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Who the first permanent Norwegian in Eau Claire City was is not known. It is certain, however, that some had settled here by the beginning of the 60s. In that time, though, Eau Claire was more an entry place and stop for people who were seeking a home further west.

In the south part of the county (in the area of Norseville and Anthony), where we now find many Norwegians, the first was Knut Knutsen from Næs, Hallingdal. He settled there in 1871.

"The First Norwegian Evangelical Congregation of Eau Claire" (City) was also the first Norwegian congregation in the county, it was established in 1865. Its first priest was Amund Johnson, of The Conference. The church, that was built by it in 1869-71, was the first Norwegian church in the county. Now there are 7 Norwegian congregations and 6 churches, 3 of them belong to The United Church, 2 to The Norwegian Synod and 2 to The Methodist Church.

For information of a political nature, see the section, 'Norwegians in public positions in America'.

For information about 'Arbeideren', 'Reform', see the section, 'Norwegian-American newspapers and periodicals.'

Norwegian place names (in Eau Claire County): Drammen, Ness and Norseville.

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