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Otto and Petronella Bergsgaard

Husband's Full Name: Otto L. Bergsgaard

Husband's Place of Birth: Odnes, Sondreland, Prestegield, Norway

Husband's Father's Name: Lars Olsen Bergsgaard

Husband's Mother's Name: Agnette Andersdatter Tranby Bergsgaard

Husband's Siblings' Names: Gunda (Nels Nelson); Johan, Aagot, Cecilia (Albert Sundet)

Wife's Full Name: Petronella Ovidia Langlie Bergsgaard

Wife's Place of Birth: Norway

Wife's Father's Name: Peder Olsen Langlie

Wife's Mother's Name: Dorthea Jakobia Olsdatter

Wife's Siblings' Names: Konrad, Bjarne, and Olaf Langlie

Children's Names: Lloyd (Alma Below), Randall (Hazel Berghagen),

Woodrow (Dorothy Aas (div), Agnetta (Donald Buckman)

Otto and Petronella Bergsgaard

Otto Bergsgaard's family immigrated to the US in 1885. All of Lars and Agnette Bergsgaard's children except Laura were born in Norway.

After four years in Spring Grove, MN, Otto's father Lars filed a homestead in the Viking, ND community and most of the family (except Peder, the oldest son) moved there in 1889.

Otto worked on his father's farm until he was married to Petronella Ovidia Langlie on August 13, 1911 in the South Viking Church. Shortly afterwards, they moved to Heimdal, ND, where he took his two horses and began a dray business, and finally opened a butcher shop. About 1925 they moved to Manfred, ND, where he managed a grain elevator until the depression and all the grain elevators were closed. From there the family moved to Barnesville, MN, then Nome, ND, where he had another butcher shop.

Otto and Petronella lived in Valley City, ND from 1935-1943, and then moved to Portland, OR to work in the shipyards. Both Otto and Petronella died in 1962 in Portland. They were returned to the South Viking Church and Cemetery for burial.

Petronella Ovidia Langlie was born 2/16/1892 in Mo I Ranen, Norway. At age 17 she came to the United States.

Family of Lars and Agnette Bergsgaard

Peder Bergsgaard 1871-1937
(Married Olina Livdahl; had 7 children; stayed in Spring Grove, MN until death)
Ole Bergsgaard 1873-1949
(Married Annie Hvinden in South Viking; had 10 children; helped build South Viking church; buried there)
Gunda Bergsgaard Nelson (Nels) 1874-1952 (12 children; South Viking area)
Johan Bergsgaard 1876-1902
Aagot Bergsgaard 1879-1947
Cecilia Bergsgaard Sundet (Albert) 1883-1961 (10 children; Maddock)
Otto Bergsgaard 1885-1962
(Married **Petronella** Langlie; 4 children; buried South Viking)
Laura Bergsgaard Sundet (Helmer) 1889-1970 (7 children; moved near Williston).

Otto and Petronella had four children:

Lloyd Bergsgaard 1913-1967
(Married Alma Below; one son, Dean; Phoenix, AZ)
Randall Bergsgaard 1915-1995
(Married Hazel Berghagen; 3 children; Maddock; buried at North Viking)
Otto Woodrow Bergsgaard 1918-1984
(Married and divorced Dorothy Aas; one daughter; died in Portland, OR)
Agnetta Bergsgaard Buckman 1921-2002
(Married Donald Buckman; 4 children; St. Paul, MN)

The Otto Bergsgaards were active in the Vang Lutheran Church. They were also active in the community. They lived in the house just to the west of the parsonage. Their children attended school at Manfred and took active parts in competitions at school.

Otto Bergsgaard in his Butcher Shop (not in Manfred)

