

FIRST GOLDEN WEDDING IN CRIGGS COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haugen was the first couple in Criggs County to celebrate a golden wedding anniversary. Guests from miles around gathered on the Thor Hagen homestead in June 1887 for the festivities.

The guests walked or traveled by oxen to this wedding and brought with them contributions to the dinner.

The logs used to build this log cabin were taken from Ole Siren's timber land south of the Plute bridge, with the help of Arund Gilbertson.

The cabin was made sixteen feet square, an addition having been made later. Photographer Hosteen of Cooperstown took a picture of the cabin and the anniversary party. The farm on which the cabin stood is now known as the Jens Lunde farm.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Haugen, the guests of honor, made their home with their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Hagen at that time having come to this country only a few years before.

Anton Haugen emigrated to America from Valdres, Norway, in 1868 while Mrs. Haugen, accompanied by her grandson, Thor Metager, came three years later.

The Golden Wedding guests in 1887 were Ole K. Hagen, Laura Hagen, Ole Hagen, Arne Hagen, Anne Hagen Huddle, Belle Hagen Winslow, Caroline Hagen, Sarah Hagen Herre, Chris Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Hagen, Ole Halvorson, Anton Halvorson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Siren, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Guren, ^{Mr. S. M. S.} Ole Sanden, Jennie Hagen Snyder, Lina Halvorson, Mrs. Petra Halvorson, Caroline Halvorson, Sava Halvorson, Mrs. Cathild Thompson, Thera Upton Smith, Mrs. Anne Halvorson, Mrs. Charles Nichols, Henry Cullickson, Arne Thompson, John Fosholt, Ole Fosholt, Henry Haugen, Mrs. Dick Blow, Grand Gilbertson, Arne Luckeson, Harold Guren, George Guren, Anton Olson, Thor Metager, Mrs. George Olson, John Rustad and seven others whose names are forgotten.

After remaining in Criggs County for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Haugen moved to Ressean County, northeast of Crookston, Minnesota, where they celebrated their diamond wedding. They both died at that place at the age of 93 years.

Bibliography: Mr. and Mrs. Ole Siren, Ulen, Minn.
Criggs County Sentinel-Courier (July 7, 1932).

Mrs. Porterville

FIRST GOLDIEN WEDDING in GRIGGS COUNTY

June 1887

Mr. and Mrs, Esten Haugen was the first couple in Griggs County to celebrate their golden anniversary.

Esten Haugen emigrated to America from Valdres, Norway, in 1882, and Mrs. Esten Haugen, accompanied by her grandson, Thor Hetager, came three years later.

The guests walked or traveled by oxen, bringing with them contributions to the dinner. The wedding feast was held at the Thor Hagen homestead in June 1887. The logs used to build the Thor Hagen cabin were taken from Ole Skren's timber land south of the Flato bridge, with the help of Amund Gilbertson. The cabin was 16 feet square, an addition having been made later. Photographer Rosten of Cooperstown took a picture of the cabin and the wedding party.

Mr. and Mrs. Esten Haugen, the guests of honor, made their home at their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Hagen, at that time, having come to America a few years before.

The Golden Wedding guests in 1887 were Ole K. Hagen, Laura Hagen, Ole Hagen, Arno Hagen, Anna Hagen (Moodie), Ole Halvorson, Caroline Hagen, Sarah Hagen (Hanne), Mr. and Mrs. Ole Skren, Caroline Halvorson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ouren, Jennie Hagen (Snyder), Thea Hagen (Upton, Smith), Liza Halvorson, Mrs. Anne Halvorson, John Fosholdt, Ole Fosholdt, Henry Haugen, Henry Gullickson, Dick Blow, Grand Gilbertson, Arne Luckason, Mrs. George Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sanden, John Nustad, Mrs. Petwa Halvorson, Mrs. Charles Nichols, Mrs. Gunhild Thompson, Thor Hetager, Harold Ouren, George Ouren, Seva Halvorson, Chris Hagen, Esten Olson, Arne Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Hagen and Mrs. Belle Hagen (Winslow).

There were seven other wedding guests but their names are forgotten.

After remaining in Griggs County for many years, Mr. and Mrs. Esten Haugen moved to Rosseau County, Minnesota, where they celebrated their diamond wedding. They both died in Minnesota at the age of 95 years.

Bibliography: Griggs County Sentinel-Courier, July 7, 1932.
Cooperstown, N. Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Skren
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