

NHOH News

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Who Are We?

NHOH Lag includes the following districts and kommuner in our bygdelaag:

District 1:

Nord-Østerdal:

Alvdal

Folldal

Os

Rendalen

Tolga

Tynset

District 2:

Sør-Østerdal:

Åmot

Elverum

Engerdal

Stor Elvedal

Trysil

District 3:

Hedemarken & Hamar:

Furnes

Hamar

Løten

Nes

Ringsaker

Romedal

Stange

Vang

Hilsen fra Presidenten

Kjaere Venner,

Within a few short weeks the year 1998 comes to a close, and for our Lag another year (chapter) in our brief history--our fourth year. For me, it marks the completion of my first term as your president. It has been a real learning experience and one that I have enjoyed.

Our Lag continues to add new members; however, with some non-renewals, we have slipped from 223 before the stevne to 205 as of October 28, 1998. Adding new members must continue to be one of our top goals. Our Stevne, which was held in Rochester, MN, received good evaluations by those in attendance. People were especially appreciative of many of our speakers--Odd Lovoll, Professor of Scandinavian -American Studies at St. Olaf College; Dr. Daniel Shaïd from the Dept. of Bio Statistics at Mayo Clinic; Ruth Crane, Executive Secretary of the Norwegian - American Historical Association in Northfield, MN; Blaine Hedberg, Director of Vesterheim Genealogy Center in Madison, WI; and Doug Ohman, who presented a pictorial history of Norwegian Lutheran Churches in Minnesota. While the stevne provided an excellent program and excellent resources for those interested in genealogy, it was disappointing to see a limited turn-out. Increasing attendance at our stevne must also become one of our top goals. Finally, the year once again proved that the strength of our Lag is in its membership. We have a number of

hardworking dedicated members who go the extra mile for our Lag. A special thank you to members of the Planning Committee and Executive Board who assisted with this year's stevne--Dixie Hansen, Gloria Holte, Roland and Irma Krogstad, John Reindl, Paal Romdahl, Eleanor Webert, Elvin Heiberg, and Charlotte and Orrin Helstad.

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Executive Board--Dixie Hansen, Secretary; and, Marilyn Sorensen and Paal Romdahl, Directors. Thank you to those leaving the Board, Kathryn Cobleigh and Kari Diesen-Dahl. We appreciate your years of service to the Lag.

I trust everyone has enjoyed the beautiful fall weather. Let me be the first to wish you a joyous holiday season.

Hjertelig hilsen fra

Gary M. Olson

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SOME NOTES FROM STEVNE 98

About 50 attended this year's excellent Stevne at Rochester, MN. In addition to John Reindl's excellent Genealogy Lab which was open throughout the Stevne, following are some notes from presentations (Presenter in parenthesis).

GETTING STARTED WITH GENEALOGY (Roland Krogstad) Genealogy research begins with you. Start filling out an Ancestral Chart (family tree) and a Family Group Chart. Start a 3-ring loose leaf notebook for each grandparent. Use acid-free or archival plastic protective jackets. Go through old family photos and try to identify names from any one who may recognize them. Place in a box for future reference. Examine church and census records in area where ancestors settled. Examine church and census records of area from which they emigrated. Keep a record of where and when you obtained information.

USING THE INTERNET FOR RESEARCH (Dixie Hansen). Excellent demonstrations and discussions on the use of computers, software, scanning, etc. in doing genealogical research on the Internet.

USING GENEALOGY SERVICES OF LDS CHURCH (Robert Crane). The LDS Church has many Family History Centers throughout the U.S.A. Check telephone directory. Each Center has a Family History Catalogue and indexes to other resources. Materials may be housed at the centers or can be ordered from Salt Lake City, Utah. All records are being placed on CD ROM. Labor is free, pay for materials only. Phone 1-800-346-6044 for lists of things to ask for.

GENETIC DISEASES: PROBABILITY OF INHERITANCE (Daniel Schaid, Mayo). Many families are affected in some way by genetic disorders whether it be cystic fibrosis, high blood pressure, or mental illness. We have 23 pairs of chromosomes. Each chromosome contains many genes. Genes determine many of our characteristics which are passed from one generation to another. Medical genetics is concerned with the relationship between heredity and diseases. Compiling a valid family medical history will help the medical profession forecast and evaluate probabilities of diseases. This will facilitate testing, prevention, delay or possibly cure of diseases. It is possible that offspring may not get a disease but could still be a carrier of that gene.

GENERAL SESSION (Welcome by Gary Olson; Songs by Chris Falteisek; Lur Call by Howard Lerohl).

THE PROMISE FULFILLED: A PORTRAIT OF NORWEGIAN-AMERICANS TODAY (Professor Odd Lovoll). This research study involved 1,000 interviews, 10,000 questionnaires, 7 generations of Norwegian descendants in all walks of life in 30 states. Most were

3rd, 4th, and 5th generations, and still had an interest in their heritage. Most Norwegians are in the Middle-Class, hard working, honest, church-going, hold family reunions, eat Norwegian food, and celebrate Syttende Mai. As a nation of immigrants and a multi-cultural society with a certain amount of harmony, we have done something that no other country has done. We have something to teach other countries. It is important for each generation to tell its history. We are entering a post-ethnic period.

SERVICES OF NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (Ruth Crane). NAHA has offices at St. Olaf Library, 1510 St. Olaf Ave., Northfield, MN 55057-1097. Its purpose is to locate and collect, preserve and interpret the Norwegian-American culture, heritage, traditions, and history. It has collections of maps, newsletters, bygdeboker, police records, phone books, church histories, letters, other. It publishes a newsletter four times per year and several other publications. Memberships are available. NOTE: Our NHOH NEWS is catalogued and stored there.

USING SERVICES OF VESTERHEIM GENEALOGICAL CENTER AND NAESETH LIBRARY (Blaine Hedberg). The Center has hundreds of rolls of microfilm and microfiche of Norwegian church records, government census records, emigration lists, and passport records. It also has handwritten transcripts of Norwegians in U.S. census records, cemetery records, some American church records, bygdeboker, family histories, Norway telephone directories, maps, and other materials. For appointments, call (608)255-2224. ENTERTAINMENT: Following the banquet on Friday Evening, we were treated to another lur call by Howard; songs by the Fiddler (George Topness); Humor by Ole & Lena; and a bunad parade.

NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENTS & CHURCHES IN MINNESOTA (Doug Ohman). A slide presentation of Norwegian pioneer churches in Minnesota. The church played an important part in the lives of early Norwegian immigrants. They could hear Norwegian and English sermons, socialize, and talk Norwegian. Some old churches are now museums. When the slides and history of the churches in Northwest Minnesota are completed, Doug will start in Wisconsin.

BUS TOUR: Following the committee meetings and the Annual Business Meeting (see report elsewhere), about 30 of us were treated to a delightful bus tour of historic southeastern Minnesota. At Lanesboro, we had a picnic lunch in the park and saw a narrated slide presentation of early Lanesboro which at one time had two water-powered flour mills. After about 15 years wheat farming diminished. At Rushford we visited a lefse-making business, one-room school house, and train depot.

1999 STEVNE

Our 1999 Stevne will be held at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, Thur-Fri-Sat, July 29-30-31, 1999. Members are encouraged to join in celebrating 100 years of Norwegian-American Heritage. The bygdelag movement in America began in 1899 when a group of Valdres immigrants met at Minnehahha Park in Minneapolis. Plans are for 1,000 people. There will be over 150 entertainers, forum presenters, vendors, demonstrators, and representatives from Norwegian and American organizations. Please see Bygdelag Centennial Registration Form. Also, this will be an excellent opportunity to visit the Vesterheim Museum. A bygdelag member can join Vesterheim at a special rate of \$20.00. See YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN VESTERHEIM form. Also see Off-campus Lodging in Decorah, IA 52101.

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

One way to bring forth our Norwegian Heritage is to give gift memberships to our Lag to our children and/or grandchildren. They will then receive three issues of NHOH NEWS per year and perhaps attend our annual stevne. You'll note several examples in our Membership List.

1999 DUES . . .

If your mailing label indicates "Exp: 12/31/1998", your 1999 dues from January 1 to December 31, 1999 are now due. Please use the following DUES RENEWAL FORM to facilitate payment of dues. Make checks payable to NHOH Lag and mail to Charlotte Helstad, Treasurer, 8 Sebring Ct., Madison, WI 53719-3521

DUES RENEWAL FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____ PH: _____

Roots in Norway(See P.1) _____

Dues: 1 yr=\$10, 2 yrs=\$18, 3yrs=\$25 \$ _____

COUSIN-FINDING

Since organizing our NHOH Lag in 1995, several cousins have been identified. This involves submitting either Cousin-Finding Work Sheets or ancestral charts(family trees)which indicate the ancestral kommune or parish, family farms, and family names with corresponding dates

if possible. Charts are compared and notices sent to the matched relatives for further verification. If you have not already done so, please send your ancestral charts described above to Roland Krogstad, 2718 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705-3714. Eventually this process will be computerized.

DETERMINING COUSINS

First cousins share a common grandparent. Second cousins share a common great-grandparent. Third cousins share a common great-great-grandparent, and so on. If your first cousin has a child, that child becomes your first cousin once(one generation) removed. That child is also your child's second cousin. One could go on with this!!

SEEK: YOU MAY FIND !!

To help members find missing ancestors and descendants.

-- Seeking information about Petter and Johannes, brothers of Lars Pedersen(Bergaustengen) b. 1895, d. 1975 in Furnes Parish. Lars remained in Norway. Petter and Johannes emigrated to USA perhaps to Wisconsin. They had a brother Olaf Pedersen Minkstuen and sisters Anna Pedersdatter Pedersen and Dorteia Pedersdatter Minkstuen. Please send any information to Roland Krogstad, 2718 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53705-3714.

VELKOMMEN !!

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined since the last NHOH NEWS:

Dennis Brissette	Yountville, CA
Michelle R. Giuliano	Arlington Heights, IL
Barry M. Dahl	Rochester, MN
Kathryn DesLauriers	Denver, CO
Philip Arvid Hansen	Minneapolis, MN
Keith Allan Johnson	St. Paul, MN
Tom & Janet Mosher	Wabasha, MN

MEMBERSHIP/FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Board Policy states that the grace period for membership terminates on September 30th following the year of paid-up membership; consequently, several members who had paid through December 31, 1997, and did not renew their dues, even after a letter of appeal, were removed from the Membership List as of September 30, 1998. Likewise, new members joining for one year after October 1, 1998, get three months of "free" membership (fall newsletter) plus the calendar year 1999. As of October 28, 1998 we had 205 paid-up members and \$2,259.17 balance in the treasury. Please check the expiration date on your mailing label.

RESIDENCE OF MEMBERS

(From Membership List August 1, 1998) as updated October 28, 1998.

NOTE: Where summer and winter residences are indicated, the summer addresses are used. Percents rounded to nearest tenth and based on 204 total.

<u>State/Country</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wisconsin	73	35.8
Minnesota	50	24.5
California	11	5.4
Illinois	10	4.9
Washington	10	4.9
Texas	5	2.5
South Dakota	5	2.5
Oregon	5	2.5
North Dakota	4	2.0
Virginia	4	2.0
Arizona	3	1.5
Maryland	3	1.5
Norway	3	1.5
Colorado	3	1.5
Florida	3	1.5
Iowa	2	1.0
Tennessee	2	1.0
Utah	2	1.0

Following have one each @ .5%

Hawaii, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana

New Jersey, New York, Ohio

Total: 25 204 100%

ROOTS OF MEMBERS

From Membership List August 1, 1998 as revised.

More than one kommune was indicated by 68 members.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Number Indicated</u>
Nord Østerdal	4
Alvdal	19
Folldal	16
Tynset	15
Rendalen	13
Tolga	8
Os	0
Total	71

Sør Østerdal	1
Elverum	13
Amot	6
Trysil	8
Stor-Elvedal	6
Engerdal	0
Total	34

Hedemarken & Hamar	3
Ringsaker	60
Stange	23
Hamar	21
Nes	15
Furnes	10
Romedal	11
Vang	10
Loten	9

Total 162

Miscellaneous (Farms, villages, cities, parishes)=41

Not indicated=20; Grand total=328 due to multiple responses.



Bus Tour, Aug 8th
Southeastern MN

L-R:

Marilyn Sorensen,
Carolyn Howland,
Diane Lerohl.

Photo by Carolyn



BYGDELAG CENTENNIAL

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa
JULY 29, 30, 31, 1999

REGISTRATION FORM

Arrival at Luther **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday** (circle)

Full Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Email _____
PRINT for name badges

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Special needs _____ '99 Lag membership(s) _____

You are invited to this historic ALL-LAG Centennial Festival in Decorah to celebrate the development of the *bygdelag* movement in America, 1899 to 1999. Ever since Norwegian immigrants established Luther College in 1861, people keep coming for important events such as the **PARADE OF BYGDELAG**, a colorful pageant with lag banners and bunad-clad participants Friday evening. Other programs feature folk dancers from Norway along with a variety of top entertainers and musicians. Registration and craft sales displays open in the Union Thursday morning to all wishing to explore 100 years of a transplanted culture in America or the evolution of today's technologically savvy Mother Norway. Choose to see demonstrations by artists or those for genealogical support. Attend one *stevne* Saturday afternoon of the 32 individual *bygdelag* meeting prior to the banquet.

Visit Vesterheim Museum or join in the bus tours Thursday to Jacobson Farm and Washington Prairie Church.

GUEST-LED FORUMS offer over 50 topics (9 categories--Cultural, Family History, Folk Skills/Art, History, and Music/Dance). N-ABC badgebearers may attend Friday and Saturday at 8:30 and 10:15 AM and Friday 1:15 and 3 PM, six in all. Among the notables presenting are: Forrest Brown, NAHA; Joan Buckley, Conc College; Knut Djupedal, Norway; Rebecca Fish, Augsburg; Ann Gesme, IA; Gracia Grindal, Luther Seminary; Gerald Haslam, BYUniv; Blaine Hedberg, VGTr; Darrell Henning, IA; Gordon Jacobson, MN; Orlyn Kringstad, Sons/Norway; Odd Lovoll, St.Olaf; Lars Løberg, Norway; Marit Lucy, UT; Lila & Marion Nelson, MN; Robert Porish, IA; Janet Blohm Pultz, Vesterheim; Lee Rokke, MN; Gerald Rosholt, IA; Marilyn Sorensen, MN; Kathleen Stokker, Luther College; Hans Storhaug, Norway; Dina Tøftsbj, Norway; Conrad Thompson & Mary Jo Thorsheim, MN.

LUTHER'S DORM FORM for 750 beds (w/two breakfasts & A/C rooms) will be available in January to those registered. Food service rates will also be ready. **MOTELS** will hold reserved Centennial rooms until June 15 or til sold. Need info about area campgrounds, lodging, maps, restaurants? Contact Decorah Chamber of Commerce, 300 W. Water St, Decorah, IA 52101 or 319-382-3990.

Registrations will be processed in the order they are received.

CENTENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE, \$50 per person _____ \$ _____
(Entertainment, forums, Luther facilities fee, security) No. Persons _____

CENTENNIAL BANQUET, \$20 per person _____ \$ _____
(Limited seating - Saturday evening) No. Persons _____

VESTERHEIM MUSEUM ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$20 _____ \$ _____
Save \$5. Benefits include 10% discount at museum shop, craft class tuition, quarterly newsletter, free museum admission for singles or couples
Activities below are FREE to museum members.

Jacobson Farm BUS TOUR THURS ONLY (includes museum admission) \$5 per person
Circle one time: 9:30 - 11 AM OR 1:30 - 3 PM No. of tickets _____ \$ _____

Museum Adm/Open-Air Division Tour - \$4 p.p. (may be concurrent with Forums)
Circle one time: THURS AM / THURS PM / FRI AM / FRI PM / SAT AM No. of tickets _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Written requests for return of payment are subject to a \$10 handling fee and must be received before May 1, 1999. Make check or money order (in US funds) payable to N-ABC or Norwegian-American Bygdelag Centennial.

Mail this form and the check to:

Charles & Mary Cannons
705 East Burnsville Parkway #117,
Burnsville, MN 55337

Office use only: No. _____

Date received _____

BOOKS FROM NORWAY

By John Reindl

As part of a three week trip to Norway this fall, Lag Genealogist John Reindl was asked by the lag to buy genealogy books for the lag's use. At the annual meeting, John was asked to buy up to \$1,000 worth of materials.

Because over 30% of our members have roots in Ringsaker, John focused on this area for the purchases. Ringsaker has a local historical group, with publishes bygdebøker for the Ringsaker area, and, in cooperation with two adjoining kommuner, an annual yearbook.

The Ringsaker Historielag has published three bygdebøker -- Ringsakerboka I, II, and III.-- with several more under preparation. In contrast to the bygdebøker of other areas of Norway, these books do not contain farm histories and currently, it is not planned to publish such books. Instead, the bygdebøker focus on the physical characteristics and cultural history of the area.

Ringsakerboka I begins with 49 pages on the geology of the area and then spends 120 pages on the archeology from the stone age through the Viking times and subsequent growth in the region.

Ringsakerboka II is 232 pages long, and covers the Middle Ages in the region. Topics include the church, ministers, old farms and new settlements, hunting, fishing, farming, daily life, commerce, the calendar and significant days of the year, etc.

Ringsakerboka III is the longest at 376 pages and covers two broadly different subjects -- grain production and the class distinctions of society, both in the period of 1660 to 1840.

Along with these bygdebøker, John also bought the book Kirker i Ringsaker, which covers 11 churches in the Ringsaker kommune in both text and beautiful pictures of both the exteriors and interiors. In addition, he purchased the local history yearbooks from 1979 through 1997, along with an order for the 1998 and 1999 yearbooks when they are also available around the end of each year.

The history yearbooks cover the regions of Ringsaker, Veldre and Brøttum, and include a wide diversity of subjects, including prehistoric archeology, such as the ring of 12 stones standing north of Moelv like a little Stonehenge, to articles about the experiences during World War II.

The Elverum bygdebøker are in a six part series, with each book concerned with the farm histories of different krets within the kommune as follows:

- Bind 1 - Bjølset and Hagen, 1983
- Bind 2 - Vestad until 1940, Midtskogen, Grundset, Øksna and Rustad, 1984
- Bind 3 - Strandbygda, 1985
- Bind 4 - Heradsbygda I, 1988
- Bind 5 - Heradsbygda II, 1988
- Bind 6 - Jømna and Melåsberget, 1990

As of 1970, there were 25 krets (districts) in Elverum, so more bygdebøker may well be forthcoming.

The Elverum yearbooks are known as Alfarheim and volumes 1 (1986) through 12 (1998) were purchased. Similar to the Ringsaker yearbooks, the yearbooks cover a wide variety of subjects that will be of interest to both those with ancestors in the Elverum area as well as those interested in Norwegian history and culture.

Finally, two miscellaneous books were found and brought back, including a 1968 edition of Norske Gardsbruk for Hedmark fylke, covering Elverum, Løten and Vang, and the 1997 issue of the yearbook for the Løten Historielag, Lautin.

In future issues of the NHOH newsletter, summaries will be given of the tables of contents of these materials and the contents of various articles. Members are welcome to write to John to ask him to look up information for them.

OFF-CAMPUS LODGING

Some may prefer to stay off-campus during the Centennial. Celebration in Decorah, Iowa.

Motels (**) were RESERVED in September. Ask about discounts for our group, N-Amer Bygdelaag Centennial - especially Centennial or NABC--whole name was too long for their computers!

** Carlson COUNTRY INN, Highway 9
319-382-9646 or 800-456-4000

** HEARTLAND INN, 705 Commerce Drive
319-382-2269 or 800-334-3277

** SUPER 8, Highway 9 East
319-382-8771 or 800-800-8000

** THE VILLAGER LODGE & RESTAURANT, Hwy 9 & 52
319-382-4241 or 800-632-5980

Restaurants are nearby for first three listed. For more complete information including B&Bs, additional restaurants, lodging in nearby towns, and campgrounds:

Decorah Chamber of Commerce, 300 W Water Street (52101)
<decorah@salamander.com> or call 319-382-3990 or 382-5515

A DREAM OF A BIG WHITE HOUSE

Submitted by Theresa Nelson

Recollections by Inga(Jergenson)Dinen, as told to her daughter, Evelyn(Johnson)Smith, about 1982, and read at a Jergenson-Moen reunion in Swift Falls, MN.

Berger Jergenson and his wife Ingri Moen(Parents of Inga)lived in Esterdalen Stai, Norway. Esterdalen was close by the river Glomma, a big, wild, strong river. They had five children born to them in Norway: Annie, Beata, Pernella, George, and Inga. Father had the fever to go to America. He told everybody he was going, and he would get rich. He was going to build a big white house by the side of the road.

Mother and Dad were working up at the Saeter. Dad worked with the horses, mother and the kids with milking, making cheese, and such. Mother did not want to leave Norway; her folks lived in Gulbrandsdalen. But they saved their money to come to America and Dad's big dream.

Mother often told about a big church in Norway--the Dominion Kirche church. There were seven ministers speaking at the same time in seven different ceremonies. There were no seats or pulpits--all stood up for the service. Mother told of walking seven miles to church. Inga was born March 12, 1887--two weeks before they left for America. She died in 1987 at age 100. Berger and Ingri immigrated with their five children to Pope County, MN. They had six more children in Minnesota (among whom was Minnie Jergenson Johnson, grandmother to Theresa Nelson).

Berger, Ingri, and children took passage on a big wooden freighter. The passengers were down below in the hold and the crew up on top. The trip took 15 weeks. They were glad to see New York Harbor. It took two weeks to get through customs. Then they left by train for Benson, MN. They got as far as Red(Black?)River Falls, Wis. where they ran out of money. Dad left the family and took the first train to Benson. Uncle Ole, Pa's brother, had come a few years before. He and some people from Swift Falls met Dad. He borrowed some money and sent for the family. They stayed there with the Flatens until they found a house. With help from people around Swift Falls they found an empty house at Scandinavian Lake. Folks around Scandinavian Lake (SE Pope County, MN) and Swift Falls were very kind and helpful. Dad was very quick to learn English and the laws of America, so it was not long before we became American citizens. Ma and Dad worked at anything they could get. Dad grubbed big oak trees and was paid 50 cents a day. Besides that he had to carry his lunch. George, Peter and I had a big time as we played all around. We learned to swing from tree to tree like monkeys. Old man Lindahl from Benson

hauled the mail from Benson to Glenwood, MN by horse and buggy. One day the horses were scared when they saw us kids in the trees. The driver hadn't seen us and almost had a runaway. The mailman told Dad and we got a good talking to.

One warm spring day, George, Peter, and I saw a muskrat house. We jumped on it and played around on it trying to see the muskrats. Soon the house started to sink; we had to jump. George and I made it but Peter was small and he fell in. We had a hard time getting him out. Clara was small, only 2 or 3. She climbed into a boat, and the wind blew it away. We ran to Ole Syverson for help. He took his boat and caught the other boat. Oh, we had fun but it was funny we did not get killed.

Mother worked at anything she could get. She knit and sewed things and sold them. She knit as she walked. She also worked as a midwife. Then Dad bought 40 acres of land in Pope County for the new house. He built a straw and mud house. I was five years old then and barely remember it. One day three township men came to the place. They wanted to give us help. Dad was a very proud man and would not take help. One of the men got so mad I don't think he ever got over it. Dad bought a red horse--Lady. Then he made a stone boat. We all had to pick up stones--and there were plenty of them! Lady liked to run away. One day she took off and spilled a big load of stones and we had to pick them all up again. That year Dad bought some railroad ties and started a log house. That was really nice. Soon we bought some horses. He loved them all, but King a big black was his favorite. Soon he bought a couple cows and things began to get better. But Mother still longed for her kinfolk in Norway. One day we were all sitting in the shade of our house when a man and boy came walking up. It turned out to be Uncle Peter Moen(Mother's brother) and Albert. They came from Wisconsin to see us. Peter too was lonesome for his kinfolk. Mother felt better about America and everything after that. One of Albert's sons lives there now. Ella is, I believe, the only one of them left. Inez was sick. Dad used to walk and sing to her. About this time the ship Maine was sunk. Then Oscar went to war. Dad became sick with cancer and was in bed a long time. He began to think about selling out. One day I told him "This is your chance." But he said, "I want a Jergenson name to be here." So George got it. Now Glen and Jean bought it when George got sick. The farm is still owned by Glen Jergenson. Glen's son, Bryan, helps run the farm today. It is in Rolling Forks Township. I get lonesome for the place so I get one of the girls to take me there. If Dad could see how Glen and Jean have remodeled it--varnished and painted inside and out. He would say, "That is just what I would have done." So a salute to the big white house--Dad's Dream.

FOLLDALERS TAKE NOTE

Vidar Stoen of Folldal is in the process of writing a Folldal Immigration History. More information is needed about relatives on both sides of the Atlantic. According to Vidar, nearly all the emigrants from Folldal were listed by the prominent historian, Ivar A. Streitlien. However, there is little additional information about the immigration experience in his three volumes of Folldal bygdebok. After nine people emigrated from Folldal in 1866, the emigration peaked in 1880 and eventually totaled about 800. The majority settled in Western Wisconsin. This story is unique because the Folldal immigrants recreated and preserved their community in their new country. Vidar will send a questionnaire to us. We will mail a copy to be filled out to all Lag members who have indicated "Folldal" as their roots in the Membership List. This information will be sent to Vidar to be incorporated in a "Folldal Immigration History."

BOARD MEETINGS

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Hudson House, Hudson, WI on Saturday, October 17, 1998. Discussions were held regarding possible locations of our stevne in year 2000, such as Hudson House and Moorhaed, MN and others. Other agenda items included a possible Lag pin, evaluations of the Rochester Stevne including committee reports. The design of the Lag Banner will be worked on by a committee in Madison for presentation at the next meeting. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Madison, WI on Saturday, January 23, 1999. Time and place to be determined. The Board welcomes your input and invites anyone to attend.

National Archives Photos On The Web

Washington, DC. . . The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has made available on its web site its entire collection of Civil War-era photographs taken by the famed photographer Mathew Brady and his associates. The 6,176 photographs, originating as glass plate negatives, include portraits of well-known Union and Confederate commanders of the war, Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet officers, senators, congressmen, and other noted personalities of the day. They also document the existence of ordinary soldiers, recording daily life in camp, troops on the move, battlefield scenes, naval vessels, railroads, supply dumps, and hospitals.

From: ROMERIKSLAGET NEWS, May 1998

HISTORIC NORWEGIAN SHIP

This spring, Norwegian-Americans will have an exciting opportunity to tour the historic ship, **Anna Kristina**, at the Michigan Maritime Museum. Built in Norway in 1889, the 108-foot **Anna Kristina** is a Hardanger jakt, a ship of great historic importance in Norwegian history. Vessels of this type served Roald Amundsen during his expedition to the North Pole, and carried some of the first Norwegian immigrants to the new world. Of the 2,000 Hardanger jakts built in Norway, less than 20 survive today.

Since her restoration in the 1970s, the **Anna Kristina** has sailed waters ranging from the Arctic Sea, to the Pacific Ocean, to the Great Lakes. The ship will be available at the Museum's docks for public tours, educational programs, receptions and other special events until April 15th. The Michigan Maritime Museum is providing complimentary information on the significant role played by Norwegians in Great Lakes maritime history. Members of American-Norwegian organizations are invited to take advantage of this special opportunity to visit the historic **Anna Kristina** and learn more about their maritime heritage. For more information, or to schedule a tour, please call 1-800-747-3810 or write: Michigan Maritime Museum, P.O. Box 534, South Haven, Michigan 49090

EVENTS (From NEWS OF NORWAY)

EXHIBIT: "The Dream of America," an interactive path that traces the journey of a Nordic immigrant from Scandinavia to Ellis Island into the American frontier. At the Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St, Seattle. Admission: \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00, Under 5 yrs=free
Contact: (206)789-5707.

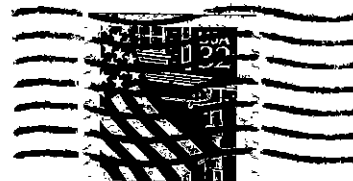
BAZAAR: Nov. 21 & 22, Scandinavian Xmas Bazaar by Sons of Norway Noreg Lodge #466, 10-5 in Old Community Center, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Fanwood, N.J.
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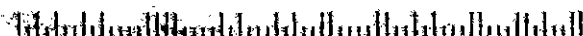


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