

## Ida Bakke

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When Ida P Bakke was born on July 31, 1886, in Marsh Grove, Minnesota, her father, Peder, was 28, and her mother, Agneta, was 27. She had two brothers and six sisters. She died on June 7, 1975, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, at the age of 88.



Ida, being the oldest child did as many other oldest children stayed at home and helped her parents raise her brothers and sisters. For doing this, she was rewarded by her parents with a phonograph purchased in the early 1900s. The phonograph along with many vinyl records is in my possession and still works. It is in great shape and does not appear to have been reconditions in any way.

According to census records, Ida spent her life at home in Marsh Grove and Thief River Falls. I remember Ida as a warm and happy person. When I was pretty young living on the farm, Ida and Amanda came from Thief River Falls to help collect June berries and again in the fall to collect nuts. Ida was really nice to me and little brother Larry.

In going through family documents, I found a couple of interest.

The next photo is of Ida and her youngest sister Minnie. I do not know when or where it was taken.



In an old Social Security envelope, I found Ida's confirmation certificate. Why was it in a Social Security envelope, I have no idea, but here it is.





Peder and Agnetta Bakke purchased this phonograph for their oldest daughter Ida because she agreed to stay home and help raise the other children and to help take care of her parents. Ida never married. The phonograph is in excellent condition, works and includes several old 78 rpm records.