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C.T. stands for Candidatus Theologiae

The introduction says there are in the book biographies of about 1826 Norwegian Lutheran ministers who have served in America from 1843-1913 included, and there are pictures of all but 78. The material came from answers to letters and questionnaires sent to churches they served, or answered by themselves or relatives and friends. About 40% of the material of the book is from school records, etc. and the remaining 60% from either direct or indirect correspondence.

This book also contains an historical account of Norwegian emigration to America and good account of the early history of its settlements and its first pastors.

It includes also a description of the various splits in the American Lutheran membership--and accounts of its various Synodes. Its schools hospitals and homes are also listed and described.

Lutheran

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Ministers

Ordained 1880, Member Konferentsen 1880-1890 and United Church 90-97.
Born in Vaaler S. Osterdalen, Hamar, on April 20, 1848 to Ole L. and
Berthe (born Bergesen Gisti). Attended the Aas Higher Agricultural School
1865-67. Emigrated in 1868. Attended Augsburg Sem. 1876-79 (C.T.)
Manager of Augsburg publications '79-80. Pastor at Lyle, Mower Co. Minn.
1880-82. Missionary minister west of the Red River in the territory from
Ft. Ransom to Turtle Mountains N.D. '82-'84. Bue (and other congregations)
Nelson Co. N.D. '85-'97. Visiting pastor, '88-'90, and '91-'96. Editor
of "Red River Tidende", 188-84. Published "Fra Missions marken i Dakota"
1884. He died Sept. 22, 1897. Married Jensine Jenson in 1886. She died
in 1890. Married Anna Bakken in 1892. She died in 1909.

Ordained 1888--Antinissouri, 1888-90, United church '90-03 and 05.
Born in Aardal Indre Sogn, Bergen, on March 12, 1860 to Nils Kristoff-
erson Vand Kristi (born Hendriksen Holsaether). Attended Batestrands Norm-
al school 1876-78, Taught at Sogndal 1879-83. Attended Hauges minde,
1884-85. Emigrated 1885. Attended Augsburg Sem. 1885-88 (C.T.) Pastor
at Perry Wis. 1888-03 with addition of: Primrose 1888-03, Adamsville, '88-
01, W. Blue Mounds, '90-03, York 92-03. Attended Hauges minde and Krist-
iania Univ. '04-05. Pastor at Cooperstown (Naes, Union, Lund, and
Sheyenne Valley congregations) N. Dak. 1905-08; Volga, S.D. '09. He
was visiting pastor 1911. He married Sigrid Fimreite in 1903.

Ordained 1906--United Church 1906--
Born in Green Bay Wis. March 19, 1875 to Lars J. and Karoline (born
Nilsen). Attended U.C.Sem. 1897-99, St. Olaf College, 1899-03, U.C.
Sem. 1903-06 (C.T.) Pastor at Cooperstown, N. D. 1906-II, Badger Ia. 1911.
Married Anna Marie Qualey in 1909.

Ordained 1909--Norske Synode--1909.

Born in Willmar Minn. Sept. 10, 1884 to Pastor Ole O. E. and Josephine Emelie (born Amundson).

Attended Willmar High School--Willmar Sem.--1900-02, Luther College--1902-06 (A.B.) Luth. Sem. 1906-09 (C.T.)

Pastor at Reeder N.D. 1909.

Married Therese Nelson in 1913.

Note: Mr. Estrem later served the church in Cooperstown leaving last before Rev. I.O. Jacobson.

Ordained 1875, Konferentsen 1875-90-United Church, 90-97 and 03-08.
Born in Hero, S. Sondmore, Bergen, Mar. 2, 1839, to Torger Torgerson N.
and Johanna (born Amundsen)
Attended Volden's Sem. '59-'61 (student). Taught at Hero, Volden, Borgund,
Bremanger, '61-'74. Emigrated in 1874. Attended Augsburg Sem. '74-75
(C.T.). Pastor at Audubon (II congregations) Minn. 1875-80, Hawley (6
congregations) Minn. 1880-83, Grafton (II congregations) N. Dak. 1884-
91, Park River (6 congregations) N. Dak. 1891-94, Marshall Co. Minn.
1894-97, Devils Lake, N. D. 1903-05, Larimore, N. Dak. 06-08, farmer 1908.
Promoted "Aabenbaringen", 1911.
Married Theodora Schrender.

Note: R.S.Lunde informs me that this minister visited Griggs County
twice or more in 1881 and stayed at the home of his father.

M.P.

Ordained 1905--United Church--1905

Born in Avalanche, Wis. on Jan. 27, 1882 to August Theodor S. and Mariane (born Stevens). Attended Viroqua Wis. High School 1894-99--St. Olaf College 1899-02 (A.B.) U.C.Sem. 1902-05 (C.T.). Pastor at Peterson, Minn. 1905-07, Moscow, Ida. 1907-12, Cooperstown, N.D. 1912. Married Inger Ness in 1906.

Ordained 1904--Frikirken--1910.

Born in Os. Midthordland, Bergen, on Sept. 4, 1877 to Nils N. Haugland and Serine L. (born Stronen).

Attended Nordhordlands rural school 1893-94, advanced school 1894-96.

Emigrated 1901. Chicago Theol. Sem. 1901-04 (C.T.). Pastor at Maple Valley Wis. 04-10, Ironwood, Mich. 1910-11, Cooperstown, N.D. 1911.

Married Emma M. Nordahl in 1904.

Ordained 1891--United Church 1891--

Born in Haugesund, Karmsund, Kristiansand, on Dec. 27, 1860 to Endre Nilsen and Oline Margret (born Vikingstad)

Attended Koperviks Normal school 1878-80, Emigrated 1881. Attended Augsburg Sem. 1884-88 (A.B.) and 88-91 (C.T.). Pastor at Marionette, Wis. 1891-96, near Spring Grove (Waterloo Ridge congregations etc.) Minn. 1896-09, near Cooperstown (Union congregation etc.) N.D. 1909. Teacher of history at Augsburg Sem. 1889-1890, District visitor 1911- and Y.P.L. district visitor 1909--

Married Julia Anette Wald in 1892.

Ordained 1895--United Church, 1895-03, and 1904--
Born in Skaato, Bamle, Kristiansand, on Aug. 2, 1865, to John Ludvig
Ostensen and Lovise Marie (born Larson).
Studied with three private tutors 1881-83; Hamar Sem., 1884-86. Emigrated
1887. Attended Chicago Theol.Sem. 1889-90, Red Wing Sem. 1891-93 (C.T.)
U.C.Sem. 1894, Pastor Racine Wis. 1895-01., Menominee, Mich. 1901-03,
McHenry, N.D. 1904-12, Dazey N.D. 1912--
Married Talma A. Nelson in 1899

Ordained 1895--Free Church 1895-09--United Church-09.

Born in Ibestad, Trondenes, Tromso, on Jan. 26, 1867 to Ole Johan T. and Anna Marie (born Samuelson). Emigrated 1867. Attended Minneapolis Acad-1884-85, Augsburg Sem. 85-86, and 92-95 (C.T.). Pastor Neenah, Wis.-1895-98; Brooklyn, N.Y. 98-02; Clintonville Wis.-02-03; Escanaba, Mich. 03-05; Brooklyn, N.Y.-05-09; Finley, N.D.1909--Visiting pastor 1911, Rector of Brooklyn diakonissehjem 05-09.

Married Ellen Bernsten, 1889.

Ordained 1903--United Church 1903--

Born in Odda, Hardanger, Bergen on March 30, 1872 to Engebret B. and Kristi (born Skare). Attended Garnes Peoples High School, '89-90. Emigrated 92. Attended U.C.Sem., 94, St. Olaf College, 95-99, U.C.Sem. '00-03, (C.T.). Pastor at Finley N.D. 03-09; New York, N.Y. 09--Visiting pastor 1910--Editor of "Luthersk menigheds blad," 1910-12. Married Maria Haugen in 1899.

Ordained 1886, Konferentsen 1886-90, United Church, 1890-96-Free Church
1896-04.

Born in Borgund, Laerdal, Midtre Sogn, Bergen Nov. 3, 1852 to Knut Knutsen
Q and Gunhild (born Olsen Baugstad). Emigrated 1865- Attended Augsburg
Sem. 1875-76, 79-82, 83-86 (C.T.). Pastor at Cooperstown (9 congregations)
N.Dak. 86-04.

He died at Crookston, Minn. on June 18, 1904.

He married Ingrid Nilsen in 1874. She died in 1905.

Ordained 1895--United Church 1895.

Born in Sondeled, O. Nedenes Kristiansand, Nov. 31, 1864, to Nils Torjussen and Anne Torine (born----). Emigrated 1883. Attended Chicago Theol. Sem. 1885-87, Beloit Coll. 1887-91, Augsburg Sem. 1891-92. Minn. Univ. 1892-93, U.C.Sem. 1893-95 (C.T.). Pastor Cooperstown, N.D. 1895-05, Bisbee, N.D. 05.

Married Regina Dyrud in 1902

.Ordained 1898--Norske Synode 1898--

Born near Dacorah, Ia. on Oct. 6, 1872 to Aslak J.H. and Ingerid (born Fjeldstul). Attended Luther Coll. 1889-95 (A.B.). Luther Sem. 1895-98 (C.T.). Pastor Lakota, N.D. 1898-03, Grand Forks, N. D. 03-07; Hillsboro, N.D. 07-08; Callender, Ia. 08-10; Grand Forks, N.D. 1910-12; Lakota, N.D. 1912--Director of Grand Forks Coll. 1904-07.

Married Ingeborg Oline Aaker in 1898. She died in 1904.

Married Hilda Johnson in 1907. She died in 1913.

Ordained 1896--Frikirken 1896--
Born in Christiania, Dakota Co. Minn. Dec. 25, 1866 to Ole Olsen H. and
Christi (born Larsen). Attended Augsburg Sem. 1887-91, St. Ansgar Sem.
1891-93, Augsburg Sem. 1893-96 (C.T.). Pastor at Valley City, N.D.
1896-1912, Binford, N.D. 1912.
Married Anna Mathea Monsen in 1896.

Ordained 1899--United Church 1899--

Born in Lyster, Indre Sogn, Bergen, on Sept. 22, 1869, to Johannes Olson O. and Martha (born Larson). Emigrated in 1891. Attended Red Wing Sem. 1893-97, U.C.Sem. 98-99, (C.T.) Chicago Luth. Sem. 08-- Pastor Summit, S.D. 1899-05; Woverton, Minn. 1905-09; Aneta, N.D. 1909-- Married Mina Mortenson, 1900.

Ordained 1888, Antimissouri 1888-90, United Church '90-
Born in Trondhjem Norway, Apr. 28, 1861 of Peter Taud Ingeborg Anna
(born Lein). Attended Quams, Holans and Arnebergs Latinschool, Christ-
iana 1878-84, Ahlbergska Missionschool Orebro, Sweden, 1884-85, Emigrated
1885--Attended Luther Sem. 1885-86, Northfield Sem. 1886-88 (C.T.) Pastor
Hannaford and Dazey, N.D. 1888--Visiting pastor 1901-05.
Married Julia O. Sletten in 1888.

Ordained 1908--Norske Synode--1908--

Born in Gloppen, Nordfjord, Bergen on Nov. 22, 1874 to Borre D.O. and Inger (born Gaasmyr). Emigrated 1890. Farmer. Attended Benson Minn. schools, 1896-99. Glenwood Acad. 1899-01; Luther Coll. 1903-05; Luther Sem. 1905-08; (C.T.) Pastor Holt Minn-1908. Married Inga Gunderson in 1911.

Note: Rev. Ordahl is given as serving the Trinity Luth. Ch. of Binford in their write up on their congregation.

Biographies of some of the ministers of the gospel--Griggs County

Nesheim, Jacob Larsen

Ordained 1884, Hauge Synod 1884-96-
Born June 27, 1841, at Voss, Karmsund, Norway, of Lars Nilsen Nesheim and
Marta (Larsen Fikstvet).
Attended Kopervik Teachers' Training School 1862; teacher Skjold 1859-81-
Immigrated 1881. Teacher Fillmore Co. Minn. 1881-84. Attended Red Wing
Sem. 1884. Pastor Gallatin, N.D. 1884-89; Prairie Farm near Astoria,
S.D. 1889-96. Farmer and evangelist 1896- Married Anna Olsen 1867. She
died in 1910. He died Apr. 11, 1916.

Almklov, Severin

Ordained 1877, Norw. Danish Confer. 1877-88
Born Jan. 17, 1850, at Vanelven Norway of Anders Almklov and Martha---.
Attended Volden High School 1866-68, Tromso Normal School, 1868-71.
Immigrated 1874. Attended Augsburg Sem. 1874-77 (C.T.) Pastor Benson,
Minn, 1877-88. Druggist and manufacturing chemist (Eczema Specific, etc.)
Cooperstown, N.D., 1889---. Married Hansine Wadel, 1877.

Njust, Markus Martinussen

Ordained 1892, Hauge Synod 1892-1917, Norw. Luth Ch. of America 1917.
Born Sept 26, 1860, at Opstad, Odalen, Norway, of Martinus Eriksen Njust
and Marie (Monsen Haug). Attended Amtsskole, 1877-78; Fredrikshald
school for non-commissioned officers, 1879-83. Immigrated 1886. Attend-
ed Red Wing Seminary 1888-91 (C.T.). Pastor, Cooperstown, N.D. 1892-93;
Rindal, Minn. 1892-94; Galeburg and Pickert, N.D. 1894-97; Hannaford,
N.D. 1894. Author "Opfuldte og uopfuldte profetier", 1904. Married
Thea C. Holter, 1893.

Jacobson, Irwin O.

Ordained 1923, Norw. Luth. Ch. of America 1923.
Born Oct. 4, 1894, at Madison, Minn. of Lars Jacobson and Hannah (---)
Attended Madison Minn. High School; St. Olaf Coll. 1916-20 (A.B.) Luther
Theol. Sem. 1920-23 (C.T.) Missionary Hankow, China, 1923-27. Attended
Luth. Bible Inst. St. Paul, Minn., 1927. Married Nora Olson, 1921

Estrem, Gustav Rudolph

Ordained 1909, Norw. Synod 1909-17. Norw. Luth. Ch. of America 1917.
Born Spet. 10, 1884 at Willmar, Minn of Rev. Ole O. Estrem and Josephine
Emelie (Amundson). Attended Willmar High School; Willmar Sem., 1900-02;
Luth. Coll. 1902-06-A.B. Luth. Sem. 1906-09 (C.T.) Pastor, Reeder, N.D.
1909-15, Denver Colo. 1915-21; Cooperstown, N.D. 1921. Vice Pres. N.D.
Dist. of Norw. Luth. Ch. of Amer. 1926. Married Therese Nelson, 1913.

Vikingstad, Nils Johannes

Ordained 1891, United Church 1891-14.
Born Dec. 27, 1860 at Haugesund, Norway of Andre Nilsen and Oline Margrete (Vikingstad). Attended Kopervik Teachers' Training School 1878-80.
Immigrated 1881. Attended Augsburg Sem. 1884-91 (A.B., C.T.). Pastor Marinett, Wis. 1891-96; Waterloo Ridge Cong. etc. near Spring Grove, Minn. 1896-09; near Cooperstown, N.D. 1909-14; lived in Elmore Minn, 1914-21; Minneapolis Minn, 1921. Teacher, Augsburg Sem. 1889-90. Married Julia Anette Wald 1892.

Voldal, Henrik

Add to other biog.
Married Sigrid Fimreite in 1893. She died in 1918. Mr. Voldal died Dec. 26, 1920.