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# MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

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## Greetings from Manfred!

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### Severin and Agnes Ekrem

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Husband's Full Name: Severin Jacobson Ekrem  
Husband's Place of Birth: South of Alesund, Norway  
Husband's Father's Name: unknown  
Husband's Mother's Name: unknown  
Husband's Siblings' Names: Rasmus, Sina and Lena  
Wife's Full Name: "Agnes Helgeson Jacobson"  
Wife's Place of Birth: unknown  
Wife's Father's Name: unknown  
Wife's Mother's Name: unknown  
Wife's Siblings' Names:  
Children's Names: Loui, Anna, Joel, and Sverre

### Severin and Agnes Ekrem

Severin Jacobson Ekrem (1879-1961) and Rasmus Jacobson (1872-1960) were brothers. They were born in the Sunnøre area, south of Alesund, Norway. Rasmus worked on a ship, which traveled to the Far East. He entered the states via Ontario, and worked for a while in the iron mines in northeastern Minnesota.

Severin joined Rasmus and they homesteaded near Sawyer, ND. Both brothers came to Manfred about 1900, and worked in a butcher shop. Rasmus used the family name Jacobson, and Severin used the farm name of Ekrem from Norway.

Severin and Rasmus made a trip to Norway about 1906. When the return boat stopped at Bergen, Severin was introduced to Agnes Helgeson, and they "visited two times". Severin left his "calling card" with Agnes, and returned to Manfred. Agnes came to the states about 1907, and worked off her boat ticket with a family in Flandreau, SD. She and Severin were married in the family's living room on July 7, 1909. The couple returned to a farm which Severin had built up, located between Manfred and Wellsburg.

Their first born son died at birth due to complications. Margaret (Nordtorp) Jacobson attended Agnes in this experience. The baby is buried in an unmarked grave in the Wellsburg Cemetery. Their family grew to include Anna, Loui, Joel, and Sverre. Anna and Joel had their tonsils removed at home. The kitchen table, the top of the treadle sewing machine cabinet, a kerosene lamp, and Agnes administering the ether supported the doctor's efforts.

Anna became a teacher, and taught at Manfred. In 1942 she married Manfred Bymoene, and resided in a New Rockford nursing home until her death.

Loui married Gladys Pepple, and they are buried in the Fessenden Cemetery. Joel worked as a welder in many locations, and Sverre farmed near New Rockford. Both served in the Asian Theatre during World War II. and are buried in Vang

Cemetery.

Severin and Agnes (1881-1981) are buried in Vang Cemetery. The brothers, Rasmus and Severin, died one year apart, and wanted to be buried next to each other.

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