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HAFTORN, OLE P.

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Ole P. Haftorn was born on April 22, 1836 in Gal, Hallingdahl, Norway.

In 1861, shortly after Ole Haftorn and his wife were married, they came to America. They arrived in Davistown, Illinois and stayed for a year. Then they went to Rock county, Wisconsin, where they stayed for two years. Then they came to Huston county, Minnesota. From here he went in search of a homestead further west. It was in March. Ole Haftorn walked through mud and slush. He arrived wet, hungry and tired at the cabin of Ethen Baalson who had settled in Northfolk township in 1865. The next morning, Mr. Baalson went with him and selected a section of land, which is now section 12. Then Ole Haftorn returned to Huston county and brought his family back to Northfolk township in a prairie schooner. They lived here the remainder of their life.

In 1861, when Mr. and Mrs. Ole Haftorn came to America, the trip from Drammen, Norway to Quebec took eight weeks. Ole Haftorn has visited Norway twice since then.

Ole's wife, Gunhild Haftorn was born January 14, 1836, and died November 2, 1913.

Ole and Gunhild Haftorn had four children.

Ole Haftorn died on January 11, 1929.

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FOR THE OLE P. HAFTORN BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 14 LINE 287

Gunel Haftorn Born in Norway, January 14, 1836

Daughter of Ole Olson and Gunhel Olson

Died November 2, 1913

Age 77 years 9 months and 18 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 20 LINE 445

O. P. Haftorn, Born in Norway, April 23, 1836

Son of Peter Haftorn

Died January 11, 1929

Age 92 years 8 months and 18 days