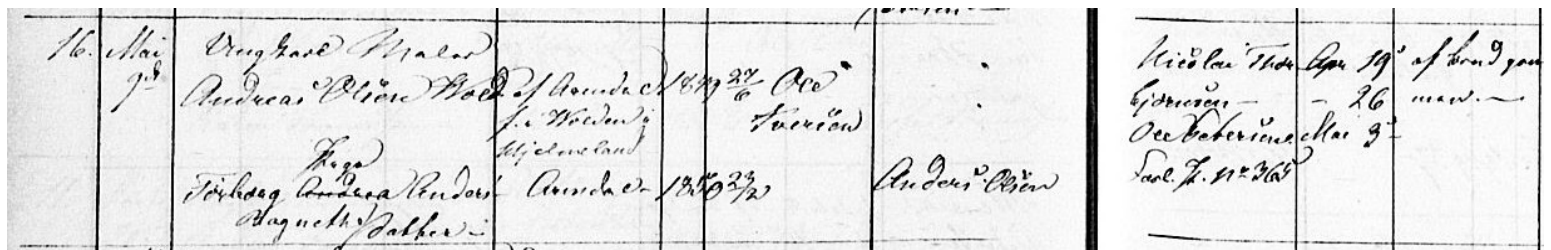


Andreas Olsen Wold

Recently I have received information about Spel-Ola's son, Andreas, b. 1849. He was the youngest son of Ole Iversen Volden and wife Siri Pedersdatter. This son was only eleven years old when his father died. His mother died the next year in 1861. The bygdebok indicates that he went to America, but they didn't know what year he had left. Cleve Darling states: "Little of Peter and Andrew is known except they left Norway and went to Germany to seek their fortune."

We now know that Andreas actually stayed in Norway and married in 1874 with



Tørborg Ragnethe Andersdatter, b. 1850. They lived in Arendal, Aust-Agder, Norway and had at least three children there. The record of their marriage is extraordinary because of its details. There were actually two copies, one kept by the clerk and one by the parish minister.⁴⁹

"Entry #16: May 9th, 1874, Young man, painter, Andreas Olsen Wold, of Arendal, born in Wolden in Hjelmeland: 27 June, 1849, father: Ole Iverson; Maiden Tørborg Andrea Ragnethe Andersdatter, of Arendal, born 23 December, 1850, father: Anders Olsen. Sponsors: Niels(?) Thorbjørnsen, Ole Petersen. The bands were read on April 19th, 26th and May 3rd."

This record gives Andreas' birth date, his specific place of birth and his father's name. The place: 'Hjelmeland' is the parent parish for Årdal. Therefore, all of the

49 Digitalarkivet, <http://www.arkivverket.no/>, scanned parish registers, Arendal, Aust-Agder, Ekteviede: 1868-1878 Ministerialbok, 1874, pg. 315, #16, Ekteviede: 1874-1888 Klokkebok, 1874, pg. 311, #16.

information matches the individual whom we know, and there can be no doubt that he is part of our Wald family. Andreas also appears earlier in the 1865 census in this same place where he is called a painter's apprentice, so we know that he came here soon after his parents died, but we don't know why. Recently I found the following entry in the 1865 census:

1865 census, Østerrisør, Aust Agder, Norway

entry #889: "Torkil Ols. Bager Svend ug 24 m Hjelmeland"

This appears to be his older brother, Torkild Olsen, b. 1841. He was living less than 50 kilometers from Andreas in the costal city of Østerrisør which is in the same county, and he was unmarried and working as a baker's apprentice. Cleve Darling tells us that Torkild came to America and "married a Sweed girl from Boone, Iowa". So far I don't have any more information about him.

The oldest son of Andeas was Ole Andreasen, b. 1876 in Arendal. He married Pauline Evensen, b. 1879, and moved to Oslo where he also worked as a ships painter. His great grand daughter, Lois, is a third cousin of ours who currently lives near Sacramento California. She contacted me when she learned of her relation to our family in Aardal from my website, and I now have information she gave me about her lineage. Incidentally, Pauline Evensen was born in the Ringsaker parish in Hedmark county which is the parent parish for Veldre, the home of Fredrik Simensen and Pernille Larsdatter. There is no relation there, just a coincidence.

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