

# Daniel Stensen Rossedal Rosdail 1779-1854

**Daniel Rossedal**, with a wife and five children, had the largest family to go on the Sloop.

From Cornwall the course set by Captain Helland was southwest by south past the coast of Spain and Portugal. In the "Spanish Sea" 24 days out from Stavanger, Daniel Rossedal wrote on the flyleaf of his New Testament: After a voyage of 1280 miles the Sloop approached the Madeira Islands, only 300 miles off the northeast coast of Africa. This detour into southern waters was made to take advantage of the eastern trade winds which blew from there westward. Captain Helland was equipped with a signal to communicate with any Swedish ships he might find in African waters, but he lacked a license and Latin and Algerian papers, i.e., a pass for protection against Barbary pirates.

In this year (1835) Daniel Rosdail seems to have bought a second farm back in Murray, New York. This may have been because he now had to provide for three sons who had reached maturity, and a married daughter, Ellen Rosdail Cothrin. The latter and Lars Rosdail were still in Murray in the first part of 1836; but it is probable that they also went to Illinois in the spring of 1836 along with the Gudmund Sandsburg and Carrie Nelson families (except for Carrie's daughter Ann, who had married Jerome Lake in 1835). Ellen and Cornelius Cothrin had two babies to take with them; William, not yet two, and Daniel, about six months.

Meanwhile out in Illinois in the spring of 1846, the Sloopers had a valuable accession with the arrival of the family of "Big Nels" Nelson. There were many happy welcomes and long visits. Now at last Betsy Nelson had her wish to again see Daniel and Betsy Rosdail and the others face to face and talk over the old times in Norway and their hardships crossing the ocean on the Restoration.



Ovee and Gertrude Jacobs Rosdail



Ovee Rosdail's house was used as an inn and was the first post office in Norway, Illinois (taken in the 1920s with his three children, Dan, Emily, and Jake)



Huldah Rosdail Olson



John and Caroline Pearson Rosdail  
(He was nearly 43 and she, just 18, but the marriage was a success)



Caroline Rosdail Jacobs (Mrs. Jens) and family:  
(in order of age: Mary, Jake, Dan, Burt, John, and Joe)