
MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

P.O. Box 321 Harvey, North Dakota 58341

Greetings from Manfred!

This biography was prepared by Manfred History and Preservation.
Please visit [for more information.](#)



Martin and Clara Moen

Husband's Full Name: Martin Moen
Husband's Place of Birth: Trysil, Hedmark, Norway
Husband's Father's Name: Mattias Flotlien
Husband's Mother's Name: Berta Stoa
Husband's Siblings' Names: John, Borah, Eric,
Wife's Full Name: Clara Oline Ongstad Moen
Wife's Place of Birth: Pelican Rapids, MN
Wife's Father's Name: Hans Peder hendrickson
Wife's Mother's Name: Nicoline Olson Ongstad
Wife's Siblings' Names: Hilda, Alfred, Emil, Anna, Henry, Olaf, Oscar,
James, Lottie, Ida, Minnie, Edna
Children's Names: Harry, Myrtle Hustoft Sund, Ben, Jewel Johnsrude,
Alma Johnson, Gladys Beil, Lillian Booth, Ruth Curry, Roy, Florence
Murbach, Arnold, Leila, Delbert

Clara and Martin Moen

Clara Oline Ongstad, born October 31, 1882 near Pelican Rapids, MN, was the second child of Hans and Nicoline Ongstad. She married November 16, 1903 in Ringsaker Church of Pelican Rapids, MN to Martin Moen.

Martin (birth name Mathias Stoa) was born January 16, 1873 at Trysil, Hedmark, Norway to Mathias and Berte Stoa. Mathias' name was Mattias Flotlien, and when he married Berte Stoa and moved to the Stoa farm, his name changed to Mattias Stoa. Also, their sons had worked on different farms and so each had taken the name of that farm resulting in different last names as: Borrah Johnson, John Skovlie, Eric Stoa, and Martin Moen. The family came to Ottertail County in about 1889, when Martin was 16. He worked for Hans Ongstad in MN, and also helped a horse trader drive horses to settlers in ND. In 1902, he homesteaded NW of Manfred in Heimdal Township.

After Martin and Clara married, they settled on this homestead and raised thirteen children in their very small house: Harry, Myrtle, Ben, Jewel, Margaret, Gladys, Evelyn, Ruth, Roy, Florence, Arnold, Leila, Delbert. They lived here the rest of their lives, and were members of East Vang Lutheran Church. Clara became ill with a kidney disorder and died in the Harvey hospital on February 20, 1936 at the age of 53. Martin died on July 22, 1952. Both are buried at East Vang Cemetery. Their son Harry continued on with the farming tradition at the Moen farm.

Children:

1. Harry 1904-1998. Farmed on farmstead at Manfred.

2. Myrtle 1905-1990. Married J. Edward Hustoft, later to H. John Sund. 8 children: Lowell, Roger, Myron, Arlene, Wayne, Norval, Jarrell, Barbara.
3. Ben (Benny) 1907-1996. Married Ella Trautman. 2 children: Ronald and Marvin.
4. Jewel 1908-1985. Married Helen Johnsrude lived, in Redmond, WA. 3 children: Harley, Russell, Carolyn.
5. (Alma) Margaret 1910. Married Oscar Johnson. 4 children: Bruce, Robert, Diane, Timothy.
6. Gladys 1911-1988. Married Irwin Biel. 5 children: Terrence, Sharon, Marlys, Wanda, Kathlyn.
7. Evelyn 1913. Married Roy R. Booth. 2 children: Darrell and Denise.
8. Ruth 1915. Married Milton Curry. 1 child: Crystal.
9. Roy 1917. Married Signe Ness. 2 children: Martin and Jon.
- 10 Florence 1919. Married Laurence Murbach. 2 children: Luanne and Carol.
- 11 Arnold 1921. Married 1947 to Velma Albrecht. 4 children: Jennifer, Cynthia, Lorraine, Lisa.
- 12 Leila 1923-1927. Died when young.
- 13 Delbert 1925. Married Mercille Hovland. 1 child: Jacquelyn.