1913 he built a large more modern home. Both the log houses are still standing.

He had two sons, Odin and Carl. Mr. Olson and his wife, Beret, lived on the home place all their lives. Carl and his wife, Anna, also lived on the present farm home until their deaths in 1968.

LIND

In 1888, Nels and Karin Lind came from Sweden to the United States. They lived a few months in Warren, Minnesota. He bought a yoke of oxen and cut and hauled cord wood eighteen miles for about $3.00 a cord. The farm had thirty acres of land plowed and contained a log house until they built a bigger house. Nels sold this farm to his son, John. The owner of the farm now is Orma Gulbranson.

The Linds had four sons: Peter, Ole, Johan and John. They all worked at home. When they left home, Peter, Ole and Johan bought 240 acres of land which the three worked together until the death of Johan at the age of 21. One year later, Peter and Ole divided the land, Peter taking 160 acres and Ole 80 acres. They each bought an additional 160 acres, the south half of section 22. The boys all made their home with their father until 1911.

Nels was born in 1847 and died in 1926. Karin was born in 1838 and died in 1914. Peter married Mathilda Pearson December 4, 1904. They had four children: John Algot died at the age of one year; Algot is married to Edith, and lives in Oslo. Gottfred lives in Minneapolis and has three sons: Ernest, Gordon and Charles, all of Minneapolis; Beda is married to Earl Shave and lives by Alvarado. She has four children. Peter was born October 16, 1872, and died in 1939; Mathilda was born March 10, 1870, and died in 1957.

John married Alma Thompson. Three children were born to them: Theofel, died when he was 21 years old; Amanda (Mrs. George Bates) died in 1970; Leonard lives by Alvarado; Alma died in 1916 and John in 1966.

Ole Lind's farm was originally the title claim of Robert Olson. Ole planted ten or eleven acres in trees which yielded a profitable supply of saw logs. The trees were principally cottonwood and box elder. He planted an additional 500 or 600 trees for windbreaks. He built a good dwelling house and made other improvements on his land. He was engaged in raising grain, but he also kept five or six milk cows.

On July 16, 1908, Ole married Clara Olson, daughter of Ole E. Olson of Higdem Township. Two children were born to them: Mathilda (Mrs. Richard Dalberg) of California, who has two children, Darlyne (Mrs. Phil Tesbe) of California and a son, Richard of California, a son, Oliver, died in 1936. Clara died in 1919. On March 16, 1933, Ole married Anna Thompson. They have four children. Ordean married Ann Kozel, daughter of Emil and Agnes Kozel of Tabor. They have six children: Maurice married Jody Kollin of Alvarado, Carlene, David, Scott, Cathy and Mary are all at home. Alda married LaRoy Shane, son of Henry and Cassie Shane of Oslo. They have three children: Joyce married to Alan Devine, son of Joe and Sarah Devine of Menan; Gary and Loren are at home. The Devines have two grandsons; Shane and Michael Devine.

Almore married Ila Solem in 1957. She is the daughter of the late William and Esther Solem of Oslo. They have five children: Julie, Arlyn, Alan, Joni, and Arden, all at home. They reside on the Ole Lind homestead. They are members of Kongsvinger Lutheran Church.

JOHANNES LOFSTROM

Johannes Lofstrom was born in 1851 in Sweden. He and one of his brothers took the name of Lofstrom, while the other two brothers kept the original name of Nelson.

Johannes was married to Sarah Amanda Westerlund in Sweden. In 1892, Mr. and Mrs. Lofstrom and Esther, age three, John, age six, Olaf, nine, and Nels, twelve years of age went from Sweden to England, from where they sailed on an English Allan ship to America. They landed in Quebec, Canada, and then went by train to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where they were met by Mr. Westerlund, father of Mrs. Lofstrom. About two weeks after the family arrived in Polk County, Mrs. Lofstrom and daughter, Esther, died a few days apart from typhoid fever, which had been contracted on board ship.

Johannes did carpentry work and also did blacksmithing on his farm in Higdem Township. He died in 1926.

Nels worked on different farms in the area and died in 1946. Olaf farmed the home place and also was a carpenter. He lived in Alvarado, and died in 1954. John worked as a machinist and is living in Los Angeles, California.

THE MOEN REUNION 1935-1975

This reunion is of descendants of Andreas Johnson Moen from Valders, Norway, of whom Mrs. Esther Solem of rural Oslo, Minnesota was one. In the summer of 1935, Ole Moen of Dahlen, North Dakota, who was the brother of Peter Olson of Hegdem township, decided the relatives should get together. They had their first reunion at Bachelor's Grove in North Dakota. Over one hundred relatives were present. Peter Olson's wife was Mildred, so later he changed his name to Olson. Peter was Mrs. Esther Solem's father. Andreas Johnson Moen was Peter's grandfather. Peter had three brothers and one sister: namely, Ole Moen of Dahlen, North Dakota; Andrew Moen of Whiteman, North Dakota; Uldrick Moen of McCanna, North Dakota; and Dorthea Midhtmoen Hagen of East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

The reunions have been held at various places, in farm homes, parks and churches. For a number of years now they have been held at Sherlock Park in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, because it was the people's choice. We always have a short program and, of course, lots of good food. Some of them come from far away. It averages around a hundred persons every year. Our meeting day is the third Sunday of June each year. This year was the 36th reunion. On the 35th reunion we had a special program. We had a "Time to Remember" tribute to those who have passed away. We had five red candles burning, representing each branch of the Moen family. While one member of each branch read the names of the deceased, a