Palmyra

In the winter of 1881, The Waldemar Klubben family, together with the families of **Ola Westley, Sven Loge, Sven Lunde, Knut Haaland, Ola Stokka, Andreas Vatne, Sven Lima, Carl Herigstad, Lars Herigstad, and Tobias Thime** made plans to move to America.  They were ready to leave when the children contacted whooping cough, which made it necessary for the mothers and children to remain in Norway until the children recovered.

The men began their journey April 10, 1881.  In England they boarded the ship "The Palmyra".  The ship's propeller broke near Newfoundland.  Many ships passed them, but did not stop.  They were adrift four days before help came and towed them to St. Johns, Newfoundland, where they stayed ten days while their ship was repaired.  From there they went to New York and then overland by railroad to Granite Falls, Minnesota.  The trip took them seven weeks.  Meanwhile, the women and children left Norway and arrived soon after the men did.

These travelers stayed at Granite Falls with the **Christian Aarestads**, their friends, for two weeks.  Since the land there had been claimed, they moved to North Dakota.  Klubben and Sven Loge bought three oxen, a covered wagon, a plough, and a harrow.  When they unloaded in Fargo, they found that one ox had caught his horn between the boards of the wheat car and had been killed.

Waldemar Klubben was born near Bergen, Norway.  His parents were **Elling and Seneve Klubben** on February 26, 1847.  He was married to **Maria Pernilla Johansen** on June 9, 1878 in Stavanger, Norway.

Swen Loge was born in Thime, Stavanger, Norway on October 27, 1852.  At the age of 26 he was married to **Serina Thime**.