

Ancestors of Otis M. Severson

Generation No. 1

1. Otis M. Severson, born 13 Jun 1887 in Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; died 07 Jun 1952 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota. He was the son of **2. Bertinius Bjornesson Severson** and **3. Ella C Severson**. He married **(1) Lena Bjordal** 14 Dec 1909 in Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota. She was born 02 Jan 1889 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota, and died 15 Mar 1919 in Custer, Custer County, South Dakota. She was the daughter of Ole Olson Bjordal and Randi Lassesdatter Brekke. He married **(2) Mary J. Hughes** Aft. 1935. She was born 1874 in Illinois, and died Aft. 1952.

Notes for Otis M. Severson:

The World War I Draft Registration card from 1917-18 on file states (on question 9) that Otis is married with 3 children under the age of 12. He goes on to claim exemption (on question 12) due to "Home Dependent". He lists himself as medium height with medium build, blue eyes with light colored hair. It is signed by Otis on June 5, 1917.

1930 Hartland Township, Kingsbury County, South Dakota census (April 22) lists Frances (17) and Roy (14) back living with their father Otis Severson. It also states that Otis owns their home and it is valued at \$1000. His occupation is listed as Merchant.

No birth record is on file for Otis. In order to prove his age for Social Security, Otis had to find two individuals who remembered his birth. (Loel Paulson 6/2006)

Otis had a heart attack while out in the field. He fell off the back of a tracker and they figure he was dead before he hit the ground. (Loel Paulson 6/2002)

From the Lake Preston Times, Lake Preston, SD, June 12, 1952, Page 3, Column 4

Column heading: 'Erwin by Mrs. Fred Jones'

"The community was saddened last Saturday forenoon when it had learned that Otis Severson had suffered a heart attack and died immediately. Surviving are his wife and two daughters. Services were held Wednesday afternoon."

From the Lake Preston Times, Lake Preston, SD, June 19, 1952, Page 8, Column 2

Column heading: 'Erwin by Mrs. Fred Jones'

"Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gear* and daughters of Faribault, Minn., were here for the funeral of Otis Severson. They were guests over night Tuesday in the Fred Jones home."

*C. E. Gear is Cloris Everet Gear, husband to Vera Jane Jones. Vera is the youngest child and Fred Jones the oldest child from Mary Hughes Jones' first marriage. Late in life, Mary married Otis Severson, thus the Jones children were in town to support their mother after the death of her second husband (Otis).

More About Otis M. Severson:

Burial: 1952, East Bethany Cemetery, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Cause of Death: heart attack

Confirmation: 08 Mar 1903, North Preston Ev. Lutheran Merrighed (?), Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Notes for Lena Bjordal:

According to Lena's death certificate, the doctor began treating Lena on February 11, 1919. She spent 34 days at the sanatorium until her death at 11:00 p.m. March 15, 1919. Transit Permit No. 66767 dated March 18, 1919 lists her death at 4:00 a.m. on March 16, 1919. Both records list her former or usual residence as Gettsburg, SD, and her age as 28. The residence and age are incorrect. Lena was a resident of Kingsbury County and 30 years of age. The Transit Permit requests permissions to remove Lena Severson from Custer County to Lake Preston, Kingsbury County for burial. Her body is to be accompanied by Otis Severson.

More About Lena Bjordal:

Baptism: 24 Jan 1889

Burial: 1919, East Bethany Cemetery, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Cause of Death: Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Medical Information: Lena died while in a TB Sanitarium in Sanator, Custer County, South Dakota

Marriage Notes for Otis Severson and Lena Bjordal:

Their marriage record lists Otis Severson, 22, Bachelor and Lena Bjordal, 20, Maiden, both from Lake Preston, Kingsbury County. Marriage solemnized in Erwin by Minister O. E. Hofstad on December 14, 1909.

Two Bjordahl sisters married two Severson brothers: Lena and her sister Clara married Otis and his brother Benny. The 1910 Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota census taken on April 21st lists Otis and Lena (married) living with Bennie and Clara and their daughter Gladys. In the Occupation column, Bennie is listed as employed at a hardware store and Otis is listed as (what looks like) well drill.

Clara and Benny's daughter Lila B. (Snook) and Lena and Otis' daughter Frances L. (Paulson) held a high resemblance to one another -- looked like twins.

More About Otis Severson and Lena Bjordal:

Marriage: 14 Dec 1909, Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Generation No. 2

2. Bertinius Bjornesson Severson, born 19 Dec 1856 in Haalands Prgj. (parish); died 29 Dec 1940 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota. He was the son of **4. Bjerne Sjursson** and **5. Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter**. He married **3. Ella C Severson** 1883 in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois or So Dak..

3. Ella C Severson, born 30 Mar 1863 in Aalund, Kjellesvik, Kvinnherad parish, Norway; died 03 Sep 1930 in Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota. She was the daughter of **6. Ole Severson** and **7. Kari Helgesdatter**.

Notes for Bertinius Bjornesson Severson:

Bert's father was a well-to-do ship builder in Stavanger, Norway. Bert immigrated to the United States at age 19.

Bertinius was born in Haalands Prgj. (parish). He emigrated from Stavanger, Norway in 1874 with his brother Adolph (also called Sem Adolph). In the emigration records, their last name is spelled Bjornsen. This record also shows Bertinius to be born in 1856 and Adolph in 1854. Stavanger is in Rogaland Fylke. The name Bertinius is a Latinized version.

The Bureau of Land Management Database for Kingsbury Co. SD -- Federal Land Records -- lists:

SEVERSON, BIRTTINIUS B

5th Principal Meridian

Township: 112 N

Range: 054 W

Section: 035

Acreage: 160

Type: 251101 (Homestead)

Casetype: PA (Patent)

Document ID: 3594

Date: 05/20/1889

The 1910 Kingsbury County South Dakota census lists Bertinius as "Bertrum W Severson". The image of the census clearly reads Bert, Ella, Elsie, Mabel and Ester.

More About Bertinius Bjornesson Severson:

Burial: Hinderlie Cemetery (8 miles east and 2 1/2 miles south of Erwin, SD)

Immigration: 1874
Naturalization: 1880
Occupation: 1910, Farmer of his own farm of which he owns outright

Notes for Ella C Severson:

Three of Ella's children have birth records in South Dakota that state their mother's maiden name as "Ceverson".

From document written by Maude Gregory --

"In Newark, Illinois, father met and married mother. She was born March 30, 1863 in Bergen, Norway. Ella's family were very poor grocery owners in Newark, ILL. She was 6 when they cross the great ocean (1870). Ella was the youngest.* She had sisters, Tobie and Sophia and brother Severt." *Further research shows other siblings and that Ella was not the youngest.

The emigration record from the Norwegian Emigration Ship lists Bergen-Quebec 1865-1873:

Port	Year	Month	Day	Given name	Father's name	Last name	Sex	Age	Birth place	Ship
13288	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Ole	Sjursen	Kjellesvik	m	51	Aalund Lesseps
13289	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Kari		Kjellesvik	f	39	Aalund Lesseps
13290	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Sofie		Kjellesvik	f	17	Aalund Lesseps
13291	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Tobia		Kjellesvik	f	14	Aalund Lesseps
13292	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Caroline		Kjellesvik	f	11	Aalund Lesseps
13293	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Sivert		Kjellesvik	m	9	Aalund Lesseps
13294	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Inger		Kjellesvik	f	7	Aalund Lesseps
13295	Bergen	1870	Mai	4	Helge		Kjellesvik	m	4	Aalund Lesseps

More about this voyage was found on 'Norway Heritage Hands across the Sea' web site.

<<http://www.norwayheritage.com>>

"In 1870 the bark Lesseps departed from Bergen on May 4th, and arrived at Quebec on June 10th. She was sailing in ballast, and was carrying 300 steerage passengers and 4 cabin passengers. There were two deaths on the voyage, a man aged 74 died of pneumonia, and a child from the effects of a fall. The Lesseps was mastered by Capt. N. Hansen, and had a crew of 18."

The 1920 Badger, Kingsbury County, South Dakota census states that Ella was the mother of 9 children, 8 of which were still living. (Her son Albirt died in 1907.)

More About Ella C Severson:

Burial: 1930, Hinderlie Cemetery (8 miles east and 2 1/2 miles south of Erwin, SD)

Christening: 30 Mar 1865, Fjelberg Church, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Norway

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lesseps left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Marriage Notes for Bertinius Severson and Ella Severson:

Conflicting records on their marriage. One states it took place in Newark, Illinois, the second states the wedding took place in South Dakota. More research is needed. <1/2005>

The 1920 and 1930 Lake Preston, Kingsbury County censuses list them living on Lake Street in Lake Preston.

More About Bertinius Severson and Ella Severson:

Marriage: 1883, Newark, Kendall County, Illinois or So Dak.

Children of Bertinius Severson and Ella Severson are:

- i. Cora Isabel Severson, born 24 Nov 1883; died 03 Apr 1965; married Bennie G. Johnson 18 Dec 1908 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; born Jun 1886.

Notes for Bennie G. Johnson:

The following information was found online. More research is needed to determine if this is the correct "Ben Johnson".

<http://www.tmason1.com/pafg1137.htm#28730>

Bennie Johnson was born on 22 Jan 1886 in , , South Dakota. He died on 10 Jul 1968. He married Cora Severson on 18 Dec 1907.

Cora Severson died . She married Bennie Johnson on 18 Dec 1907.

[parents and siblings listed]

Gunder Johannesson was born on 26 Jul 1853 in Spilde, Granvin, Hardanger, Norway. He died on 12 May 1936 in Brookings, , Minnesota. He married Synneva Tveito Brynjeldstr in Jun 1873 in , , Norway. Synneva Tveito Brynjeldstr was born on 4 Dec 1853 in Seim, Granvin, Hardanger, Norway. She died on 12 Aug 1910. She married Gunder Johannesson in Jun 1873 in , , Norway.

They had the following children:

M i John Johnson {1873 Norway}

F ii Anna Johnson {1875 Wisconsin}

F iii Betsey or Bertha (Berthine) Sophie Johnson {b. 1877 Minnesota}

M iv Ole G. Johnson {b. 1879 Dakota}

M v Martin G. Johnson {b. 1880 Dakota}

M vi Lewis G. Johnson {8/11/1882 Kingsbury County}

F vii Emma Gurina Johnson {2/19/1884 Kingsbury County}

M viii Bennie Johnson

M ix Karl Johnson was born on 22 Feb 1887 in , , South Dakota. He died on 28 Dec 1893.

M x Gilbert G. Johnson {6/17/1883 Lincoln County, mother listed as ANNE EVENSON}

F xi Selma Johnson was born on 14 Jul 1890 in , {Kingsbury}, South Dakota. d. 27 Nov 1950.

M xii Helmer G. Johnson

F xiii Ellen Johnson {Ellen Caroline 1/5/1897 Kingsbury County}

M xiv Carl Johnson

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1880 Census Place: Township 111, Kingsbury, Dakota Territory

Household:

Name Marital Status Gender Age Birthplace Occupation

Gunder JOHNSON M Male 27 NOR Farmer

Susan JOHNSON M Female 26 NOR Keeping House

John JOHNSON S Male 7 NOR

Anna JOHNSON S Female 5 WI

Betsey JOHNSON S Female 3 MN

Ole JOHNSON S Male 1 DAK

Martin JOHNSON S Male 1M DAK

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Marriage Notes for Cora Severson and Bennie Johnson:

According to the South Dakota Marriages, 1905-1949 database, the following marriages were all performed by Minister W. B. Dahl in Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota on December 18, 1908.

Bennie G. Johnson (21 of Hetland) to Cora Severson (24 of Lake Preston)

Bennie Severson (22 of Lake Preston) to Clara Bjordal (20 of Lake Preston)

Jacob H. Johnson (22 of Lake Preston) to Johanna A. Nelson (20 of Hetland)

Maybe it was a triple wedding; Bennie and Cora Severson are siblings. It doesn't appear that Bennie G and Jacob H Johnson are siblings at this time (4/2006), but more research is needed.

More About Bennie Johnson and Cora Severson:

Marriage: 18 Dec 1908, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

- ii. Benny Olaus Severson, born 01 Oct 1885 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; died 30 Aug 1953 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married Clara Louise Bjordal 18 Dec 1908 in Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; born 05 Dec 1887 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; died 13 Mar 1974 in De Smet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

More About Benny Olaus Severson:

Burial: Erwin Cemetery, Kingsbury County, SD

Occupation: 1910, Laborer

More About Clara Louise Bjordal:

Burial: Erwin Cemetery, Kingsbury County, SD
Social Security #: 1962, 503-54-4537 issued from South Dakota

Marriage Notes for Benny Severson and Clara Bjordal:

According to the South Dakota Marriages, 1905-1949 database, the following marriages were all performed by Minister W. B. Dahl in Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota on December 18, 1908.

Bennie G. Johnson (21 of Hetland) to Cora Severson (24 of Lake Preston)

Bennie Severson (22 of Lake Preston) to Clara Bjordal (20 of Lake Preston)

Jacob H. Johnson (22 of Lake Preston) to Johanna A. Nelson (20 of Hetland)

Maybe it was a triple wedding; Bennie and Cora Severson are siblings. It doesn't appear that Bennie G and Jacob H Johnson are siblings at this time (4/2006), but more research is needed.

The 1910 South Dakota census lists Benny and Clara as being married 2 years.

The 1930 Kingsbury County South Dakota census lists Clara's mother Randi Bjordahl as "Brandi" living next door to Benny & Clara and their children.

Two Bjordahl sisters married two Severson brothers: Lena and her sister Clara married Otis and his brother Benny. The 1910 Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota census taken on April 21st lists Otis and Lena (married) living with Bennie and Clara and their daughter Gladys. In the Occupation column, Bennie is listed as employed at a hardware store and Otis is listed as (what looks like) well drill.

Clara and Benny's daughter Lila B. (Snook) and Lena and Otis' daughter Frances L. (Paulson) held a high resemblance to one another -- could have been twins.

More About Benny Severson and Clara Bjordal:

Marriage: 18 Dec 1908, Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

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- iii. Otis M. Severson, born 13 Jun 1887 in Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; died 07 Jun 1952 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married (1) Lena Bjordal 14 Dec 1909 in Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married (2) Mary J. Hughes Aft. 1935.
 - iv. Ida Severson, born 19 Oct 1889; married Peter Barlow 17 Apr 1913 in DeSmet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; born Abt. 1883 in Norway.

Notes for Ida Severson:

There is an Ida Barlow that died July 29, 1945 in Minnehaha county.

Marriage Notes for Ida Severson and Peter Barlow:

South Dakota Marriages, 1905-1949 database

The marriage license gave the following information:

Groom: Peter Barlow (Bachelor)

Age: 29 (born in Norway)

Residence: Badger, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Bride: Ida Severson (Maiden)

Age: 23 (born South Dakota)

Residence: Lake Preston, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

More About Peter Barlow and Ida Severson:

Marriage: 17 Apr 1913, DeSmet, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

- v. Elsy Myrthella Severson, born 08 Nov 1892; died 11 Dec 1941.

More About Elsy Myrthella Severson:

Burial: Hinderlie Cemetery (8 miles east and 2 1/2 miles south of Erwin, SD)

Occupation: 1920, Stenographer

- vi. Albirt Clarence Severson, born 21 Mar 1894; died 07 Jan 1907.

Notes for Albirt Clarence Severson:

Albirt's headstone at the Hinderlie cemetery in Kingsbury County reads "Albert".

More About Albirt Clarence Severson:
Burial: Hinderlie Cemetery (8 miles east and 2 1/2 miles south of Erwin, SD)

- vii. Mabel Agnes Severson, born 11 Apr 1896 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Notes for Mabel Agnes Severson:
Rootsweb South Dakota Records has the following information about Mabel Agnes Severson:
Born: 4-11-1896
File Date of Record: 5-2-1956
File Number: 766877
Sex: F
City/County: Kingsbury
Mother's name: Ella CEVERSON
Father's name: Bert Bertinus SEVERSON

More About Mabel Agnes Severson:
Occupation: 1920, teacher at the public school

- viii. Esther Florence Severson, born 07 Oct 1898 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Notes for Esther Florence Severson:
Rootsweb South Dakota Records has the following information about Esther Florence Severson:
Born: 10-7-1898
File Date of Record: 7-31-1954
File Number: 759310
Sex: F
City/County: Kingsbury
Mother's name: Ella CEVERSON
Father's name: Bert Bertinus SEVERSON

- ix. Maude Lenora Severson, born 27 Jun 1902 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; died 12 Mar 1991 in Linn County, Oregon; married Charles H. Gregory Abt. 1926; born 03 Jan 1889; died 05 Oct 1974 in Benton County, Oregon.

Notes for Maude Lenora Severson:
"This document is written by Maude Lenora Severson Gregory, youngest daughter of Bert and Ella Severson in the year of 1983. I was born in 1902, Kingsberry Township, North Preston, South Dakota. About the year 1876, assuming my father was 20, three men, my father, Anvey Nelson and John Nelson came to which was the above address. My father immigrated from Stuvanger, Norway. I am not certain of location except it is in coastal city. Father's father, a well-to-do ship builder. Father left for the United States at the age of 19. Many Scandinavians settled in Newark, Illinois near Chicago. Then a year later joined two men who had taken up claims same as father. President Harrison signed the paper to give these men each 160 acres, \$1.00 per acre, land must be farmed and lived on his own place for 5 years. When the land was laid out, father's land was east of the road, Anvey Nelson across the road of the west side and Nels Nelson south a very short distance and up on a hill, although this is prairie country and a hill was only a small rise. Now these three camped here for a while and planted a small cottonwood tree to mark the spot. As years passed, the tree grew tall and straight, many years I knew it well. Father said all there was on his land beside prairie grass was a buffalo wallow. In Newark, Illinois, father met and married mother. She was born March 30, 1863 in Bergen, Norway. Her family were very poor grocery owners. She was 6 as they crossed the great ocean. As I remember, she said it took 6 months to cross over, seems too long, anyway it was rough. They settled in Newark, Illinois. Mother the youngest, Ella Severson, sisters Tobie and Sophia, and brother Severt but I knew all of them. Never saw my grandparents."

-- the above was written on Western Baptist Hospital, 2501 Kentucky Ave, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 stationary and signed Maude Gregory

More About Charles Gregory and Maude Severson:
Marriage: Abt. 1926

Generation No. 3

- 4. Bjorne Sjursson**, born 1815 in Skaanevigs Prgj.. He was the son of **8. Sjur Bjornesson** and **9. Ales**

Viarsdatter. He married **5. Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter.**

5. Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter, born Bet. 1821 - 1822 in Stavanger, Norway.

Notes for Bjorne Sjursson:

Found on FamilySearch.org

Bionne SIURSEN YTTREMATRE

Sex: M

Birth: 14 Apr 1816 Place: <Skaanevik, Hordaland, Norway>

Christening: 15 Apr 1816 Place: Skaanevik, Hordaland, Norway

Parents:

Father: Siur YTTRE-MATRE

Mother: Alis

**research is needed to determine if this is the correct Bionne/Bjorne

Bjorne is mentioned in 1825 research.

The 1865 census gives the following information:

Bjoren Sjurs. Husfader Hustommermand g 49 m Gaarden Matre Skaanevigs Prgj.

Ingeborg Gabrielsd. Kone g 43 k Stavanger

Sem Adolph Bjorens. Son ug 12 m Haalands Prgj.

Bertinuis Bjorens. Son ug 9 m Haalands Prgj.

Ingvald Cornelius Bjorens. Son ug 5 m Haalands Prgj.

Johan Christian Bjorens. Son ug 3 m Stavanger

More About Bjorne Sjursson:

Occupation: 1865, Farmer

Notes for Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter:

The 1865 census gives the following information:

Bjoren Sjurs. Husfader Hustommermand g 49 m Gaarden Matre Skaanevigs Prgj.

Ingeborg Gabrielsd. Kone g 43 k Stavanger

Sem Adolph Bjorens. Son ug 12 m Haalands Prgj.

Bertinuis Bjorens. Son ug 9 m Haalands Prgj.

Ingvald Cornelius Bjorens. Son ug 5 m Haalands Prgj.

Johan Christian Bjorens. Son ug 3 m Stavanger

Children of Bjorne Sjursson and Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter are:

- i. Sem Adolph Severson, born 1854 in Haalands Prgj. (parish); married <Unnamed>.
- 2 ii. Bertinius Bjornesson Severson, born 19 Dec 1856 in Haalands Prgj. (parish); died 29 Dec 1940 in Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married Ella C Severson 1883 in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois or So Dak..
- iii. Ingvald Cornelius Severson, born 1860 in Haalands Prgj. (parish).
- iv. Johan Christian Severson, born 1862 in Stavanger, Norway.

6. Ole Severson, born Bet. 1819 - 1820 in Fet indre farm, Kvinnherad Parish, Norway; died in Newark, Illinois. He was the son of **12. Sjur Tomasson** and **13. Inger Olsdotter**. He married **7. Kari Helgesdatter** 1851 in Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Hardangerfjord, Norway.

7. Kari Helgesdatter, born Bet. 1830 - 1831 in Fjoringen i Omvik, Kvinnherad Parish, Norway; died in Newark, Illinois. She was the daughter of **14. Helge Kristoferson** and **15. Soffi Ostensdtr Ysteinsdatter**.

Notes for Ole Severson:

The 1865 Census records of Fjelbertg show Ole born in Kivvenherad Parish.

Kivvenherad Parish records, volume 5, Fjelberg Sokner state that the family lived in Fjelberg Aalund Annex before immigrating, but Ole was born on Fet indre farm #2 Aasen. In volume 3, farm #112 Fet indre, house #2 Asen (on page 533) lists c. Olav, 1820- got married 1851 to Kari Helgesdotter of Omvik ie tid pa Innbjoa, seinare

till USA. Olav was son of Sjur Tomasson Gjerde 1788-1820 who married in 1815 Inger Olsdotter of Fe, feste Under-Aas and younges child. Oldest was Anna who went to America, and Marta born 1818 married Anders H. Varanes and also went to USA.

(The following information was researched by Diane Gunderson, 2004)

Emigration record shows ship Lessepo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
Caroline	11	female
Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
Helge	4	male

The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

More about this voyage was found on 'Norway Heritage Hands across the Sea' web site.

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"In 1870 the bark Lesseps departed from Bergen on May 4th, and arrived at Quebec on June 10th. She was sailing in ballast, and was carrying 300 steerage passengers and 4 cabin passengers. There were two deaths on the voyage, a man aged 74 died of pneumonia, and a child from the effects of a fall. The Lesseps was mastered by Capt. N. Hansen, and had a crew of 18."

The 1880 Census of Big Grove, Kendall County, Illinois (pg 288A) lists:

Ole Severson	60	born in Norway
Carrie Severson	50	born in Norway
son Henry Severson	15	born in Norway

More About Ole Severson:

Burial: Illinois

Christening: Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Hardangerfjord, Norway

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessepo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec

More About Kari Helgesdatter:

Burial: Illinois

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessepo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Marriage Notes for Ole Severson and Kari Helgesdatter:

The 1880 Big Grove, Kendall, Illinois census lists the following:

Ole Severson, head, 60, farmer, b. Norway
Carrie Severson, wife, 50, keeping house, b. Norway
Henry Severson, son, 15, at home, b. Norway

More About Ole Severson and Kari Helgesdatter:

Marriage: 1851, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Hardangerfjord, Norway

Children of Ole Severson and Kari Helgesdatter are:

- i. Sophie Severson, born Mar 1853 in Kjellesvik, Aalund, Fjelberg, Kvinnherad Parish, Norway; married Andrew Clarence Stone 17 Dec 1874 in Kendall County, Illinois; born May 1856 in Illinois.

Notes for Sophie Severson:

Emigration record shows ship Lessepo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
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Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
Caroline	11	female
Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
Helge	4	male

The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

At the time of the 1900 census, Sophie was the mother of 11 children, 8 of whom were living.

More About Sophie Severson:

Christening: Fjelberg Church, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Norway

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

More About Andrew Stone and Sophie Severson:

Marriage: 17 Dec 1874, Kendall County, Illinois

Marriage license: 2145

- ii. Tobias Beulah Olsdotter Severson, born 14 Feb 1856 in Naustflaat, Kjellesvik farm, Fjelberg Church i Kvinnherad, Norway; died 26 Apr 1924 in Arlington, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married John Larson Bet. 1881 - 1882 in John Abbitt farm, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; born 10 Aug 1859 in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois; died 03 Feb 1941 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California.

Notes for Tobias Beulah Olsdotter Severson:

Emigration record shows ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
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Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
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The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

More About Tobias Beulah Olsdotter Severson:

Burial: Apr 1924, Arlington, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Gravestone Inscription: Mother, Tobia B., 1856-1924

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

More About John Larson:

Gravestone Inscription: Father, John, 1859-1941

More About John Larson and Tobias Severson:

Marriage: Bet. 1881 - 1882, John Abbitt farm, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

- iii. Caroline Severson, born 14 Jan 1859 in Naustflaat, Kjellesvik farm, Fjelberg Church i Kvinnherad, Norway; died 26 Feb 1882 in farm, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married Lewis G. Larson 07 Mar 1877 in Kendall County, Illinois; born 20 Jan 1854 in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois; died 17 Mar 1934 in farm, Kingsbury County, South Dakota.

Notes for Caroline Severson:

Emigration record shows ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
Caroline	11	female
Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
Helge	4	male

The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

More About Caroline Severson:

Burial: Private cemetery, Kingsbury County, South Dakota

Christening: Fjelberg Church, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Norway

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

More About Lewis Larson and Caroline Severson:

Marriage: 07 Mar 1877, Kendall County, Illinois

Marriage license: #2402

- iv. Sivert Severson, born 17 Mar 1860 in Aalund, Kjellesvik, Kvinnherad parish, Norway; died 28 May 1935; married Alice Fjelland 03 Aug 1887 in Kendall County, Illinois; born 15 Apr 1856 in Norway.

Notes for Sivert Severson:

Emigration record shows ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
Caroline	11	female
Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
Helge	4	male

The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

More About Sivert Severson:

Burial: May 1935, Millington-Newark Cemetery in Fox Twp, Kendall County, Illinois

Christening: Fjelberg Church, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Norway

Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Marriage Notes for Sivert Severson and Alice Fjelland:

Illinois Marriage Index lists:

Name: Severt Severtson

Gender: Male

Spouse Name: Alice Fgilland

Marriage Date: Aug 03, 1887

Marriage County: Kendall

Comments: This record can be found at the County Court Records, Film # 1403534.

More About Sivert Severson and Alice Fjelland:

Marriage: 03 Aug 1887, Kendall County, Illinois

- 3 v. Ella C Severson, born 30 Mar 1863 in Aalund, Kjellesvik, Kvinnherad parish, Norway; died 03 Sep 1930 in Erwin, Kingsbury County, South Dakota; married Bertinius Bjornesson Severson 1883 in Newark, Kendall County, Illinois or So Dak..
- vi. Helge Olsen Severson, born 05 Dec 1866 in Aalund, Kjellesvik, Kvinnherad parish, Norway; died 09 Aug 1948 in Kendall County, Illinois; married Martha Elizabeth Johnson 05 Jan 1893 in Kendall County, Illinois.

Notes for Helge Olsen Severson:

Emigration record shows ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Listed as passengers were:

Ole Sjursen	51	male
Kari	39	female
Sofie	17	female
Tobia	14	female
Caroline	11	female
Sivert	9	male
Inger	7	female
Helge	4	male

The place noted a birth was Aalund; most likely birth place of children, and last residence of parents.

More About Helge Olsen Severson:

Christening: Fjelberg Church, Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Norway
Immigration: 10 Jun 1870, ship Lessespo left Bergen, Norway May 4th, 1870 to Quebec.

Marriage Notes for Helge Severson and Martha Johnson:
Illinois Marriage Index lists:
Name: Hale C. Severson
Gender: Male
Spouse Name: Mattie E. Johnson
Marriage Date: Jan 05, 1893
Marriage County: Kendall
Comments: This record can be found at the County Court Records, Film # 1403534.

More About Helge Severson and Martha Johnson:
Marriage: 05 Jan 1893, Kendall County, Illinois

Generation No. 4

8. Sjur Bjornesson, born 1776; died 1854 in Vik. He was the son of **16. Bjerne Olsson** and **17. Siri Sjursdatter**. He married **9. Ales Viarsdatter** 1810.

9. Ales Viarsdatter, born 1780 in Ytre Matre; died 1816. She was the daughter of **18. Viar Knutsson** and **19. Agota Askjelsdatter**.

Notes for Sjur Bjornesson:

Both Sjur and Brita died as "legdslemmer" (supported by the parish) - Sjur on Vik and Brita on Brekke.

More About Sjur Bjornesson and Ales Viarsdatter:

Marriage: 1810

Children of Sjur Bjornesson and Ales Viarsdatter are:

- i. Siri Sjursson, born 1810 in Amland.

Notes for Siri Sjursson:

Siri is mentioned in 1825 research.

- ii. Viar Sjursson, born 1812 in Tendalsvikjo; married Synneva T. Sunde in possibly in Kendall County, Illinois.

Notes for Viar Sjursson:

Viar came to USA in 1846.

There is record that Viar wrote home to Norway in 1856 from Kendall County, Ill, worrying about the fate of his father and stepmother.

More About Viar Sjursson and Synneva Sunde:

Marriage: possibly in Kendall County, Illinois

- iii. Agota Sjursson, born Abt. 1814.

Notes for Agota Sjursson:

Agota came to USA the same year as her brother Viar - 1846.

- 4 iv. Bjerne Sjursson, born 1815 in Skaanevigs Prgj; married Ingeborg Gabrielsdatter.

12. Sjur Tomasson, born 1788 in Norway; died 10 Apr 1820 in Norway. He was the son of **24. Tomas Jonsson** and **25. Marta J.** He married **13. Inger Olsdotter** 1815 in Norway.

13. Inger Olsdotter, born Abt. 1794 in Norway; died Aft. 1840 in Norway. She was the daughter of **26. Olav P.**

More About Sjur Tomasson and Inger Olsdotter:

Marriage: 1815, Norway

Child of Sjur Tomasson and Inger Olsdotter is:

- 6 i. Ole Severson, born Bet. 1819 - 1820 in Fet indre farm, Kvinnherad Parish, Norway; died in Newark, Illinois; married Kari Helgesdatter 1851 in Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Hardangerfjord, Norway.

14. Helge Kristoferson He married **15. Soffi Ostensdtr Ysteinsdatter**.

15. Soffi Ostensdtr Ysteinsdatter

Child of Helge Kristoferson and Soffi Ysteinsdatter is:

- 7 i. Kari Helgesdatter, born Bet. 1830 - 1831 in Fjoringen i Omvik, Kvinnherad Parish, Norway; died in Newark, Illinois; married Ole Severson 1851 in Kvinnherad Parish, Hordaland, Hardangerfjord, Norway.

Generation No. 5

16. Bjerne Olsson, born 1734; died 1813. He married **17. Siri Sjursdatter** 1769.

17. Siri Sjursdatter, born 1750; died 1809.

More About Bjerne Olsson and Siri Sjursdatter:

Marriage: 1769

Children of Bjerne Olsson and Siri Sjursdatter are:

- i. Anna Bjornesson, born 1770 in Svelland; died 1770 in Svelland.

Notes for Anna Bjornesson:

Anna died at one week old.

- ii. Guri Bjornesson, born Abt. 1772; married Salamon Torgeirsson.

Notes for Guri Bjornesson:

Guri moved to Slettaneset under Mjelkevik and married Salamon Torgeirsson.

- iii. Ola Bjornesson, born 1774; died 1841; married Udna Haldorsdatter; born 1784; died 1831.

Marriage Notes for Ola Bjornesson and Udna Haldorsdatter:

Udna and Ola had 15 children; quite a lot in itself, but also amazing is that Udna only lived to be 48 years old.

- 8 iv. Sjur Bjornesson, born 1776; died 1854 in Vik; married (1) Ales Viarsdatter 1810; married (2) Brita Haldorsdatter 1818.
 - v. Lisbet Bjornesson, born 1778; died 1783.
 - vi. Anna Bjornesson, born 1779 in Bjorgjo; married Sjur Kolbeinsson.
 - vii. Siri Bjornesson, born 1780 in Berhaug; married Toma Mikkjelsson.
 - viii. Brita Bjornesson, born 1782.

Notes for Brita Bjornesson:

Brita died young.

- ix. Lisbet Bjornesson, born 1785; died 1799.

18. Viar Knutsson, born 1737 in Indre Matre, Norway; died 1825. He married **19. Agota Askjelsdatter** 1770.

19. Agota Askjelsdatter, born 1747 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; died 1809. She was the daughter of **38. Askjel Sjursson** and **39. Marta Nilsdtr**.

More About Viar Knutsson and Agota Askjelsdatter:

Marriage: 1770

Children of Viar Knutsson and Agota Askjelsdatter are:

- i. Marita Viarsdatter, born 1768.

Notes for Marita Viarsdatter:
Marita died young.

- ii. Udna Viarsdatter, born 1771 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; married Sjur Sjursson.
- iii. Askjel Viarsdatter, born 1772 in Indre Matre; married Agota Persdatter.
- iv. Marita Viarsdatter, born 1774 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; married (1) Hans Jakopsson; born 1797; died 1837; married (2) Anfinn Torresson 1791; born 1761; died 1818.

Notes for Marita Viarsdatter:
After Marita had been a widow for 11 years, she married Hans Jakopsson from Asheim. After her second husband died, she left to be with her children in the USA in 1856 - she was 82 years old.

Notes for Anfinn Torresson:
Anfinn was from Holmedal.

More About Anfinn Torresson and Marita Viarsdatter:
Marriage: 1791

- v. Knut Viarsdatter, born 1776 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; married Udna Torsdatter.
- vi. Sjur Viarsdatter, born 1778; died 1778.

Notes for Sjur Viarsdatter:
Sjur died at just 6 weeks old.

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 - vii. Ales Viarsdatter, born 1780 in Ytre Matre; died 1816; married Sjur Bjornesson 1810.
 - viii. Sjur Viarsdatter, born 1782; died 1784.
 - ix. Johannes Viarsdatter, born 1785.
 - x. Tjerand Viarsdatter, born 1788 in Gjelmervik; married Kristi Nilsdatter.

24. Tomas Jonsson, born 1755 in Norway; died 1833 in Norway. He was the son of **48. J J Maurangnes** and **49. Anna T Aenes**. He married **25. Marta J** 1787 in Kvinnherad, Hordaland, Norway.

25. Marta J, born 1756 in Norway; died 1833 in Norway. She was the daughter of **50. J Gunnarsson** and **51. Herborg Hanson**.

More About Tomas Jonsson and Marta J:
Marriage: 1787, Kvinnherad, Hordaland, Norway

Child of Tomas Jonsson and Marta J is:

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 - i. Sjur Tomasson, born 1788 in Norway; died 10 Apr 1820 in Norway; married Inger Olsdotter 1815 in Norway.

26. Olav P, born 1748.

Child of Olav P is:

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 - i. Inger Olsdotter, born Abt. 1794 in Norway; died Aft. 1840 in Norway; married Sjur Tomasson 1815 in Norway.

Generation No. 6

38. Askjel Sjursson, born in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway. He was the son of **76. Sjur Askjelsson**. He married **39. Marta Nilsdtr** 1746.

39. Marta Nilsdtr, born 1720; died 1783.

More About Askjel Sjursson and Marta Nilsdtr:
Marriage: 1746

Children of Askjel Sjursson and Marta Nilsdtr are:

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 - i. Agota Askjelsdatter, born 1747 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; died 1809; married Viar Knutsson 1770.
 - ii. Brita Askjelsdatter, born 1748 in Indre Matre, Norway.

- iii. Nils Askjelssen, born 1749.
- iv. Sjur Askjelssen, born 1750.

48. J J Maurangsnes, born 1716 in Norway; died 1805 in Norway. He married **49. Anna T Aenes** 13 Jul 1748 in Norway.

49. Anna T Aenes, born 1727 in Norway; died 1800 in Norway.

More About J Maurangsnes and Anna Aenes:

Marriage: 13 Jul 1748, Norway

Child of J Maurangsnes and Anna Aenes is:

- 24 i. Tomas Jonsson, born 1755 in Norway; died 1833 in Norway; married Marta J 1787 in Kvinnherad, Hordaland, Norway.

50. J Gunnarsson, born 1727 in Norway; died 28 Nov 1804 in Norway. He married **51. Herborg Hanson** 04 Jun 1752 in Norway.

51. Herborg Hanson, born 1728 in Norway; died 25 Feb 1806 in Norway.

More About J Gunnarsson and Herborg Hanson:

Marriage: 04 Jun 1752, Norway

Child of J Gunnarsson and Herborg Hanson is:

- 25 i. Marta J, born 1756 in Norway; died 1833 in Norway; married Tomas Jonsson 1787 in Kvinnherad, Hordaland, Norway.

Generation No. 7

76. Sjur Askjelsson, born 1685 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; died 1751. He was the son of **152. Askjel Taraldsson**.

Child of Sjur Askjelsson is:

- 38 i. Askjel Sjursson, born in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; married Marta Nilsdtr 1746.

Generation No. 8

152. Askjel Taraldsson, born 1638 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway.

Child of Askjel Taraldsson is:

- 76 i. Sjur Askjelsson, born 1685 in Vik Parish, Sogn og Fjordane, Norway; died 1751.