

I V E R    T H O M P S O N

1866 to 1888.

A sailboat which landed on the shores of the new Continent in August 1866 carried nine passengers who later played a part in the development of the new world, and six of them spent the greater part of their days in North Dakota. The party included my parents, Mr and Mrs Torgrim Fecher (Fekjer) and my five brothers and sisters, and my father's father, a man then 66 years old. The money for this journey was obtained by grandfather relinquishing his life lease on the farm in Norway. This made him dependent for the rest of his life on the family for his support, since he was an invalid afflicted with St. Vitus Dance.

In preparation for this journey a large chest was made to carry the food for the ocean trip. Some of the kinds of food carried were bread, which was dried or toasted and known as "Knall", Dried Beef, Cheese, "Prim", and Butter. The cover of the chest was flat and served the purpose of a table.

The name of the sailboat was "The Manila". Shortly before landing on this side while "The Manila" was anchored, a large ship named "Annadalius" slid