

G. GILBERTSON



Gilbert Gilbertson (Gulbrand Kassenborg) was born on the Kolbu farm in South Aurdal kommune in the Valdres Valley in Norway in 1811. He and his parents moved to one of the Thomle farms in North Land Kommune in 1818. He returned to South Aurdal to marry Astri Andersdtr on October 19, 1833.

Gilbert and Astri had three children: Geline, who married Tarje Grover; Andreas, who married Tone Kragnes; and Gilbert who never lived in Clay County; he eventually settled in Yellow Medicine County.

When the family came to America in 1850, Gilbert brought along his blacksmith's anvil. Their first home was in Rock County, Wisconsin, but in 1852 they became one of the first settlers on the south branch of the Root River in Houston County, Minnesota.

Astri died in 1871 and is buried in the Stone Church.

When his daughter Geline and son-in-law Tarje moved to Moland Township in 1874, Mr. Kassenborg moved with them and spent the rest of his life as part of the Grover household.

“Gulbrand Kassenborg” died on August 8, 1888 and is buried in Concordia Cemetery.