settled in Clermont, Clayton Co., Iowa.

### Family 17:

Abraham Olsen Rustad, b. 1800, em. April 17, 1849 from Jevnaker with wife Karen Johnsdtr., b. 1802, and children: 1. Ole, b. March 4, 1831, 2. Berte, b. Oct. 20, 1833, 3. Maren, b. Nov. 10, 1835, 4. Iver, b. June 13, 1839, 5. Johannes, b. July 12, 1842, 6. Peder. b. May. 1, 1846. Son Ole married in 1855 Martha Hansdtr. Baalerud, b. July 12, 1826. They lived in Amherst Co., MN, in 1864 with son Abraham Olsen Rustad (J.O.Rustad), b. Dec. 7, 1864.

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### Families 18 and 19 were mentioned in *Brua* No. 25, 1937

#### Family 18:

Anders Bjørge died at the hospital in Northwood, N.D. Mr. and Mrs. Bjørge had their home at Hatton. Mrs. Bjørge died in 1936. Anders was born in Hadeland in 1851 and came to America and Hatton in 1882. For many years he was a Sunday School teacher. A sister, Mrs. Julius Kamphaug, lives in Finley, N.D.

#### Family 19:

Gudbrand Nordgaard died at his home in Hatton, N.D. He was born in Hadeland in 1859 and emigrated at the age of two with his parents to Decorah, Iowa. In 1879 he moved to Steele County, N.D., where he farmed until his wife died in 1916. He then moved to Hatton. Six children were living at the time of Gudbrand's death.

### Families 20 and 21 were mentioned in *Brua* No. 26, 1938

#### Family 20:

Mrs. Carrie Erickson died at her home in Decorah, Iowa. Her maiden name was Kari Lynner and she was born at Gran in 1866. She came to America in 1884 and to Winneshiek County in 1886. In 1889 she married Andrew Erickson and they lived on their farm at Burr Oak for 37 years until 1926 when they moved to Decorah. Her husband died in December 1931.

#### Family 21:

Mrs. C.G. Larson died Nov. 8, 1937, at her home in Berthold, N.D. Her maiden name was Karine Caroline Lunden, born Feb. 2, 1888, in Gran. Her parents were Anders and Dorthe Lunden. She was buried at the family's burial site near Plaza, N.D.

### Families 22 and 23 were mentioned in *Brua* No. 27, 1939

#### Family 22:

Mrs. Ludvig Paulson died at her home near Plaza, N.D. She was born at South Hanserud in Gran and came to America when she was 18 years old. She lived with her sister, Mrs. Hofstad in Storden, Minn., until she married Ludvig Paulsen in 1893. In 1905 they moved to their farm near Plaza. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, five sons and a sister, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Kempton, N.D. She is also survived by three brothers in Norway: Johan, Petter and Marius Iverson.

#### Family 23:

Gulbrand Askim died in Spring Grove, Minn. He was born in Hadeland in 1853. He came as a young man to Wisconsin where he lived a short time. In 1883 he married Helene Erickson. They had four children: Clara (Mrs. Knut Veum), Delia (Mrs. A.J. Engell) and Adolf and Andrea who died young. Helene died in 1892. In 1902 they moved to Esmond, N.D., but moved back to Spring Grove.

## Families 24-27 were mentioned in *Brua* No. 28, 1940

### Family 24:

Mr. and Mrs. Peder P. Holt celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their farm northeast of Northwood, N.D. Peder was born at Skjerva in Gran and came as a young man to America where he worked for Kristian Holt for so many years that the neighbors began to call him Peder Holt. Mrs. Holt's maiden name was Marie Johnson Dahlsengen and she also emigrated from Gran. Olaves and Martin Johnson who both lived at Northwood are her brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Holt bought a farm in Avon Township and have lived there for 50 years. They have had six children, five of whom are living.

### Family 25:

Erick G. Baalrud died at his home in New Auburn, Wis. He was born at Bjonskogen in Gran, Jan. 16, 1884, of parents Gulbrand and Berthe Baalrud. He went to Colorado in 1884 and to Winona, Minn., in 1887. In 1891 he married Hannah Hanson and in 1897 they moved to Whitehall, Wis., where they lived until 1915 when they moved to New Auburn. Erick is survived by his wife and seven children, and three brothers: Gilbert Gilbertson, Marshfield, Ore., Oliver Gilbertson, Cottage Grove, Ore., and Bernt Gilbertson, North Bend, Ore.

### Family 26:

Mrs. Bert Solberg died at her home near Minot, N.D. Her maiden name was Lena Hilden, born 1873 in Whitewater, Wis., of parents Mr. and Mrs. Iver Hilden, who were born at Gran and went to America in 1870. Lena was married in Northwood in 1897, and in 1900 they took land near Minot. Survivors include her husband, seven children and three brothers: Peter Hilden in Cashton, Wis.; Halvor and Jørgen Hilden in Bemidji, Minn.

### Family 27:

Anton Gilbertson died at 80 years of age. He was born in Hadeland in 1859 and went to America in 1881 and settled at Northwood, N.D. In later years he lived in Grand Forks. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and a sister, Mrs. Chris Fosse, McVillage, N.D.

## Families 28-33 are mentioned in *Brua* No. 29, 1941: Hadeland Pioneers in LaFayette County, Wisconsin

### Family 28:

Anton Olsen Piperbekken and his wife were among the first who settled here. Their children are: Petter, Mrs. Alma Johnson, Dorothea and Johnnie.

### Family 29:

Gunhild Anderson, who was married to Simon Anderson, was also from Hadeland. They had these children: Hans Everson, Syver Anderson and Mrs. Sorina Torkilson.

### Family 30:

Ole Monson, who was a son of Peder and Kari Svendshaugen, came here in 1871. He married Clara Gulbrandsen Sogn, who was also from Hadeland. They had these children: Martin, Clarence, Mina, Eva, Emma, Osel and Theodore.

### Family 31:

Kristian Berg came here from Hadeland in 1878 as a 17-year-old. He lived first at Blanchardville. Later he married Helena Pederson from Soknedalen. They had these children: Martha, Nicolai, Joseph, Rudolph, Clarence, Laurence and Viola.

### Family 32:

Anders Jacobsen came to LaFayette County in 1867. He married Ingeborg Olsen and they had two children, Oscar and Clara.

**Family 33:**

Lars Olson Porsæterhagen emigrated about 1870. He married Ingeborg Tweit from Numedal, Norway, and they had these children:  
Osvald, Ovidia, Minnie, Melvin and Helmer.

**Families 34-39 are mentioned in *Brua* No. 29, 1941:  
Deaths of Hadelanders in America**

**Family 34:**

Pastor Hans A. Blegen, pioneer pastor and farmer in Leeds County, N.D., died at the age of 81 years. He was born at Nes, Hadeland in 1859 and went to America in 1874. He graduated from Luther College in 1886. In 1890 he received a pastor's position in Leeds, and in 1900 he moved to Twin Valley, Minn. He married Anna Marie Naeseth in 1891 and they had three sons and two daughters. In 1915 they moved back to their farm in Leeds. N.D. He died March 14, 1941.

**Family 35:**

Mrs. Andrew Gilbertson, Lanesboro, Minn., died. She was born in Gran in 1854 and went to Fillmore County, Minn., with her parents when she was seven years old. In 1874 she married Andrew Gilbertson and they moved to Amherst Township. Andrew died in 1920. They are survived by seven children: Anton and Henry in Bemidji, Minn.; John in Janesboro; Melvin, Carl, Martin and Ida at home on the farm. She also has two sisters: Mrs. Ingeborg Western, Clarkfield, Minn., and Mrs. Julia Pickett, Preston, Minn.

**Family 36:**

Anton Peter Olimb died in January at his home in Oslo, Minn. He was born in Hadeland in 1869 and came to America in 1886. He married Jennie Holter from East Grand Forks. Jennie died in 1940 and they are survived by eight living children.

**Family 37:**

Mrs. Martha Paulson died at a rest home in Grand Forks, nearly 82 years old. She was born at Hadeland, but has lived on a farm west of Northwood, N.D., most of her life. Her husband died 31 years ago. She was buried at North Cemetery in Northwood.

**Family 38:**

Jens Holt died at the Northwood (N.D.) Hospital. He was born at Clayton County, Iowa in 1866 of parents Karen and Brede Holt who were from Hadeland. In 1890 Jens married Inga Erickson and they settled at Braddock, S.D. He moved to Northwood when his wife died.

**Family 39:**

Mrs. Lars Holm, Lake Park, Minn., died at nearly 90 years of age. She was born in Hadeland of parents: Mari and Erik Grimsrud. She went to America in 1881 and to Lake Park in 1882. She married Lars Holm in Moorhead, Minn.

*Editor's note:* Ole Gamme, who sent us these inquiries, has been reading early editions of the *Brua*. He is asking you to help him with any information you may have about emigrants he found mentioned in those early issues.

— *Translated by Andersons*

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## **Brua No. 14, 1931**

**Family 40:** Mrs. Even Hagen died Feb. 4, 1931. Her husband died four years earlier. She was buried Feb. 7. There were 5 sons and 4 daughters. In place of flowers \$20 was given to the rest home in Northwood. She was born in Hadeland.

## **Brua No. 15, 1932**

**Family 41:** Pastor Nels J. Morstad died in Minneapolis Oct. 9, 1931, 73 years old. He was born in Gran and emigrated in 1904. He traveled as an evangelist in the USA and Canada. Surviving are his wife, Marie, a son, John, daughter Ruth and 5 sisters and one brother.

**Family 44:** Gilbert Brørby died at his home in Minneapolis Oct. 18, 1931. He was born in Jevnaker, Dec. 24, 1847. In 1869 he emigrated to Clayton Co., Iowa, where he farmed for six years. Later he farmed in Clarissa, Minn. for 18 years and Inwood, Iowa for 19 years. The last 11 years he lived with his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Young, in Minneapolis. Surviving are his wife, Karin, born Thorson, and 2 sons, Gust in St. Paul and Carl in Minneapolis.

## **Brua No. 16, 1932**

**Family 43:** Peder Olsen Skjeggerud born Dec. 31, 1835 in Gran(?). In 1851 he emigrated to the town of Norway, Wis. In 1854 he went with his parents to Iowa where he married Thora Henrikson. They had 9 children, in 1875 they settled near Wild Rice, Minn. He was a pioneer in Wild Rice, and built a grinding mill and sawmill on his property.

## **Brua No. 18, 1933**

**Family 44:** Mrs. Camilla Ranum, widow of Albert Ranum, died at Ebenezer Rest Home in Minneapolis at 82 years of age. She was born in Hadeland and emigrated in 1871. Surviving is a daughter, Olea.

**Family 45:** Edvart A. Linerud died at 55 years of age in Enumecław, Wash., born in Hadeland and emigrated in 1904. He was a shoemaker for 21 years. Surviving are his wife, 2 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom live in Enumecław, except for a daughter, Mrs. Carl E. Berg, who lives in Tacoma, Wash.

**Family 46:** Mrs. I. B. Thompson died in Pelican Rapids, Minn. She was born in Hadeland in 1861 and emigrated with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pedersen Amundrud to Glenwood near Decorah, Iowa. In 1880 she married Thore Thompson and moved to Twin Valley, Minn., but moved to Pelican Rapids in 1903. They had 14 children, 13 of whom survive.

## **Brua No. 19, 1933**

**Family 47:** Ole Hasledalen was a watchmaker when he came from Hadeland in the beginning of the 1850s. He operated a business in Spring Grove for many years. His wife was Berte. In the 1890s they went back to Norway, but were not comfortable there, and came back to Spring Grove where they are buried.

**Family 48:** Hans E. Bilden, born Dec. 4, 1867(?) in Gran, died in St. Paul at 66 years of age. He studied music in Fargo and Minneapolis and directed many musical groups for 30 years. Surviving are his wife and 2 daughters. His parents were Erik Jacobsen and Birthe Olsdr. (*Reform*: Oct. 12, 1933)

#### **Brua No. 20, 1934**

**Family 49:** Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Syingen recently celebrated their diamond anniversary in Montevideo, Minn. Mr. Svingen was born in Hadeland in 1849, and came to America at 18 years of age. Mrs. Svingen is from Gudbrandsdalen, born in 1850 and emigrated in 1867.

**Family 50:** Mrs. Kasper Rudh, Rothsay, Minn., died at 80 years of age. She was born in Hadeland and came to America in 1869. In 1870 she married Kasper Rudh, and they lived in Rothsay. The farm was their home for 62 years. They had 16 children, but only 6 survived their parents.

**Family 51:** Christian Marken, a well-known man in Grand Marais, Minn., was killed in an automobile accident last summer in Duluth, at 60 years of age. He emigrated from Hadeland as a young man. He lived in Grand Marais for more than 40 years, and operated a large truck line between Duluth and places on the Canadian border.

#### **Brua No. 23, 1936**

**Family 52:** Mrs. Eline Tandberg, Northwood, N.D., died March 17 after a stove exploded and set fire to her clothes. She was born at Hadeland in 1863 and came to Northwood in 1882. In 1884 she married Anders Tandberg who died in 1929. They lived on their beautiful farm northwest of Northwood. Mrs. Tandberg is survived by her 6 children, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

#### **Obituaries from the Rawberg files**

**Family 53:** Margrete Olsen Svartse? Risenfald, born in Gran November 7, 1840?, died at 76 years of age. She came to Clermont 48 years ago. Later the family moved to Decorah. There were two daughters and three sons: Chris Alm in Decorah, Thorvald Olsen in Winnipeg, Canada, and Louis Olsen in Calmar, Iowa. Other children died young. She has a sister, Chersti Framstad, in Clear Lake. (*Dec. Posten*, Jan. 23, 1917)

**Family 54:** Mrs. Anne Arneson died in 1920. Anne Gudbrandsen was born Feb. 29, 1840 in Hadeland. In 1880 she married Erik Arneson. They had 10 children. Two boys died when they were 1 and 2 years old. In 1869 they emigrated to Polk County, Wisconsin. In 1906 the family moved to North Dakota. Children are: Mrs. Tom Walby, Deronda, Wis.; Gilbert Arneson, Amery, Wis.; Martin Arneson, New Richmond, Wis.; Gust Arneson, Hettinger; Mrs. Halvorson, Mrs. Olson and Arne Arneson in Regent, N.D.

**Family 55:** Hans C. Bakken, born in Hadeland, died in 1944. In 1865 he emigrated with his parents to Mayville. In 1903 he married Clara Paulson. They went to Northwood in 1920. They had six daughters and four sons: Mrs. Henry Halvorsen, Northwood, N.D.; Mrs. Morris Ohlquist, Badger, Minn.; Mrs. Louis Keith and Solveig Bakken, Seattle; Mrs. Bernard Saether, Grand Forks; Henriette, Fargo; Christ, South Pacific; Edvin and Clarence, Seattle; and Roy, Northwood. (*Nordmanden*, Aug. 17, 1944)