

Rev. Ole C. Gronvold

Ole C. Gronvold, of 149-67 - Eddy County was born in Norway about 50 miles west of Christiania, on May 19, 1855. His father, Ole O. Gronvold, a son of Ole Stoveren, was born in Norway and never left Norway - His mother, born Christine Heem, lived always in Norway. Of her 6 children Ole C. was the youngest. He has 2 half-brothers + 2 half-sisters.

At 17, Ole C. clerked for a year in a store in the lumber woods of Norway. He landed at New York in 1873, then to Iowa, where he learned the carpenter's trade at Calmar, and worked at it 3 years. He entered Lutheran College at Decorah, Iowa in the fall of 1876, and studied there 5 years. He went to Springfield, Ill. in 1881, for 1 yr. at Concordia Seminary - then 2 years at Luth. Seminary in Madison Wisc. - where he was graduated as a Lutheran minister. He went to Cooperstown in 1884 and in 1886 went to Eddy Co and took homestead N.E. of New Rockford. He had a shanty, a barn, and began farming with oxen.

Ole C. was married at Madison Wisc. to Miss Mary Thompson, born + raised in Norway, + came to U.S. at 6 yrs. She was daughter of Thorgrim Fetcher, a farmer. She died in Jan. 1895. Their children: Ruth, Cara, Olga, Anna (Mrs. Thoral Hagen) Elmer, and Maria.

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Gronvold, Ole Christian.

Ord. 1884 - Norske Synode - 1884-'87 -
Born in Aadalen, Ringerike, Christiania,
May 19, 1855, son of Ole Olsen and Kristi (born
Gildbrandsen), emigrated 1873, '73-'76,
Calmar Iowa, Attended Luther College '76-'81,
Concordia Sem, Springfield, '81-'82, Luth Sem, '82-'84
(C.T.) Pastor, Hatton (3 congregations) N.D. '84-'87 -

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