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Pioneer and Civil War veteran, Torger Wesley tells, "I emigrated with my parents from Gran parish, Hadeland in the summer of 1848. We were supposed to depart from Hamburg, but when we came to Drammen, war had broken out between Denmark and Germany and all passenger traffic from the Scandinavian countries was stopped. After waiting 7 weeks in Drammen we got passage in a sailship to New York. From New York to Albany we went by steamship and from Albany to Buffalo, we went by canal boat, that was drawn by horses. That took all of 6 days. From Buffalo to Milwaukee we continued by steamship, and from the latter, by horse wagon to the Rock River settlement in Jefferson County. It was not good here. Within a few weeks, 7 of the family's 9 members became sick and father was out of money. We got through the winter in a way, but later things got better."

A large number of Norwegians (some of whom had come there as early as 1842) moved away from the Rock River settlement. (The aforementioned T. Wesley now lives in Garfield, Portage Co., Wis.)

Since I am talking about the old settlements here, I should refer the readers to the section 'Norwegians in American Wars) There one will again find these pioneers - while their children, in newer settlements elsewhere in the book.

At the end of the 40s a Norwegian Lutheran congregation was established in Jefferson County and several were established later, none of them exist now. There is a little Adventist congregation, that is all. But in the neighbouring counties, it is quite different.

Kroghville Post Office, which has gotten its name from Norwegians, was closed a long time ago.

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