

August and Alma (Tunheim) Bring

West Valley Township residents were shocked by the untimely death of one of its residents on October 27, 1943. August Bring was fatally injured in a truck-train collision on the Soo Line Crossing in Newfolden. August had purchased his farm in 1928 from Olaf Nelson. In addition to maintaining his own farm, August did much custom threshing using a Rumley tractor (which burned kerosene) to power a Rumley threshing machine. Later he purchased a more modern McCormick-Deering tractor and separator to continue his threshing operation.

August was the son of Andreas Bring (who had emigrated from Sweden in the 1880s) and Gertrude Bakke (who had emigrated from Gulbrandsdalen, Norway) were married in about 1890 and had homesteaded in New Maine Township. Other children in this family were Matilda (Mrs. Peter Doran); Inga (Mrs. George Sholy who still resides in Nekoma, North Dakota); Gust (who lives in West Valley; John; Ellen; and Martha. Andreas Bring died in 1901 and was buried in a pasture by the river on their farm as there were no special burying grounds in the area. Gertrude Bring lived on in the Newfolden area until her death in 1936.

In 1920 August was united in marriage to Alma Tunheim, a resident of Newfolden Township. She was the daughter of Martin Tunheim, who had emigrated from Sandes, Norway. Other children in this family were Thoralf; Edward; Arne; Myrtle; Olga (Mrs. Oscar Oswald; and Cora (Mrs. Walter Webb who resides in Modesto, California). Alm is now Mrs. Nels Iverson and resides in Grand Forks, North Dakota.)

The farm in West Valley Township is now owned by August's son, Gordon. He, his wife and four children still reside there. The daughters are Ardelle (Mrs. Donal Stengrim of Stephen) and Bernice (Mrs. Glendon McKeever of Middle River. In addition there are eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. *Submitted by Mrs. Donald Stengrim, Stephen.*

August Bring served as a PFC in the Coast Artillery Corps during WWI along with several of his neighbors from Marshall County. See more information about the unit in another article on this website.

Sources: Self Portrait of Marshall County, Marshall County Historical Society, Warren, MN 1976

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