

Bakke Family in Norway

According to the translations of Einer Hovdhaugen's *Garden og Slekt* in Ringebu from the chapter on Favang, the Bakke farm was named after the straight and smooth hills. The Bakke farm was first farmed in 1604. In 1668 the tax on the farm included 3 skins, 3 markers of fish or it reverted to the King. A mill was added in 1723 and the tax was increased to 4 skins. The Bakke farm had 1 farmstead in 1723, 2 farmsteads in 1801 and three in 1865. According to Hovdhaugen, the Bakke farm today is successful.

The Bakke farm is located about 120 miles north of Oslo, Norway. The farm is on the Lagen river just south of the village of Favang near Ringebu in the Gudbrandsdalen valley. Regarding farm ownership, research indicates that the farm belonged to the King until 1658 when Oluf became the owner. Anne Sjursdtr, widow of Amund Bakke, obtained the farm in 1665. Haldo Haldosen and his wife Mari Amundsdr became the next owners in 1723. Haldo's son Haldo Haldosen bought the farm in 1745. He married Rannei Olsdr Fossum from Oyer. In 1750 he and Arne Kristensen from Oksol became partners in the farm. In 1753 Ole Sveinson Froyse bought Arne Kristensen's interest in the farm. Finally Ole sold his share back to Haldo. In 1777 Engebret Arnesen Anres with his wife Ingeborg Handosdr Bakke bought the farm. Arne Engebretsen, probably as son of Engebret bought the farm in 1800. The farm had two farmstead in 1801. Arne kept the farm until 1836 when Engebret Arnesen, again probably as son, bought the farm. Arne sold the farm in 1855 to Osten Gulbrandsen Segelstad. Osten was the owner until 1860 when he sold it to Engebret Eriksen Kolstad. Engebret was married to Beret Torgersdr. In 1865 Engebret sold part of the farm to Iver Pedersen Kjorkjestugun and his wife Marit Andersdr. In 1905 Matias Iversen Bakke bought the farm and kept it until 1938 when his son Hakon Matiassen Bakke bought the Bakke farm. The farm ownership history in short form is as follows. Listed are the husband and wife as owners with their approximate date of birth.

Husband	Wife
Hakon Matiassen Bakke (1887)	Kristine Nordolom
Matias Iversen Bakke (1864)	Karen Hansdr Oksolhaugen (1860)
Iver Pedersen Kjorkjestugun(1822)	Marit Andersdr (1828)
Peder Jorgensen (1784)	Sigrid Iversdr
Jorgen Pedersen (1755)	Kari Nilsdr (1751)
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Records also indicate the following livestock holdings for the farm. In 1658 the farm has 4 mares, 16 cows, 3 goats and 12 sheep. In 1668 the holdings changed to 4 mares and 26 cows while in 1723 the farm has 3 mares, 22 cows and 10 sheep. By 1865 the farm had three different homes located on the property and had 2 mares, 11 cows, 10 sheep, 5 goats and 1 pig on the main farm. The upper Bakke had 1 mare, 5 cows, 6 sheep and 5 goats. The north Bakke location had 1 mare 4 cows, 8 sheep and 4 goats. The farms also raised barley, potatoes and peas.

Matias Iversen Bakke was the son of Iver Pedersen Kjorkjestugun and became the owner of the farm in 1905. Iver and Marit had at least four other children; Andrew J, Peder J, Gina and

Gertrude all of whom came to America and settled in Marsh Grove township near Newfolden in Marshall County of Minnesota.