In 1859 they all came to America settling in Stevens Point, Waupaca County, Scandia Township in Wisconsin. In 1860 Osmund was born followed by Gunvor, Targe, Bessie, Salve who died in infancy. Thea, and Salve as the years passed by.

In 1873 some of the family came to Polk County. Knut K. became a prominent farmer in Bygland Township. He assisted in organizing Bygland Township and was elected its first treasurer. He became a member of the Bygland Lutheran Church and his wife (Bertha Isaacson) was a charter member of the Bygland Ladies Aid organized in 1877.

His sisters Guro (Mrs. Osbjorn Olson) and Bertha (Mrs. Halvor Tharaldson) settled in the area as well and were charter members of the Bygland Church and Ladies Aid and were elected some of its first officers.

In 1880 Knut Knutson and the rest of the family came to Polk County staying with their daughter, Mrs. Halvor Tharaldson, for almost a year while their log house was built on land purchased from the railroad in section 29 in Huntsville Township. The Knutsons had many years of the hard labor of pioneer life in America — clearing the timber land, cultivating the soil, and working the lumber woods. Knut died in 1885 and his wife in 1891. His son Osmund moved on the farm and farmed it.

**KNUT O. KNUTSON**

Knut O. Knutson, son of Osmund Knutson and Bergit Hegland, and his wife, Bergit Thorson, bought the Knutson farm in Section 29 in Huntsville Township in 1925 and farmed it. They had three children: Orten, Howard, and Marion.

Knut and Bergit both are lifetime members of the Bygland Lutheran Church and its organizations.

Their son Orten married Glendora Krostoe and they live on a farm in Section 28 in Huntsville Township. They have three sons: Loren, Richard, and Alan. Son Howard married Mildred Kmecek and lives in East Grand Forks doing trucking. They had three sons: Kenneth, who died in an accident at the age of three, Dennis, and Curtis. Daughter Marion married Rudolph Kotrba and they live in East Grand Forks.

Orten’s son Loren married Eileen Fundingsland and lives in East Grand Forks. They have three children: Lori, Kristen, and Elliot.

Knut O. Knutson died in February 1976 and his wife Bergit still lives on the farm in Section 29 in Huntsville Township that belonged to Knut O. Knutson’s grandfather.

**OSMUND KNUTSON**

Osmund Knutson’s parents were Mr. and Mrs. Knut Knutson. Knut Knutson and his wife, Marit Osmundson, were born in Setesdal, Norway, and were married on January 21, 1847. Five children: Knut K., Guro, Swaalaug, Halvor and Bertha, were born to them in Norway before they came to America in 1859. Eight more children: Osmund, Gunvor, Targe, Bessie, Salve who died in infancy, Thea, and Salve, were born to them in this country. They settled in Stevens Point, Waupaca County, Scandia Township, Wisconsin where he purchased land. Osmund Knutson, father of Henry, was born in 1860, one year after his parents’ arrival from Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Knut Knutson left Wisconsin and came to the East Grand Forks area in 1880, following their son, Knut K., who came to Polk County in 1873. Their son, Knut K., was a prominent farmer of Bygland Township. He had assisted in the organization of Bygland Township and was elected its first Treasurer. He became a member of the Bygland Lutheran Congregation in 1875 and his wife, Bertha Isaacson, was a charter member of the Bygland Ladies Aid in 1877. His sister, Guro (Mrs. Osbjorn Olson) was also a charter member of the Bygland Lutheran Church and a charter member of the Ladies Aid in 1877 and elected one of the first officers. Another sister, Bertha, married Halvor Tharaldson who was a charter member of the Bygland Lutheran Congregation and acted as first secretary.

The hardships of the Knutsons, before their arrival in Minnesota were many: years of hard labor of pioneer life, assisting in the work of clearing the timber land, cultivation and working in the lumber woods. Upon their arrival, they lived with their daughter, Mrs. Halvor Tharaldson, her husband and family for almost a year while their log home being built