Sand Hill river at Aldal.

Andres and Ingrid Morvig had eleven children and Ingrid's daughter by her first marriage to Nels Myhre: Olova, born 1882 and married to Haugen; Clara, born 1885, and married to Gerhard Gredevig; Anna Maria, who died in 1886; Mathilda, born 1887 and married to Jens Gronvold. Alfred, born 1888, and married to Mabel Johnson; Olaf, born 1890 and married to Ella Johnson. Ida, born 1892 and married to Nels E. Nelson; Karl Theodore, born 1894 and died in youth 1915; Ivar Andreas, born 1897 and died in 1966; Lloyd, born 1899, and married to Amy Lundby; Melvin, born 1901, and died in 1935; Edwin, born 1903 and died in 1962.

Andres O. Morvig died at his home on October 4, 1942, at the age of 94 years. Ingrid Morvig, his wife, died April 18, 1930, at the age of 71 years.

Ida Morvig Nelson, now 82 years old, lives in her own apartment. Ida Nelson has ten grandsons and two granddaughters.

**LLOYD H. MORVIG**

Lloyd Herman Morvig was born June 14, 1899. His parents, Anders and Ingrid Morvig were among the first settlers of Garfield, Fertile in the early 1870's. Lloyd attended "Lake View" Country school and has been a life-long member of the Little Norway Lutheran Church near Fertile.

In 1925, on June 4, he married Amy Sylvia, daughter of Elmer and Maria Lundby of Fertile. They have two children: Leroy Alden, a farmer living in Garden Township; and Mrs. Iva Broske living in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Morvig has farmed most of his life and they have lived on their farm in Garfield Township except for eighteen years when they lived in St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Morvig have owned their farm since 1931. On June 15, 1975, Mr. and Mrs. Morvig celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Little Norway Lutheran Church.

**EINER (BOLSTAD) NELSON**

Einer was a Bolstad when he came to the United States. His name was changed to Nelson as his father was Nels Bolstad. Einer, one of the early settlers in the now Garfield Township, Polk County, came here with his brother, Uncle Lars Bolstad from Dodge County, Minnesota in May 1879.

At the land purchased in Crookston, they secured plots of what is now the four townships of Garfield, Garden, Spring Creek and Sundal. They selected land in what is now the Township of Garfield, May 17, 1879, filing their claims two and one-half days later in Crookston. After building sod huts and doing some breakings, Bolstad and Einer Nelson returned to Dodge County, leaving Knute to take care of their claims. He married Kari Opheim there and returned to his homestead in Polk County. Einer was born in Voss, Norway, January 13, 1855; Kari was born in Dodge County, May 8, 1858. To them were born eight children: Rosa (Mrs. Ed Hamre); Ella (Mrs. Edward Storing); Nels E. Lars; Gurina (Mrs. Lewis Johnson); Clara (Mrs. Louis Boileau); Arne E.; and Norman died as a youth. As of 1975 this family are all deceased.

In 1909-1910 sons, Lars and Arne, went to Saskatchewan, Canada and homesteaded about 70 miles from North Battleford. In 1913 and 1920 Gurina and Clara and their husbands went to settle in Canada — farming, too.

Rosa married Edward Hamre and lived on farms in Liberty Township and in the McIntosh area, Polk County, all of their lives. Ellen, a seamstress, married Ed Storing from Norway; they lived and died in Minneapolis. Nels married Ida Morvig on July 9, 1913. They lived on the family farm and took over the farm after Einer's death in 1917. They carried on diversified farming operations until Nels' death in 1951. There are eight children from this marriage (2 having died as babies): Ernest, Irene, Norma, Edith, Robert and Rose; Ernest who married Gladys Carlson; Robert who married Shirley Wieseland. Irene married Melfred Roragen; they farmed in Garfield Township; they are active members of Little Norway Church and in community affairs. Edith married Melvin Rocker; they live on a grain farm near Lockhart, Minnesota, Norman County. Norma married Ned Boyce; they live near Horsehead Lake, Parkers Prairie, Minnesota where he is a rural mail carrier. Rose married Don Sorensen; they live in Fergus Falls where he is employed by Mid-American Dairy and Rose is a salesperson at the Bible Book and Gift Store.

In 1958, sons Ernest and Robert bought the original farm. Ernest lives in the same house his grandfather built. Robert's home is an adjoining land that Einer's Uncle Lars Bolstad has as his homestead. Ernest and Robert have two sons each, so they hope for a fourth generation to remain on these farms. They have a Grand Dairy and grain farm.

Einer's brothers and sisters were Dr. Arne Nelson, a doctor, who also established a drugstore in Garfield Township, Fertile; Knute, who was a postmaster in Fertile; Mrs. Erick Dahle, Guri, a farmer's wife in that area; Mrs. Lars Knutson, Bertha (she and her husband had a general merchandise store); Dr. Nels Nelson (Moland); and Lars (Bolstad) Nelson, a soldier in Spanish American War.

**KNUT OPHEIM**

Knute Opheim was born at Opheim in Voss, Norway, on September 20, 1852, and immigrated to America in 1871. He sailed on the "Caspanian," landed in the United States, and sailed to Dodge County, Minnesota. He married Martha Sjursdatter Brekhus in 1876. In the spring of 1880, they came to Polk County and homesteaded in Section 27, Garfield Township. Knut was a farmer and active in township, school and church. He helped organize the Little Norway Church in 1880 and Evanger Church in 1890 and the First Evanger in 1920. His wife died in 1917 and he lived until 1930. He was 78 years old. Their eight children: Anna, Mabel, and Edith; Morvig, who married Harry Stedman; Karl, who married Lena Aune; Alfred, who married Alice Mahlund; Otto, who married Louise Iverson; Bertha, who married Ole Lutnes; Marie, who married Louis Bolstad; Martha, who married Martin Iverson; and Hilmen.

**RONGENS**

Johannes Rønzen and his wife Agatha Bjørg, with their two children, Synneva and Brynjel, came from Voss, Norway to Big Canoe, Iowa. From there they migrated by covered wagon to Fertile, Minnesota with two more children, Lars and Olaf. They settled on a tract of land, Section 9 in Garfield Township in Polk County. The land was granted by President Grover Cleveland in 1886. They lived in a log house while homesteading. In 1894 they built the first frame house in the area. In 1896, Johannes built the only completely round barn in the area. Both the house and the barn are still being used and in very good condition.

To this union another child was born, a daughter, Inga. They all grew up here and attended the Little Norway Church and Lone Oak School. Synneva married E. P. Roragen and they raised a family of eleven. Brynjel, or Brown as he was called, married Clara Ostgard and they have four daughters. Ole married Anna Duckstad and they have two children. They moved to the state of Washington. Ole's sister, Inga, married David Carlson and they have four children. Lars married Martha Brudvig and they had five children. Johannes still had his farm in Quebec, but went to the state of Washington where he homesteaded some land. He started and built a church in Olalla, Washington. Their daughter, Inga, went with them and there she met husband to be, Dave Carlson. Johannes made a couple of trips to the West Coast. He and his wife died in 1921. His son, Ole and family moved to Olalla and bought the Johannes' land and lived there until his death.

Lars bought the homestead in 1918, which he farmed with his son, Arthur. Lars and his wife had five children; twin daughters died in infancy, another daughter died when she was four years old as well as his wife, at the age of twenty-six years. He was left with two sons, John Alvin and Arthur. John Alvin, the oldest son, joined the army and served his country for thirty-one years. He married Floy Smith and lived in Los Angeles until his death in 1971. He had no children.