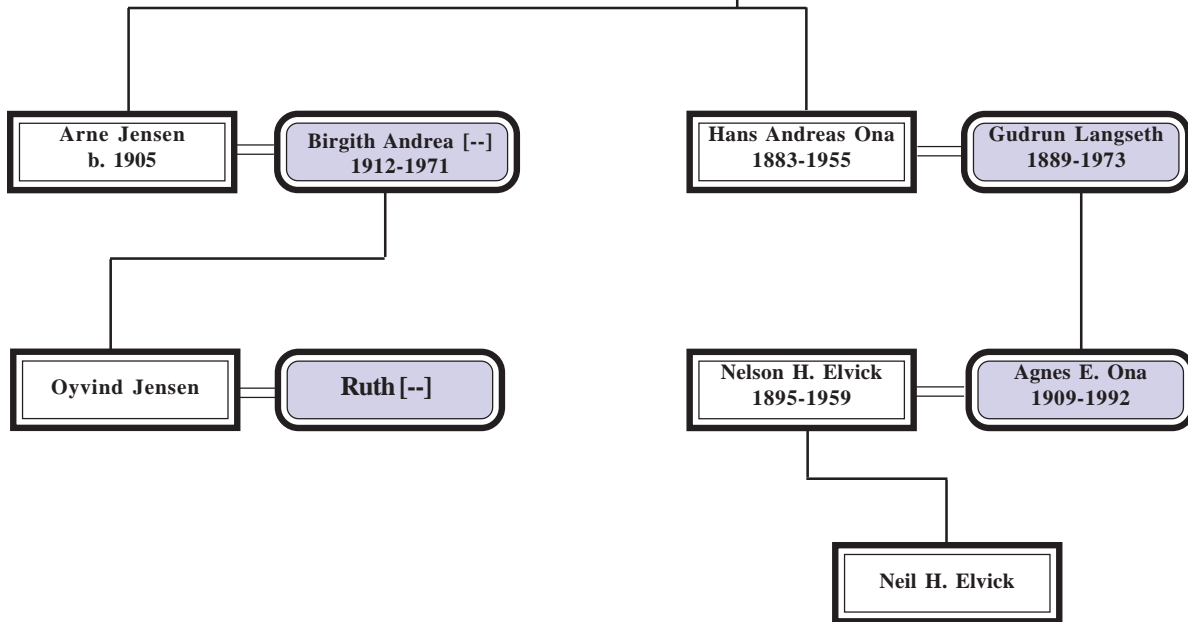


Descendants of Jens J. Tusvik & Ellen A. Nilsdatter



Jens Johan
Larsen Tusvik
1885-1933

Ellen Anna
Nilsdatter
1861-1957



Hans Ona emigrated to the United States in 1905. He settled in Nelson County, North Dakota and worked as a farm laborer until he had enough money to send for his fiancée, Gudrun Langseth, who was the daughter of the lighthouse keeper, Sivert Langseth on the island of Ona. Gudrun immigrated in 1908 and they were married that year in Lakota, North Dakota. They raised four children, Agnes born in 1909, Henry born in 1910, Gen born in 1914 and Gladys born in 1919. Two of Hans Ona's brothers, Ludvik and Nels also immigrated to America, Ludvik in 1908 and Nels in 1913.

For over thirty years, Hans worked as a tenant farmer on various farms in Nelson County. His oldest daughter, Agnes, married his current landlord, Nelson Elvick in the year 1926. At the height of the great depression and in the midst of a disastrous drought, Hans and his wife, Gudrun, moved to the west coast. They settled in the town of Kirkland, Washington, just a few miles outside of Seattle. Three of their children, Henry, Gen and Gladys also settled nearby.

Hans found employment as a guard at a naval shipyard in Kirkland and Gudrun took in boarders and they managed to make a very good living. They lived there for the rest of their lives. He and his son, Henry, would often go to Alaska to fish. In 1952 they took a trip back to Norway to visit their families. Hans found the fishing net that he had hung up over forty-five years earlier when he left Ona still hanging in the same place.

At the age of 72 he and Gudrun took a trip to visit their granddaughter in Denver Colorado, and then on to visit their daughter, Gladys in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He suddenly became ill in Minneapolis and he died a few days later. All of his children are now deceased, but all eleven of the grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren still survive.