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Ole and Gina Onstad

Husband's Full Name: Ole E. Onstad

Husband's Place of Birth: Østre Slidre, Valdres, Norway

Husband's Father's Name: Engebret T. Alfstad

Husband's Mother's Name: Anne Olsdtr Rudi

Husband's Siblings' Names: Torger, Knut, Ola, Guri Windingstad

Wife's Full Name: Guri (Gina) Eriksdotter Rogne Onstad

Wife's Place of Birth: Rogne, Ostre Slidre, Valdres, Norway

Wife's Father's Name: Erik Bendiksen Skogen

Wife's Mother's Name: Marit Larsdtr Rudi

Wife's Siblings' Names: Bendik, Kari Gilbertson, Lars, Erik, Halvor

Children's Names: Annie Solheim, Emil

Ole and Gina Onstad

In the spring of 1896 Ole Onstad came to America arriving in Manfred, ND. Here he made his home for a time with an uncle, Knut O. Melby and family. In 1896 Ole filed on a homestead northwest of Manfred.

Gina Rogne came to the United States in 1899 with her mother after her father passed away. They lived in Wisconsin a year before she moved to her homestead at White Earth in Williams County, since there was very little acreage left to homestead in Wells County. Her brother Bendik had come earlier and obtained a homestead just north of Manfred. Her sister Kari, married to Knut Gilbertson owned the hotel in Manfred. Winters were lonely on the prairie in Williams County so she would spend time in the Manfred area. There she met Ole Onstad.

On March 18, 1909 Ole and Gina were married at the Vang Lutheran Church in Manfred, and had their wedding reception at the Manfred Hotel. They lived on the homestead near Manfred until the fall of 1949 when they moved to Manfred.

They were both members of the Vang Lutheran church and active in the church. They were also active in organizing community activities including the Valdres Lag and the Sons of Norway.

They had two children, Annie, who later married Helmer Solheim and Emil who married Linda Brusven.

Gina passed away in May of 1953, Ole passed away just 9 months later in February of 1954. They are buried at the Vang Cemetery north of Manfred.