

Ole B. Westley ( B.standing for No.2 of that name in the family)

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Ole B. Westley, son of Ole Hanson Westley and Olina Westley was born  
Jan.25 1876 at Westly, Stavanger Amt. Norway

In 1881, his father with his family and a group of neighbors, came to the U.S. He says,  
" My wife and I crossed the ocean at the same time and in the same ship, she being  
one year old, I five. The ship was the old Palmyra of the Cunard Line. This  
was an old cattle ship used for passengers for want of other passenger ships.  
In mid-ocean the propeller screw broke off and we prepared to hunt at sea bottom,  
when a steamer bound for Spain with cattle was compelled to pull us into  
St. Johns Newfoundland. In a week the ship was in shape to sail for New York. "  
One year was spent by Mrs. Westley and her children in Yellow Medecine Co. Minn .  
before her husband moved his family to Griggs County, in 1882. " With three  
yoke of oxen , belonging to others of the same settlement, and prairie schooners  
we moved a distance of 300 miles , using just three weeks for the trip.  
Arriving at our new home we found it to be a dugout which showed only a little  
above ground. On entering we found the floor to be mother earth and most of  
the walls the same. Sod was used above the dugout. Beds were merely boxes filled  
with straw." This homestead was on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 20-145-58.

On June 17, 1906 he married Karen B. Herigstad, oldest daughter of Eetuel B. Herigstad.

Mr. Westley has engaged successfully in several occupations In 1904 he  
bought a section and 40 acres of land for \$6,120.00, upon which he erected  
buildings and established a home. But after some years of successful farming  
he sold the land for \$23,300.00, purchased a house in Cooperstown and engaged  
in real estate and insurance business. He has four children