

Vøien

According to Oluf Rygh's work, Norske Gaardsnavne, the name of the farm means the meadow by the ford.

Today's four farms of the same name must once have been one farm. This one was by the ford where it was possible to cross the small river Vigga. The old farms were often shared to provide livelihoods to several families. This must also have happened to Vøien, obviously on several occasions. Vøien, gnr / bnr 249/1, known as Upper Vøien, is a farm located by the ford. The Upper Vøien, gnr / bnr 2, lies at the top and borders the Ål road.

Martin Hansen sold in 1866 Upper Vøien to Hans Mikkelsen. He transferred the farm in 1880 to Lars Eriksen from Teslobakken in Brandbu, who was married to Marie Halvorsdatter. They had eight daughters and one son, Halvor, b. 1880. Four of the children on Vøien emigrated to the United States. In 1907, Halvor and his wife Marie left and settled in Sioux City, Iowa. Around 1912 they returned to Gran, then with the sons Leonard, b. 1907, and Norman, b. 1911. Lars Eriksen was 71 years old then and not healthy enough to operate the farm. Halvor therefore took over on Vøien in 1912. The third and last child of Marie and Halvor was the son Mikal who was born in 1916. Lars Eriksen died in 1928.

The summer pastures were of great importance to many farms. Allowing the cow to graze for two months in the summer meant that grassland production of the areas at home on the farm could be used to produce hay for feeding animals in the winter. Nordsetra at Øyangen was used by the two farms Upper Vøien jointly. The farmhouse was owned and used by both families. They each had their barns and hay store. The farms each had their own cultivated land that was fenced.

Leonard Wøien married Mina Tveten and they had their son Halvor in 1933. In 1936 they took over the farm and the same year Olaf was born. Magne came into the world in 1939, while Ingrid was born in 1946. Halvor was given the garden in 1966.