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Herman Renholt Valdemar Lyng was born on January 11, 1852, at Trandhjem, Norway. He is the son of Ole Peter and Martha Lyng. He has had three sisters, Laura, Anna and Oline, and one brother, John. The only one surviving is Oline (Lyng) Walstad of Northfield, Minnesota. Herman Lyng attended the common schools of Norway.

Herman Lyng came to America in 1872. He came to New York by steamboat. From New York, he took the train to Lansing, Michigan. From there he went by train to Houston County, Minnesota, where he lived until 1875.

On May 2, 1875, Herman Lyng married Julia Haroldseth at Deborah, Iowa, in the Norwegian Lutheran Church.

After their marriage, they moved to Rice County, Minnesota, where they settled on a small farm near Northfield. Their farm equipment was a seeder, reaper, and horse power threshing machine.

In about 1883, they moved to Estelline, South Dakota, on a claim. Here they fought drought for several years. All they had was a few cows and a yoke of oxen (named Duke and Dime). In 1888, Herman Lyng started out with his family in a covered wagon being pulled by his oxen. He didn't know where he was going, but finally decided to locate about four miles north of Sauk Centre near Fairy Lake.

Here Mr. Lyng built a log house and log stable. Then he set about clearing the land so that he could raise some crops. They lived on this farm until 1915, when they retired and moved into Sauk Centre, where they now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyng had several children. Those living at the present time are Oscar J. Lyng, a farmer near Sauk Centre, was born on February 26, 1876 at Spring Grove, Minnesota; Mrs. Albert Eckberg (Mary) residing in Sauk Centre, was born near Northfield, Minnesota on May 22, 1878; Mrs. Jonas Eckberg (Clara) residing in Sauk Centre, was born on April 25, 1879

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near Northfield; Mrs. Hans Fossen (Hilma) an employee of Swift and Company in Sauk Centre, was born on August 28, 1885 at Estelline, South Dakota; Jens L. Lyng, a farmer in Sauk Centre, was born on March 3, 1888 at Estelline; and Mrs. Al Bohne (Ruth) who lives in Sauk Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyng have fourteen grandchildren.

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