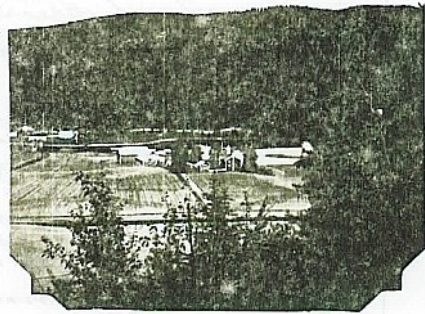


STENSATTER HISTORY
by Dorothy Wagner



Andrew Christopher Stensatter was born at this place in Bagn, Norway. This farm is still in the Stensatter family, owned by Erland Stensatter (1923-1975). Picture on the right is a view of the neighbor's farm across the river (Ole Olmhuus). This is of interest to see the country side, where he lived and grew up, and left to come to America. He picked this place--State of Minnesota, County of Stevens, Framnas Township.

These pictures of Andrew's Norway home, were taken by Olaf Stenbraten, on one of his many trips back to Norway (seven in all). After a family tragedy, in which Olaf Stenbraten and his sister were left orphans at an early age, the Christopher and Kari Stensatter family took the children and raised them. Olaf Stenbraten considers them his family. After he grew up he came to America, he was married twice, both wives were named Olga. After a visit to Norway, he returned and looked up relatives of Andrew's. Olaf Satter in Prairie du Chein, and in 1971 he visited with Rebecca (Satter) Darling, at Morris. He brought her these pictures at that time, and she was very delighted to learn of her father's family first hand.

Dr. Erby Satter, a grandson of Andrew's has now become interested in the family background, and has learned the language and visited Norway, and met members of the family. He brought back a picture of Erland Stensatter's three oldest daughters. (poss. Solveig, Reidun, and Kristi).



K. S. R.

County of Stearns }
State of Minnesota }

I the undersigned a
Minister of the Gospel, do hereby certify that on the
23rd day of May A.D. 1872 at Crow Lake P.O. did join
in the holy bonds of matrimony according to the laws
of this State: Andrew C. Saltter of the County of Stevens
and State of Minnesota and Dorthea Eklund of the
County of Stevens and State of Minnesota.

In presence of:
Christian Johnson
Ole Johnson

Rev. L. I. Markhus
Norwegian ev. luth. Pastor
at Norway Lake, Minn.

Recorded, Feb. 18th 1889.

Thos. Thomasson.

clerk of Dist. Court.

L. J. PROBERT

1 & 2

Morris, June 28, 1872

1872
1853
19 yrs. in AUG

Dear Sister Ingeborge,

Be good and excuse me for not answering your letter dated _____?

I received a letter from our dear brother ^{ERLAND OR FLEEN} Elleie and ? letters from our master Aaste Stranduse and in those letters I see that you are all in good health and live well and with the same great joy I can return that to you about me. I am in good health and live well. I must tell you, my dear parents and brothers and sisters that I have changed my way of life. I became married May 23, 1872, on 4th day of Pentecost. I hope with God's help it was God's will and that he will protect me and that thus may I live a dedicated and Christian life in the future years.

#2 My dear wife's name is Dortha Ellertson. She was born in Gogjergoord which is called Viger. and there are _____ on the same farm and her parents were Valsboode-Good people

She is good in Norwegian and English. She was 10 years old when she came here to America. and now the 23rd of August she will be 18 years old. So she has been here in America 8 years. She is young, but here they consider the age 15 to 18 as (mature) She has no living parents, but 6 brothers and sisters living about 2 Norse miles from us and they have good farms and live well. She is of moderate weight and of sound mind.

We plan to go to a town to take photographs. So we will send you our photograph. _____ and that will we do as soon as possible.

3 Now I have quit the brandy business. I quit when I hear from your letters _____ I apologize that I _____ I should _____ The time we became engaged that _____ Brandy making that I would quit that business and that I have. But I have my house. _____ (cant't understand the rest)

I have a small meat business and I keep for myself the half of the first meat slaughtered. One animal each week and half of these so they keep fresh and good for one week.

4 I have 4 (pieces of land) south $2\frac{1}{2}$ English miles from town and that is about as far as from Stensottern to Solen Boom in _____ I took this land 12 years ago this spring and I must have that _____ in 2 months and live there and work there. Then I can buy it for \$400 from the government. If I don't want to live there then I can pay for it in the fall,

Now my wife lives on our farm and I am there for the most part 2 times a day, we have 4 milk cows, 3 pigs, 1 gray ass, 2 horses, 4 oxen for driving and 4 oxen I plan for farm work. So I have used 8 oxen, 2 horses that I used for planting in 36 days (?) and now I have planted 100 acres for the harvest _____ I have 400 Norse acres planted on my farm.

A.C. Satter

*Letters written to his family in Norwegian, then
inter-verted into English by lady in Morris, Mrs. Olander*

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Morris April 14, 1908

Dear Brother Erland,

I have received today your welcome letter dated March 28, 1908. This will I answer immediately. I see by your letter that you and your family are at this time in good health and the same good tidings I can tell you in return. This is much to thank God for dear Brother. I am already an old man. If I live until the 22nd of August, I will be 67 years old. I _ _ _ had a weight of 170 pounds, but at present I am 210 pounds so one can not undertake any heavy work.

#2 This winter I have for the most part been at the Farm and taken care of the animals. We have 8 horses, 4 colts, 20 cows, 22 heifers and oxen, 24 hogs, 150 hens, 9 turkeys, 1 dog, 2 cats. These are all the animals we have had this winter and now we do not have them in the barn at night except the work horses and the milk cows. I and my son, 20 years old Leus or Lars in the Norse language have done chores for these animals this winter.

There is high school in town and _ _ _ 3 of the younger children have gone to school in town all winter. Four of my older children have taken homesteads in Dakota, several hundred miles from here, and there they have neighbors that are from Southern Burma. They say that in the spring old folks from ABLIEU WILL COME. They have a daughter who expects her parents there next summer. I am going west there in June and then I will talk with the new comer folks from Aolien.

#4 Death Notice Andrew G. Lie died in Følerna Abrahami. Lie lost 5 of his children in Torøy (??) and Gustaf, his oldest son is now bedridden with the same sickness.

I got a photograph of Mother from Kari and I have enlarged it so she looks very good. I have received a photograph from Bertha Astrigengen at Olininar (Place?) and of a stone basement (or shed) in a photograph and I recognize the houses well and the old house (cottage) where I was born.

I must quit my poor writing with dear (warm) greetings from me and mine.

I have for the fun of it included a paper dollar for a small remembrance so you can see our money.

Andrew G. Satter

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1890

Andrew G. Satter, born August 22, 1841 and wife Dorthea Satter, born Aug. 25, 1841

Our Children

Christoffer Albert	born	February 17, 1873
Clara Marie	"	May 26, 1875
Edwin Rudolf	"	May 6, 1877
Louise Dorthea	"	Jan 5, 1879
Emma Mathilda	"	May 16, 1881
Malena Josephine		
and	"	August 22, 1883
Annette Christine		
Lewis Alfred	"	October 24, 1887
Olaf Elmer	"	September 21, 1891
Rebecca Adeline	"	March 18, 1894
Adelia Winnifred	"	November 17, 1899

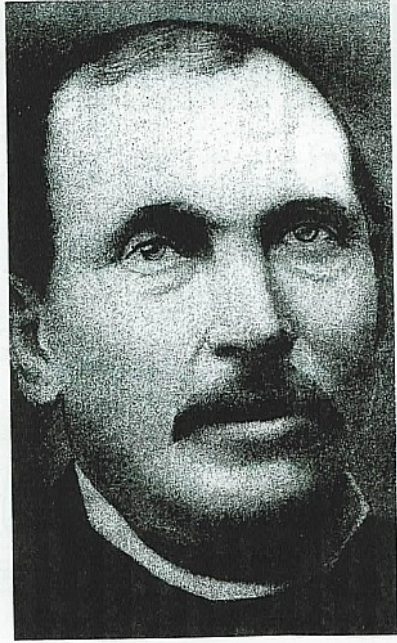
1891

Dear Uncle, Since Papa wanted me to write these names to you, I also send you a greeting to my cousins and all of you.

Your brother's daughter (niece) Clara, (Mrs Kron.

Tilhørende
 Andreas Sættler og hustru
 1841 den 22 August og hustru
 Martha Sættler fød.
 1853 den 25 August og hustru
 Christian Albert fød.
 1873 den 17 Februar
 Karoline Regine fød.
 1874 den 14 April og død
 1877 den 14 April
 fød. April 1877 den 14 April
 Louise Dorte fød. April
 1877 den 14 April
 Emma Mathilde fød.

Malena Josephine } Født den 17
 Annette Hrestine } April 1883
 Leasie Alfred. Født den 21
 og død den 28 Dec = den 28
 Olof Olsson fød. den 21
 den 21 September og død
 den 3 January 1892
 fød. den 19 March
 fød. den 19 May 1894
 Adelia Winifred fød. den
 7 November 1899



I think of Grandfather Andrew carefully planning his strategy to make a fortune, which he did. He believed in education and training in some useful field of endeavor for his children. He believed in making money and saving it. He believed most of all in the land.

He knew a good girl when he saw her (Grandmother Dorothea). He knew a good man when he saw him, for he liked and trusted my Dad. He knew a good location for a farm when he saw it. He built his barn on the top of the bluffs in a slight dip where there is a beautiful view of the Pomme de Terre River, and surrounding country side. He was a family man, proud of his lovely wife and his seven girls. Once when he had just purchased a new buggy, he called all the girls together, and wanted to take them for a ride. They thought he was going out to the farm, and they piled in. He proceeded to drive up and down Main St. Maybe it was to show off his new buggy, but I think it was to show off his daughters. They were rather embarrassed by the stares, but Andrew enjoyed.

He was a big man 6'2" and weighed 170 pounds when he came to America in 1871. He wrote to his brother Erland in 1908 and said "There is much to thank God for, dear Brother. I am already an old man, if I live until the 22 of August, I will be 67 years old. I now weigh 210 pounds and can not undertake any heavy work."

In a early letter in 1872, to his sister Ingeborge he said, "I must tell you, my dear parents, brothers and sisters, that I have changed my way of life. I became married May 23 1872, on 4th day of Pentecost. I hope with God's help it was God's will and that he will protect me and that I may live a dedicated and Christian life in future years."

Grandfather Andrew died at his farm on Sept. 18, 1921, a month after I was born.



ANDREW SATTER PASSES AWAY

Resident here for 50 Years and
Built one of First Houses
in City.

Andrew C. Satter, a resident of Stevens county for more than 50 years, died Sunday at his home two miles northeast of Morris. He had been an invalid for the last six years, but his condition was not considered serious until he became suddenly critically ill Saturday night and death came the following day.

Mr. Satter was born in Norway, Aug. 22, 1841. He came to Stevens county in 1870. He was a farmer during most of his residence here, occupying continually until at the time of his death he owned large tracts of highly valuable land in this part of the state.

He was married May 23, 1872 to Miss Dorothea Ellertson. Their wedding was the third to take place among the residents of the county and their home in Morris was one of the first houses built in the city.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Albert Satter of West Fargo, N. D., Mrs. J. A. Olson of Cyrus, Edwin Satter, Mrs. K. Karistad and Mrs. J. Sax of Banks, N. D., Mrs. H. Frandsen of Drake, N. D., Dr. Olof P. Satter, of Olney Ill., and Mrs. R. F. Darling, Lewis Satter Miss Malena Satter of Morris and Miss Adella Satter of Abercrombie, N. D.

Nearly all of his children were here for the funeral services which were held at the English Lutheran church yesterday, Rev. Alfred Brechen, pastor of the church officiated. The church choir sang two anthems. The pallbearers were S. A. Siverts, N. Vinje, O. N. Dohlen, O. C. Hanson, Oscar Dolven and M. J. Ryhn.



items taken from the Tribune November 19, 1898

Clerk of Court Thomasson has of much effort succeeded in recovering the records of the three weddings settlers in Stevens county which to place prior to this county's organization. Stevens was then annexed Pope county for judicial purposes a while the real estate records have been transferred, these marriage records never have been.

The first of these returns was a marriage of Henry Foss to Hell Baker on December 10, 1869 by M. Taylor, a Justice of the Peace in Pope county. Mr. Foss later became the first representative from Stevens county and played a prominent part in the development of the county.

The second marriage was that of Adolf Trantow to Augusta Pulzke on August 30, 1871, by P. S. Reque, one of the early Evangelical Lutheran ministers of the county. Mr. Trantow has since become and is still a prominent farmer of Swan Lake.

The third wedding occurred May 23, 1872, when Andrew C. Satter was married to Dorthia Ellertson at Crooked Lake P. O. by Rev. L. P. Markhus, Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Satter are still living on their farm near town.

Andrew C. Satter Dies.

Andrew C. Satter died Sunday night at his home near Morris at the age of eighty after an illness of most six years. Death was due to paralysis. The funeral was held 2:00 Wednesday afternoon from the English Lutheran church. The Rev. A. Brechen officiated. Interment in Summit Cemetery.

Mr. Satter was known as one

of the pioneers in this part of the state. Coming to Stevens county as a young man and settling on a farm he made himself up a considerable fortune.

He was born August 22, 1841, in Walders, Norway and spent his boyhood there. He left for the United States when he was 23 years old, coming to Stevens county and to Morris in 1865. He was married May 23, 1872 to Miss Dorothea Ellertson of Belgrade. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. A. C. Satter, one brother, Alb Stensatter of Fargo, N. D., one sister, Mrs. J. A. Kron of Cyrus, three sons, Edwin Satter of Banks, N. D., Olaf E. Satter of Olney, Ill., Lewis Satter of Morris and six daughters, Mrs. W. Frandsen of Drake, N. D., Mrs. Karistad of Banks, N. D., Mrs. Sax of Banks, N. D., Miss Malena Satter, Mrs. R. F. Darling of Morris and Miss Adella Satter of Abercrombie, N. D.

The pall bearers were S. A. Siverts, N. Vinje, O. N. Dohlen, O. C. Hanson, Oscar Dolven and M. J. Ryhn.

Mrs. Dorothea Satter.

One of the earliest pioneers of this vicinity was removed from the community when Mrs. Dorothea Satter passed away at her home east of Morris Sunday afternoon, August 6, after an illness of several months. Death was due to liver complications. She had been taken to Rochester for treatment at the Mayo clinic the last of June and since her return had been cared for at her home. All of her children except two were present at her bedside at the end.

Dorothea Ellertson was born at Gudbrandsdal, Norway, August 25, 1853 and came to this country at the age of eight years with her father, who first settled near LaCrosse, Wis., later moving to Langbehl township, Minnesota, by means of covered wagons, experiencing all the usual hardships of the pioneer settling in a new country.

She was united in marriage to Andrew C. Satter on May 23, 1872 and to this union 12 children were born, one of whom, Caroline Regina, died in infancy. Mr. Satter preceded his wife in death 12 years ago. Four sons and seven daughters are left to mourn the death of their mother: Albert of West Fargo, N. D., Dr. Olaf Satter of Prairie du Chien, Wis., Lewis and Edwin of Morris, Mrs. Annetta Karistad and Mrs. C. Sax (Louise) both of Banks, N. D., Mrs. Chas. Lenartson (Emma) of Cyrus, Mrs. Arthur Guinness, Abercrombie, N. D., Mrs. Clara Kron, Mrs. Robert Darling (Rebecca), and Malena, all of Morris. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Mrs. Satter was a life-long member of the Lutheran faith, having been one of the earliest members of the congregation and Ladies' Aid of the First Lutheran church in Morris.

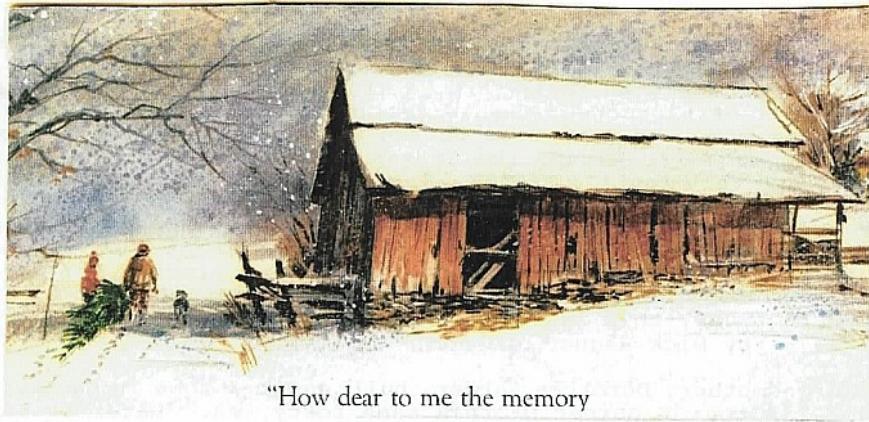
The funeral was held Wednesday, August 9, at 2 p. m. from the First Lutheran church, Rev. Recco officiating, with interment in Summit cemetery. The pallbearers were Wm. Woers, Henry Grote, Oscar Dolven, Gust Anderson, Harry Jergenson and Herman Morken.

A trio composed of Florence Grove, Mrs. C. W. Fark and Mrs. M. J. Sorfaten sang two beautiful numbers.

Many lovely floral offerings bore testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

Those from a distance attending the funeral included Dr. O. E. Satter and son Rodney of Prairie du Chien, Wis., Mrs. C. Sax and Mrs. Annette Karistad of Banks, N. D., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guinness and sons of Abercrombie, N. D.

TRIC. FRI. 23 SEP 1921



"How dear to me the memory

THE MAN OF THE LAND
By Dorothy Darling Wagner 1978

Each man of the land comes and has his time. He lives, and loves and laughs, and walks the land, and calls it his. After a time, one way or another, the man leaves. The land remains.

In Minnesota Territory before 1870, there were the Chippewa Indians east of the Pomme de Terre River, and the Sioux Indians to the west. There is an Indian dugout above the Pomme de Terre River, along the south side of Highway 28. There is an indentation in the hillside, still to this day in virgin soil, which always greens up first in the springtime; this is where an Indian family lived, and spent their last winter on this land.

My grandfather, Andrew C. Satter, came to this place, called Morris, which is located in west central Minnesota, in 1871. He filed a Homestead Claim of 80 acres, which was located on the flats above the Pomme de Terre bluffs. He spent the first winter in his sod house, at the same time the Indians were living down the hillside, only a short distance away. One day, come spring, the Indians were gone.

This Homestead Claim is dated 24 June 1878. It is signed by President of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, and is recorded five years later on 11 August 1883. It consists of 80 acres, and is #4 on the map. Clarence Kron, now owns and operates this land, in the year 1976. His mother, Clara Satter Kron, inherited this land, from her parents, Andrew and Dorothea Satter. In 1881, Andrew and Dorothea crossed highway 28 and acquired 280 more acres.

In 1890, Andrew Satter filed a tree claim of 160 acres, also in Section 30. His was one of the four tree claims acquired in Framnas township. It was one of ninety-six that was issued in

Stevens County, between 1882 and 1901. President, Benjamin Harrison signed this certificate #48, shown on the map as 1,2,3, and 5. This completed their farm holdings in Framnas Township, and was a total of 520 acres. This includes the acres which were to become the home and farmstead of the Satter family. It includes the Pomme de Terre River, the Indian dugout, the Pomme de Terre Bluffs, and very fertile fields. The original Satter farm site was located on the NW corner of forty, #2. This approximate thirty-four acres located along highway 28, is owned by Dr. Olaf Satter. All of the original buildings and most of the trees have now been cleared. This forty was the acreage which was planted solidly to trees, to comply with the tree claim agreement. Except for the steepest ground, this land is under tillage, and is farmed in the year 1978, by Dick Wagner and son, Gary.

Grandmother, Dorothea Satter, built her new home in the spring of 1922 in the SE corner of this same forty, #2. Later in 1933, upon her death, the tree claim was split up into a number of pieces of land, to the following heirs; Edwin, Lewis and Olaf. Molly inherited the new house and five acres. Molly later sold the home and five acres to her brother Olaf. Edwin sold his share of the land, also to Olaf. Edwin also sold a small amount of land across the river, located on the corner, to Sheriff Mac McCollar. In 1976 Mac McCollar sold this property to Jim Powers and his wife Vu. They are a young couple who are friends of our children. Vu is Vietnamese. Jim met her while serving in Vietnam.

In 1949, Uncle Ed, sold us (Dick Wagner's) a 1/2 acre strip of land, which ran along the Lee side of the farm. This was our first purchase of land toward "our farm". In 1951, Dr. Olaf Satter sold us the "out front forty" which was his share, and is #3, on the map. We purchased this forty for \$4375.00. In 1960, Uncle Olaf was again to sell us a very vital part of our farm plan, and this was the house and five acres, originally Grandmother Dorothea's. This was purchased for \$6500.00. In December of 1962, we purchased from the Lewis Satter estate, Rebecca's (my mother's) share of the pasture and river bottom for \$1330.00. In 1962 we now had 67 1/2 acres to call our own, after a few mortgages.

We have been the "Now" people in Grandmother Satter's house since 1947. When we were married in 1947, we contacted Uncle Olaf to see if he would rent us his house. This was agreeable to him, and he put in a new furnace, and dug a new well, and had electricity put in. It had a Delco system before. He bought the supplies and we repaired and remodeled the kitchen and bath, also painted and sanded the floors; it was very nice. In 1947, at the time we moved here, the original Satter homestead, was lived in by the Roy Satter family. Edwin and Inga had moved to town some years before, and were living with their daughter, Pearl and Dan Blocher. The Ed Satter's had returned from Banks, North Dakota after Grandfather Andrew's death, and had lived and farmed on the original farmstead, for a number of years.

Other changes on this original tree claim, were the sale of