

# Family Histories

## ÓLAFUR AND SÓLRÚN ANDERSON FAMILY

Ólafur was born on June 10, 1863, the son of Árni Magnússon and Helga Ólafsdóttir from Austurhóli, Nesjum, Astur-Skaftafellssýslu. Ólafur married Sólrún Arnadóttir, born September 24, 1864, daughter of Árni Árnason, a farmer from Eldleysu in Mjóafirði and Ingibjörg Ógmundsdóttir from Bæjarstæði, Seyðisfjörður. After their marriage, Ólafur and Sólrún farmed at Gilsá in Mjóafirði until they emigrated to Canada in 1903. They brought seven children with them and left their nine year old son, Sæbjörn Kristinn, with

Sólrún's sister, Kristín. She was to follow them later, but lack of funds prevented them from ever coming to Canada.

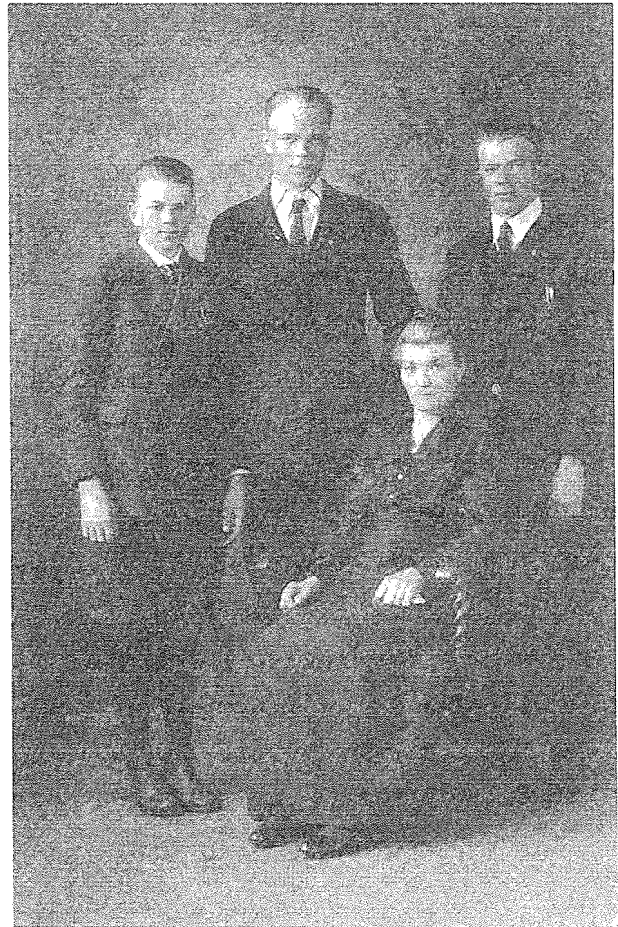
Ólafur and Sólrún spent the first two years in Gimli, where their daughter, Sigurveig, died. They then spent a year in Hecla, Manitoba (Mikley) and two years in the Ísafold district before they finally took a homestead in Geysir, N.W. 1/4 2-23-3E, which they named Gilsá.

Helga Jacobson reminisces thus:

"At Gilsá, they built two little shanties and painted them blue. On the river bank north of the house they built a barn, which was later moved



Olafur and Solrun Anderson.



Solrun Anderson  
Oli, Helgi, and Bjorguin.