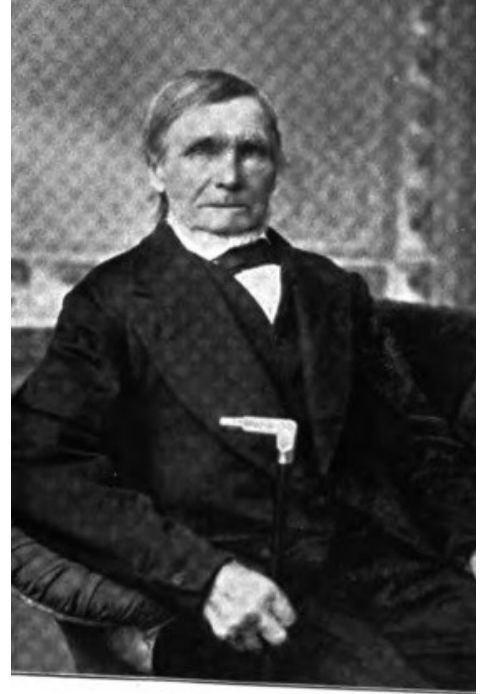


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Ole and Ansten Nattestad, and from Tinn in upper Telemarken came Erik Gauteson Midb0en, Mrs. Thorsten Thorson Rue, and several others. The Nattestad brothers, known as Nattesta in this country, were also members of the ill fated Beaver Creek Settlement in 1837. Ole Nattesta wrote an account of his journey, beginning April 8, 1837, with his departure from home, until Feb. 21, 1838, just before leaving Beaver Creek. From Beaver Creek the brothers went to La Salle Co., IL.. In July, 1838, Ole Nattesta entered Wisconsin and made his home at Jefferson Prairie, also known as Clinton, thus becoming the first Norwegian settler in Wisconsin.. A grandson of Ole Nattesta is Dr. Charles Orrin Solberg, president of Augustana College and Normal School, Sioux Falls, S. D. The significance of Nattesta was that he led the stream of Norwegian migration into Wisconsin. The direction of the stream was uncertain until he took the step he did.

