

SHARING ANCESTRAL FARM NAMES & FAMILY NAMES

The purpose of these small group discussions by districts is to share ancestral information with others who have roots from the same district in Hedmark as you do. Several cousins have been identified in our Lag since it was organized. Please bring 8-10 copies of your family tree having farm names and family names with dates, or complete and bring copies of this Form with farm names on the left side and corresponding family names on the right.

Make extra copies of this blank form and use a separate worksheet for each kommune/parish of your family's roots.

THE KOMMUNE/PARISH OF THIS BRANCH OF YOUR FAMILY: _____

Column 1: Ancestral Farm Names	Column 2: Ancestors' Names
<p>List the most recent farm first, with dates, if known. Work sequentially toward the earliest farm. Farm names stayed with the farms and served as an “address” at the time of an event (birth, marriage, death, etc.) They were often used as a surname, e.g. Anders Pedersen (på) Krogstad. This “surname” did not necessarily identify a family or relationship; it identified a dwelling place, often temporary.</p>	<p>Give events and dates or ages, if possible. In the old days Norwegians were named using the patronymic system: their Christian name plus their father's name; e.g. Hans Olsen (the son of Ole) or Ingeborg Olsdatter (the daughter of Ole). In addition, a third name was often used, usually a farm name (see Column 1). Surnames gradually became “fixed,” first in cities and later in rural area; permanent surnames became compulsory by law in Norway in 1925.</p>

Your Name (also e-mail address if you wish): _____

Your Mailing Address _____