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BENTE, OLE O.

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Ole Bente was born on May 5, 1840, in Flaa, Hallingdahl, Norway. He was confirmed in 1855 in Flaa, Norway. He was the son of Ole and Mary Bente.

Ole Bente came to America and fought in the Civil War. He went to Spring Grove, Minnesota, after the war and was married there to Johanna O. Bjerke on December 23, 1878. She was a daughter of Nels and Christina Bjerke, who came to America and settled in Spring Grove in 1858. Johanna (Bjerke) Bente was born in Toten, Norway, on August 31, 1839.

In 1880, Ole and Johanna (Bjerke) Bente moved to North Fork township, Stearns County, Minnesota, where they lived until their death.

Ole and Johanna (Bjerke) Bente had eleven children, namely: Mathilda, now Mrs. C. P. Thompson of Theif River Falls; Gustava, Mrs. Austin E. Baalson who is dead; Netta, Mrs. Edward E. Baalson of North Fork; Ida, Mrs. Henry E. Baalson of North Fork; Ella, Mrs. Gust Herbrandson of North Fork; Nicolena, Mrs. Walter DeBoer of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Olava, Mrs. Hans Rusholt of Billings, Montana; who is dead; Lauritz, died in infancy; Nicolene Beatta died in infancy; and Nels died when fifteen years of age.

Johanna (Bjerke) Bente died on January 4, 1927 and Ole O. Bente died on October 15, 1903. They are both buried in Big Grove cemetery.

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Intefviewed: Mrs. Gust Herbrandson
& Mrs. Edward Baalson, daughters
Date: Aug. 2, 1937
By: Melba Peterson

LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE OLE OL BENTE BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK T, Page 10625

Gustav Herbrandson and Ella Louise Bente
Married at North Fork, August 30, 1908
By Rev. T. O. Tolo
Witnesses: Ingeborg Toar and Sandberg Herbrandson
Lena Bente and Louis Herbrandson

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK N, Page 30

Edward E. Baalson and Netta Malina O. Bente
Married at Big Grove Church, Nov. 7, 1892
By Rev. Nils Giere
Witnesses: Henry Baalson and Olva Bente

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK P, Page 7556

Henry E. Baalson and Ida Regina Bente
Married at Big Grove Church, July 6, 1898
By Rev. Niels Giere
Witnesses: Bernt Baalson and Olva Bente

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK I, Page 391

C. P. Thompson and Mathilda O. Bente
Married at Big Grove Church, Nov. 2, 1885
By Nils Giere, Pastor of Georgeville
Witnesses: Nils Joerson and Ole Olson

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK L, Page 5225

Hans T. Russel and Olava Bente
Married at Belgrade, Apr. 15, 1899
By Reverend B. S. J. Lund
Witnesses: C. B. Larson and Clara Bente

Death Record, Book 1903, A-12, Page 161

Ole O. Bente born in Norway, May 5, 1840
Died October 15, 1903
Age 63 years, 5 months, 10 days