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Stark County's first Norwegian settled at Taylor in 1883, but he fled from there because of a murder. (Regrettably). Next after him came (in 1884) Martin and Lars Bræum from Sogn. And after them came Erland Paulson Øverli, Ingebrigt Torgersen and Kristen Engen, all from Lom, Gudbrandsdalen, Ole Pedersen from Trysil, Anders Aasgaard from Sigdal, Sam Vaagen from Rauland, Telemarken, Abraham and Knud Knudsen from Drangedal, teacher T. Torstensen from Næsherred and a fifth Telemarking by the name of Thomas Olsen, as well as Torger Elken, Hans Elken, Borger Elken and Anders Rosendal, the 4 last from Hadeland, Captain H. Siverts from Bergen, Martin Dyvsveien from Lands parish, and Lars P. Haugen, Helge Myran, John Gunvold, merchant L. L. Lewis, smith Otto Larsen, store clerk Amund Knudsen and the Civil War veterans Thom Olson and Iver Ingebrigtsen.

Taylor Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, that was established in 1885 by Pastor O. J. Norby of The Augustana Synod, was the first Norwegian congregation in the county. Its church - the first and only (Norwegian) in Stark Co. - was built in 1890. There are now 2 congregations, both belonging to The United Church.

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