

This is the genealogy of the LEFSTEAD II "family", in the Southern States.

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Originally, four brothers then known as "Lefstad" came to the U. S. in State of Wisconsin, from their homestead in southern Norway. The brothers were named Ole, Andrew, John and Martin. There was at least one more in the Norway homestead, not identified. Contact with any of the people left in Norway has been fruitless.

Martin and John homesteaded in Wisconsin, Wheeler and Eau Claire, resp. Andrew left and went to Pacific Northwest, place not identified. Martin had a large family of either 9 or 11 children, not identified; John had only one issue, (Alfred J.). Alfred J. had one son, (Alger), who at this time does not have issue. Whether Andrew married and had issue is not identified. Ole decided to immigrate south to Alabama, bringing his then family, to about the center of the state, County of Chilton, near town of Thorsby. At this point the families of the North, and of the South, more or less separated, and small contact had or is made between the north and south families.

Note that the family name is not Lefstad, or Lefstead, but was in Norway, Simonsen. Since in this country, the eldest son, inherits the family name and estate, the others usually move on and take the name of the estate, which was Lefstad. (Twisted branch or twig). The family name was Simonsen, the mother, Annie Simonsen; the brothers' father was Forres Simonsen. The city was Trondhjem, Norway.

Since this record, from hence, concerns the Lefstad family in the South, with their genealogies, we shall now begin with this patriarch, Ole Andreas Turis Simonsen, renamed Lefstad and in year 1910, when naturalization papers were taken out, to Lefstead, as now is current with entire family in the South. Ole was born in or near Trondhjem on July 8th, 1859. He came to the U.S. probably in the early 1880,s. Sometime along then, he met and married a Johanna Gustave Paulsen, who with two sisters, (one, a Martha Thompson) emigrated to this Country from Dybvik, Lyngen, Norway. Now Lyngen is north of the city of Hammerfest, and well within the Artic circle. Johanna's parents were Paul Olsen, of Gulbrondsondahlen, Norway and Thorine Hansen. Johannah was born on March 9th, 1867.

Now, the issues of this union form the nucleus of the LEFSTEAD family in the South. These children were:

1. Alma Theoline, born 25th March, 1885, remained spinster, died January 14th, 1966.
2. Theodore Antony, born 11th June, 1888, (carryon issue. #2), died June, 1950.
3. Philip Melvin, born 8th September, 1895, died at age of 11, Nov. 6 1906.
4. Lawrence Irving, born 2nd Oay, 1901 (carry on issue. #4).
5. Waldemar Hiram, born 9th Sept. 1903 (carryon issue #5). 6. Palmer Melvin, born 23rd Dec., 1908 (carryon issue #6).

Carryon, as 2, 4, 5, & 6.

Carryon as #2

Theodore Anthony, married Marjorie Sanford, issued Ted Sanford.

Ted Sanford married Annis McLain, no issue, Ted died in November 1964, and thus this branch ceased to continue.

Carryon as #4

Lawrence Irving married Mattie Lou Guin, daughter of John B.

Guin Sr. Issue, Lawrence I. Jr. (carryon as #4A) December 28th, 1923.

Remarried Ann Ruth Stalcup, (born 8th March, 18) of Murphy, N.C.

Issues: Tim, born 25th January 1950 at Live Oak, Florida

Alan, born 14th February 1953 at St. Petersburg, Florida

Hope, born 30th January 1955 at St. Petersburg, Florida

(No carry on as of pub. date Re: these three)

In getting all these facts and figures together, the writer contacted each living relative for accuracy. In contacting no. 4, Lawrence Irving, Lawrence injected a few paragraphs which would throw light on the living conditions of this family near Thorsby. Here is what he wrote, and the writer thought so much of it that is why it is inserted, as such:

"It would be interesting to Unk (Waldemar) and myself as to your method of tracing back to our forefathers, etc. (Much of it came out of Avery old Norse Bible, more from Alma, way, way, back when her memory served her well.)

Did you know that Dad got mail addressed as 'Ole Andrew Theodore Lefstad in Thorsby for many years but was usually Mr. O. A. T. Lefstad?

This may not be of any significance to anyone but me.

I have so many remembrances of -the old home at Thorsby that I could write a book about so many important facts and then too - some very interesting happenings concerning all the family at the old home place. In my mind I can still see the old home place as it was before we moved. (The move was only about a quarter mile nearer town, and to a smaller place. Their thinking in coming South was to farm for a living, but the land was not suitable, and Ole went back to his regular trade of carpentry and house building).

The cornfields were usually west of the house - the hayfield, S.W. the watermelons west from the barn. The woods and pasture were extreme S.W. and of at least 3 or 4 acres in size. Corn was usually raised in S.E. corner with cowpeas therein. The one acre grape vineyard was on the middle east side. Grapes were in color from white, tan, pink, brown and red, blue and black. The cherries, quince, apples were east of the house. A giant gum tree stood near the road, to the right of the gate, of long wood frame. (There was no stock law in the County at this time, and stock had to be fenced out). In the winter the blackbirds would eat the gum berries. I remember our playhouse across the road in the woods. We made a 'Post Office' - a sliding hill of pine straw, and used the wood skies from the north, to slide down same - also did that at the second home. We saw the gypsies go by - Mother warned us to be on lookout for them. They would steal anything of value. We lost some corn to them in the S.E. corner one year.

Upstairs in the hall - Ted had a telegraphers outfit - he had 2 horses; Morgan and Bob. Bob almost killed Ted in a runaway after dreaming about it the night before. (Ted ran the R.F.D. route out of Thorsby post office for awhile.)"

Carryon as #6A

Patricia Ann Lefstead married Harold Lenard Rossiter, of Pittsfield, Mass., October 23rd, 1931.

Harold born. Date of marriage June, 1952.

Issues: Harold Lenard, Jr., December 5, 1955 Tampa, Florida

Brenda Susanne, December 1st, 1957 Tampa, Florida

Linda Marie, August 17th, 1966 Tampa, Florida

Carryon as #6B

Philip Melvin Lefstead married Myrna Mayoda Haner, birthday February 12th, 1941, of Pampa, Texas

Issues: Karla Kaye Lefstead, born 28th December 1960

Philip Melvin Jr., born April 15th, 1969 (no carry on from hence) **Two Children**

Carryon as #6C

Issues: Preston Frank born Leesburg Fl. 9th October 1967

Married Dec 1985 Amy Snyder Nov 1986

Preston Frank Lefstead Jr. (P.J.) born Tallahassee Fl. Sept 1986

Twin Girls Meaghan and Kelsea born Tallahassee Fl. June 1989

Palmer Melvin Lefstead, III (Sonny), married Michele Carpenter Nov, 1966.

Divorced Sept. 1968

Remarried July 1970 to Mabel Linda Jones we have two children.

Stephen Michelle born Tampa Fl. Nov. 28, 1973 Married Kelli Williams 2005 (No children)

Susan Malinda born Tampa Fl. Jan. 1977 Married Mark Eades 2000 (Mark passed way 2000) (No children)

Carryon as #5

Waldemar Hiram, married Mary Lowe Mellon, born 21st March, 1903 near Mooresville, N. C. Married on November 14th, 1929.

Issue: Paul Mellon Lefstead, born 26th July, 1934 at Summerville, S. C. Carryon as #5A

Carryon as #6

Palmer Melvin married Grace Lee Thornton, daughter of Willie Thornton, February 23, 1932, Montgomery, Ala.

Issues: Patricia Ann, Birmingham, Ala. May 25th, 1933 (carryon as #6A)

Philip Melvin, Columbus, Georgia, January 25th, 1937 (carryon as #6B) **Passed away 1998**

Palmer Melvin, III, Montgomery, Ala. December 22nd, 1945 (carryon as #6C)

Carryon as 4A

Lawrence Irving, Jr., married Frances Clifford Lyons on April 6th, 1947. Frances is the daughter of Thomas Patrick and Clifford Copeland of Atlanta, Georgia. Frances was born 17th December, 1925.

Issues: Sharon Debra, born on 8th September 1948

Clifton Lawrence, born on July 12th, 1950 (no carrions from hence)

Carryon as #5A

Paul Mellon Lefstead married Sylvia Jean Terry, of Moulton, Ala. 2nd July, 1960.

Issues: Deborah Ann, born 5th July, 1961

Karen Lynn, born 27th January, 1966 (no carrions from hence)