

KLEIVA (EITLANDSKLEIV)

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The farm lies under the precipitous rocky ascent which leads up to Eitland. From this comes the name "Kleiva". Kleiva is one of the newest farms in the county and has, from the beginning been a mountain summer farms. A letter from 1613 tells of a real estate exchange on Fosdal between Astrid Eiriksdotter and Kjetil Ånenson. It is written that "the summer pasture which lays under the rocky ascent (kleiva)" belongs with East Fosdal. In an older judgement, there is named Hans Bagge on Fosdal and this is truly that Baggelåtta (hayfield) under Kleiva that is named after him. Kleiva has not been listed as an independent farm in 1611 because it was not in the district. Register for the Kolmar War. We also don't find Kleive in KR 4S land register if 1618, but under East Fosdal there is an "uninhabited farm" listed in addition. This must be Kleiva.

POPULATION

The first mention of people on Kleiva that I have found is in 1603. There is listed on the "uninhabited farm, Peder under Klefuen (Kleiva)". In the census of 1625 is listed a "Tollef Eitlandsklef"; in 1638-39 "Aadne Eitlandsklef". In 1643-44 Kleiva is listed as 1 ½ hud; also the same in 1649, and of this Ådne owns 2 eng. And Lauritz 4 eng. Under the poll tax of 1645, Adne paid for himself, his wife and one son ½ ort, 6sk; Lauritz paid for himself, his wife and one daughter ½ ort, 6sk.

In the land register of 1661 tax is on ½hud. Of this Adne owns and farms 2 eng. And Tron owns and farms 4 eng. This must be father and son.

In the census of 1644 the following listing is for Kleiva:

Farmers: Odne Jonsøn, Tollak Tollacksøn, Torn Adnesøn,

Sons: Aven Aadensøn

Boys and Tenants: Peder Ingebretsøn

In 1668 there is a new reckoning. This is the first time we find Kleiva as 2 farms. It lists East Kleiva as 6 eng. and was set up to 9 eng. West is 2 eng. and is increased to 3. There must have been some very good pioneers there since the debt was only half as large in a short time.

There are some family lines that still own these farms and the lists asre as follows:
Asbjørnnssetta, Salvessetta, Vestre Kleiva. Vestre Kleiva was generally called "Hingarden" and has been in the same family for over 300 years. The first 2 generations are the same for all three family lines.

