

Andrew Stangland

Andrew Stangland a.k.a Andreas Knutsen Stangland immigrated from Stavanger, Norway in 1824 with a man named Cleng Pearson. Together, Andrew and Cleng purchased a large plot of land in what is now Kendall, New York. This land was to be used for 52 Norwegian Immigrants who arrived in 1825. Andrew married Susan Cary soon after his arrival and she taught Andrew the English language. Many of the immigrants moved away to Illinois but Andrew and Susan moved to Noble County, Indiana where they had 8 children. When Susan and Andrew died, 4 children returned to Kendall and the others remained in Noble County, all raised families of their own.

Andrew Stangland was Cleng Peerson's companion on the trip to America in 1824 to prepare the way for the Sloopers. There, evidence shows, he played an important role in the early settlement of the colony in western New York. The farm Stangland is in Høyland sogn south of Stavanger. Stang means pole or rod in Norwegian, so it is possible the farm was so named because it was land on which poles could be cut. Andreas was one of the younger children so it was the oldest brother Tollak who, as odelsman, took over the farm. Another brother, Ole (1791-1866), was a master baker in Stavanger for some years.

