

## Anders Spelhaug 1795-1845)



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**Husband:** Anders Spelhaug<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 1775  
Death: 02 Jul 1845 in Krødsherad, Buskerud, Norway<sup>2</sup>  
Burial: 20 Jul 1845 in Krødsherad, Buskerud, Norway<sup>3</sup>  
Marriage: 06 Jul 1807 in At Spelhaug, Krødsherad, Buskerud, Norway<sup>1</sup>  
Father:  
Mother:  
Other Spouses: Barbru Ellingsdatter (1803)<sup>[2]</sup>

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**Wife:** Kari Ellingsdatter Lesterbergeie<sup>4, 5</sup>

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Birth: 1775<sup>1, 2</sup>  
Death: 09 Mar 1865 in Krødsherad, Buskerud, Norway<sup>1, 2</sup>  
Burial: 24 Mar 1865 in Lutheran Church, Krosheared, Norway<sup>1</sup>  
Father: Elling Christoffersen Lesterbergeie<sup>2</sup>  
Mother: Sigri Andersdatter<sup>2</sup>

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**Children:**

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M Name: Ole Andersen Spelhaug<sup>7</sup>  
Birth: 1808 in Sigdal parish<sup>1, 2</sup>  
Death: 10 Jul 1873 in Spelhaug farm, Norway<sup>1, 6</sup>  
Burial: 21 Jul 1873 in Olberg Church in Norway<sup>1, 7</sup>  
Spouse: Kristi Erikdatter Solumsbraten<sup>8</sup>

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M Name: Even Andersen Spelhaug<sup>9, 10</sup>  
Birth: 1810 in Krødsherad, Norway  
Death: 01 Mar 1880 in Min<sup>2, 9</sup>  
Burial: Root Prairie Church, Fillmore County, Minnesota<sup>2</sup>  
Marriage: 13 Oct 1836<sup>2</sup>  
Spouse: Åse Andersdatter Redalen<sup>4, 11, 12, 13, 14</sup>

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**Notes:**

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**Anders Spelhaug**

In a May 3, 2005 e-mail to Robert W. Layton, Merrill Austin wrote, "The book, Krødsherad, volume I, by Andreas Mørch, pages 559-560, reveals that Anders Evensen married the widow Kari Ellingsdatter in 1807. His first wife, Barbru Ellingsdatter, whom he had married in 1803, died in 1804 at the age of 26.

"Anders and Kari had two children: (1) Ole Andersen (born in 1807), who married Kristi Erikdatter of Flå

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and (2) Even Andersen (born in 1810), who married the widow Åse Andersdatter Redalen in 1836. As the oldest son, Ole Andersen took over the father's farm, Spelhaug, and remained in Norway. Even Andersen and his family emigrated from Norway in 1851 and eventually settled in Fillmore County, MN."

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**Even Andersen Spelhaug**

Even Andersen (Spelhaug) emigrated to America in 1850 to Koshkonog (Rock) Prairie, Wisconsin. He later came to a farm in Chatfield in 1855. His brother's son was Martin who lived in Norway near Oslo. Evan A. Spelhaug is listed among the charter members of the Root Prairie Lutheran Church in Fountain, Minnesota.

According to Jerry Franck, "On 5 May 1851, Even, Åse, eight children, a daughter-in-law, a future daughter-in-law and a grandchild departed for American. Other parts of the family came later, all to Fillmore County, Minnesota."

Franck continues, "Spelhaug/Spilhaug is the Norwegian farm they lived on. So, I don't think they changed their name to Spelhaug, they just kept it. Ronnang's family first used Ericksen (her husband was Asle Ericksen Sundet/Olbergsundet) in America, but went back to Sundet (the Norwegian farm name) for the same reason. I have been to Spelhaug..."

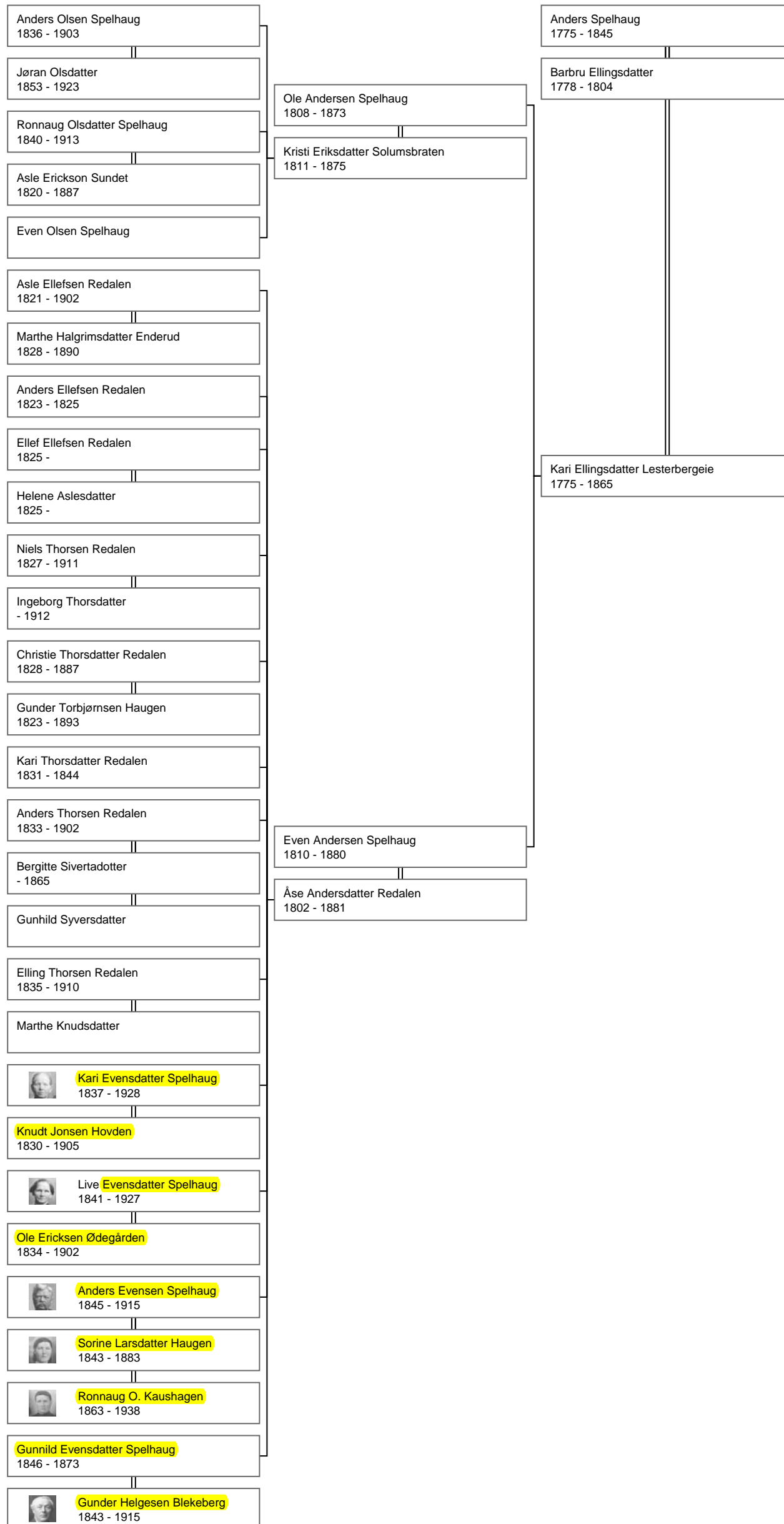
In a 1980 audio recording, **Serena Spelhaug Flagstad** recalled "Grandpa Spelhaug [Anders Evensen] came from Norway when he was eleven years old. His name was .... I'll tell you they changed names you know. To begin with their name was **Andersen**, but then as the kids, as the family was growing up they took the name of Spelhaug because Spelhaug was the name of the gorge in Norway, that was the original place in Norway. Corella and Malvin [Fingerson] when they were there and their son and daughter in law, they were in Norway one spring. They were close to the old Spelhaug, the original Spelhaug homestead. But it was just a log house or some little building standing there, but there was so much snow at the time they were, they were there in March, you know, they ... so they weren't over on the place. But they were told from where they were, they were visiting one of mother's cousins [Fingerson side of the family], they had had coffee, lunch with this lady and she said that was the original Spelhaug, old place." At another time, Serena had joked that the family had adopted "**Spelhaug**" as their family name because there were already too many named "**Andersen**".

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**Sources:**

- 1 Jerry Franck, Descendants of Anders Evensen Spelhaug (April 19, 2005), Robert W. Layton collection, p. 1.
- 2 Jerry Franck, Letter received April 07, 2005 to Robert W. Layton, p. 2.
- 3 Jerry Franck, Descendants of Anders Evensen Spelhaug (April 19, 2005), Robert W. Layton collection, p.1.
- 4 Phyllis Preskey, Spelhaug Manuscript #3, p. 1.
- 5 Jerry Franck, Letter received April 07, 2005 to Robert W. Layton, pg. 2.
- 6 Jerry Franck, Letter received April 07, 2005 to Robert W. Layton, Root Prairie Church.
- 7 Phyllis Preskey, Spelhaug Manuscript #3, p. 3.
- 8 Jerry Franck, Letter received April 07, 2005 to Robert W. Layton, p. 3.
- 9 unknown, Spelhaug Manuscript #2.
- 10 Centennial History of Root Prairie Lutheran Church (Posten Press, Degoran, IA 69770), p.15.
- 11 Corolla Fingerson, Letter dated October 21, 1977 to Robert W. Layton, Attachment p. 11.
- 12 Marjorie Evenson-Spelhaug, Letter dated July 27, 1999 to Robert W. Layton, pp. 3-4. Letter contains handwritten 15 generation ancestry of Ase Andersdotter Redalen, wife of Even Anderson Spelhaug. Mrs. Spelhaug was unable to identify the compiler of the material or otherwise validate the information.
- 13 Torgrim Redalen, Slekten Redalen Nordigard 1425-1986 (printed in Norway: Hagen Repro, Bekkestua, 1986).
- 14 Joyce Redalen, Aase Isackson Redalen Spelhaug, pp. 2-4.

# Descendants of Anders Spelhaug (1775 - 1845)



**YELLOW highlighting** indicates that information on the descendants of the individuals has been recently updated.