nity. The family lived in Milton, North Dakota, for a while before coming to the Angus area. In 1900, Marten bought the homestead rights from someone in Helgeland Township, 160 acres. (This place is still in the Carlson family in 1975 and farmed by Marten's great-grandson, Mylo, son of Myron, son of Olai). Olai worked with his dad to break up the land little by little using oxen at first. At age sixteen, Olai was operating a steam engine, starting out as a water boy in a threshing crew near Park River. He married Martha Hanson in 1909 and lived on various farms in the neighborhood until Hannah Carlson died in 1921. Then Marten sold out at auction and Olai bought the farm. During the period of the depression, Olai worked for Polk County building roads, while Martha and the children tended the farm. In 1943, Olai sold the farm to his son, Myron, and Olai and Martha moved into Warren, where Olai worked at the city light plant until retirement. Olai died in September of 1975.

Martha Hanson was born in 1884 in Ottertail County to Ellen Marie Tveidt Roen and Sjur Roen. Sjur had been a carpenter, boat builder and fruit farmer in Strandabarm, Hardanger, Norway. He and his wife and six months old daughter, immigrated to America in 1882. When Sjur went to the court house to take out his American citizenship papers, the officials there suggested he change his name from Sjur to Sivert and to take the name of his father, Hans, for his last name. So, for convenience’s sake, Sjur Roen became Sivert Hanson. He was a stern man and talked only Norwegian and refused to repeat anything he said a second time. At the table he would not ask for dishes to be passed to him, but would stand up and reach for whatever he wanted. They came to Numedahl Township by oxen and covered wagon with their two milk cows tied on behind the wagon. Martha was a young child at the time.

When Martha was a young teenager she kept house for a neighbor and his six boys and one girl when the wife was ill. Lots of cooking was required. She and her sister, Anna, played guitars and would attend “church meetings” and play and sing. After she was married, Martha worked hard with her children to keep the farm while Olai worked for the county. She was a fast milker of cows (she could milk six cows to Olai’s two). She was a religious woman and served as a Ladies Aid president for many years, and remained active in church work until ill health forced her to quit. She died in Warren in 1969.

Children of Olai and Martha Carlson are: Maybelle, who married Elroy Johnson, is deceased; Myron, who married Margaret Martyn, is living in rural Warren; Elida, who married Sidney Olson, is living in Crookston; Doris; Della, who married Edward Bennen, is deceased; Orece, who married Earl McLees, is living at Three Forks, Montana.

OLE CHRISTIANSEN

Ole and Anne are the parents of nine homestead families in Polk County, most of them settling in the areas of Helgeland and Onstad townships. Anne was born August, 1831 at Bjeranger, Meloy, Norway. She was the daughter of Andreas Tideman Jensen and Pernilla Abelsdatter. She married Ole Christiansen at Meloy, Norway in 1857. He was the son of Christian Olsen who died in a ship wreck in the North Sea. All of their children were born in Meloy, Norway and all immigrated to Minnesota except two boys that died in infancy and a deaf mute shoemaker. They lived on the farm Kilvik in Bjerangen, Meloy. Ole was a cotter and fisherman. They immigrated in July, 1887, and Marten Onstad and Olai Onstad, who had previously immigrated. Ole died in 1891 and is buried in Onstad township. Anne lived with different relatives and spent her last years with her daughter and son-in-law, Elling and Jakobie Olsen. She is buried in Melo Church Cemetery. The following are the children of Ole and Anne Christiansen that homesteaded in Polk county.

Kristine Albertine Olesdatter, born in 1857, immigrated to Onstad township. In 1886, she became second wife to Hans Gjone; their children are: Olaf Gjone, who married Martha Anderson and lived east of Crookston; Oscar, unmarried; and Anna M. who died in infancy. Johanna Helene Aletha Olesdatter, born in 1858, married Bernt Abrahamson in Norway. They came to America about 1887. She died in 1939. Their children are: Helof Abrahamson of Crookston; Mary, married Demaris first and Christ Schmidt of Red Lake Falls, second; Anna, married Tom Isaacson of Crookston; Christine, who married Henry Miene of Crookston; Mable, who married Paul W. of Gentilly and Bertram Abrahamson. Karin Thome Marie Olesdatter, born 1859 and married Nicolai Danielson in Norway. He worked as a cook on the ship to earn his way to America.

Their children are: Agnes; Walter (Alfred); and Callifa (Eva). They lived in Onstad for three years and later moved to Helgeland township. Ole Andreas Peder Olson, born 1863, married Marie Mohn. Their children are: Axel, married Minnie Simmons; Hjalmer, lived in Onstad township; Arthur Tiemons; and Conrad, married Mary Demaris and lives in Kertsonville township.

Hanna Kjerstine Olesdatter, born 1868, married Peter Lauritz Anderson in Fertile, Minnesota. The Anderson name in Norway was Ophiem. He was a mail carrier near Kellihor and Shotley in 1902-1912. They lived about three miles south of Harold Station in Kertsonville township until 1940 and then moved to St. Paul. Peter was very staunch; he would walk three miles in a roaring blizzard, carrying a fifty to one-hundred pound sack of flour on his back. He had no use for any kind of modern convenience nor would he try to do anything the easy way. He was furious when his son Len bought one of the first cars around there. He delivered mail during the blizzards using the railroad track as a guide. He would not use a horse. If someone with a horse was stalled or caught in a blizzard, he would tell them that’s what they got for not depending on horses. However, some remember him as not so tough and stubborn. He was a very anxious father if one of his children was ill. He once wrapped his daughter, Alma, in blankets and carried her fourteen miles to a doctor. Hannah was a hard worker and very religious. She insisted on the family attending church. They walked two miles to church. Hannah died in 1949 and Peter in 1950 in St. Paul.

Children are: Alma, married Bert Roe; Helga married Lawton of Saskatoon, Canada; Walter Olson of Saskatoon, Canada; Emil Anderson of Pasco, Washington; Lenvin Anderson of Phoenix, Arizona; Mabel married Julius Dahl of St. Paul; Josephine, married first Clarence Warnick and second Ulys Roberts.

Andreas Johan Kornelius Olson (Andrew), born 1872, came with his parents at the age of fifteen. He married Marie Halsa in Crookston in 1893 at the Norwegian Lutheran church. Andrew owned section 30, of the southeast quarter in Helgeland township. Their children are: Arthur; lived in Brislton; married Francis Roberts of Greenbush; Melvin, died in infancy; Melvina (Rose), married Al Gross; Ella (May), married Fred Boldt in St. Paul.

After his wife’s death, Andrew married Gina Volness in Norway, that name would be Johnson. Her parents died in the old country. She came over with a cousin, Volness and a Demmon. The children were: Gerhard, who died of bone cancer in