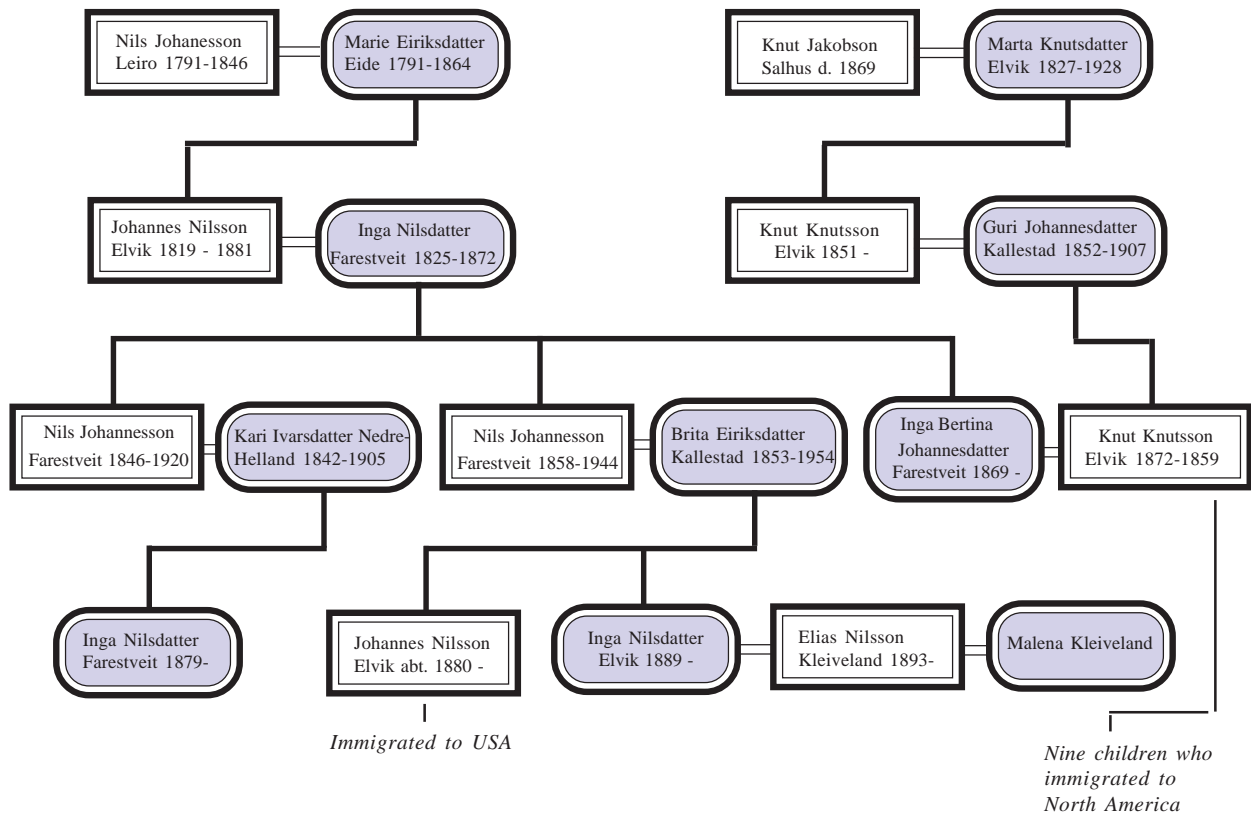


# Elviks and Farestveits



When dealing with relatively small population groups that live in remote areas with limited transportation systems, relationships can become quite complicated. In the case of Bruk 1 and Bruk 2 at Elvik we know that the two branches separated when Anna Olsdatter married Jakob Johannesson Straume about 1756. Descendants from her first marriage to Olav Olsson Elvik eventually inherited Bruk 2 and descendants from her second husband inherited Bruk 1. However, there turns out to be a closer relationship for some of the later descendants when Knut Elvik b. 1872 married Inga Bertina Farestveit. Inga was the daughter of a Bruk 2 descendant, Johannes Nilsson Elvik, who assumed the surname of Farestveit when he married an only child, Inga Nilsdatter Farestveit in 1843, and moved to Farestveit in Modalen. Then to further complicate matters, among the eleven children from their marriage there were two sons with exactly the same name, Nils Johannesson Farestveit. One was born in 1846 and the other in 1858. Both of these sons had daughters named Inga and it was their sister, Inga, who married Knut Elvik. The first of these sons remained at Farestveit as the owner and farmer there. The second of these sons b. 1858 returned to Elvik in 1875 and assumed ownership there. His surname then changed to Elvik. I believe he is the Nils Elvik who is buried in the cemetery in Stannes.

There is a lot of confusion that arises from the naming practices from this era and this region of Norway. There seems to have been a very limited number of given names that were used and therefore many individuals in a family group ended up with similar names. What we refer to as a middle name seemed always to be the father's given name with son or datter added as a suffix. The last name was the name of the farm or community where they lived. In this particular family there seemed to be many instances where a son went to live at his wife's farm and he would then assume the name of that farm as his surname, resulting in the surname being passed down from the maternal rather than the paternal side. Figuring out how people are related becomes quite complicated. Even Family Tree Maker is having trouble with this one.