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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

It means so much that each of you have made Manfred an important and enduring part of your lives! Together, we've come a long way since the year 2000 when the process began in earnest of compiling the history of Manfred, and of working on preservation projects to enable the amazing story of Manfred to come alive right in the place where this history took place. Both the history and preservation projects are moving forward wonderfully well with your help! You'll find in this issue the Leonard and Mary Rogelstad Family History. Many thanks for your wonderful interest and donations for the museum at Manfred!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANFRED!

You'll be pleased to learn that since last fall, some new opportunities have emerged for Manfred:

- 1. First steps of an assessment grant**
- 2. Development of a new brochure**

ASSESSMENT GRANT

Last fall, Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. was awarded a grant enabling the Manfred Heritage Museum to participate in the North Dakota Museum Assessment Program (NDMAP). We are delighted for this opportunity to help facilitate our museum toward its wonderful future.

There are four main steps to the NDMAP grant process:

1. Self Assessment
2. Peer Review
3. Master Planning
4. Proposed Project

The (1)Self Assessment was developed in January by a team of people: Wanda Melchert, Audrey Solheim, Pam Norstedt, and Laverne Johnson, and then submitted to the State Historical Society of North Dakota. (2)The SHSND provided a listing of museum professionals for us to choose from to conduct the Peer Review. Aaron Novodvorsky from Minnesota has consented to conduct the Peer Review. Aaron will review our Self Assessment, as well as help the team develop a (3)Master Plan and also determine and implement a (4)Proposed Project. This grant work will conclude by the grant deadline in June of 2017.

NEW BROCHURE

Manfred's first brochure was developed in 2001. Manfred has participated in a brochure distribution program through the North Dakota Tourism Department since 2003. Through this program, organizations are invited to have their brochures placed in rest stops along highways in North Dakota.

For some time, we've wanted to develop a new brochure. The opportunity presented itself earlier this year through the help of Tammy Backhaus of the North Dakota Tourism Department. In the brochure development process, we were asked "What is unique about Manfred?" Manfred is an authentic experience in a natural setting which historians describe as "in situ," that is being "in place." Tourists want to have special experiences. At Manfred, one can experience history being shared right where the history took place. When visitors visit Manfred, words such as "Wow" and "I'm so glad you are doing this" are voiced. Manfred was granted use of the North Dakota logo for Manfred materials, including this brochure. Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the new brochure for you to share with friends and family. The brochure is also available at www.manfrednd.org.

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Manfred Newsletter

Thank you for your newsletter subscriptions!
There are 94 new or renewing subscriptions
that have been received since the last issue!

In Memory

DeVella Pepple Vik

August 7, 1921 – October 27, 2015

Born near Manfred to Emil and Lydia Pepple and
attended Manfred School. Sister to Evelyn
Schlenker. Evelyn and her husband Jake owned
and operated Schlenker's Bar and Café in Manfred.

Lowell Hustoft

March 6, 1932 – November 23, 2015

Attended Manfred School through 7th grade before
He, his siblings and parents Edward and Myrtle
Moen Hustoft moved to Kathryn, ND

Lillian Hirschhorn

July 24, 1911 – December 2, 2015

Grew up in the Manfred area the daughter of John and
Bertha Wagner. She married Roy Hirschhorn and
lived to enjoy her 104th birthday.

Rose Fenner Thomas Rud

December 15, 1920 – December 2, 2015

Lived in the Manfred area with her first husband
Louie where they raised their children Duane and
Peggy. Louie had worked for the railroad.

Peggy L. Hillen

June 7, 1947 – December 2015

Grew up at Manfred and attended Manfred School,
the daughter of Louie and Rose Thomas. Her
husband, Frederick Hillen, grew up at Harvey.

John L. Weinmann

September 13, 1943 – December 18, 2015

Grew up at Manfred and attended Manfred School,
the son of Herman and Cora Weinmann

Donald A. Anderson

August 17, 1928 – December 25, 2015

Born and raised near Manfred and attended
Manfred School, the son of Perry and Lilly Anderson
and grandson of one of the first settlers to Manfred
Township, P.B. and Anna Johnson Anderson

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58554 - A non-profit organization for the benefit
of Hotel Johnson, Anderson House, and Cash Store

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of her husband Orvin Anderson
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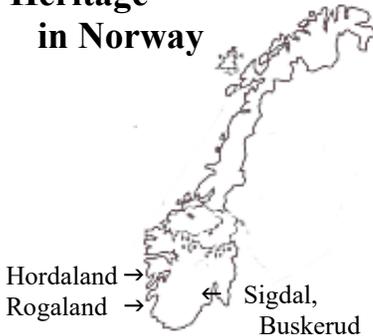
Rural Vestige Alliance (RVA)

%Audrey Solheim, 1026 S 3rd St, #3, Bismarck ND
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benefit of Manfred School and the Solheim House

Tim Cook
Floyd and Barbara Simmons in memory
of the Rev John Langseth family
Audrey Solheim in memory
of Lillian Hirschhorn
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of Adele Hanson

LEONARD AND MARY ROGELSTAD FAMILY HISTORY

Heritage in Norway



Leonard and Mary Rogelstad
on the occasion of their
25th Wedding Anniversary
October 2, 1951

Leonard's paternal grandparents

Johannes and Seri Rogelstad

Johannes Rogelstad was born February 4, 1826 at Hjelmeland, Rogaland, Norway. Seri Dahle was born September 2, 1830 at Hjelmeland, Rogaland, Norway. Eight children were born to Johannes and Seri: **1**Jacob, **2**Johan, **3**Johannes, **4**Johanna, **5**Serine, **6**Bardines, **7**Annie, and **8**John. Seri died August 7, 1889 and Johannes died May 9, 1898 in Norway.

Leonard's maternal grandparents

Mons and Anna Torkelson

Mons/Muns Torkelson was born November 7, 1820 to Torkel Monssen and Mari Johannesdatter Sioe on the farm Sioe (today Sjo) at Fjelberg in the county of Hordaland, Norway. Anna Hilgersen was born June 20, 1829 on the Eide farm at Halsnøy, Hordaland, Norway. Mons and Anna had ten children: Their first child, **1**Marie, was born at Hordaland, Norway in 1855. After this, they immigrated to the USA settling at Ossian, Iowa where their other children were born: **2**Helge 1858, **3**Birtha "Bertha" 1859, **4**Torkel 1861, **5**John 1862, **6**Elizabeth 1864, **7**Helena 1867, **8**Mikel 1868, **9**Anna 1869, and **10**Johanna 1870. Mons died on August 1, 1895 and Anna died on February 11, 1911. They are buried at Stavanger Lutheran Cemetery, Ossian, Iowa.



Leonard's maternal
grandparents, Mons and
Anna Torkelson, settled
at Ossian, Iowa after
immigrating to the USA

Mary's paternal grandparents

Gabriel and Ane Dybing

Gabriel Torgerson Dybing was born in 1830 and Ane Svelstad was born in 1824, both at Helleland, Eigersund, Rogaland, Norway. Gabriel and Ane had four children: **1**Martha, **2**Tollef, **3**Ole, and **4**Tannes. Ane died in 1888 and Gabriel died in 1919, both at Dybing, Helleland, Rogaland, Norway.

Mary's maternal grandparents

Kristoffer and Guri Kopseng

Kristoffer Torsteinsen Kopseng was born February 1, 1823 to Torsten Krisrtensen Kopseng and Ingrid Kristoffersdatter Narum. Guri Johnsdatter Skaar was born in 1834 on the Skaar farm to John Knudson and Mari Jacobsdatter. Kristoffer and Guri were both born at Sigdal, Buskerud, Norway. They married in 1852. Ten children were born to them: **1**Torstein, **2**John, **3**Knute, **4**Mari, **5**Karl, **6**John, **7**Kristen, **8**Ingrid, **9**Ingrid, and **10**Knud. Kristoffer died February 20, 1891 and Guri died November 25, 1895 in Norway.

NOTE:

As was common in the 1800s in Norway and as exemplified in the naming of Kristoffer and Guri's children, the repetition of names for the children in a family often occurred when there were more than one in the paternal and maternal lines having the same name. In the case of **2**John and **6**John, **2**John had died as an infant so when a boy was born to Kristoffer and Guri as their sixth child, this child was named John in order to carry on the name of Guri's father John.

Leonard's parents

JOHN AND HELENA ROGELSTAD

John Rogelstad was born June 1, 1864 at Hjelmeland, Rogaland, Norway, the son of Johannes and Seri Rogelstad. In 1883 at the age of 18, John boarded a ship at Stavanger, Norway, emigrating from Norway to the USA. John's destination was Fort Dodge in Webster County, Iowa where he lived until 1887. He then moved to Humbolt in Humbolt County, Iowa. John married **Helena Torkelson** on March 24, 1888 at Badger in Webster County, Iowa. Helena was born April 5, 1867 in West Union in Fayette County, Iowa, the daughter of Mons and Anna Torkelson.

John and Helena spent the first nineteen years of their marriage farming in Iowa. In 1907, John moved the family to North Dakota, settling in Wells Township near Harvey. The larger part of their home was a former church building that had been moved to the site by a steam-powered tractor. The "lean-to" portion with the porch came from another farm nearby. They farmed there until retirement. When the farm was sold in the 1940s, the house was moved to Harvey. Today there is no trace of where the house and farm buildings once stood. John died in 1940 and Helena died in 1951. They are buried at Bethania Lutheran Cemetery.



John and Helena Rogelstad on the occasion of their marriage in 1888

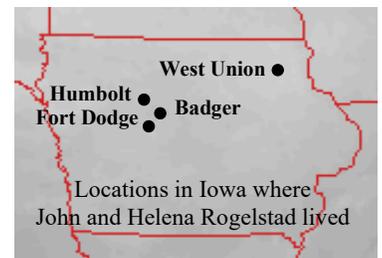
Children of John and Helena Rogelstad

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|-------------------------|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Sarah A. | b.1889 in Iowa | d.1976 in Iowa | m. Edwin Soppeland |
| 2 Mabel | b.1890 in Iowa | d.1903 in Iowa at age 13 | |
| 3 Josephine J. | b.1891 in Iowa | d.1967 at Harvey, ND | m. Melvin Kittelson ¹ |
| 4 Clarence | b.1893 in Iowa | d.1934 in Canada | m. Mary J. Rogelstad |
| 5 Alfred R. | b.1894 in Iowa | d.1967 in Iowa | |
| 6 Hilda | b.1895 in Iowa | d.1997 in Illinois | m. Olsen |
| 7 Bardines | b.1897 in Iowa | d.1898 in Iowa | |
| 8 Jacob | b.1898 in Iowa | d.1899 in Iowa | |
| 9 Arthur J. | b.1899 in Iowa | d.1919 accidental gunshot wound while hunting alone;
Arthur is buried at Bethania Lutheran Cemetery north of Manfred | |
| 10 Leonard | b.1901 in Iowa | d.1975 at Fargo, ND | m. Mary Dybing |
| 11 Edward M. | b.1902 in Iowa | d.1985 in Oregon | m. Nora Haavig |
| 12 Henry Milford | b.1904 in Iowa | d.1985 New Rockford, ND | m. Gertrude A. Senechal |
| 13 Helen Marie | b.1905 in Iowa | d. 2001 in Wisconsin | m. Parizek, then Ecklein ² |
| 14 Esther I. | b.1907 in Iowa | d.1986 in North Dakota | m. Melvin Kittelson ¹ |
| 15 Lloyd A. | b.1908 in ND | d.1990 in North Dakota | m. Mabel Stenvold |
| 16 Mervin Henry | b.1909 in ND | d.1910 in ND, buried at Bethania Lutheran Cemetery | |

Footnotes:

¹After Josephine died, her husband Melvin Kittelson, later married Josephine's sister Esther.

²Marie's first husband Joseph Parizek died. She then married Wallace Ecklein.



John and Helena's farm home located in Wells Twp #72, NE ¼ Qtr of Sec 36



←
John and Helena Rogelstad Family

L/R:
Seated: Clarence, Lloyd, John, Helena, Sarah, Esther

Standing: Milford, Edward, Leonard, Arthur, Alfred, Josephine, Hilda, Marie



John and Helena Rogelstad on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 24, 1938

Leonard's brother**LLOYD ROGELSTAD**

Lloyd was a significant part of the Manfred community and especially of Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge. An article about Lloyd was printed in the Monday, August 24, 1981 issue of the Minot Daily News. The following excerpt is from that article.

Violinist Has Played at Norwegian Days for Years

by Leonard Lund

With three violins, a mandolin, three mouth organs and a rare violin uke to keep him company, Lloyd Rogelstad, a former Minoter, enjoys living in the Empress Hotel in Drake. Rogelstad, 73, has played violin for Sons of Norway dances May 17th in Manfred, his hometown, for 54 years. For the 1981 event almost all of Manfred turned out and others came from Wellsburg, Hurdsfield, Heimdal, Goodrich, Harvey, Fessenden, and Drake. Rogelstad, who plays while standing up, says the crowd for the last Norwegian Independence Day celebration was the largest in the history of Manfred, which has a population of about 60.

With a free membership for fiddling, Rogelstad says he has promised the Manfred Sons of Norway to play as long as he is able. He also plays for a Julefest during the Christmas holidays and for Drake senior citizens. He also has entertained senior citizens at New Rockford, where he has a brother, Milford, now in the hospital with broken hips. Rogelstad, the only fiddler at Manfred, plays with Lars Ostrem, an accordionist. In earlier days, Rogelstad, with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leonard Rogelstad of Harvey, on the piano, played for the Odd Fellows Lodge in Harvey, the Knights of Pythias in Harvey and Minot, and for dances at Manfred, Heimdal, Wellsburg, Hamberg, Harvey, Selz, and Esmond.

Rogelstad, who started playing when he was 14, went to dances in a Model T car in the early days. He and his sister-in-law each received \$2 for playing at a dance. Born with a natural talent for music, Rogelstad says he learned to play in the cornfield when he was growing up on the family farm five miles east of Harvey. When he was only 10 or 11, he sent for his first violin from Montgomery Ward for \$5. He later got a Hardanger violin, with eight strings, from Nels Jorstad of Manfred. When Rogelstad was learning to play, the strings broke, and he played with only one, since he didn't have 10 cents to replace each of the other strings. His oldest brother, Clarence, a well-known fiddler at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, finally came for a visit and gave Lloyd strings for the violin.

Rogelstad enjoys playing his violin uke, a combination violin and guitar, which he purchased at Troy, Michigan, for \$28. He plays that instrument with a bow, and he chords for accompaniment. For Rogelstad, who has a mandolin and plays two or three mouth organs, music is good pastime. "No matter how old you get, you are never too old for music," says Rogelstad. While others in the family were musical, their father, the late John Rogelstad, "couldn't even whistle a tune, but their mother was a good singer." Clarence taught Lloyd how to hold a violin, tune, and play it. Alfred, another brother was a good fiddler at LeMars, Iowa, and Milford also played the violin. Several sisters played the piano.

Lloyd, second youngest of a family of 16, some of whom died in infancy, was born May 14, 1908, on the family farm. "We were happy at home. We never had any money, but we had plenty to eat," says Rogelstad. "The kids were all healthy, except for a brother, Milford, who had surgery for appendicitis when he was 15 or 16. Dr. A. T. Flowe of Harvey performed the surgery. Rogelstad's father, a native of Stavanger, Norway, went to Iowa, where he was married and where 14 of the children were born. He sold his land at Fort Dodge, Iowa for \$65 an acre and purchased land for \$50 an acre east of Harvey.

Lloyd stayed home until he was 22 and then hitchhiked to Minot. Before reaching Minot, he had an offer to go into the oil business. He built a gas station for \$14 at Velva and ran it for seven years. He then operated a loader for seven years at the Truaz-Traer Coal Mine 11 miles south of Velva before moving to Minot where he worked for Motor Service for a year. He then leased a Westland Gas Station at Eighth Street and Fourth Avenue for four years before running a 1,200-acre farm at Deering for four years for his brother-in-law, Joseph Parizek. He later drove a truck for four years for Eatmore Sausage before farming for three years for his sister, now Mrs. Ecklein, following the death of Parizek, her first husband. Rogelstad later operated the Speedway Station west of Minot for Gulf Oil, but he quit in 14 months after the gas pumps were run down three times. He retired at 62, while living at the Roosevelt Hotel. One of his last jobs was to help tear down the hotel. He moved to Drake a year ago from Young Towers.

Rogelstad married Mabel Stenvold of Velva in 1936. They were divorced 22 years ago. Rogelstad's children are LeRoy, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant in Winton, California; Ronald, with Job Service North Dakota in Minot; Jerry, credit manager for Sears in Denver; and Karen, Mrs. Donald Ahmann of Minot. There are nine grandchildren.



Lloyd Rogelstad
playing his violin uke

Mary's parents

TANNES AND INGRID DYBING

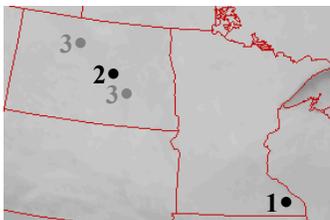
Tannes Dybing emigrated from Norway to the USA in 1888 at the age of 20, his destination being Houston, Minnesota. For five years, he worked on farms in the Houston County and Rushford, Fillmore County areas. In 1893, he came to North Dakota as a harvest worker and stayed. He settled for a time in the Sykeston area working as a handyman, and then worked for the Soo Line railroad as a teamster laying track from Jamestown to Minot. In 1896, he obtained an abandoned homestead near Harvey; and in 1898, he moved onto the property and began to develop it. He started with four mules to break up the sod.

Ingrid Kopseng emigrated from Norway to the USA in 1893, together with her brother Knute. Their destination was Mayville, North Dakota where they had relatives. They were told there was good land available east of Harvey, North Dakota; so in 1897, they each filed on homesteads in Fram Township, Wells County, North Dakota. They were told they needed to live on the land for so many months each year. As a result, they built a claim shanty on their adjoining property line with part of the shanty on Ingrid's quarter and the other part of the shanty on Knute's quarter to meet the requirement of living on their land. Ingrid did the cooking for the two of them.

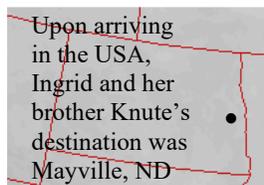
Tannes Dybing and Ingrid Kopseng met as homesteading neighbors and were subsequently married on April 8, 1899 at Harvey, North Dakota. The homesteads they each owned prior to their marriage, became the Dybing farm. The buildings for their farm were constructed in the early 1900s. Tannes acquired a fine herd of horses as draft animals, and they had both dairy and beef cattle, along with hogs and chickens. Tannes farmed until 1938 when Ingrid passed away. He sold the farm to his eldest son, Clarence. Tannes died in 1954. Both Tannes and Ingrid are buried at Bethania Lutheran Cemetery.

Four children were born to Tannes and Ingrid Dybing:

- 1 Anna was born c.1900 and died in 1916.
- 2 Clarence was born in 1901 and married Clara Solberg whom he met when she was hired by the Dyblings to assist with cooking and housework. Clara was born to Andrew and Kjersti Solberg near Manfred. Clarence died in 1976. Clarence and Clara had two sons:
 - 1 LeRoy married Carol Wilcox and they had two children: 1 Brian married Laurie and they have two sons Carter and Ethan. Brian then married Heather, and 2 Kay married Tom Conway and they have three children: Paul, Clare, and Jack; and
 - 2 Wayne married LoAnn Anderson of Manfred (See Manfred Newsletter May 2004 – Vol. 4, Issue 1, Page 9) and they have two children: 1 Paul married Lara Anderson and they have two children: a daughter Berit and a son Soren, and 2 Eric.
- 3 Mary married Leonard Rogelstad and they had three children 1 Harley, 2 Doris, and 3 Roger (See the following pages of this piece).
- 4 George, born in 1911, married Tillie Bauer (She is presently 102 years old) and they had two children 1 Myron married Pamela Lockhart and they have two daughters Melanie and Kristen; and 2 Susan married Marvin Berke and they have two children: Elizabeth and Scott. George died in 1997.



← Where Tannes worked his first years in the USA
1 The area of Houston and Fillmore Counties in MN
2 Sykeston, ND
3 The laying of the railroad track-Jamestown to Minot



Upon arriving in the USA, Ingrid and her brother Knute's destination was Mayville, ND

- 1 Tannes Dybing Sec 19, SE Qtr
- 2 Ingrid Kopseng Sec 30, NW Qtr
- 3 Knute Kopseng Sec 30, NE Qtr



← L/R: Tannes, Anna, Ingrid, Mary, Clarence

Photo taken in 1908 while the family was visiting Norway. They traveled by train to New York City and from there sailed on the steamship Lusitania, a ship that became prominent in WWI.



Tannes Dybing with some of his grandchildren ↑

L/R: Harley Rogelstad, Roger Rogelstad, Tannes Dybing holding Myron Dybing, Doris Rogelstad, Wayne Dybing in front, and Leroy Dybing



← The Dybing farm photo was taken in 1948 when son Clarence was then the farmer

THE ROGELSTAD AND DYBING FAMILIES WERE MEMBERS OF BETHANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

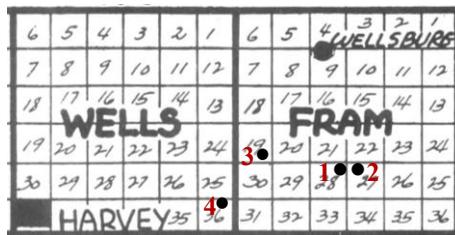
The Rogelstad and Dybing families were both members of Bethania Lutheran Church. The church building was located seven miles northwest from Manfred. This Free Lutheran congregation was organized in 1896 and served the area until 1945 when it merged with Trinity Lutheran Church, a Free Lutheran congregation located in Harvey. The new merged congregation was renamed Trinity-Bethany Lutheran Church. Today, this congregation continues to serve the Harvey area. In 1949, the Bethania Lutheran Church building was purchased by St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minnewaukan, North Dakota for \$1,000. The building was moved to Minnewaukan in November 1951 where today it continues to be used as a house of worship.



Bethania Lutheran Church

Twp 150, R 71W:
Church – NE corner of NE ¼ Sec 28
Cemetery – NW corner of NW ¼ Sec 27

John and Helena Rogelstad and Tannes and Ingrid Dybing are laid to rest in Bethania Lutheran Cemetery. Other family members are also buried there.



Proximity of Bethania Church,
and the Dybing and Rogelstad farms

- 1 Bethania Church
- 2 Bethania Cemetery
- 3 Dybing Farm
- 4 Rogelstad Farm

LEONARD AND MARY WERE BAPTIZED AND CONFIRMED AT BETHANIA

Leonard Rogelstad and Mary Dybing were each baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith at Bethania Lutheran Church. Mary also served as organist here.

↓ Leonard Rogelstad's Confirmation Class in 1915

L/R:

Back: ___ Hove, ___ Knutson, **Leonard Rogelstad**, Clarence Dybing, Sigvald Lithun, Oscar Hagen, ___ Hove

Front: Mary Christianson, Olga Anderson, unknown, Pastor Leeland, Gudren Kopseng, Anna Dybing



Mary Dybing's Confirmation Class in 1919 ↑

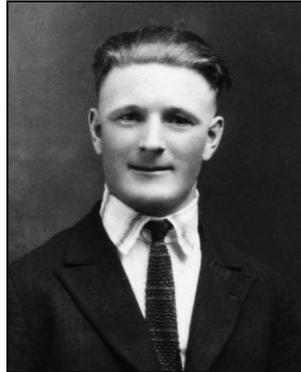
L/R:

Back: unknown, Marie Rogelstad, **Mary Dybing**, unknown, Emma Hanson, Sophie Egeland, Valberg Hoveland, unknown, Alice Egeland, Ida Kuske, unknown

Front: Milford Rogelstad, unknown, Harold Anderson, Pastor Leeland, Chester Hoveland, Clarence Kopseng, Tanner Alvewhere, Leonard Everett

LEONARD AND MARY ROGELSTAD

Leonard Bardines Rogelstad, the tenth child of John and Helena Rogelstad, was born April 28, 1901 in Ossian, Iowa. When he was six years old, he moved with his family to the Harvey, North Dakota area. Leonard attended school through the sixth grade. About age 14, he became a farmhand working on farms in his neighborhood, including the Dybing farm. He also worked as a carpenter for a time, building barns in the area.



Leonard Rogelstad



Mary Dybing

Mary Dybing, the third child of Tannes and Ingrid Dybing, was born February 13, 1905 in Harvey, North Dakota. She grew up on the Dybing farm. When Mary was nine years old, she started piano and organ lessons in Harvey. Though she did not attend high school, she continued her interest in music. At the age of 17, she attended the Conservatory of Music in Fargo, North Dakota for six months.



Leonard and Mary Rogelstad on their wedding October 2, 1926

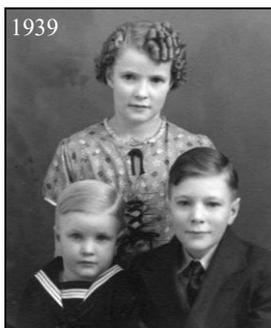
October 7, 1926 issue of the Wells County Free Press

ROGELSTAD-DYBING

Miss Mary Dybing and Mr. Leonard Rogelstad, popular young folks of Fram township were married at Harvey last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. Gilseth at the parsonage. Clarence Dybing, brother of the bride and Esther Rogelstad, sister of the groom were the attendants. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dybing and has grown to womanhood in this community. The groom is also a native of this district and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogelstad. The newly weds have many friends here who wish them much happiness. They will make their home on a farm north of Manfred.

Leonard made arrangements to rent the O.K. Melby farm north of Manfred where they began their married life and a lifetime of farming. Within a month of their wedding, Leonard and Mary were already beginning to host the start of many gatherings at their home with family and friends. The first recorded guest list of Leonard and Mary included: Clarence and Bernice Kopseng, Clarence and George Dybing, Mr. and Mrs. Art Wold of New Rockford, and Agnes and Selma Egeland, as noted in the November 4, 1926 issue of the Wells County Free Press.

Leonard planted his first crop on the O.K. Melby farm in the spring of 1927, but lost the entire crop that fall as a result of a hailstorm. They survived the year through the sale of eggs and milk; and their meat supply came from their own supply butchered on the farm by Leonard. The crops were fairly decent in 1928 and 1929, but the "Big Depression" made the next few years very difficult. By 1936, prices started to improve and Leonard and Mary began preparing to acquire a farm of their own. While farming on the O.K. Melby Farm, Leonard and Mary's three children were born: **1**Harley, **2**Doris, and **3**Roger. The children were each baptized at Bethania Lutheran Church.



← Leonard and Mary's children
L/R: Roger, Doris, Harley

→ The O.K. Melby farm continued to be rented until the 1960s, at which time the buildings were removed. Today there is no trace of where the buildings once stood.



Leonard and Mary rented the O.K. Melby farm from 1926 to 1942

LEONARD AND MARY ROGELSTAD

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In 1942, Leonard and Mary purchased the Bendik Rogne Farm within a mile of the O.K. Melby Farm. Bendik Rogne and his family had been living in California and finally decided to sell their farm. A June 4, 1942 news entry from the Wells County Free Press had the following regarding Leonard and Mary moving onto their new farm: “A number of folks gathered at the Leonard Rogelstad home Sunday and gave them a house-warming party.”

Along with growing crops, Leonard maintained dairy, beef cattle, hogs, and chickens. The first years on their farm were good years. Their property included 149N 71W: W ½ of SW 14 of Sec 15; 160 acres – SE ¼ of Sec 16; 80 acres – S ½ NW ¼ of Sec 15. In 1947, Leonard was able to purchase an additional 80 acres – S ½ SW ¼ of Sec 11.

Leonard and Mary Rogelstad and their family had joined the Vang Lutheran Church congregation of Manfred in 1940, and their children were later confirmed there. Mary served as an organist of Vang Lutheran just as she had done at Bethania Lutheran. She was an active member of the Vang Ladies Aid and often hosted the Aid at her home. She was well-known in the community for her musical talent and was frequently called upon to provide music for events. Her piano is now located in Vang Church. Leonard and Mary were also members of the Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge, and Leonard was a director of the Farmers Union Elevator in Manfred.

In 1946 while assisting neighbors to move a house, Leonard was injured by an accidental blow to the head from an iron pipe which resulted in a serious brain concussion, loss of hearing in one ear, injury to one eye, and damage to his balance control. Leonard was disabled for over a year, and though he resumed his farm work, he never fully recovered from the effects of that injury. In 1960, he enrolled the farm in the soil bank program. When this contract expired in 1970, he leased the land.

In 1974, Leonard and Mary moved to Manfred and lived in the Oscar Ongstad house. Leonard died April 13, 1975. Except for one year, when as a young man he worked in Iowa, Leonard lived the rest of his life in the Harvey and Manfred areas, as did Mary. After Leonard’s passing, Mary moved to an apartment in Harvey. In 1976, a parcel of land that the buildings stood on was subdivided from the farmland and sold. The house was lived in for a couple of years by the new owners, but was never again lived in from that time on. The house, granary, and garage remain standing on the property. Mary died April 5, 1984 at Rapid City, South Dakota, with the funeral held at Vang Lutheran Church in Manfred. Both Leonard and Mary are buried at Vang Lutheran Cemetery.



Leonard and Mary lived on this farm (formerly owned by Bendik Rogne) from 1942 to 1974

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- 1 Leonard and Mary’s first farm location was SE¼ of Section 9.
- 2 Their second farmstead location was in the NW ¼ of section 15 with additional acreage in sections 11, 14, and 16

Some of the helpers at the Rogelstad farm through the years

Entries from the Wells County Free Press

March 17, 1927 Selmer Eilertson helped Leonard Rogelstad clean grain Monday. (Other entries indicate that Selmer also helped with plowing and hauling coal.)

December 15, 1927 Leonard Rogelstad and O. K. Melby shipped a car of grain recently. Clarence Dybing has been helping them haul grain.

March 14, 1929 Fred Lindbo has been hauling out grain with his truck for John Rogelstad.

March 21, 1929 Oliver Berve ground feed at the Leonard Rogelstad farm one day last week.

July 25, 1929 Art Olson is employed at the Leonard Rogelstad farm.

August 1, 1929 Gabe Dybing is employed at the Leonard Rogelstad home now.

September 17, 1942 Mrs. Don Fisher is assisting at the Leonard Rogelstad home during the threshing period.

June 17, 1943 Don Fisher is helping Leonard Rogelstad put up a new windmill this week.

March 30, 1944 Helmer Solheim is painting at the Leonard Rogelstad home.

Roger Rogelstad recalls that Mrs. Gordon (Christie) Anderson also helped in the home when he was young.



Leonard and Mary in 1972

Leonard and Mary Rogelstad's Children

Leonard and Mary's children, **1**Harley, **2**Doris, and **3**Roger, spent their early years on the O.K. Melby farm where their parents were renting. Harley began elementary school at Manfred School #2, known as the Solberg School in the fall of 1934, with Myrtle Melby as his teacher. But, in the spring of 1935 this school closed and the students transferred to Manfred School #1 in Manfred. Not only did Harley transfer to School #1, but his teacher Myrtle Melby transferred to School #1 as the Grades 1-4 teacher. As a result, Harley was able to have Myrtle as his teacher for Grade 2 and also for Grade 3. His sister, Doris, started school in 1936 with Myrtle Melby also as her teacher.

Through their musical mother, the children enjoyed musical experiences, as seen in the following news entry from the April 27, 1939 issue of the Wells County Free Press: "A large crowd was on hand in Fessenden Wednesday, April 26th for the annual Wells County Grade Music Festival, which was held in Festival Hall at the Wells County Fair Grounds, under the supervision of Mattie Bakken, county superintendent of schools. . . . Small groups performed, including a vocal duet by Harley and Doris Rogelstad from Manfred." Doris remembers singing duets with Harley for many events.

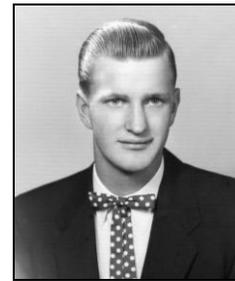
When the family moved to the Bendik Rogne farm in the spring of 1942, Harley had just finished 8th grade in Manfred and Doris the 6th grade. That fall in their new home, Harley began 9th Grade at Fessenden High School, with Doris starting 7th Grade and Roger 1st Grade in Manfred.



Harley Rogelstad
1946 graduate from
Fessenden High School



Doris Rogelstad
1948 graduate from
Fessenden High School



Roger Rogelstad
1954 graduate from
Harvey High School

1. HARLEY



Harley Rogelstad
in 1953



Harley and Iris Rogelstad in 1971

Harley Eugene Rogelstad was born April 21, 1928 at Manfred. After graduating from Fessenden High School in 1946, Harley served in the U.S. Army with a tour of duty in Japan from January 1947 to August of 1948. The following news entry appeared in the October 7, 1948 issue of the Wells County Free Press: "Harley Rogelstad has returned from Japan where he spent the past several years in the U.S. Army. Having received his honorable discharge, he will now enjoy life on the farm with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rogelstad."

After returning to Manfred, Harley worked in the community for awhile. An example of his work during these years appeared in the November 30, 1950 issue of the Wells County Free Press: "Harley Rogelstad is care taker at the Hedahl farm during Ed's absence." Later, Harley attended business school in Minot, graduating from there in 1954.

Harley took a job in Parshall, North Dakota, living and working there for six years before moving to Ephrata, Washington in 1960 where he was employed as the business manager for an auto dealer. He married, but that marriage did not last. Harley married again in 1968 to Iris Brooks. Harley became afflicted with cancer; and in June of 1973 he died at their home in Ephrata. Harley was 45 years old at the time of his death. Iris passed away two years later in February of 1975 from complications of diabetes. Harley and Iris are interred side by side in the Ephrata Cemetery.

2. DORIS

After graduating from Fessenden High School in 1948, Doris Rogelstad moved to Fargo, North Dakota where she worked for the Hudson Advertising Agency as an apprentice commercial artist. On February 18th, 1950 at Trinity-Bethany Lutheran Church she married Sanford C. "Chuck" Haug, Jr., son of Mrs. Roberts of Milbank, South Dakota. They made their home in South Dakota where Sanford operated a barber shop. To them was born a daughter Cheryl. A news entry in the April 12, 1951 issue of the Wells County Free Press is as follows: "The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Haug was christened at the Vang Lutheran church on Sunday. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rogelstad and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kittelson. The little Miss was named Cheryl Ann." Sanford was serving in the military at the time.

By 1953, Doris was assistant advertising manager for the Williston Herald in North Dakota. In 1954 at Billings, Montana, Doris married Arlyn Rudel, son of Edward Rudel and Emma Pepple. That same year, Arlyn and Doris moved to Billings where Doris began working for the Billings Gazette. Two sons were born to them: Greg and Ross. The Rudel family lived at Billings, Montana for 18 years. Doris studied Visual Arts at the Montana Institute of the Arts and later on at the University of London, England. She began a fine arts career with individual shows and juried competitions. In 1971, Doris and Arlyn moved to Rapid City, South Dakota, where Doris continued her visual arts activities as an art dealer, gallery owner, and teacher in addition to her studio work. For a ten-year span of time, Arlyn and Doris traveled 2-3 weeks every year to a different county each time studying early civilizations, a very rich experience in their lives. Arlyn died December 30, 2014. Doris continues to live in the Rapid City area.

Children of Arlyn and Doris:

1Cheryl owned and operated greenhouses in Seattle, Washington and Rapid City, South Dakota, served as owner and operator of the Hisega Lodge at Rapid City, and opened a interior design and consultation business, Simply Wonderful. Cheryl has two children: 1Chad Bouta married Charlotte and they have a daughter Emily; and 2Rhea operated the Hisega Lodge together with her mother Cheryl.

2Greg died April 3, 1981 when he and a friend were struck by an avalanche on Mt. Stephen in British Columbia and both perished. At the time of his passing, he was a scholarship student attending graduate school at Banff Centre, Alberta, Canada.

3Ross is an artist creating sculptured works at Los Angeles, California. He exhibits at galleries such as Angles Gallery, Santa Monica, California, Jack Shainman Gallery in New York City, New York, and La Citta in Verona, Italy.



Arlyn and Doris Rudel



Daughter Cheryl



Son Greg



Son Ross



Cheryl's children:
Rhea and Chad
Bouta



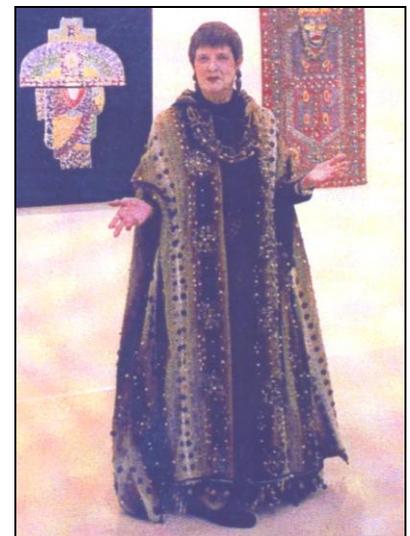
Chad and his
daughter Emily



Emily and her
mother Charlotte



The 40th Wedding Anniversary
for Arlyn and Doris Rudel in 1994
Back: Ross Rudel, Cheryl Rudel, Rhea Bouta
Front: Arlyn and Doris Rudel, Chad Bouta



Doris giving a gallery talk
about her artwork

3. ROGER

After graduating from Harvey High School, Roger served two years in the U.S. Army, with eighteen months of his active duty near Anchorage, Alaska. After his time in the service, he returned to Manfred for a short time before moving to Billings, Montana in 1957. Roger entered college at Billings in 1959 to study art. In 1960, he transferred to the University of Hawaii, earning a BA in fine arts in 1962. At age 24, Roger married Josephine Carnate, a resident of Hawaii he met while attending college in Montana. Roger then attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho where he graduated in 1964 with a Master's Degree in graphic design. After his graduation, Roger and Josephine spent a year in Phoenix, Arizona before moving to Denver Colorado in 1965 and then to the island of Kauai in 1968. Along with pursuing his art, Roger worked with KUAI radio broadcast company on Kauai for twenty-two years.

Roger and Josephine had two children: Reid and Deanna. Josephine died January 25, 1971 of lupus. She was thirty-five years old. In the summer of 1971, Roger took his children for a visit to their Uncle Harley in the state of Washington and Grandpa and Grandpa Rogelstad at Manfred before returning to Kauai. In March of 1972, Roger started construction on a self-built home at Kalaheo, Kauai which he finished in November of that same year.

In July of 1974, Roger married Kauai resident Barbara "Bobbi" Begonia. Shortly after their marriage, Barbara legally adopted Reid and Deanna as her own. Reid and Deanna both graduated from Kauai High School on Kauai Island and the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. Roger retired from KUAI Radio in October of 1991. In September of 1992, their home was completely destroyed in Hurricane Iniki. With both of the children already living on the mainland, Roger and Bobbi opted to move there too, settling in Prescott, Arizona in 1993. Reid lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Deanna and her husband John Young have two daughters: Harleigh and Charlee and reside in Thornton, Colorado.



← Roger in 1955 while serving in the U.S. Army



→ Roger and Bobbi in the mid 1970s

Roger Rogelstad

Roger and Bobbi Rogelstad

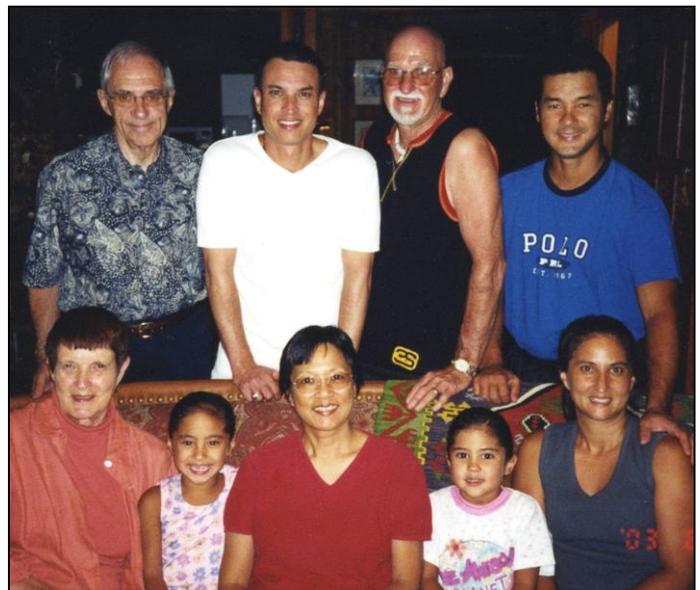


Reid Rogelstad

Roger and Bobbi's children taken in 1983



Deanna Rogelstad



L/R: Rudel, Rogelstad, and Young Family Photo in 2006

Back: Arlyn Rudel, Reid Rogelstad, Roger Rogelstad, John Young.

Front: Doris Rudel, Harleigh Young, Bobbi Rogelstad, Charlee Young, Deanna Young



Roger Rogelstad at the Solheim Station in Manfred "filling" a vintage auto he built



John and Deanna Young in 1991

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