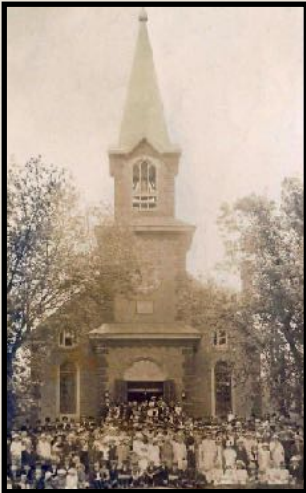


Ellen Marie's husband, Aksel Alex Jørgensen died in Stockholm Township on June 8, 1898, and was buried at the Stockholm town cemetery.

Ellen Marie lived with her son, Axel Peter and his wife, Anna Kristine Betson Jørgensen and child in Stockholm Township.

Ellen Marie Oleson Jorgenson was also a postmaster, and owned a farm, which was quite an accomplishment in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Ellen died on February 10, 1910, and was buried in the family plot in the Stockholm town cemetery.



Stockholm Lutheran Church 1916



The Stockholm Township Cemetery in Wright County, Minnesota, where Aksel Alex Jørgensen and Ellen Marie Oleson Jørgensen tombstones are located. Alex and Ellen Marie were married in Shakopee, and had a jewelry store on Holmes Street in downtown.



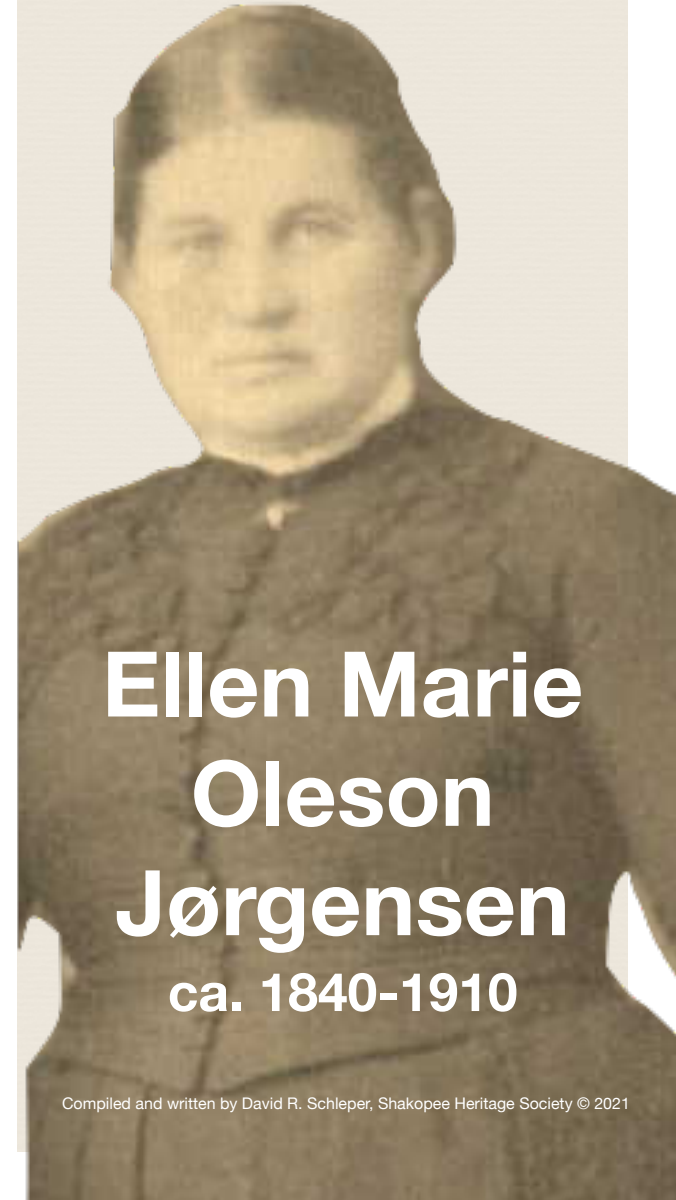
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**Ellen Marie  
Oleson  
Jørgensen  
ca. 1840-1910**



Ellen Marie Oleson, an immigrant from Vadsø in Finnmark County in northern Norway, arrived in America in 1865. In Shakopee on June 6, 1868 Axel Jorgenson took out a marriage license and married Ellen.

Ellen Marie's husband, Axel Jorgenson, was born Aksel Jørgensen on December 1, 1818 in Gjerstad in Aust-Agder County in southeast Norway and was baptised in the Gjerstad parish church five days later. Axel was the eldest of four sons and a daughter born to Jørgen Akselsen (1783- 1864) and Karen Margrete Nilsdatter (1794-1866).

According to Mark W. Olson, the Gjerstad area of Axel's youth was known for iron works and for the cutting of logs and floating them to destinations via streams and lakes, occupations with which he would pick up. In 1846 Axel, by then a blacksmith by trade, moved to nearby Tistedalen (today called Halden) in nearby Østfold County, on Norway's southernmost border crossing with Sweden. In Oslo, Norway on April 28, 1850 Axel Jorgenson married his first wife, Ingeborg Marie, age about 31, and five days later on May 3, 1850, the newlyweds boarded the brig *Incognito* in Christiania (Oslo), Norway bound for New York in the United States. There is no information about Ingeborg Marie. Her fate unknown, most likely she died in the first year or two after arriving in America.



Axel Peter Jorgenson was born Oscar Lind in Stockholm County in Minnesota in 1879. His birth mother, who was only 29, died 24 days after he was born. The widowed husband had two other children to care for, so he gave Oscar Lind up for adoption. Aksel Axel Jørgensen and Ellen Marie Oleson Jørgensen adopted Oscar, and called him Axel Peter Jorgenson.

On right is a picture of Axel Peter Jorgenson and his wife, Anna Kristine Betsch Jorgenson.



Jorgenson probably traveled America's water routes, eventually making his way to the frontier Territory of Minnesota sometime in 1850-1851. By December 1863 Axel Jorgenson moved to Shakopee in Scott County, Minnesota to take up business doing clock and watchmaker repair work.

In the ***Minnesota Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1865*** Axel Jorgenson was advertised as a watchmaker and jeweler on Holmes Street in Shakopee, Minnesota.

In Shakopee in Scott County, Minnesota on June 6, 1868 Axel Jorgenson took out a marriage license and married his second wife, Ellen Marie Oleson.

The 1870 United States Census for Shakopee in Scott County, Minnesota mentions that Axel Jorgenson was a watchmaker and legal citizen of the United States with \$2730 in real estate worth and \$600 in personal property value, a tidy sum for the period.

Axel is listed in 1870 as being married to Ellen M. Jorgenson, age 30, who is described as a housekeeper and not yet a legal citizen. Both are listed as born in Norway and having no children or others listed as living in household.

In 1874, Alex and his wife, Ellen Marie were involved in a domestic dispute. In the ***Weekly Valley Herald*** newspaper on November 4, 1874, Axel put in an item reading, "Notice is hereby given that my wife Ellen M. Jorgenson as left my bed and board without cause or provocation and that I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date. Dated August 26, 1874, Axel Jorgenson."

By 1875 Minnesota Census shows Axel Jorgenson living in Waconia, without Ellen Marie. But eventually, the two of them got back together.

By 1877, the couple moved to Stockholm Township in Wright County, Minnesota, where they lived for the rest of their lives, according to the Carver Historic District, Civil War Onset Sesquicentennial Update 1861-2011.

Axel and Ellen Marie adopted a son in late 1879. The child was Oscar Lind. Axel and Ellen Marie called their adopted son Axel Peter Jorgenson. Axel Peter Jorgenson's birth mother, who was only 29, died 24 days after his birth. The widowed husband had two other children to care for, so he gave Axel Peter up for adoption.