

## Elisabeth (Fundtaunet) Bjugan

Elisabeth Haldorsdatter Fundtaunet was born on 24 September 1846 in Meråker parish, Nord-Trøndelag, Norway. She was the oldest of four children of Haldor Olsen Fundtaunet (1812-1887 and Beret Maria Johnsdatter (1818-1883). Elisabeth's siblings were: Beret (1850-1922, married Andreas Kopperud), Alia (1853-1923) and John (1861-1930).

In 1865 the family immigrated to America. They took the ship *Bergen* from Trondheim, Norway to Quebec, Canada. On the voyage, the ship struck an iceberg and had to be kept afloat by working the pumps until the damage was repaired.

From Quebec they went on to Red Wing in Goodhue County, Minnesota, then on to Holden township in Goodhue County where they settled for several years, before the parents and unmarried children moved to Roscoe township in that same county.



Elisabeth Haldorsdatter Fundtaunet Bjugan  
(1846-1928)

On 17 June 1866 Elisabeth married Hans Johnson Bjugan. He was born in 1830 in Hegra parish, Nord-Trøndelag. They lived for a year in Warsaw Township in Goodhue County. In 1867 they moved to Roscoe Township, where they lived in a log house until 1881.

Elisabeth and Hans had thirteen children:

John (1867-1867).

- Gurine (1868-1869). Gurine (1870-1870).

- Beret Maria (1871—1936, married Hans T. Hoven).

Lena (1872-1962, married Peter A. Romo).

Hannah (1874-1963).

Gitta (1876-1964, married Peter John Finstuen).

Josephine (1878-1963, married Elai I. Morkre).

Henry (1881-1882).

Henry (1883-1963, married Mathilda Froyum).

Ludvig (1884-1885).

Louie Tolvinus (1886-1973, married Jertine Treistad).

Ellen Selma (1889-1973, married John Albert Froyum).

Hans, Elisabeth and family had been members of Lands Lutheran Church but in 1887 became part of a minority group which formed the new Norwegian Lutheran Synod Church in Zumbrota, Minnesota.

Hans and Elisabeth lived on the Roscoe farm for the remainder of their lives. That farm remained in the Bjugan family until 1998. Hans died in 1912. Elisabeth died on 7 August 1928. They, along with Elisabeth's parents, are buried in the cemetery adjacent to Lands Lutheran Church, rural Zumbrota, Minnesota.

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## **Hans Johnson Bjugan**

Hans Johnson Bjugan was born on 26 June 1830 in Hegra, Nord-Trondelag. He was the fourth of five children of John Larsen Bjugan (1781-1861) and Gunhild Hansdatter Hegre (1795-1861)

Hans' siblings included: Sigrid (born 1820, married Tomas Hoven); Lisbet (born 1824); Lornets (1827-1890) married Ingeborg Johnsdatter Almli and emigrated to America); Lisbet (born 1833, married Petter P. Hoven).

In 1858 Hans immigrated to America. He went on the sailboat *Brodrene* from Trondheim, Norway to Quebec, Canada, then by a mix of steamboat, horse cart, sailboat and railroad via Montreal, Hamilton, Detroit and Chicago to the Goodhue County, Minnesota area. He worked for some farmers in the Cannon Falls area who couldn't speak Norwegian. He did this so that he could learn English. He and a friend purchased 160 acres in Warsaw Township.

On 17 June 1866 Hans married Elisabeth Haldorsdatter Fundtaunet.



They lived for a year in Warsaw Township. In 1867 they sold Hans' half interest in the farm to his friend and moved to Roscoe township in Goodhue county where they lived in a log house, until 188. (See Elisabeth Bjugan biography for a list of their children.)

Hans died on 29 June 1912 and is buried next to Elisabeth at Lands Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Hans Johnson Bjugan (1830-1912)

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