

Suggestions for Expanded Publicity Efforts As of 2018 March 23

In response to my email requesting ideas for publicity for the Tre Lag stevne with respect to what I had offered at the last Tre Lag Steering Committee meeting, two suggestions were received:

1." How about county genealogy and historical societies? You might want to go beyond the immediate area and include those from areas of heavy Norwegian settlement" [following list was given].

MN - Fergus Falls
MN - Hendricks
MN - Starbucks
MN - Thief River Falls
ND - Fargo
SD - Sioux Falls
WI - Eau Claire
WI - Menomonie,
WI - Rice Lake
etc

2. "I think we also need to include other areas with a Norwegian presence, especially those that connect to TreLag. Perhaps lag membership lists would help determine target areas."

My reactions

For idea 1, how do we decide which genealogy and historic societies to focus on?

For idea 2, I don't have any data for the two other lag, and for the Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag, I only have data at this time on emigrants from Ringsaker (our most populated kommune) from the emigration records from Kristiania from the 1870s-1890s and Oslo from the 1860s-1890s.

Using the Oslo data, the following results were obtained as the most common given destinations:

La Crosse, WI	296
New York, NY	196
Quebec, Canada	174
Milwaukee, WI	97
Chicago, IL	56
Lanesboro, MN	42
Sioux City, IA	29
Yankton, SD	26
Stoughton, WI	25
Edgerton, WI	22
Trempealeau, WI	22
West Salem, WI	22
Baraboo, WI	20
Benson, MN	20

The destinations of New York and Quebeca are probably often describing the ports in North America, rather than the final destinations, but it is not known to what degree. Chicago and Milwaukee might also have been often listed as starting point in the Midwest.

Are there other ways to identify pockets of Tre Lag ancestors in the US?