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Helge and Bertha Myhre

Husband's Full Name: Helge B. Myhre
Husband's Place of Birth: Vang, Valdres, Norway
Husband's Father's Name: Boie Leine Myhre
Husband's Mother's Name: Berit Brekke
Husband's Siblings' Names: Betsy Helgerud
Wife's Full Name: Bertha Nertrøst Myhre
Wife's Place of Birth: Drammen, Norway
Wife's Father's Name: Mads Nertrøst
Wife's Mother's Name: Sigrid Strand Nertrøst
Wife's Siblings' Names: Mads, Sennev, Anna, Nels
Children's Names: Conrad and Walter

Photo of Bertha Myhre taken in 1941

Helge and Bertha Myhre

Mrs. Bertha Nertrøst Myhre 1878-1949
by Sennev Nertrøst Whipple

Bertha Nertrøst Myhre was born near Drammen, Norway on March 16, 1878, the eldest child of Mads and Sigrid Nertrøst. With her parents and infant brother she came to the United States in 1880 entering the new land at Castle Garden, New York City. After several years in Northfield, Minnesota, she moved to her father's claim near Cooperstown, ND, then a territory. She too shared the struggles and hardships of early pioneering.

After attending country schools in the community, she entered her high school class at Cooperstown, ND. At 16 years of age she taught her first rural school. Arriving in Manfred in June 1894, where she joined her family, she pursued her teaching career in Wells County. She attended the State Teachers College at Valley City several years.

In 1899, she was married to Helge B. Myhre at Manfred, where she lived until they moved to their farm in 1902. Here she resided for 47 years, until the time of her passing in 1949. Helge died in 1932.

She was the mother of two sons, Conrad B. and Walter R.

Mrs. Myhre was a charter member of the Vang Ladies Aid, having served as its president several

years, and also member of the Vang Lutheran Church organized in 1906. She gave freely of her time and talent to the church and the community and was ever an inspiration to her family and her friends.

She was laid to rest in Vang Cemetery in 1949, beside her husband, who died in 1932.

Son - Conrad Myhre-

Son of pioneer settlers, he was a graduate of Harvey High School class of 1917 and a graduate of UND with a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1935 he married Barbara Arvilla Weisel.

After graduation he was asked to join the Westinghouse Co, Pittsburgh, PA. While there he was assigned the drawing up of nearly all the electrical equipment at Hoover Dam. When President Roosevelt was to start the Dam (the first generator that is) a telegraph key was installed in the White House for President Roosevelt. Should something go wrong with that "hook-up" Con was on the concrete basement at the Dam with his own key.

Shortly after he transferred to the International Division of Westinghouse, living for 22 years in New York and Washington, DC in 1944 he flew with a select group of power specialists to the Philippines, where he flew literally over the islands, looking for hydroelectric sites. He nearly lost his life at the most treacherous rapids.

His knowledge during these Washington days of 4 languages was a great asset. He made friends of men from every continent.

His body was left to the Medical Department of the University of Hawaii.

Son - Walter Myhre

Walter grew up and attended rural school near Manfred. He began farming with his father as a young man. He continued living and farming near Manfred. He retired in 1980. He later moved to Harvey and for the past several years lived in the St. Aloisius Nursing Home. A brother Conrad preceded him in death. (obit)