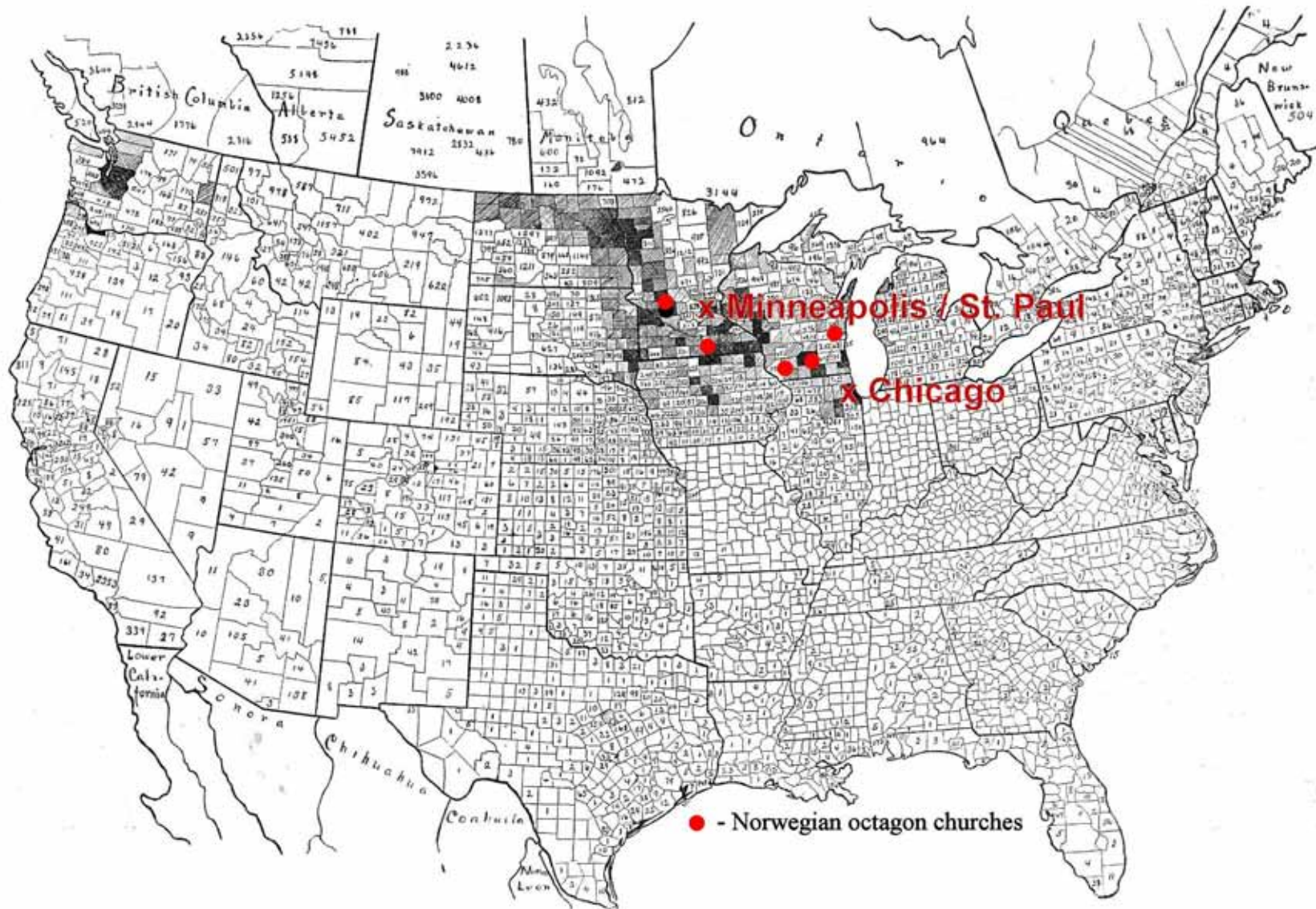


Octagons on the Prairie

Jens Christian Eldal, NIKU, Norwegian Institute of Cultural Heritage Research



Norwegians in America 1915



NORSKE FOLK I DE FORENEDE STATER OG CANADA.

West Koshkonong Church, Wisconsin, 1852–53



West Koshkonong compared with Hadsel in Vesterålen, 1824, and Grytten in Romsdal, 1828

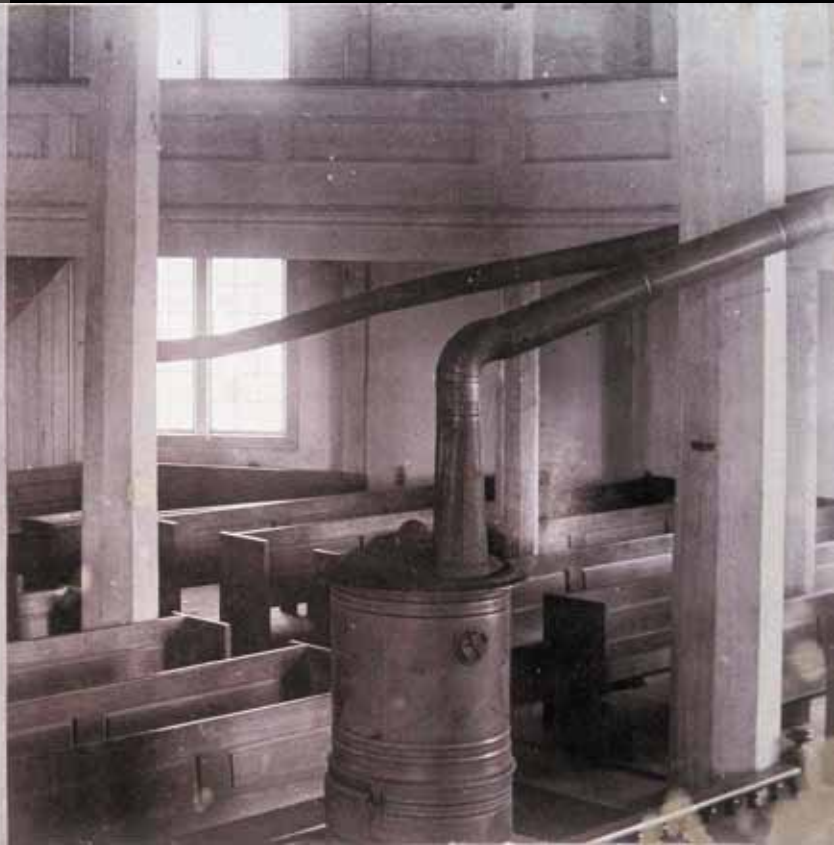


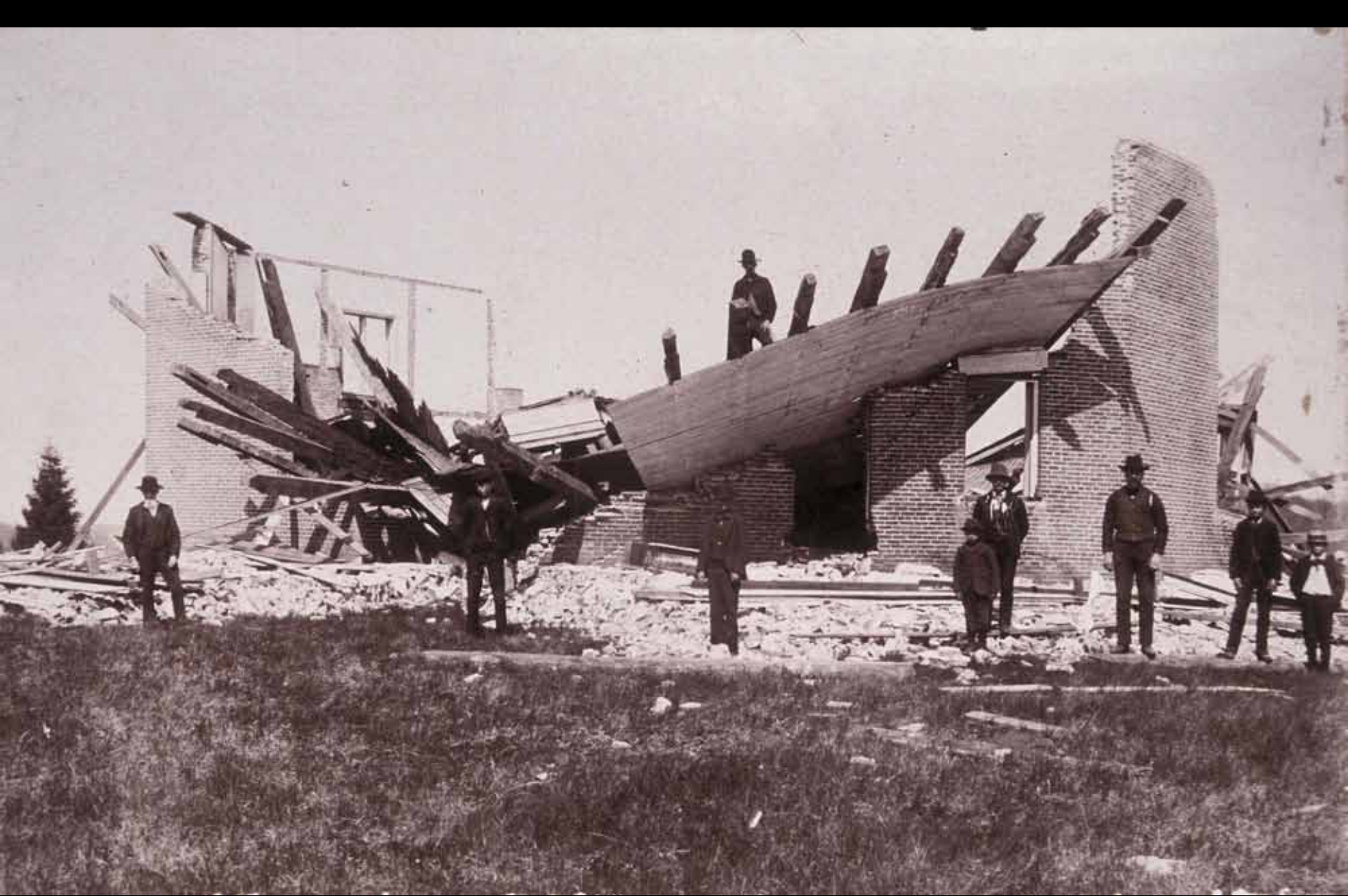
West Koshkonong

Photographs from 1893



Interior St. Koshkonong





Valders Church, Manitowoc County, WI, 1853–54 (left)
Compared with Dverberg Church in Norway, 1841–43 (right)



Otter Creek Church, Iowa County, WI, 1858

Present stone church from 1877. Painting ca 1935

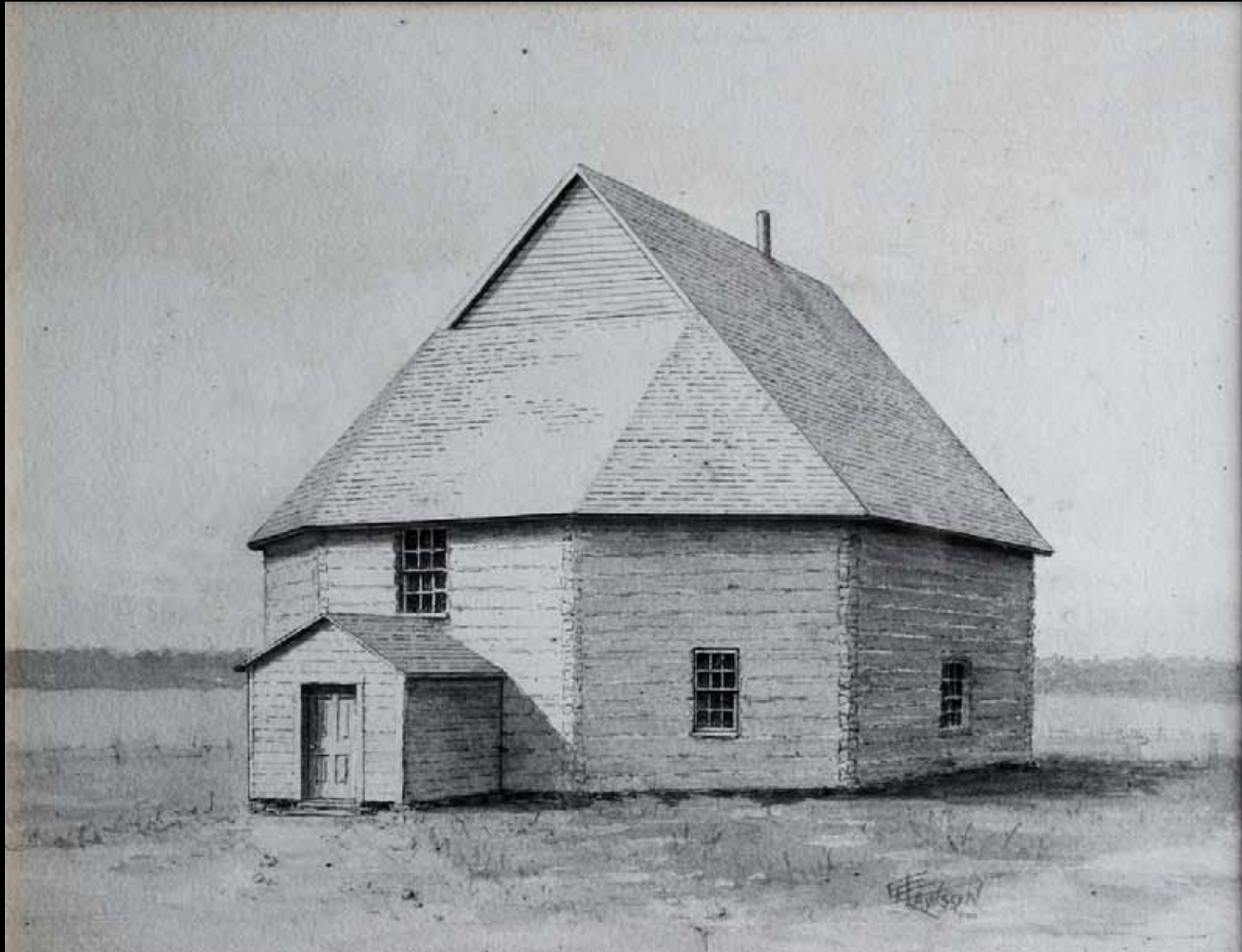


East Freeborn Church, Minnesota, 1865-1869

Model from ca 1940



Crow River Church, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, 1870
Drawing from ca 1911



78 family fathers in 1869:
Ca 30 % came from octagon churches in Norway



*Stor-Elvdal Church
1809–21*

Stor-Elvdal: 1 person



*Sandnes Church
in Bygland, 1843–44*

Bygland in Setesdal:
6 persons

Setesdal: 2 persons



*Svatsum in V.Gausdal
1857–60*

Svatsum, V.Gausdal:
7 persons

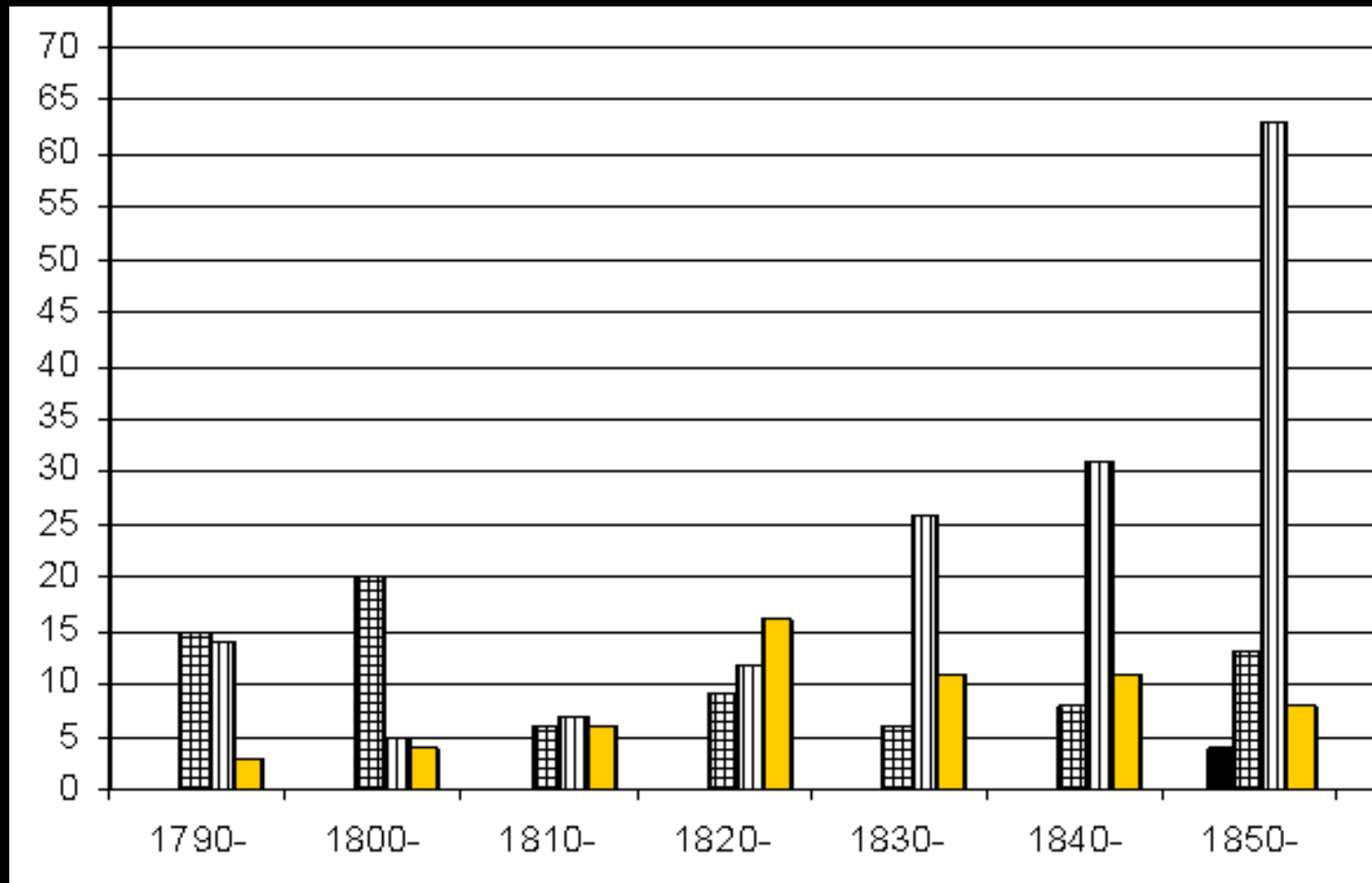
V. Gausdal: 5 persons
Ø. Gausdal: 2 persons

Crow River Ch. 1870 compared with Sandnes in Bygland 1843–44 and Svatsum in West Gausdal, 1857–60



New churches in Norway 1790-1860

Octagons (yellow) compared with cross and longitudinal plans



Farwell Mansion, Madison, Wisconsin, 1852-1854

Photograph ca 1876





Buvik Church, Sør-Trøndelag, 1823

Description of Crow River Church by a former pastor: "Fra den hvide kasseformige prædikestol, der steg lodret op over alterbunden, tog lokalet sig ved første øiekast for taleren unegtelig noget skovmæssig ud."

