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Andrew Knudson was born in Flaa, Halvingdahl, Norway on April 28, 1858. His parents brought him to the United States in 1860 and located at Spring Grove, Houston County, Minnesota.

In the spring of 1866 the family set out in a prairie schooner for Northfork settlement, Stearns County, finally arriving at the home of Ellen Baalson. They remained there, the prairie schooner serving as temporary shelter. In the fall of 1866 they moved into a more substantial home which had been under preparation during the summer. It was here that Andrew Knutson grew to manhood, eventually acquiring land adjoining that of his father's. He built a home on this land and continued to live there the remainder of his life.

On October 2, 1893 Andrew Knutson was united in marriage to Marie Halgrimson Plasen. The ceremony was performed in the Big Grove Lutheran church.

Seven children were born to this union: They are as follows: Arthur, Helmer, Albert, Oscar, Lena, who married Sam Olson; and Emil. Emil and Helmer died at an early age.

Andrew Knutson died November 22, 1921 and is buried in Big Grove Lutheran Cemetery.

Marie (Halgrimson)(Plasen)Knudson was born in Hallingdahl, Norway on April 17, 1864. She was a daughter of Halgrim Halgrimson Olson and Margit Narue Sather. She came to America in 1882 and settled in Northfork township where she met and married Andrew Knudson

Interviewed: Mrs. Marie Knudson
By: Dorothy Hansmann
Date: Sept. 4, 1927

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TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL COURT RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE ANDREW O. KNUDSON BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK H, PAGE 301

Andrew O. Knudson and Mary Halgrimson
Married at the residence of Ole K. Ston
On October 13, 1883
By: Reverend Nils Giere
Witnesses: Ole O. Bente and Ole K. Ston

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No 1860 Census Records

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