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One more STEP now completed in the restoration of Manfred School

FROM THIS!



NEW STEPS!

Wow!

New steps were installed in May by Terpening Construction, thus completing a matching grant through the State Historical Society of ND. The steps look great, don't they! Thank you to everyone who gave towards the matching funds. More restoration on the school will begin soon, as well as projects for the Ostrem House, Vang Church, and Solheim Station! How exciting!

TO THIS!



1 The old school steps being removed



2 First pouring – the base



3 First pouring – finishing the base



4 Second pouring – side platforms curing



5 Third pouring – top step and landing



6 Fourth pouring – the main steps



7 Fourth pouring – troweling the steps



8 Completion of the four pourings



9 Installation of cap stones completed

Compiling Manfred's History

It is with pleasure to feature the O.S. and Ingrid Hedahl Family history in this issue. Each history compiled is like another chapter in telling Manfred's story! Many great histories are yet to come!

Recent Artifact Acquisitions

We are pleased to announce recent artifact acquisitions to the Manfred Heritage Museum. Many thanks to the following people for their donations:

*Eilert and Walter Fehr families for farm implements: Case Separator, McCormick grain and corn binders, and two-row corn cultivator.

*Lester Lien for an operational 1/20th scaled replica of Adolph Shirly's G4 MM Combine custom built by Lester.

*Jacqueline Thuma for the "Erik, the Red" painting she created for her father who was a direct descendant of Erik, the Red, and her 70-year-old porcelain doll named Polly Pinks she received from her parents. Jacqueline's mother was Adele Hanson who taught at Manfred School.

*Ruth Widiger for a 30"x32" fabric piece inscribed with the names of Adele Hanson's students; Ruth having been one of these students.

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Audrey Solheim in memory of

Betty Reichenberger

Robert Smith

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Adele Hanson

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Glen Bendickson

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Nancy Conner

Sandy Krebs

Becky Wilcox

Manfred Newsletter

Thank you for your newsletter subscriptions!
There are 26 new or renewing subscriptions
that have been received since the last issue!

In Memory

Robert Glen Smith

May 15, 1922 – September 15, 2012

Son of Carolyn Rogne Peters,

Grandson of settlers Bendik and Kari Rogne

Dorothy Alta Steffen

September 20, 1914 – October 9, 2014

Grades 4-6 Teacher at Manfred for the
1970-1971 and 1971-1972 school years

Nathan Daniel Duerre

May 14, 1967 – February 6, 2015

Son of Dan and Judy Cook Duerre,
grandson of Ross and Norma Renden Cook,
great grandson of Jens and Marie Renden.
Jens is remembered as Manfred's blacksmith

Henry Adams

July 9, 1924 – February 7, 2015

Husband of JoAnn Adams,

daughter of Clara Melby Schearer,
granddaughter of C.C. and Anna Melby

Jerry Barton Melby

March 14, 1944 – March 28, 2015

Great grandson of Gilbert and Esther (LeGrand)
Melby who lived at Manfred for a time and
where Gilbert worked for one of the elevators there,
later moving to Bowbells

Betty Lou Ellingson Reichenberger

April 8, 1931 – April 27, 2015

Grades 5-8 Teacher at Manfred
from September 1952 through May 1956

Julie Beth Langseth

July 4, 1951 – May 12, 2015

Wife of Tom Langseth, the son of Ernest and
Sigrid Langseth and grandson of Pastor John M.
and Anna Langseth. John Langseth served as
pastor of Vang Church of Manfred for 35 years

Dallas Free

August 6, 1935 – May 21, 2015

Dallas is remembered for kindly giving of his time
in Manfred when interior work on the
Melby-Rogness House began in 2002

Richard Schulz

December 22, 1943 – May 25, 2015

Richard, a friend of Manfred from Harvey, was an
enthusiastic supporter of the Manfred projects

Jean Opdahl LeClaire-Peterson

May 10, 1929 – August 5, 2015

Born near Manfred and attended Manfred School,
the eldest daughter of Edwin and Sophie Opdahl

John Anthony Franz

September 4, 1960 – September 27, 2015

Husband of Darcie Strauss who grew up near
Manfred and attended Manfred School.
Darcie is the daughter of Don Strauss

Donna Boese Foster

October 14, 1940 – October 2, 2015

Grew up at Manfred and attended Manfred School,
the daughter of Harley and Lydia Boese,
granddaughter of settlers Louis and Ella Boese

Rachel Weigelt Maxwell

January 17, 1973 - October 12, 2015

Grew up on a farm near Manfred,
the daughter of Lewis and Judy Weigelt
who continue to live near Manfred
serving as MHP, Inc. board of directors

Please let us know of loved ones who have passed

THE OLE S. AND INGRID HEDAHL FAMILY



Ole Sveinson
Hedahl

In Norway

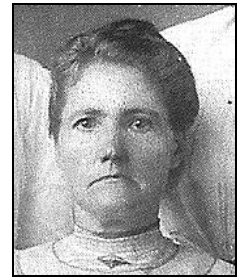


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Dot above indicates the
location of Øystre Slidre,
Valdres in Norway



Map details a portion of Øystre Slidre, Valdres,
Norway. Boxes indicate farm locations:

- 1 Hedahlen - Birthplace of Ole Sveinson Hedahl
- 2 Jørstad - Birthplace of Ingrid Knutsdotter Jørstad



Ingrid Knutsdotter
Jørstad Hedahl

The Heritage of Ole Hedahl

Ole Sveinson Hedahl (also O.S.) was born December 4, 1868 in Hegge, Øystre Slidre, Valdres, Norway on the Nørdre Hedalen farm #7/3, the son of Svein Gudbrandsen Dale (1834-1881) and Guri Olsdotter Hedalen (1838-1901). From the year 1520, spellings of Hedahl have included Heedall, Hedall, Hededallen, Hedahlin, Hedalen, and now today Hedahl. In the 1600s, the Hedalen Farm was divided when two sons of Tollef Hedalen, Ole and Nils, each took up farming a portion of the Hedalen farm: Ole began the Nørdre (North) Hedalen farm #7/3 and his brother Nils began the Søre (South) Hedalen farm #7/12. *Øystre Slidre Bygdebok A, pages 124-126.*

Eight children were born to Ole's parents Svein and Guri Hedalen:

1. Gudbrand 1857-1858 died in infancy
2. Ingrid b.1859, m. Gullik Olsen Hedalen
3. Gudbrand b.1861 m. Marit Olsdotter Hedalen.
Gudbrand was the next farmer of Nørdre Hedalen
4. Guri b.1862, m. Ole Olsen Døvre/Røgne
5. Marit b.1865, m. Nils Eriksen Hedalen - Marit and Nils were Wilbur "Pete" Peterson's grandparents. Pete's mother Ella Hedahl Peterson (William), sister of Marie Rendén, died the day following Pete's birth, so Pete was then raised by the Rendéns. *Manfred Newsletter Vol 11, Issue 3-Rendén Family, page 14.*
6. **Ole** b.1868, m. Ingrid Knutsdotter Jørstad
7. Anne b.1870, m. G. Røgne
8. Svein b.1873, m.?

Three of the Hedahl siblings immigrated to the USA:
Marit, Ole, and Anne.

The Heritage of Ingrid Jorstad

Ingrid Knutsdotter Jørstad (also Ingri) was born on September 1, 1863 in Volbu, Øystre Slidre, Valdres, Norway on the Molor Farm #36/10 at Jørstad, the daughter of Knut (Knut) Knutson Jørstad and Sigrid Andersdotter Skattebu (Skattebo) (b.1822). *Øystre Slidre Bygdebok B, page 146 VI.* The Molor Farm #36/10 was a new farm beginning in 1854, having been separated from the Jørstadhaugen Farm #36/8. Ingrid's parents were the first farmers of Molor. Her father, Knut, was an industrious and clever farmer, as well as an exceptional cabinetmaker in the traditional Slidre style. *Øystre Slidre Bygdebok B, pages 82 and 83.*

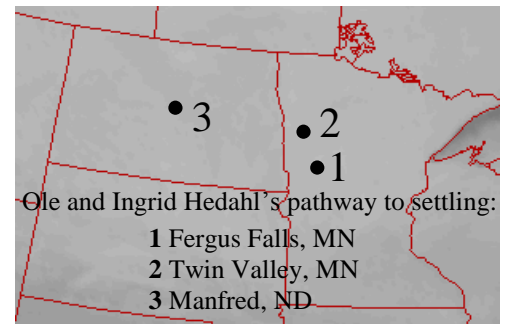
Seven children were born to Ingrid's parents Knut and Sigrid Jørstad:

1. Marit b.1848, m. Nels Nelson (Marit and Nels later adopted Jorstad as their sur name)
2. Marit b.1849, m. Lars Larsen Krossengen
3. Knut b.1852, unmarried, the next farmer of Molor after his father
4. Ingeborg b.1855, m. Erik Nelson
5. Sigrid b.1857, m. Knute Stensrude
6. Anders b.1859 – Anders' son, Knut Andrisson, became the next farmer of Molor after his Uncle Knut.. *Øystre Slidre Bygdebok B, page 84.*
7. **Ingrid** b.1863, m. Ole Sveinson Hedahl

Four of the Jørstad siblings immigrated to the USA:
the elder Marit, Ingeborg, and Sigrid came prior to Ingrid and Ole Hedahl's immigration.

COMING TO THE USA

In 1889, Ole Hedahl and Ingrid Jorstad were married in Norway, and their first two children were also born there: **1**Swen in 1890 and **2**Gina in 1891. In 1893, Ole and Ingrid together with their children, Swen age 3 years old and Gina age 11 months old, and Ole's sister Anne, emigrated from Norway to the USA sailing by way of Liverpool, England, arriving at Ellis Island June 21st via the ship *Teutonic*. Ole's occupation was listed as a skilled carpenter. Their first destination upon arrival was Fergus Falls, Minnesota where Ingrid's three sisters lived. From there, they went to Twin Valley, Minnesota. It was there that, Ole and Ingrid's third child, **3**Conrad was born in 1894.



SETTLING AT MANFRED

In 1895, the family traveled to Wells County, North Dakota where they homesteaded just north of Manfred. Ole and Ingrid quickly became active in the bustling village of Manfred that had been established just the year before their arrival. On May 3, 1896, records indicate that O.S. Hedahl was added to the membership role of Vang Lutheran Church, and then on September 27, 1896 at the congregational meeting, O.S. Hedahl was elected to the Vang Church Board together with Torstein Roble (chairman), Ole Rodne, M. Nertröst, and O. Hovey.

During Ole and Ingrid's early years of farming north of Manfred, their son **4**Oscar was born in 1896, and their daughter **5**Clare in 1898. In addition to farming, O.S. Hedahl worked at a bank in Berthold for a time, and also at Rogers Lumber Company in Manfred for six years. He also served on the Manfred Township Board and held officers with a local elevator and telephone company. Ingrid took an active part in Vang Ladies Aid. Ole and Ingrid's daughter **6**Emma was born in 1900. The Vang Church Board minutes indicate that in 1902, O.S. Hedahl was the leading fundraiser for the construction of the parsonage, subsequently built in 1903. Their son **7**Edwin was born in 1903.



Ole and Ingrid Hedahl Family

L/R: Conrad, Ole, Gina, Oscar, Swen,
Ingrid holding Clare

IN PUBLIC SERVICE

In 1905, O.S. Hedahl was elected to serve as Wells County Register of Deeds. As a result, the family moved to Fessenden and rented their farm to L. Rasmussen. The children transferred from Manfred School and began attending school in Fessenden. Ole and Ingrid's daughter **8**Edith was born in 1906. Though they lived in Fessenden for some years, the family stayed active with the Manfred community, going there often, with O.S. Hedahl overseeing the operation of his farm on a regular basis. The family continued to attend Vang Lutheran Church in Manfred and Ingrid attended the Vang Ladies Aid gatherings and also hosted the group in their home at Fessenden.

During the summer of 1911, following his six years serving as Register of Deeds, O.S. Hedahl made a trip to Europe. As reported in the April 21, 1911 issue of the Wells County Free Press: "T. Roble, O. K. Melby, and P. B. Anderson left on the eastbound trip headed for Paris, France. They were joined at Fessenden by O. S. Hedahl and will spend the summer sightseeing in Europe, their tour including Paris, Berlin, Copenhagen and the scenes on the Rhine, winding up with a trip to the land of the midnight sun. They expect to go via Washington for a call on President Taft and other notables in the capital of our country. They will leave New York April 26 on the White Star Steamer, Oceanic." In 1913, O.S. Hedahl had the honor to serve as chief enrolling and engrossing clerk for the North Dakota Legislature.



O.S. Hedahl at the North Dakota Legislature
in the state capitol building, Bismarck, ND

BACK TO THE FARM

After completion of the 1913 legislative session, the Hedahl family moved back to the farm full-time and the elementary age Hedahl children transferred back to Manfred School that fall. The Hedahls built a new house on the farm in 1914.

April 24, 1914 The Wells County Free Press – Manfred News entry
“Ole S. Hedahl has three carpenters at work erecting a new house on his farm.”

Red dot shows
Ole and Ingrid's
farmstead location
north of Manfred:
Twp 149N. R.71W.
the NW and NE
Qtrs of Sec. 22

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30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

The Grandview Farm, Manfred ND

Pictured is the Hedahl farmstead with the new house built in 1914 and the young grove of trees planted in 1912. Work is shown being done on the barn with scaffolding in place, and to the right is their first house with the windmill and other out buildings in the background.



EDUCATION OF THE HEDAHL CHILDREN

The education of the Hedahl children began in 1898 when Swen and Gina, 14 months apart in age, began their first year of school at Manfred. Swen and Gina advanced through the grades together, attending the one-room school, and were also confirmed together at Vang Lutheran Church in 1905 as noted in the November 10, 1905 issue of the Wells County Free Press: “There will be confirmation in the schoolhouse Sunday, November 12th, conducted by Rev. E. S. Eidesvik. The class consists of five pupils, namely: Gina and Swen Hedahl, Ole Hovey, Elmer Haugen, and Oscar Melby.”

Conrad, Oscar, and Clare also attended the school in Manfred while it was yet a one-room school, respectively beginning first grade in 1900, 1902, and 1904. The children transferred to the Oshkosh School #1 in Fessenden in April of 1905 to continue their education there, upon their father's election to county office. Edwin and Edith began first grade in Fessenden, respectively in 1910 and 1912. Edwin and Edith transferred back to Manfred School the fall of 1913 to begin their fourth and second grades respectively in the new red brick school, after the family moved back fulltime to the farm.

1917, A YEAR OF CHANGES

1917 was a significant year of change for the Hedahl family:

O.S. Hedahl continuing fully active in the Manfred community

Entries from the Wells County Free Press:

- February 1, 1917** “Dr. W. R. Owen, T. O. Roble and O. S. Hedahl went to Harvey Thursday to take the third degree in the Masonic order.”
March 1, 1917 “C. C. Melby and O. S. Hedahl departed for Minot and other points on a business trip. They expect to return in a few days.”
March 29, 1917 “The annual township election was held at Melby's Hall Tuesday of last week when the following new officers were chosen: A. L. LeGrand, constable; O. S. Hedahl, supervisor (reelected); J. F. Field, justice of the peace.”

Hedahl Children Homesteading in Montana

Swen proved up his homestead in 1917, and Conrad and Gina started up the homesteading process:

March 15, 1917

“Last Sunday six of Manfred's popular young people took the train for Montana, each to hold down a Homestead. The party consisted of Conrad Hedahl, John Aasen, Halvor Saelid (Olsen), and the Misses Gina Hedahl, Gena Melby and Emma Nordtrop. They have homesteads near Malta, Mont. All of these young people are well know. Miss Melby being the daughter of C. C Melby, proprietor of the Big Store. Miss Hedahl, daughter of O. S. Hedahl and who has assisted in the register of deeds office at Fessenden until she resigned to ‘go west,’ and Miss Nordtrop who has been employed in the local bank for some time. Every one knows the three boys. The best wishes of the whole community go with them to their new homes.”



A coffee party at one of the group's claim shacks in Montana

L/R: Marie Hovey, Gina Hedahl, visitor Mrs. Marit (Nils) Hovey, and Emma Nordtrop (From the photo collection of Gena Melby)

1917, A YEAR OF CHANGES (Cont.)

The Untimely Passing of O.S. Hedahl

Wells County Free Press News Entries

April 12, 1917

The citizens of Manfred were shocked to learn Sunday evening that Ole S. Hedahl died at his home at 6 o'clock, and his death was likewise a shock to many people throughout Wells County when they learned of it the next day. He was taken with severe pains last Thursday afternoon, when Dr. W.R. Owen of Manfred rushed to him within a few minutes. It was found that he was suffering with acute nephritis [*inflammation of the kidney*]. A nurse from Fargo was called and he got better and gained Friday and Saturday and felt so well on Sunday that he got out of bed for a short time. Death took him instantly while he was sitting in bed eating supper.

April 19, 1917

Large delegations of Fessenden and Harvey people attended the Hedahl funeral Saturday afternoon. Included with the former were all the county officials and from the latter city members of the Masonic lodge came down.

April 26, 1917

Conrad Hedahl will remain at home to manage the farm here, while Swen and Oscar are expected to return to Montana soon.

April 26, 1917

Miss Gina Hedahl, who was called home from Montana upon the death of her father two weeks ago, will return to her homestead north of Malta next Monday. She will be accompanied by Mary Hovey.

May 3, 1917

The Misses Gina Hedahl and Mary Hovey left for Malta, Montana Monday going via the Great Northern from Wellsburg. The young ladies have homesteads north of Malta, where there is quite a settlement of Manfred young people.

May 24, 1917

Mrs. O. S. Hedahl and son Swen, accompanied by the former's sister, left Wednesday by auto for Montana.

May 31, 1917

Word was received here recently that Oscar Hedahl, brother of Swen and Conrad, had joined the navy and would soon leave Lewistown where he resigned a position as abstractor with Henry Minette, to go to a Pacific coast training station.

News article

The Late Ole S. Hedahl

The remains of the late Ole S. Hedahl, who died at his farm home near Manfred Sunday evening, April 8, were laid to rest in the Vang cemetery near Manfred after services in the Vang Lutheran Church in Manfred last Saturday afternoon April 14. One of the largest congregations of people that ever attended a funeral in Wells County was present. Some 90 automobiles were in line, the funeral procession extending for a mile. The service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Langseth, pastor of the church of which the deceased was a member, who spoke in Norwegian, assisted by Rev. E. W. Savage of Fessenden, who gave a sermon in English. Special music was given and the church was profusely bedecked with flowers and wreaths furnished by Manfred people, the Masonic order of Harvey, Messrs. Ingavaldson, Skogmo and Quarve of Fessenden, Mrs. Beiseker and associates of Fessenden, besides the personal offerings of the deceased's innumerable friends.

Ole S. Hedahl was born in Valdres, Norway, December 4, 1868, and was 48 years, four months and four days of age at the time of his death. His parents were Svein and Guri Hedahl. He was married at the age of 21 years to Ingrid Jorstad and came to America 25 years ago. He and his family spent a few years in Minnesota and then came to Wells County, homesteading on land one and one-half miles north of Manfred, which home he retained until his death.

He was agent of Rogers Lumber Co. at Manfred for six years prior to being elected register of deeds of Wells County in 1905, which office he also held for six years. He was father of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Swen, Gina, Conrad, Oscar, Clare, Edith and Edwin, all of whom were present at the funeral, the four oldest having been called from Montana. Besides the county office, Ole S. Hedahl continually held public positions of trust. He was school clerk for years and held that position at the time of his death. He served his township as chairman of board of supervisors, having been re-elected last month to that position. For three years he was secretary of the Manfred farmers' elevator company and was director of that concern. He also was secretary of the local telephone, the Manfred-Fram Telephone Co., for some time. Last fall he was chosen as treasurer of the county Republican central committee and in times past has always been identified with that party and its organization. He was a member of the Manfred Vang Lutheran Church, and last winter he became a member of the Masonic order, joining the Harvey lodge. After retiring from county office in 1912, he made a trip to Norway where he visited scenes of his childhood. Besides his good wife and children, he leaves a sister, now living at Millet, Sask., Canada. Men who were his friends and daily business associates declare that no man will be missed from his home community as will Ole S. Hedahl. He probably had as many friends as any man in the county and did not incur the enmity of anyone.

1917, A YEAR OF CHANGES (Cont.)

After the passing of O.S. Hedahl

At the time of their father's passing, Edwin and Edith were in 7th and 5th grades respectively at Manfred School. In 1919 after Edith finished 7th grade at Manfred, the family went out to the state of Washington. The 1920 census for Carlisle Precinct, Spokane, Washington listed Ingrid, Swen, Edwin and Edith Hedahl and Ingrid's sister Sigrid Jorstad living together, renting a home with Ingrid listed as head of the household. The 1930 census shows that Ingrid and Edwin were again living on the Hedahl farm one mile north of Manfred. Ingrid passed away on March 26, 1956. Her granddaughter Joan Lake remembers her grandmother Ingrid as a sweet person and that Ingrid and her mother Clare would talk together in Norwegian, as this is what Ingrid was more comfortable speaking.

THE CHILDREN OF OLE S. AND INGRID HEDAHL

1. Swen	b. April 3, 1890	d. March 14, 1963	m. Averil Doggett
2. Gina	b. August 18, 1891	d. July 9, 1953	m. Frank Mattis
3. Conrad	b. February 11, 1894	d. December 30, 1958	m. Clara Granstad
4. Oscar	b. October 18, 1896	d. October 5, 1980	m. Muriel Doggett
5. Clare	b. December 18, 1898	d. December 24, 1985	m. Harold Bullis
6. Emma	b. November 9, 1900	d. January 12, 1903	
7. Edwin	b. January 26, 1903	d. July 1, 1960	
8. Edith	b. February 7, 1906	d. March 30, 1927	

1. SWEN

Sven Oleson Hedahl "Sven" (other spellings Swan, Svein Olson) was born in Øystre Slidre, Valdres, Norway on April 3, 1890. In keeping with Norwegian custom, "Sven", being the first-born male child, was named after his paternal grandfather, Svein Hedahl. Swen immigrated with his parents to the USA in 1893, living first at Fergus Falls, Minnesota and then Twin Valley, Minnesota, before moving to a homestead north of Manfred. He was educated in the public schools at Manfred and Fessenden. He also attended the A.C. (Agricultural College) in Fargo. In a postcard dated August 14, 1908 to his sister Gina, Swen wrote: "Well! Got to Fargo safe this morning. Was up to the A.C. and registered, found it OK. Met Don Brinton here. He is going to the A.C. also. Will write later. Swen." Swen homesteaded in Montana and was farming there at the time of his father's death in April of 1917. On May 31, 1917, he was drafted into the military and sent to Camp Lewis where he received his preliminary training. He was assigned to permanent duty there as Private First Class in the US Army. After the war, he settled in California. On June 2, 1923 in Great Falls, Montana, Swen married **Ellen Collins** born 1899 in Illinois, but it was a marriage that didn't last.

In the 1930s, Swen met and married **Averil Allison Doggett** born August 12, 1898. Averil was the eldest of five children born to William and Vida McLeod Doggett: Averil b.1898; Muriel b.1901; Vida b.1903; Margaret b.1906; and William b.1907. Averil's first marriage had been to C. F. Hugo Hadrich, Jr. on January 14, 1917 in Sonoma County, California. Swen was in the life insurance business with John Hancock and Averil worked in a department store. They had no children. Swen died in Amador, California on March 14, 1963. Averil died November 19, 1987. Both are buried at Suisun-Fairfield Cemetery in Solano County, California.



Swen



Swen played baseball on a team for Fessenden

2. GINA

Gina Hedahl was born August 18, 1891 in Øystre Slidre, Valdres, Norway to Ole S. and Ingrid Hedahl, immigrating to the USA in 1893 with her parents and brother Swen. As a young child, she and her parents and brother lived first at Fergus Falls, Minnesota and then Twin Valley, Minnesota before moving to Manfred in 1895 where her father filed on a homestead. Gina attended the one-room school at Manfred, finishing her schooling at Fessenden when the family located there because her father was elected to a county position at the Wells County Court House. Later, Gina began working in the Register of Deed's office in Fessenden. According to the published diary of Clare Hedahl - Gina was rooming with her sister Clare and Gladys Ranum in 1916 when they were attending Fessenden High School.

In 1917, Gina resigned her position at the court house, and together with several friends filed on homesteads near Malta, Montana (photo page 5). She fulfilled the homesteading requirements during the years 1917, 1918, and 1919. The same year Gina had begun homesteading, her future husband, **Frank Mattis** was working in New Rockford, North Dakota. He was born on December 15, 1895 in Germany, son of Frank Hedwig Mattis. At the age of six, Frank came to the USA with his parents and settled in the New Rockford area. A few years later, the family returned to Germany where Frank was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. A short time later, he returned to the United States, settling in the Manfred and Esmond area and started farming. Though one of his hands was badly crippled due to a childhood accident with a gun, Frank didn't let this hold him back and was able to do everything himself.

On December 24, 1925, Gina Hedahl and Frank Mattis were married at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. For some years, they lived on the Hedahl farm north of Manfred where their son Frank, Jr. "Frankie" was born September 18, 1926. Frankie started school at Manfred in 1932 and finished his elementary schooling there in 1940. In 1946, Frank and Gina purchased a farm of their own just southwest of Manfred. Gina's niece Joan Lake recalls that Gina had her home decorated so nicely, and was often found working on various kinds of stitchery handwork.

Frank Jr. died suddenly November 30, 1947. He was a young man full of promise, attending the state university in Fargo at the time of his passing. His mother, Gina, never fully recovered from the shock of the untimely death of their only child. Gina died July 9, 1953. She was laid to rest beside her son in Vang Cemetery. Pastor A. B. Solberg conducted the service. Of Gina it was written, "Gina was a rare personality. We may safely say she never had an enemy. Kind, modest, refined, spiritual, unassuming, sweet, and helpful, she led a life of service to all with whom she came in contact. As a devout Christian, her influence was felt by her numerous associates in church and aid circles. Her home reflected her artistic and industrious nature, as well as her true hospitality. A few days before her passing she asked the friends at her bedside to come again, adding "I'm sure I won't be here, but you come anyway."

After Gina died, her husband Frank continued to farm in the area. On June 18, 1965, he married Anna Skaar Jerstad at First Lutheran Church in Fessenden. Anna was born November 8, 1902 in Heimdal, North Dakota. Her first marriage had been to Olaf Jerstad. Frank and Anna lived in Fessenden and in 1966 Frank retired. They were members of the First Lutheran Church, Fessenden and also of the Manfred Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge. Frank died August 18, 1976 and is buried beside Gina and their son Frank, Jr. Anna Skaar Jerstad Mattis died August 8, 1977 and is buried beside her first husband Olaf Jerstad in the East Vang Cemetery north of Fessenden.



Gina on leaving court house in Fessenden where she worked in the Register of Deed's Office



Gina Melby, Emma Nordtorp, and Gina Hedahl posing in the wagon, with all three of their homestead shacks visible at left - each built at the edge of their adjoining lands so they could be near one another on the open prairie

3. CONRAD

Conrad Selmer Hedahl "Con" was born at Twin Valley, Minnesota on February 11, 1894 to O.S. and Ingrid Hedahl. In 1895, he moved with his parents and siblings to a homestead north of Manfred. Con began his education in Manfred. Then in April of 1905 when he was finishing 5th grade, his father became Register of Deeds of Wells County, so the family moved to Fessenden where Con continued his schooling. Con worked for a time at the Quarve Store in Fessenden, graduating from Fessenden High School in 1912. In 1913, the Hedahl family moved back to the farm north of Manfred. Con helped his father with the farming, and also studied at the A.C. (Agricultural College) at Fargo, North Dakota in 1916. In the spring of 1917, Con filed on a homestead; when his father died suddenly in April, he returned home to manage the farm.

Conrad met Clara Granstad during the time she was teaching at Manfred. It was in the fall of 1918, that Clara Granstad was hired to teach 26 students in Grades 1-2 at Manfred for the 1918-1919 school year. She was again hired beginning the fall of 1919, teaching 38 students in Grades 1-3. Clara's students during these years were: Raymond Adams, Alice Anderson, Allen Anderson, Francis Anderson, Roy Anderson, Martin Anhorn, Harley Boese, Richard Boese, Lester Burkum, Maurice Burns, Ella Fiebick, Carol Field, Bernice Field, Arnold Fisher, Donald Fisher, Earl Fisher, Alice Hanson, Esther Hintz, Leslie Johnson, Russell Johnson, Rose Kaufman, Dave Koenig, Esther Koenig, Jacob Koenig, Alvin Langseth, Ernest Langseth, Lorraine Nelson, Robert Norlie, Emil Onstad, Marian Renden, Freda Soderback, Walter Surau, Herbert Tessem, Melvin Watland, Wilbert Weigelt, and Ella Zwaine.

Clara resigned her teaching position the end of the 1919 fall term, and on December 25, 1919 Con and Clara were married in Manfred. **Clara Antonette Granstad** was born April 14, 1897 to Benjamin (1863-1934) and Karen "Carrie" (1879-1958) Granstad. Her parents, born in Norway, immigrated to the USA in 1892. They first lived at Hillsboro, North Dakota where Clara was born. When Clara was four years old, her parents moved to Sawyer, North Dakota where Clara grew to adulthood.

Conrad and Clara farmed near Manfred for several years and were active in Vang Church and the Manfred community. The 1930 census indicates that those living on the Hedahl farm were Con and Clara and their children Clarence, Carol, Marjorie, and Chester, Con's mother Ingrid, his brother Edwin, his sister Gina and her husband Frank Mattis and their son Frank, Jr. The children all attended Manfred School. Before moving to Sawyer in 1934, Clarence had finished the 6th grade, Carol the 5th grade, Marjorie the 4th grade, and Chester the 1st grade at Manfred. Con and Clara farmed in the Sawyer area, and the children continued their education there. Con and Clara farmed until Con passed away on December 30, 1958. Clara continued living in the Sawyer area. She lived at Minot the last few years of her life until her passing on June 28, 1976. During their lifetimes, Con and Clara suffered the untimely loss of three of their four children. Con and Clara Hedahl and their children are all buried at Sawyer Cemetery in Ward County, North Dakota.

Con and Clara had four children: **1**Clarence (1922-1956) married Gladys. **2**Carol (1923-1978). **3**Marjorie "Margie" (1925-1953). **4**Chester "Chet" (1927-1956) married Delores Johnson and they had three children:

1Gorden married Kathleen Sawin and they had two children: **1**Marc married Abby Rickert; and **2**Melissa married Jeremy Kirkendall and they have two children: **1**Annabelle and **2**Lincoln. Gorden then married Jean Loudon.

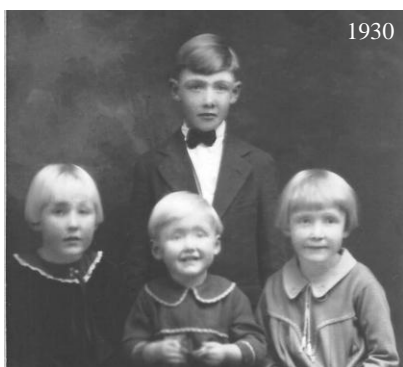
2Jeffrey (1947-1983) married Renee Keaton. Jeffrey then married Sharon Soderberg and they had three children:

1Carrie Ann married Eric Benson and they have three children: **1**Emily, **2**Megan, and **3**Adam;

2Kevin (1969-1993); and **3**Byron married Dianne and they have three children: **1**Corina, **2**Lincoln, **3**Aubrey.

3Karen married Brad Rohde and they have two children: **1**Douglas married Brett Nordstrom and they have two children: **1**Freja and **2**Beck; and **2**Dena.

Chester had died suddenly at age 28. Delores then married Don Carlson of New Town and had two additional children.



Con and Clara Hedahl's children:
Standing: Clarence
Seated L/R: Carol, Chester, Margie



Conrad Hedahl and Clara Granstad
on their wedding December 25, 1919



The Con and Clara Hedahl Family
Back: Con, Chester, Clarence
Front: Carol, Clara, Margie

4. OSCAR

Oscar Alfred Hedahl was born on the family farm north of Manfred on October 18, 1896. He began his education at Manfred, continuing his schooling in Fessenden. In 1916, while visiting his brother Swen at his homestead near Lewistown, Montana, Oscar decided to stay in Montana finding employment as an abstractor with Henry Minette. In May of 1917, Oscar joined the navy and received his training at a Pacific coast training station, serving as a sailor during World War I. He was mustered out of the service on February 3, 1919. After the war, both Oscar and his brother Swen settled in California, where they met and married sisters: Oscar married **Muriel Sears Doggett**, and his older brother Swen married Muriel's older sister Averil. Muriel was born March 14, 1900 at Santa Rosa, California, the second of five children to William and Vida McLeod Doggett. Her first marriage was in 1919 to Bartolomeo Frank Fontiero. Oscar and Muriel lived at San Mateo, California. Oscar was employed by Bethlehem Steel. Sadly on December 18, 1942, Muriel died. Oscar continued to live in California where he was a building contractor specializing in mountain construction. By the time he retired in 1960, his firm had been responsible for building most of the structures in Yosemite National Park. Muriel and Oscar had no children. Oscar died October 5, 1980. Oscar and Muriel are buried in Suisun-Fairfield Cemetery at Solano, California.



Oscar Hedahl
Taken while attending
school in Fessenden

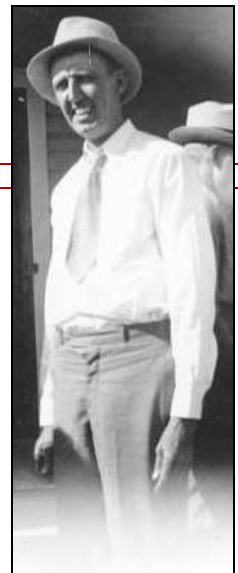
5. CLARE (See Page 11)

6. EMMA

Emma Hedahl was born November 9, 1900 on the family farm north of Manfred. Sadly, Emma died January 12, 1903, when not quite 2 years and 2 months old. She is buried at Vang Cemetery north of Manfred.

7. EDWIN

Edwin Hedahl "Ed" was born on the family farm north of Manfred on January 26, 1903, just 14 days after his sister Emma had died. Edwin began his education in 1910 at Fessenden during the time when his father Ole was serving as Wells County Register of Deeds. When the family moved back to their farm north of Manfred in 1913, Edwin continued his education in Manfred. When his father died in 1917, Edwin remained at home to help his mother in operating the family farm. He sang in a men's quartet together with his brother Con, Ernest Braaten, and Oscar Melby. Ed was active in the Republican party of Wells County and served as County Chairman in the early 1950s. He also worked in Washington, D.C. for Congressman Otto Krueger during the winter of 1957-1958. Ed was so well loved by everyone. Later in life, he spent his winters at Glendale, Arizona in a trailer his sister Clare and family had on their property. Ed died July 1, 1960 and is buried at Vang Cemetery north of Manfred.



Edwin Hedahl

8. EDITH

Edith Margaret Hedahl, known as "Toots" to her family, was born in Fessenden on February 7, 1906, during the time her father, O.S. Hedahl, was serving as Wells County Register of Deeds. In 1912, Edith began her education in Fessenden, and in 1913 continued her schooling at Manfred after the family moved back fulltime to their farm north of Manfred. In 1919, after Edith had finished the 7th grade at Manfred, she went out to the state of Washington with her mother and brother Edwin where she continued her education. Edith began teaching in Robinson, North Dakota, where her older sister Clare and husband Harold and family were living at the time. Sadly, Edith died on March 30, 1927 while teaching at Robinson. She is buried at Vang Cemetery north of Manfred.



Edith Hedahl
Age 5

Photo from her sister
Clare's photo album

5. CLARE

Clare A. Hedahl (also spelled Clara) was born December 18, 1898 at the family farm north of Manfred. She attended first grade at Manfred and continued her education in Fessenden, graduating from there in May of 1916. While in high school, she was on occasion asked to teach a class if one of the teachers needed to be gone. It turned out that she went straight from graduating from high school to having her first teaching position. (See entries from Clare's diary, page 12)

Clare's first year of teaching, the 1916-1917 school year, was at the Nertrost School #2, a one-room school, in Manfred School District. Her 18 students that year were: Bielda Fehr, Eilert Fehr, Gilma Jorstad, Ole Jorstad, Richard Jorstad, George Nelson, Mildred Ongstad, Emila Reule, Gustav Reule, Herbert Reule, Laura Reule, Martha Reule, Willie Reule, Clara Solberg, Gilmar Solberg, Malvin Solberg, Nils Solberg, Margaret Wharry.

The following school year, 1917-1918, Clare was a student at Valley City Normal School, obtaining her teaching credentials. She taught at Robinson for the school years 1918-1919 and 1919-1920. During the summer of 1920, Clare made a trip out west stopping first near Malta, Montana where her sister Gina, Emma Nordtorp, and Gena Melby had proved up on their claims. Clare then went to Spokane, Washington to visit her mother Ingrid, brother Edwin, sister Edith, aunt Sigrid, and cousin Clara. That fall, she secured a teaching job in Burley, Idaho where she taught for the school year 1920-1921.

On June 30, 1921 at Glendive, Montana, Clare married **Harold Edward Bullis**. Clare and Harold had met while she was teaching school in Robinson, North Dakota. Harold was born November 3, 1893 at Austin, Minnesota, the son of E. Lewis "E.L." and Mary Jane (Dixon) Bullis. Harold had moved with his parents to Robinson in 1912, and later served overseas with the armed forces during World War I. Harold and Clare farmed for a short time north of Robinson, before having a confectionary shop and lunch room in Robinson. Harold worked briefly for the Saber Lumber Company, then for 28 years was a rural mail carrier at Robinson. Clare served several years as clerk for the Robinson School Board. Both Clare and her husband were active in the community and in Robinson Methodist Church where Harold served as a lay minister and Clare as a Sunday school teacher and pianist. Harold retired in 1955 and in November of that year, he and Clare moved to Glendale, Arizona when their daughter Joan was a freshman in high school. Joan shared that her father liked to talk and that her mother was quiet, had a great sense of humor, was an excellent writer, and loved to travel. Harold died on January 17, 1967. Sometime after this, Clare and her daughter Barbara took a memorable trip to Norway together. Clare died December 24, 1985. Harold and Clare are buried at Resthaven Park Cemetery in Glendale, Arizona.

Five children were born to Harold and Clare Bullis:

- 1**Robert (1922-1980) married Mary Faegering and they had two children: **1**Gregory married Marsha Hurlbert; and **2**Jo Louise (1953-2015).
- 2**Harold "Owen" (1923-1983) married Delores Fuhrman and they had four children: **1**Rebecca married James White. She then married Stephen "Reid" Holand and they have a son **1**Stephen; **2**John married Kimberly Reitan and they have a daughter **1**Brittany Jo married Geoffrey Billingsley and they have two children **1**Jack and **2**Colton; **3**James married Kristen Stormoe and they have three children **1**Ian, and twins **2**Katherine and **3**Claire; and **4**Mark has a son **1**Michael.
- 3**Edith (1927-2009) married Ralph Bodewin and they had two children: **1**Barry married Amy McAfee and they have two children **1**Janelle has two children and **2**James "J.P." married and has a son **1**Gavin; and **2**Kay married Randy Scott and they have two children **1**Kelli and **2**Robert.
- 4**Barbara.
- 5**Joan married Schuyler "Red" Calloway and had a daughter **1**Erin (1966-2007). Joan then married Joe Lake who has two children from a previous marriage: Steve; and Darren.



Sisters Clare and Edith
"When we were young"

Inscription written by Clare under
this photo in her album



The Harold and Clare Bullis Family

Back: Robert "Bob", Harold "Owen"
Front: Harold, Barbara, Joan, Edith, Clare



L/R: Joan Lake, Erin Calloway,
Barbara Bullis, and Edith Bodewin
Manfred Days in 2001 - Attended
by three daughters and a granddaughter
of Clare and Harold Bullis

THE CLARE HEDAHL DIARY

The Clare Hedahl Diary is a part of the Orin G. Libby Manuscript Collection of the Chester Fritz Library at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Clare kept this diary during the last part of her senior year at Fessenden High School, from January 1st through April 19th. The following are some of the entries from Clare's diary, beginning with a Review of the first part of her senior year at Fessenden High School:

“**Oh**, how good it seems to have a Diary again. Here I've been neglecting to keep one for almost four months. So I am going to summarize briefly what has happened during this time. - School began the 6th of September beginning my senior year at High School. My older sister Gina and Gladys Ranum and myself engaged a room at Himrichs, the same one we had last year where we intended boarding ourselves. I'll never forget that long ride in a lumber wagon from home (Gladys was with me) the day before school started bringing our household goods. Sis came the next day on the train. We stuck it out at Himrichs for two weeks, but as the room was too small, we got one above Leus Drug Store. It is a sort of a double room, we hung curtains and divided it into two rooms and really it is quite cozy. We have a nice bureau, writing desk, a good sized library table, one big chair, a rocker, two ice cream chairs, bed, and etc. My big sister is working as clerk in the Register of Deeds office, while Gladys and I go to that beloved Fessenden High School, this being Gladys' third year at High School.”

Jan 1 Saturday

Mama and Papa decided this morning to have company for dinner, so Mama called up Mrs. Ongstad and Mrs. Rogne and asked them over. Carrie, [Rogne] of course, came too. Two old bachelors are staying at Ongstad, both are named Ole Rogne. In the P.M., we played “Hearts”. Little Ole Rogne lost the game. After supper, we tried to get up a dance in the Hall but failed, so played “Svarte Per” instead. I forgot to make any New Years Resolutions.

Jan 20 Thursday

This morning we had a final in psychology. It was easy and am quite anxious to know what I got. This P.M., I don't have to go to school, so am going to study for the general science exam tomorrow morning. Am afraid of that tho. I wish Annie would hurry up and write. We play Carrington Sat. eve here. The line up is this way: Center – Adeline, Forwards – Clare and Alma, Guards – Elise and Gladys, Side Center – Hazel. So, we can't go home this week. I sure do hope we win.

Jan 30 Sunday

This sure is some winter. Lots of snow and blizzards every day with the thermometer at least 30 below every day. I like a lot of snow, but not those blistery kind of days. Found out that 106 was late, so didn't go to town until 5 o'clock. Emma came up to the depot with me, Gena Melby and Minnie Goedecke were there. Minnie was expecting her beau from Harvey “Emil Bunt”. Train came about 7 o'clock. The coach was almost empty, so we had it to ourselves. In the evening, I began “A Fool and His Money” – blamed good.

Feb 20 Sunday

Nice day, but cloudy in the north. Mama, Papa, Gina, and Edwin went to church, leaving me home to make the dinner. I made apple pie, roast, mashed potatoes, good gravy, and coffee. In the P.M., I read the “Sea Wolf” by Jack London. Finished it by evening. It's a very exciting, thrilling, adventurous sea story with a girl mixed in. I like the exciting kind. Gina went down to Emma's in the eve.

Mar 1 Wednesday

March the first! Seems more like Jan. Test in English wasn't so outrageously hard. Went to the show tonight; Miss Shea, Gina, Gladys and I did. But Gladys and I got into such a tight seat, that we didn't have room for our knees. It was real good tho. Lil ate with us.

Mar 23 Thursday

The same eight girls stayed after school again, and we are trying some dandy new songs. Bess and Jennie started a petition today for a H.S. party. It resulted in Miss Seavy announcing that she and Mr. Writh, Mr. Cockroft, and Miss Larsen would give a party for the basketball boys and girls tomorrow night.

April 8 Saturday

Beautiful day! After we were done with our work, Toots and I went outside, picked eggs etc. Mama is raising a lamb in the house and it's getting real spry. It jumps around like a colt. Edith calls it Wooly. Gina came home tonight. Emma came out with her.

Regarding Clare's first teaching position:

April 10 Monday

Papa drove me to town this morning for the freight and he told me that if I wanted to teach next year, I would have to send in an application for the school today, as the school board [Manfred] meets tomorrow to elect the teachers. So I went in to see Prof. about it and he helped me write out an application. He said he'd also write a personal letter to the Pres. Axel LeGrand about me.

April 11 Tuesday

Spouse my wonderful application has been discussed by this time. Oh dear, I'm worrying about it, as I wouldn't be eighteen years old by the time school starts.

April 15 Saturday

Oh joy unspeakable! I got my school - \$60 per month for 9 months. Edith told me this morning before we got up and Dad told me later.

Note:

The freight #105 and 106 - High school students would ride in the caboose of the freight train as transportation between Manfred and Fessenden

Hedahl farming photos from Clare Hedahl's Album-with her handwritten descriptions

Farm scenes at Manfred



binders -



thresher



lunch time



bundle team



Grain haulers T₃



Cook car + cooks.



*Carina
Edith
Clare*



Ed - mower

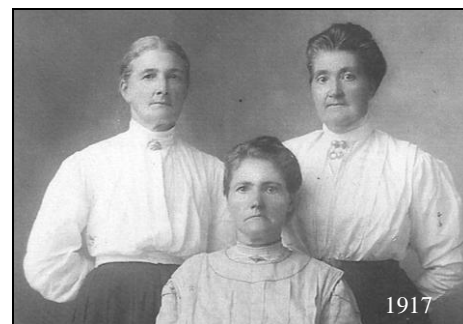
A FEW HEDAHL FAMILY PHOTOS



Friends gathered with members of the Hedahl Family

Back: Unknown, Dad (O.S. Hedahl), unknown, Bjarney Loso

Lower: Mrs. Loso, Oscar Hedahl, unknown, Edith Hedahl, Mother (Ingrid Hedahl), Clare Hedahl, Gena Melby, Gina Hedahl, Emma Nordtorp



Three Jorstad sisters gathered for the funeral of Ingrid's husband, O.S. Hedahl

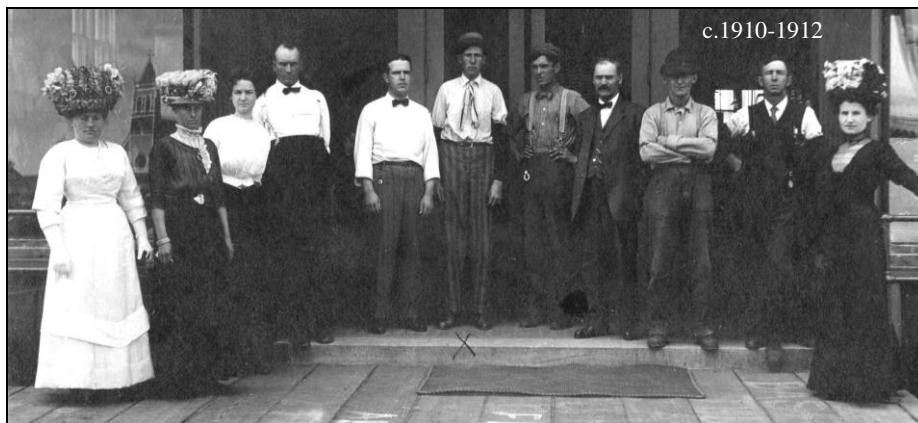
Seated: Ingrid Hedahl

Standing L/R: Ingeborg Nelson (Mrs. Eric Nelson) and Sigrid Jorstad



Fessenden high school chums

Martha Streibel, Clare Hedahl, Gladys Ranum



Con worked at the Quarve Store in Fessenden while attending high school

L/R: Two Weiss women, Aurelia Thiel, unknown, Solberg, Con Hedahl, Ernie Pepple, Timan Quarve-owner, unknown, Turner, unknown



A Hedahl family gathering

Men: Con Hedahl, Frank Mattis, Chet Hedahl, Frankie Mattis, Ed Hedahl

Women: Delores Hedahl holding Gorden, Clara Hedahl, Karen Granstad, Carol Hedahl, Gina Mattis, Margie Hedahl



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Ingrid and her son Edwin on the farm with two of Ingrid's great grandchildren: Karen and Gorden

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