

Jacob Slogvik Anderson 1807-1864

In the summer of 1834 six families sold their farms and moved to Illinois, according to a contemporary letter. Four were those of Andrew Dahl, Gudmund Haugas, George Johnson, and Jacob Anderson (Slogvig).

Then in the western half of Section 13, they purchased 100 acres of land from Sloopers Gudmund Hougas and Jacob Anderson (Slogvig), and laid out a city dedicated to the Lord, and called it Norway. This was just over three miles southwest of the present town of Norway which it preceded by many years.

Serine, youngest in Tormod Madland's family, and her husband Jacob Anderson (Slogvik), had gone from Fox River to western Iowa. This was in 1848 and they were one of the five first settlers in Grove Township, Pottawattamie County.

Where others had arrived by ox team, the Andersons drove horses over the trail which had been formed only the year before by the Mormons on their trek from Nauvoo to Kaneshville (Council Bluffs), stopping place on the way to Salt Lake City.

Jacob Anderson made a claim in Section 20 and built on the north side of the Mormon Trail in what later became Wheeler's Grove. He was one of the first three to settle there.

In 1854 Jacob and Serena Anderson decided to follow the great trek to California. It would appear -that they did not sell their Iowa land; and that they had about six living children at this time: Sarah, 20; Martha, 18; Inga or Isabelle (?), 15; Andrew J., 12; Jacob, 10; and Rachel. The trip was made in a covered wagon with oxen.

In California they settled at a locality called Soscol in Napa County, just to the north of San Francisco Bay. Here they acquired "555 71/100" acres of "swamp and overflowed" land, and 50 acres, the Ranch of Soscol in 1857; also, from D. C. Oakes, 80 acres of "swampland" in 1861. These "Tule Lands", in spite of their unsavory description on the land records, were fruitful, and Jacob prospered at raising grain and live-stock. About this time Jacob saw to it that his sons, Andrew J. and Jacob J. were set up with Tule lands. Andrew received 160 acres for \$1000 and paid \$320 down. In 1864, Jacob Anderson Sr. died, — farther from his native Norway than any other who came over on the Sloop.

