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Theme is "Stepping Stones"

The theme "Stepping Stones" describes the unpredictable and often irregular paths our immigrant ancestors took as they reached Chicago and spread North and West to reach available land for homesteading, and start carving out a new future for themselves, their families and subsequent generations.

Oconomowoc is about 50 miles east of Madison.

Note the new dates, which start on a Thursday (Aug. 15) and end on a Sunday (Aug. 18) to get the best available room rates. Be sure to mark your calendar for a Thursday start, and in the 3rd week of August, not the first.

The Olympia Resort and Conference Center has marvelous indoor and outdoor amenities plus the space we need for registration, opening ceremony, seminar rooms, genealogy lab, vendors/demonstrators, closing banquet, and more.

Registration will open at noon on Thursday August 15th. A local area tour is being planned, reflective of our "Stepping Stones" theme.

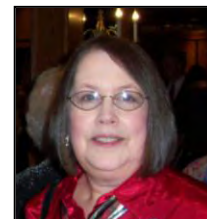
The room rate for a single or double room is \$95 plus tax. Reservations must be made before July 16, 2013. Be sure to tell the hotel you are with the Tre-Lag Stevne.

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Hilsen!

Fra Presidenten Joy Shong



Just after Thanksgiving I received an e-mail from a cousin in Norway (Geir) saying an American cousin (Jim) had just been to visit our common "home" farm in Follidal. This 'new' cousin is the great-grandson of my great-grandmother's sister, making us third cousins. These two sisters lived on farms across the road from each other in Spring Lake Township, WI.

The Sveen farm the great-grandmothers left is currently owned by Geir's sister (Anna). Jim was in Norway for the first time to visit his daughter who was studying in Oslo. He had just begun researching his family roots and had never seen a photo of his great-grandmother. Anna shared with him the family tree we gave her when we visited the farm in 2004, and showed him computer pictures of his great-grandmother. What a surprise for him!

Jim and I have since been in contact and have shared a variety of family information. I also told him about the NHOH Lag and our annual stevner where he will be able to research other branches of his family tree.

There are two points to this narrative.

1) There are always people new to researching their family histories. There are family members who may not have been keen in the past, but now have an interest. Sometimes we stumble on them accidentally, and sometimes we find them through common contacts like I did, and sometimes we find them talking directly to the people we know.

2) Once we know who is interested in our family we can help them by sharing what we know and what we have found. We can also help by directing them to organizations that have helped us; specifically the NHOH Lag. Reach out and offer an invitation to your family members to check out the NHOH web site or to come to the stevne to learn more about their Norwegian heritage.

Put on your to do list – Plan to travel to Norway with the NHOH Lag and friends in May 2014.

Joy Shong

WHO ARE WE?

Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag includes 16 kommuner in the three districts of Nord-Østerdal, Sør-Østerdal, and Hedemarken/Hamar as follows:



(Photos below by Thorbjørg Hjelmén Ugland – Norway's Folk Costumes.)

District 1:

Nord-Østerdal:

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Sør-Østerdal:

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Elverum
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Stor Elvedal
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District 3:

Hedemarken and Hamar

Furnes
Hamar
Løten
Nes
Ringsaker
Romedal
Stange
Vang

NHOH Newsletters are published three times per year – Spring, Summer, and Fall. Members are welcome to send articles or news at any time of the year, and the editor will put them into the next newsletter, or one that is appropriate.

Issue	Submit by	Mailing Target
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15
Fall	Nov. 15	Nov. 25

Policy on advertising in newsletter: The Board approved that the newsletter editor will accept advertising related to Norwegian culture, heritage and genealogy. Eighth and quarter page ads will be sold for \$15 and \$25, with funds to help offset the cost of producing the newsletter.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. Articles, photos and graphics relating to Norwegian history, culture, emigration and Lag activities, especially those with meaning to the NHOH geographical area are invited. Articles may be historical in nature or may highlight current resources available to help members research their heritage. Articles about Norw/American community events of interest to our members are welcome.

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Our Purpose

The Lag is organized exclusively for educational purposes. To the extent consistent with this general purpose, the specific purposes of the Lag are:

- to help people learn more about the history, culture, and customs of the Nord Hedmark and Hedemarken area of Norway and to aid in the preservation of that heritage
- to teach and assist people in genealogy research
- to gather immigration and settlement history and develop immigration data
- to develop a library of resources, such as bygdebøker (farm histories) and Norwegian church, census, and probate records.
- to encourage the research and writing of family, immigration, and settlement histories

When contacting any officer by e-mail, please put **NHOH** in the subject line so we know it is not spam. Thank you.

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Norway tops prosperity index

Press Release
Legatum Institute

The Legatum Institute named Norway as the most prosperous country in the world for 2012, followed by Denmark and Sweden respectively.

The index is a unique annual assessment of global prosperity based on both material wealth and personal wellbeing. The Prosperity Index benchmarks countries in eight categories: Economy; Education; Entrepreneurship & Opportunity; Governance; Health; Personal Freedom; Safety & Security; and Social Capital. The 2012 edition of the index also includes 32 new entrants, bringing the total number of countries to 142 and extending the Prosperity Index coverage to 96 percent of the world's population and 99 percent of global GDP.

In an unprecedented fall, **America drops to twelfth position** in the worldwide prosperity rankings – with weakening performance across five of the Index's eight sub-categories.

Jeffrey Gedmin, President and CEO of the Legatum Institute, said: "The Legatum Prosperity Index allows us to paint a comprehensive picture of what makes a country truly successful, encompassing traditional measures of material wealth, as well as capturing citizens' sense of wellbeing – from how safe they feel, to their perceived personal freedom. GDP alone can never offer a complete view of prosperity."

Norway was ranked first in overall prosperity, and its lowest ranking was in governance, where it came in 13th place. By comparison, the U.S. was ranked 12th overall, with its highest ranking in health (2nd place) and lowest ranking in safety (27th). Canada came in sixth place overall, with its highest ranking in freedom (1st place) and worst ranking in entrepreneurship (16th place). *From NORWAY.COM*

What happened to the tax promise?

The ruling Norwegian Labor Party and their coalition partners said that they wanted to finance roads through tolls for 60 billion NOK in the National Transport Plan 2010-2019

On the Edge: An opinion column about current events in Norway

By Siv Jensen

To avoid a tax level debate, the ruling Norwegian Labor Party and their coalition partners promised that they would not raise the tax level above the 2004-level, both in

the 2005 and 2009 parliamentary elections. However, the devil is in the details, because Labor excludes toll roads from their own definition of taxes. This means that they can increase government spending by increasing the proportion of roads financed by tolls, without technically breaking their own tax promise. The same goes for property tax collected by local authorities, not the state, and environmental charge to the NOX fund which replaces governmental tax, but is still a tax.

The NOX-fund collected 2,6 billion NOK (0,45 billion USD) in the three year period 2008-2011, while the property tax paid yearly is 7,6 billion NOK (1,3 billion USD) and increasing as the tax base is continuously expanded under this government.

The biggest tax collecting outside the tax level promise is the toll roads. The ruling Norwegian Labor Party and their coalition partners said that they wanted to finance roads through tolls for 60 billion NOK in the National Transport Plan 2010-2019. This figure has been increased to 80 billion NOK (14 billion USD) in the preliminary draft of National Transport Plan 2014-2023. Norway has the world record in high fuel taxes, but 80 billion NOK is still more than four times the estimated government income from fuel taxes in 2013. The 80 billion NOK in road finance from tolls translates to more than 100 billion in toll fees from motorists, because of the additional costs of interest rates and operating costs. The figure is even higher than 100 billion if one also takes into account that a large percentage of the toll ring in Oslo is used directly as public transport subsidies.

The other approach to tax level is the tax money actually flowing into the Norwegian state, that increases from year to year. The revision at year-end showed that the states income for 2012 increases with 40 billion NOK (7 billion USD) compared to the initial decision for the 2012 budget. And this happens year after year. The Norwegian state budget surplus is now estimated to 390 billion NOK (68 billion USD) for 2012.

I wish that at least the ruling Labor Party would try to follow up on its promise not to raise taxes above the 2004-level. It disappoints me very much that they instead spend time looking for loop-holes in their own promises.



Siv Jensen is the Leader of the Progress Party (Fremskrittspartiet) and also the parliamentary leader for the Progress Party's group in the Storting (The Norwegian Parliament). The classical liberal (libertarian-conservative) Progress Party is the second largest party in Norway and the leading opposition party. Ms.

Jensen has been elected member of the Storting since 1997, representing the district of Oslo. Ms. Jensen is member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense and member of the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee.

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Directions

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East towards Milwaukee on I-94 approx. 50 Miles to Oconomowoc exit #282 (Hwy 67). Left on Hwy 67, 1 1/2 miles on left.

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West toward Madison on I-94 25 miles to Oconomowoc exit #282 (Hwy 67). Right on Hwy 67, 1 1/2 miles on left.



On Site Amenities

From simple sandwiches to sophisticated entree ensembles, our on site dining options offer the ingredients to soothe the taste buds of all.

Rick's Steakhouse and Frisco Bay Cafe offer a wide variety of menu selections for breakfast, lunch, and dinner 7 days a week.

Top off the evening with a cocktail in either of our two lounges. Both **Crickets Lounge and Club Indigo** feature a full beverage menu to include specialty drinks.



Meetings/Conventions

Olympia BOASTS over 45,000 square feet of function space, standing as the 3rd largest Conference Center/Hotel in the state of Wisconsin.

Olympia has the capacity to accommodate a cozy 10 or a crowd of 1000 and everything in between. With a variety of shapes and sizes, our function areas provide the flexibility needed to accommodate any type of room set.

Their professional Staff will provide exemplary service to exceed your expectations resulting in a successful event.

Summary of Meeting Space:

Number of Meeting Rooms: 22
Total Meeting Space: 45,000 Square Feet
Largest Meeting Room: 10,680 Square Feet
Capacity of Largest Meeting Room: 1200
Smallest Meeting Room: 416 Square Feet
Capacity of Smallest Meeting Room: 20

The O-Spa

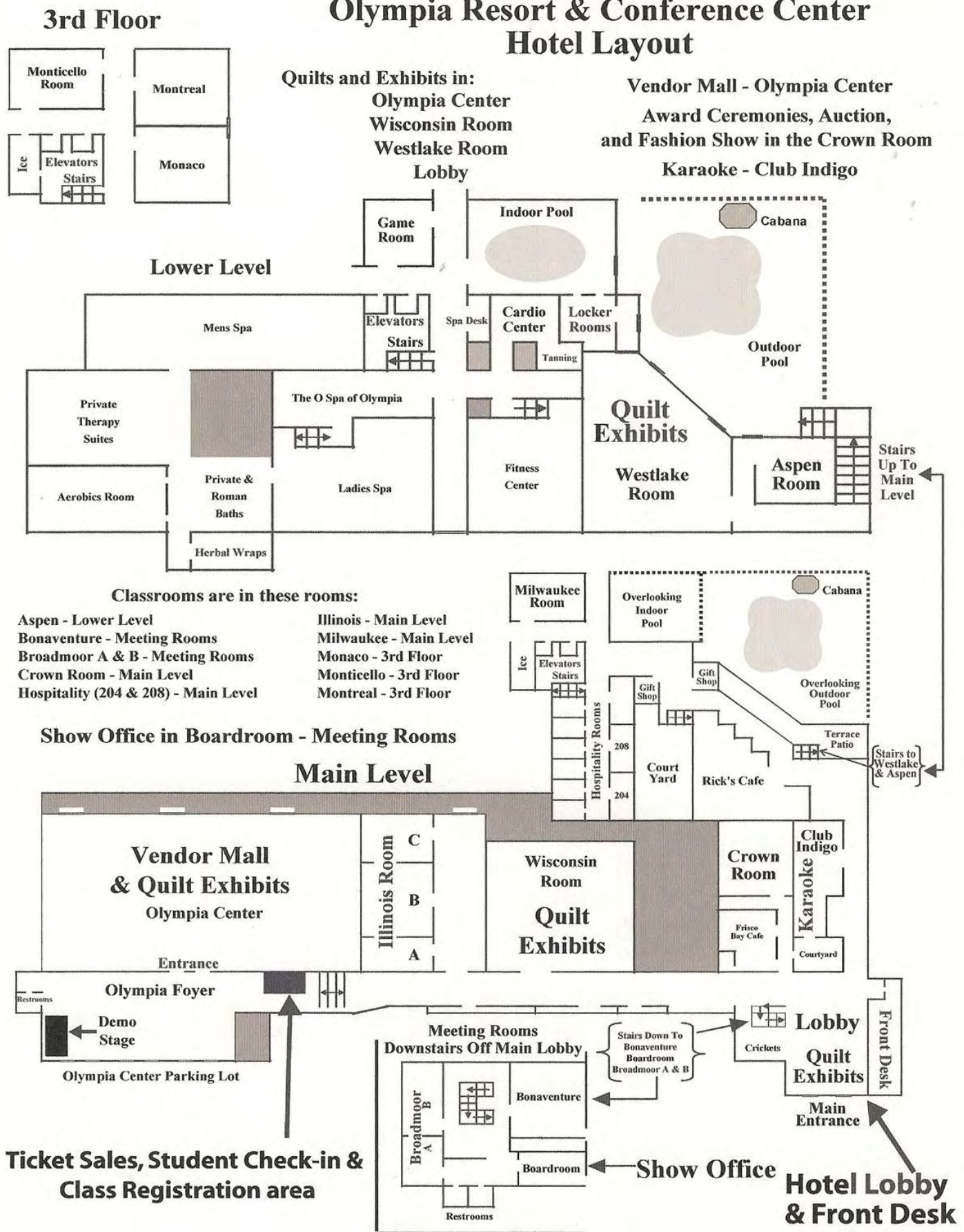
17,000 square feet of pampering and relaxation await you in the O Spa. As the 7th largest spa in the State of Wisconsin, the O Spa offers an extensive and unique menu of services to choose from.

The O Spa provides an escape to tranquility and the "All about You" focus you truly deserve.

All resort rooms are equipped with a refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron/board, and Cable TV. Their NEW plush beds offer the comfortable night sleep you deserve.

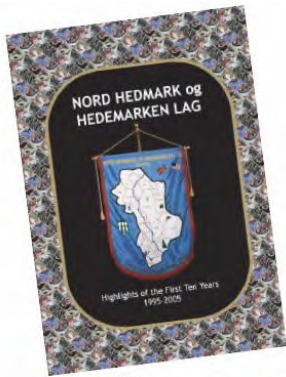


Olympia Resort & Conference Center Hotel Layout



Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

Highlights of the First Ten Years 1995-2005



This publication is still available for purchase. Generously illustrated with 150+ photographs old and new, this 144-page book recounts the foundation of our lag, including our historic roots, our formative meeting in Madison, the establishment of our governing body, and a decade full of activities and stevner.

Later chapters include selected stories of emigration and settlement and articles reprinted from the NHOH newsletter. The book concludes with a full appendix of documents associated with our lag history as well as an every name index.

Purchase a copy for yourself and for the members of your family who share your Norwegian roots.



Membership Renewal Policy Change

The membership year used to be the calendar year, and we allowed a very long grace period for renewals, allowing members to renew for the current year up until the stevne before sending out reminders. Then members had until October to renew before being dropped. This meant unpaid members received two “free” newsletters even if they didn’t renew by October.

Members need to check the year next to their name on the newsletter address label, especially on the fall newsletter. **Reminders will now be sent for expired memberships early in the year following the year of expiration, with a renewal deadline of Mid-March, prior to the spring newsletter.**

Members who get their newsletters via e-mail will be sent a reminder.

In 2009, NHOH lag began an incentive for new members. Their first year will be paid and the second year will be free. Example:

- a new 1-year membership will run for 2 years
- a new 2-year membership will run for 3 years
- a new 3-year membership will run for 4 years

Order Form - Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken - Highlights of the First Ten Years

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The Genealogy of the Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag

Projects of the Lag Need your Input
John Reindl, Lag Genealogist

The lag has made some great progress on some genealogy projects in the last few months, with new opportunities endorsed by the Lag Board for members to participate in some new projects.

As most of you learned by email, we are developing a list of members who have bygdebøker who will be willing to do lookups for other members. So far, we have 18 parishes covered by 20 members.

The parishes are:

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| • Alvdal | Åmot | Brøttum |
| • Elverum | Engerdal | Folldal |
| • Furnes | Idre (Sweden) | Kvikne |
| • Nes | Os | Romedal |
| • Stange | Trysil | Vang |
| • Veldre | Ytre Rendal | Øvre Rendalen |

We will post information on the availability of look ups on the lag's web page, and people can also contact me directly if they would like a look up in any of these areas. Other members who have bygdebøker are also encouraged to join this project.

A second project is to index the farms of those bygdebøker that have more than one volume. For example, there are two books for both Alvdal and Folldal, four books for Nes, and eight for Elverum.

So far, we are finished with the following kommuner:

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| • Brøttum | Romedal |
| • Furnes | Vang |
| • Løten | Veldre |
| • Nes | Ytre Rendal |
| • Rendal | Øvre Rendal |

We are currently working on the Elverum book and help from members is needed. Also, there are other bygdebøker for which an index is needed, and members are asked to contact me about which books need indexes and for offers of help. The project is not hard to do and involves typing the name of the farm, the farm number and the volume and page of the book in which it is listed. I can send scans of the pages to be indexed. Any word processing software can be used, or it can be done in a spreadsheet or database.

Two new projects are also under development in conjunction with projects at the Norwegian-American Genealogy Center & Naeseth Center (NAGC&NL) in Madison WI. In the first project, a web page is being

developed of all the soldiers who served in the Wisconsin 15th Regiment during the Civil War. This regiment was also known as the Scandinavian Regiment because of its high percentage of soldiers from Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with most from Norway. Members are asked to send information to me about either ancestors or other soldiers that they know about who served in this regiment. Civil War buffs are also encouraged to send information about any activities of the 15th regiment that they are familiar with.

A second project of the NAGC&NL that the lag board endorsed for our participation is the development of a database of people who emigrated from Norway from 1851 to 1860. This database will build upon the published books by NAGC&NL of emigrants from 1825 through 1850, which covers just under 19,000 individuals. The primary strategy will be to extract data from the church books, using the emigration or *utflyttende* sections. Members are invited to help extract these data for the kommuner covered by our lag, as well as to provide information on their own ancestors who emigrated during this time period.

Next to last, a continuing project is to buy additional bygdebøker for the lag. If you are aware of any bygdebøker that you would like the lag to obtain, please let me know. Our lag has funds for this purpose and these books will be useful both at our stevner and for the lag to use to help people find information on their ancestors.

Finally, we are always interested in having more data for our cousin-finding project. We have just under 7500 ancestors from 200 members and have found 80 matches. If you haven't sent in your data, please do so. You can send data to me electronically in a GEDCOM file or in printed form. I can be reached by email at john.reindl@att.net and by phone at (608)238-0393.



Necrology

Myrtle A. Sailors



Myrtle A. Sailors, 91, of Fargo, N.D., formerly of Devils Lake, N.D, passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at Sanford Health South, Fargo.

Funeral services for Myrtle will be held later this summer at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Devils Lake.

Burial services will also be held at the Folden Cemetery in Newfolden, Minn.

Myrtle Alma, daughter of Andreas and Johanna (Stromsmoe) Hanson was born on April 9, 1921 in Holt, Minn. Myrtle was reared and educated in Newfolden, graduating from Newfolden High School in 1939.

Myrtle was united in marriage to Marlin Z. Sailors on April 18, 1944 in Seattle, Wash., where Marlin was stationed with the US Navy. After his discharge, they moved to Cavalier, N.D., where they owned and operated the City Shoe Shop for ten years. In the summer of 1960, they moved the business to Devils Lake and continued operation of the business until 1986, when he retired. Marlin passed away on December 5, 1987.

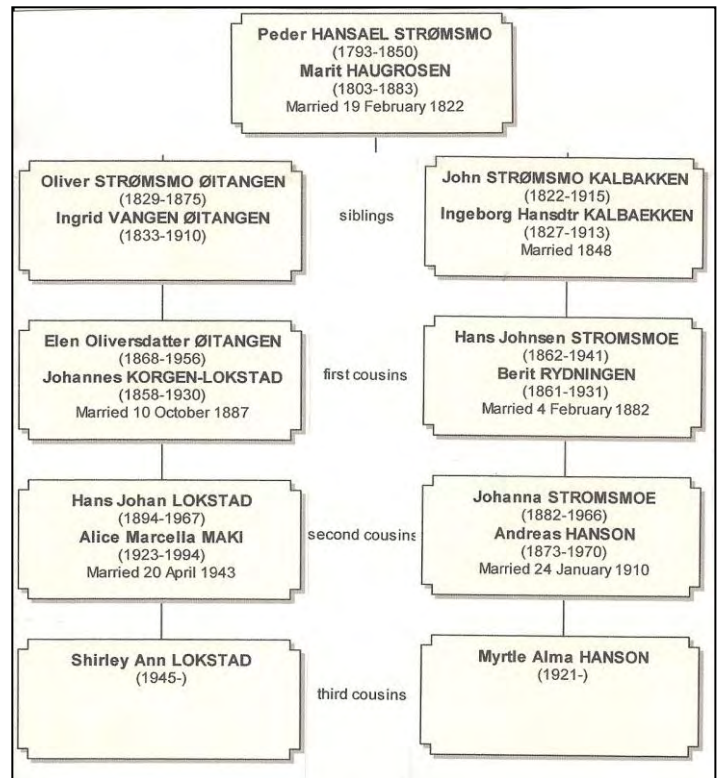
Myrtle continued to make Devils Lake her home until moving to Fargo in 2010 to be closer to family. Myrtle was an active member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church and the WELCA. She also enjoyed membership in the Sons of Norway and the Rebekah's. **She enjoyed working on genealogy**, reading, gardening, as well as scrap booking. Myrtle was a devoted wife and mother, caring for her family was her number one priority. Faith and family sustained her through the years; she always had a smile and greeting to everyone she met. Myrtle is survived by her daughters Gail Ziegler of Valley City, N.D., Carol Frison of Stockton, Calif., Marsha (Don) Kringstad of West Fargo, N.D., Debra (Conrad) Freeman of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Amy (Ken) McDowell of Monroe, Wash; 12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Marlin; infant daughter, Sherry Lynn; parents; sister, Bertha Folden; and brother, Harold Hanson.



Editor's note: I will be forever grateful for Myrtle, my 3rd cousin, for giving me copies and helping me with my Grandmother Elen Øitangen Lokstad's ancestry. That ancestry originated in Tynset and Ålvdal, in N. Hedmark, Norway – our ancestors from there were the first Norwegian settlers of Bardu in Troms in 1791. SAS

Here is the relationship chart for Myrtle and myself. sas



As children, our families had a lot of fun. In this picture, are Harold Hanson's sons Dennis (in scarf holding cat) and Wesley, Myrtle's daughters Gail and Carol, and my sister (in my dad's clothes) and myself (front right). We were playing "house" – picture taken about 1952.



The following pages have ancestral names you may recognize:



John Pedersen Stromsmo & wife Ingeborg Hansdatter Kalbaekken, children & grandchildren.

All are there except son Hans & family in Minn. At that time. **Taken 1897, Bardu, Norway**

John is the brother of Oliver Pedersen Stromsmo Øytangen (my great grandfather)

Oliver's wife Ingrid (my great grandmother) is 1st cousin of Hans Stromsmoe's mother Ingeborg H. Kalbaekken.

From the left and front row: **Ingebrigt Stromsmo Haugen & wife Olea Alapmo Haugen**, children: Ingeborg & Olai standing back of them, & Olea & Jon in their laps. **Ingebrigt is No. 8.**

Beside **John Stromsmo** is son **Peder Stromsmo Hasvold** and wife **Barbro Alapmo Hasvold**, children: Olea & Ingeborg in back, sons Ingvard, Ingebrigt, Peder, and Johan sitting in front. **Peder is No. 1**

Beside **Ingeborg Hansdatter Stromsmo** is son **Karl Stromsmo Odden Olsaker** and 2nd wife **Gurine Øymo** holding **Oleif Olsaker**, **Magnus Stromsmo** to her left and **John Stromsmo** to her right. **Peder, Ingeborg, & Gurine Stromsmo** sitting in front. All except the baby came from Karl's 1st marriage. **Karl is No. 2**

Right back of **Karl** is **Josefine Stromsmo** and her husband **Ludvig Lande**. Son **Toralf** is beside her and **John** is behind her. **Peder** has his hand on his father's shoulder and **Harald & Ingebjorg** are in front of him. **Josefine is No. 7**

Hanna Stromsmo stands beside **Ludvig Lande**. She never married. **She's No. 4**

Ingeborg Stromsmo stands beside **Hanna**. She had married **Lars Berg** in 1894 and he died a year later. She married **Haakon Johansen** in 1905. **She's No. 10.**

Sigrid Stromsmo Steien and her husband **Halvor Steien** stand beside **Josefine**. **Sigrid** is holding **Olav** & **Halvor** is holding **John**. **Gisle (Edna Steien's father) & Andreas** are behind their father. **Hajgjerd, Sigrid, Ingeborg (June Jevning Shelton's mother), & Sigrid** stand behind their mother. **Sigrid is No. 3.**

Marit Stromsmo and husband **Ingvald Østgaard** (man with the beard) are next with their family. She is holding **Harald** & in front of them is **Anne Marie, John, Ingeborg, Simon, and Sigurd**. **Marit is No. 5.**

Johan Stromsmo and his wife to be **Gyda Forseth** are in the upper left corner. **He is No. 9**

Hans Stromsmoe and family had gone to Minnesota in 1883. **He is No. 6**

Ancestors of Myrtle Alma HANSON *Narrative Annetafel - 7 generations – there is much more. To follow – just double the number – example: Johanna Stromsmoe # 3 – her parents would be 6 & 7 – Myrtle's father was from Vardal, and this only goes back one generation from him – the rest is Johanna's ancestry.*

First Generation

1. **Myrtle Alma HANSON** was born on 9 Apr 1921 in Holt, Marshall County, MN. She was baptized on 3 Jul 1921. She lived in Devils Lake, Ramsey County, ND on 15 Apr 1998. Myrtle was a Blue Print Operator.

Second Generation

2. **Andreas HANSON** was born on 7 Apr 1873 in Vardal, Oppland Fylke, NOR. He was baptized on 25 May 1873 in Vardal, Oppland Fylke, NOR. He immigrated estimated 1887 to Minnesota. Andreas died on 24 Feb 1970 at the age of 96 in Thief River Falls, Pennington County, MN. He was buried on 25 Feb 1970 in Folden Cemetery, Newfolden, MN. He was a Farmer. Johanna STROMSMOE and Andreas HANSON were married on 24 Jan 1910 in Holt, Marshall County, MN.

3. **Johanna STROMSMOE** was born on 24 Dec 1882 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She immigrated in 1883 to Minnesota. She was only six months old when she came to Minnesota from Norway. She died on 8 Aug 1966 at the age of 83 in Thief River Falls, Pennington County, MN. Johanna was buried on 12 Aug 1966 in Folden Cemetery, Newfolden, MN.

Third Generation

4. **Hans Hanson DYBDAL** was born estimated 1850 in Vardal, Oppland Fylke, NOR. He was buried in Folden Cemetery, Newfolden, MN. Antonnete C DYBDAL and Hans Hanson DYBDAL were married estimated 1870 in Vardal, Oppland Fylke, NOR.

5. **Antonnete C DYBDAL** was born estimated 1850 in Vardal, Oppland Fylke, NOR.

6. **Hans Johnsen STROMSMOE** was born on 11 Jun 1862 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He immigrated on 6 Jun 1883 to Fishers Landing, MN. When he came to Minnesota, he changed the spelling of his name to Stromsmoe - with an e at the end. In 1902 he was a farmer and carpenter in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN. He owned a threshing machine and threshed for other people, lead the church choir, and composed music. Hans died on 25 Jan 1941 at the age of 78 in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN. He was buried in 1941 in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN. He migrated in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN fall, 1902 Berit Bersvendsdatter RYDNINGEN and Hans Johnsen STROMSMOE were married on 4 Feb 1882 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

7. **Berit Bersvendsdatter RYDNINGEN** was born on 8 Dec 1861 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She immigrated on 6 Jun 1903 to Newfolden, Marshall County, MN. She was buried in 1931 in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN. Berit died on 6 Aug 1931 at the age of 69 in Eagle Hill, Alta, CAN.

Fourth Generation

12. **John Pedersen STRØMSMO KALBAKKEN** was born on 4 Nov 1822 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He appeared in the census in 1891 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He died on 30 Mar 1915 at the age of 92 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. John was an a teacher for 54 years. Ingeborg Hansdtr Jacobson KALBAEKKEN and John Pedersen STRØMSMO KALBAKKEN were married in 1848 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

13. **Ingeborg Hansdtr Jacobson KALBAEKKEN** was born on 6 Jun 1827 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died on 18 Feb 1913 at the age of 85 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

14. **Bersvend Simonsen RYDNINGEN** was born on 18 Jun 1829 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He died on 15 Jan 1895 at the age of 65 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Johanna Olsdatter FOLDMO and Bersvend Simonsen RYDNINGEN were married in 1855 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

15. **Johanna Olsdatter FOLDMO** was born on 8 Jan 1834 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died on 5 Jan 1920 at the age of 85 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

Fifth Generation

24. **Peder Jonsen HANSAEL STRØMSMO** was born in 1793 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He immigrated in 1821 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He died in 1850 at the age of 57 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Marit Embretsdatter HAUGROSEN and Peder Jonsen HANSAEL STRØMSMO were married on 19 Feb 1822 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Marit was the first woman on the Stromsmo farm. She had a beautiful singing voice and this is where her descendents' musical talents came from.

25. **Marit Embretsdatter HAUGROSEN** was born in 1803 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She immigrated in 1822 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died in 1883 at the age of 80 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

26. **Hans Jacobsen ELVEVOLD KALBAKKEN** was born in 1790 in Sorreisa, Troms Fylke, NOR. He died in 1878 at the age of 88 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Sigrid Johnsdatter KALBAEKKEN and Hans Jacobsen ELVEVOLD KALBAKKEN were married on 12 Jul 1817 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. They appeared in the census.

27. **Sigrid Johnsdatter KALBAEKKEN** was born in 1795 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died in 1881 at the age of 86 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

28. **Simon Johnsen KALBAEKKEN RYDNINGEN** was born in 1779 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died on 16 Dec 1862 at the age of 83 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Marit Evensdatter RYDNINGEN and Simon Johnsen KALBAEKKEN RYDNINGEN were married on 2 Jul 1814 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

29. **Marit Evensdatter RYDNINGEN** was born in 1792 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died in 1829 at the age of 37 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.

30. **Ole Jonsen UTTISTUEN NESTBY** was born in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR

Sixth Generation

48. **Jon Hansen HANSAELEN** was born in 1757 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He appeared in the census in 1801 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Gjertrud Olsdatter HOLMEN UTGAARD and Jon Hansen HANSAELEN were married in 1783 in NORWAY.

49. **Gjertrud Olsdatter HOLMEN UTGAARD** was born in 1755 in Utgaard, NOR. She died on 5 Jul 1840 at the age of 85 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.

50. **Embret Mortensen HAUGROSEN** was born in 1774 in NORWAY. He died on 5 Mar 1858 at the age of 84 in NORWAY. Goro Iversdatter LETENG and Embret Mortensen HAUGROSEN were married in 1797 in NORWAY.

51. **Goro Iversdatter LETENG** was born in 1769 in NORWAY. She died on 26 Nov 1844 at the age of 75 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
52. **Jacob Olsen VINJE** was born in Sorreisa, Troms Fylke, NOR. WINTHER and Jacob Olsen VINJE were married in Sorreisa, Troms Fylke, NOR.
53. **WINTHER** was born in Denmark.
54. **John Simonsen KALBAEKKEN** was born in 1750 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died in 1833 at the age of 83 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He was buried in 1833 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. John was a Farmer. Marit Olsdatter Hauen BRANDVOLD EGGEN and John Simonsen KALBAEKKEN were married in 1794 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. They appeared in the census.
55. **Marit Olsdatter Hauen BRANDVOLD EGGEN** was born in 1770 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She immigrated in 1791 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died on 25 Mar 1862 at the age of 92 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Marit was buried in 1862 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.
56. **John Simonsen KALBAEKKEN** is the same as person number 54.
57. **Sigrid Olsdatter NYSTUEN** was born in 1744/5 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She immigrated on 25 Jul 1791 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died in Jan 1793 at the age of 48 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Sigrid was buried in 1793 in Ibestad Church, Bardu, NOR.
58. **Even Larsen RYDNINGEN** was born in 1750/1 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Berit Larsdatter WALSTAD and Even Larsen RYDNINGEN were married on 26 Jun 1790 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway.
59. **Berit Larsdatter WALSTAD** was born in 1765 in Sor Trondelag, Orkdal, NOR.
60. **Jon Oleson UTTISTUEN NESTEBY** was born in 1758 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Anne Pedersdtr MAELENG and Jon Oleson UTTISTUEN NESTEBY were married in 1781 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
61. **Anne Pedersdtr MAELENG** was born in 1756 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.

Seventh Generation

96. **Hans Rasmusson LILLEGGEN HANSAEL** was born in 1712 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Mari Pedersdatter LILLEEGEN and Hans Rasmusson LILLEGGEN HANSAEL were married in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
97. **Mari Pedersdatter LILLEEGEN** was born in 1717 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died in 1757 at the age of 40 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
98. **Ole Jorgenson OYAN** was born in 1730 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Mari Jonsdatter HOLMEN and Ole Jorgenson OYAN were married in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
99. **Mari Jonsdatter HOLMEN** was born in 1728 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died in 1800 at the age of 72 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
100. **Morten Embretson HAUGROSEN** was born in 1739 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died on 7 Mar 1819 at the age of 80 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Marit Tollevsdatter HUSET and Morten Embretson HAUGROSEN were married in 1769 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
101. **Marit Tollevsdatter HUSET** was born in 1739 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died on 15 Mar 1824 at the age of 85 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
102. **Iver Oleson TUVENG** was born in 1726 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died in 1773 at the age of 47 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Marit Iversdatter ROSTAD and Iver Oleson TUVENG were married in 1762 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
103. **Marit Iversdatter ROSTAD** was born in 1738 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died in 1813 at the age of 75 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
104. **Ole Hanson UNKNOWN** was born (date unknown).
108. **Simon Estensen KALBAEKKEN** was born in 1720 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died in 1762 at the age of 42 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Anne Johnsdatter GAMLSTUMON OSTBY and Simon Estensen KALBAEKKEN were married in 1744 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
109. **Anne Johnsdatter GAMLSTUMON OSTBY** was born in 1719 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She died in 1781 at the age of 62 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
110. **Ole Oleson Hauen BRANDVOLD EGGEN** was born in 1737 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He immigrated on 25 Jul 1791 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. He died in 1808 at the age of 71 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Ole was buried in 1808 in Lenvik, Troms Fylke, NOR. He was a Smelter. Kari Halvorsdatter STORSTRØM and Ole Oleson Hauen BRANDVOLD EGGEN were married in NORWAY.
111. **Kari Halvorsdatter STORSTRØM** was born in 1743 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. She immigrated on 25 Jul 1791 to Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. She died in 1806 at the age of 63 in Bardu, Troms Fylke, Norway. Kari was buried in 1806 in Lenvik, Troms Fylke, NOR.
114. **Ole Jonsen AAKRANN NYSTUEN** was born in 1695/6 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. He died in 1770 at the age of 74 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Kari Bersvendsdatter OSTBYHAUGEN and Ole Jonsen AAKRANN NYSTUEN were married in 1732/3 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
115. **Kari Bersvendsdatter OSTBYHAUGEN** was born in 1706/7 in Tynset, Hedmark Fylke, NOR.
118. **Lars Ellewsen WALSTAD** was born in Sor Trondelag, Orkdal, NOR.
120. **Ola Larsson NESTEBY** was born (date unknown). Brynhild Avlesdtr. LILLESTEIEN and Ola Larsson NESTEBY were married.
121. **Brynhild Avlesdtr. LILLESTEIEN** was born (date unknown).
122. **Peder Jonson LILLESTEIEN** was born in 1717 in Alvdal, Hedmark Fylke, NOR. Mari Halvorsdtr. STORSTRØM and Peder Jonson LILLESTEIEN were married.
123. **Mari Halvorsdtr. STORSTRØM** was born in 1725.

Necrology continued –

NOLA ROSE VAN WIERINGEN (1928 - 2012)



Nola Rose Van Wieringen, age 84, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 2012, in Mount Vernon, Washington.

She was born January 24, 1928, in Mount Vernon to Bill and Claire Mason. Nola grew up in Conway, Washington,

attending Conway Grade School and graduating from Mount Vernon High School with the class of 1945.

On December 1, 1945, she married Glenn Van Wieringen of Mount Vernon. Their first home was in Bainbridge Naval Center, Maryland. Later they settled in Burlington, Washington.

Nola was a homemaker, raising her three children. She enjoyed many activities outside the home. She belonged to the Church Circle with the First Baptist Church in Mount Vernon where she was a lifetime member. She belonged to an orthopedic group. Nola had a strong interest in researching family genealogy. She was a founding member of the Skagit Genealogy Society.

Nola and Glenn enjoyed traveling for many years. They especially enjoyed spending over fifty years of summers at their beach cabin in Coupeville, Washington, with family and friends.

Later in life she and Glenn resided in Conway until her passing.

Nola was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Claire Mason, her husband, Glenn, of 63 years, her daughter, Karen Raper, and son-in-law, Bob Raper.

Nola is survived by her son Bill Van Wieringen and wife Patti of Conway, daughter Patty Krieger of Burlington, grandchildren and their spouses, James (Louise) Krieger of Sammamish, Tim (Melanie) Krieger of Issaquah, Jill (Brian) Raupp of Burlington, Jodi (Curt) Boon of Mount Vernon, Kristi Van Wieringen of Everett, Laura (Chris) Roddy of Tacoma, great-grandchildren Piper Raupp of Burlington, Leah and Mason Krieger of Issaquah, Madison Boon of Mount Vernon, and Leila Roddy of Tacoma.

A graveside service was held on Monday, August 27, 2012, at Hawthorne Memorial Park at 1:00PM. Following the graveside service a memorial was held at the First Baptist Church, 103 N. 5th Street, Mount Vernon, at 2:00PM.

Nola has been a member of NHOH since 1995 but has not been to a Stevne. Her ancestry is in the Ringsaker area.

Chester Reiten of Minot's "Høstfest" has died

Chester Reiten, 89, the founder of Norsk Høstfest and civic leader, died Tuesday, January 29, 2013. He was always looking for ways to help Minot and North Dakota.

He was inducted into the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Hall of Fame, the state's highest honor; and also inducted into the Scandinavian American Hall of Fame.

He was a positive leader and helped the people believe they could do something together. He left a lasting legacy of service and dedication to Minot, to the state as a whole and to North Dakota's rich Scandinavian heritage.

He was the mayor from 1970 to 1982 and again from 1984 to 1986, and saw Minot through flood fights and construction of a Souris River flood protection system, an effort that spanned nearly 30 years and cost \$250 million in federal, state and local tax dollars and in Canadian dollars. It entailed lengthy and complex negotiations with government officials at every level, both in the U.S. and in Canada. It resulted in the construction of two dams in Canada, the restructuring of Lake Darling Dam in North Dakota, river channel improvements and the building of permanent dikes in Minot. His ability to communicate was invaluable in working with state and Canadian officials on flood protection.

Reiten also signed the original agreement through the Garrison Diversion project that led to the Northwest Area Water Supply project. He was instrumental in the creation of Minot Area Development Corp. and construction of the All Seasons Arena.

Reiten was mayor of Minot when Carrol Juven of Fargo, regional manager for Sons of Norway, came around and signed him up with the organization. That meeting led to a 40-year friendship and several trips to Norway together through his tour operation. He remembers Reiten sitting back with his feet up on his desk and saying, "Now tell me, how would this work." Once sold on a plan, he'd lean across the desk and exclaim, "Let's do it." Juven said he saw the respect for Reiten in watching him interact with Høstfest dignitaries and in observing the reception that Reiten received from Høstfest crowds.

Reiten was awarded the St. Olav Medal, the highest honor given by the King of Norway to a foreigner. Reiten's character was evident when he turned to the audience to give them the credit and thanks. He was always giving the credit to everyone who helped him. He inspired them to think out of the box and to do their best. He had so much energy and he was so full of excitement, and he loved Høstfest.

He taught his friends how important it is to take care of heritage. Those who knew Reiten said even more important to him than his city and state were his wife and family. One of his sons, David, said that as much as his father worked to bring success out of whatever he wrapped his arms around, faith and family came first. "He used his faith and the things that he was brought up with to help make whatever he touched better," David Reiten said.



NHOH WEB SITE UPDATE

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MEMBER AREA ACCESS

The member's-only area of the NHOH website requires a user ID and password. For 2013 the user name is "NHOH2013" and the password is "4000Fjords"

These words are case sensitive so you will need to type them exactly as printed here (without quotation marks). They are the same for all members. To reach information in the member's-only area, first click on the "Member Area" button in the left border of most website pages. Then, click on the link for the content that you wish to view. You will then be prompted to enter a user name and password.

NHOH Website URL is www.nhohlag.org

Did you know...

...The average monthly income for full time industry employees in Norway was NOK 39500 in 2012 (appr. \$6900), an increase of NOK 1300 (\$230) from 2011 ...92% of

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... The Norwegian *Troll A* gas production platform is the **largest object ever moved** by humans.

...Sweden has the highest life expectancy in Scandinavia, and number 7 in the world, with 80.5 years

"Nora" and "Lucas" most popular

Did you think that all Norwegians named their babies with traditional Norwegian names? You'd better think again!

The statistics for 2012 is now published, and the most popular girl's name was Nora, followed by Emma, Sofie, Linnea and Sara. The most popular name for boys was Lucas/Lukas, followed by Emil, Mathias, Jonas and Aleksander.

Biblical names was at it's highest popularity in 2006, and has been slightly decreasing ever since. The exception seems to be Lucas, which is a biblical name and by far the most popular boy's name in 2012. The data is published by Statistics Norway (ssb.no).

New Members Since 1/1/12	Residence	Amot	Alvdal	Elverum	Engerdal	Follidal	Furnes	Hamar	Løten	Nes	Os	Rendalen	Ringsaker	Romedal	Stange	Stor-Elvdal	Tolga	Trysil	Tynset	Vang
Tim Maloney and Maureen Brosnahan	Cedar Valley, Ontario Can											X								
Robert Evensen	Cambridge, MA							X						X	X			X		X
Shirley Flieth	Jamestown, ND																			
Charles & Joyce Johnson	Carver, MN															X				X
Kyle Jansson	Monmouth, OR												X							
Karen D. Luvaas	Gloucester, VA																			
Julie (Haakinson) & Bob Mazurek	Scotts Valley, CA												X							
Dianne Enger Snell	Auburn, WA												X							
Patricia Louise Smeback-Wingerter	Selah, WA										X						X			
Don and Nancy Vergin	Benson, MN												X	X	X					

Tim Maloney's great grandfather, Peter Utgaard was a charter member of the Østerdalslaget

Patricia Smeback-Wingerter was married to Palmer Dwight Andrew Smeback whose grandparents, Paul and Marthea (Olsdatter Berg) Smeback



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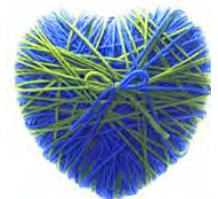
Trendy Norwegian Knitting

Once thought of as a quaint hobby, knitting is shrugging off its traditional image and is quickly becoming a hot trend worldwide. Wool garments are found everywhere from your grandmother's closet to fashion shows and catwalks. Knitting has always been a prominent part of Norwegian culture, however, in recent

years it has grown to include a younger, urban crowd of knitters. In Norway this trend is supported by celebrities like TV personality Dorthe Skappel and actress Sofia Gråbøl. The online release of Skappel's "Skapple jumper" pattern, featuring Alpaca wool, quickly lead to a wool shortage in shops around Norway. The Faroe Isle knitwear frequently worn by Gråbøl is also in high demand.

The effects of this booming knitting industry can easily be found throughout Norway. In Sandnes, a once ailing wool mill is now the biggest wool supplier in Norway and has experienced a 50% increase in sales. Knitting books are also in demand in Norway like that of Fashion designers Arne Nerjød and Carlos Zachrisson, who's book, *Julekuler*—featuring 55 hand-knit ball Christmas ornaments—is in its fourth printing, selling over 37,000 copies.

Norway has a marked history of impacting worldwide knitting and textile trends. The "Marius" pattern was at the forefront of this movement in 1954 when famous Norwegian war hero, actor and skier, Marius Eriksen modeled this unique design crafted by Unn Sjøiland in the film "Troll I Ord." Featuring the bold colors of the Norwegian flag, the "Marius" sweater was unusual for its time. 60 years later the "Marius" sweater is still the most sold and hand knit pattern in the world and its creator, Unn Sjøiland, is the recipient of the Royal Medal in Gold for her lifetime contribution to Norwegian hand knit traditions and their promotion internationally.



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**Featuring the People's
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"Growing Up On a Farm During the Great Depression"

I was born in a farmhouse in Hartland Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin in 1921. I attended Forest Home one-room Country School from 1928 to 1936. I attended Ellsworth High School, participating four years in baseball and football and graduating with the class of 1940.

My parents, Rudolph and Mabel (Eidem) Krogstad took over operation of his father Albert's 160-acre farm in East Hartland in about 1920. They engaged in diversified farming on a 50/50 rental basis, working the land with horses and a Titan tractor. We had pigs for meat, cows for milk, and chickens for eggs and meat. We grew hay, corn, oats, barley, wheat, and lye. We had a raspberry patch and an apple orchard for fruit. Every spring we planted a large garden with veggies for the summer table. Mother canned fruit, vegetables, and meat for the winter table.

The Great Depression was accompanied by drought, hot, and dry years, especially during 1931, 1934, and 1936. Crops failed, and cattle were turned into the fields to do the "harvesting." Prices for farm products dropped. Egg prices declined to about six cents per dozen. Milk dropped to less than one dollar per 100 pounds.

Our family ate a lot of leftovers. I remember saying, "In 1929, we lived on hash all winter," meaning fried potatoes and ground beef or pork. Although we grew much of our food on our farm, we went to a nearby store, at Bay City, Maiden-Rock, or Esdaile, to get such things as sugar, coffee, cereals, thread, and utensils. We usually took a crate of eggs along to be candled and credited to our grocery bill. Surplus farm products were also distributed to Wisconsin's needy and unemployed. We received a few sacks of free government wheat to be ground into flour. I liked the bread.

Growing up on a farm during the Great Depression meant that I was taught many farming skills and values at a young age. Since money was scarce, we learned to live without, "clean up our plates," and take care of our clothes and other belongings. Exchanging help without pay (bartering) was common. It was common for children to help with work on the farm as soon as they were able. Being the oldest boy in the family, I learned to milk cows by hand at age seven. Four years later, I drove horses for plowing, harrowing, and cultivating corn. I helped put up hay and shock grain. By age 14, I drove a bundle team on the threshing crew. Brother Bill helped mother with the housework.

Soft water came from roofs of the home and piped into a concrete cistern adjacent to the kitchen. In summer

time the cistern served as our "refrigerator" by hanging pails and other food containers on ropes from the top of the cistern. Later, a small hand pump was installed to pump water from the cistern up to the kitchen. Bob's job was to keep the cook stove reservoir full for heating the soft water. Hard water for drinking and baking purposes was pumped from a 400 foot well into another cistern for livestock, household drinking and cooking purposes.

Monday was wash day. We didn't have an automatic clothes washer and dryer. Our first washing machine, a wood stave "tub" with an agitator, was belt driven by a gas-engine prone to run out of gas and difficult to start. The wringer rollers were operated by a crank and "elbow grease." Mom used the washboard to scrub the clothes. We boys helped carry baskets of washed clothes to hang on the clotheslines in summer and winter. Freeze-dried clothes had a special refreshing aroma.

We didn't have cell phones. We had a large wall-mounted telephone containing a magneto with a crank to ring the bells and carry our voices over an eight-mile rural, 10-party line installed by the Hartland Farmers Telephone Company in 1910. It had about 200 subscribers on several party lines connected to a switchboard in Esdaile. When someone called a neighbor on a party line, all phones rang. Those who listened were referred to as "rubber neckers." For lights we had candles, kerosene lamps and lanterns. About once a week mom heated her curling iron in the chimney of the kerosene lamp so she could curl her hair. Later, an Aladdin lamp with a mantle gave brighter light.



Brother Bill and I looked for opportunities to make extra money. We collected pieces of scrap iron from around the buildings and hauled a couple loads in our play wagon to sell to our neighbor Harry Serrill our trucker. We sold garden seeds for 10 cents a packet. I trapped pocket gophers for 10 cents a tail, and worked for neighbors for 50 cents a day. A couple of winters when roads were drifted shut for the mailman, he asked me to carry the mail on skis across the fields for over two miles for about 50 cents. This made me feel good, that I was trusted to do this responsible job. During the fall of the year I helped Dad trap skunks. He skinned off the hides and sold them to a fur dealer in Red Wing. One dry year when Lake Pepin was low, we tied a washtub to our waist and went barefoot into the water to hunt for clams. We sold the shells and some nuggets for about \$3.00.

Mother took pride in raising a lot of chickens. They were raised by cluck hens or ordered through the mail. They were used for barter, five young chickens to our Methodist preacher for baptizing my youngest brother Bob. We gathered extra food such as butternuts and wild blackberries in the pasture and along roadsides. I tapped maple trees during the spring and boiled maple syrup for mom's pancakes and French toast. We identified bee trees for possible honey in the fall. We wore

hand-me-down clothes which mother patched for longer wear. When no longer usable she sewed them into rag strips to be made into rag rugs.

Threshing Days: Once a year during the month of August, a steam-powered threshing rig came into our driveway. This was an exciting time for children. It took about 10 teams of horses with wagons and 20 men to thresh our small grains. Two neighbor women worked over hot stoves to prepare and serve two delicious meals per day. Two lunches were also served per day, one in mid-forenoon and one in mid-afternoon. They were brought to the rig area and to the field where the men were loading bundles.

Corn Shredding: Corn harvest took place in late fall after the corn was ripened. Crews were smaller than for threshing. The corn stalks and husks were chopped up by the shredder and blown into the barn for fodder and bedding. The ears of corn were removed by the shredder and dropped into a wagon box and hauled away to be unloaded into a corncrib. Sometimes corn ears were husked by hand either before or after the corn stalks were cut in the field. Usually hogs or cattle were let into the cornfields to glean whatever corn or stocks remained in the field.

Building and Repairing a Fence: Straight lines were sighted or wire lines were stretched to line up white oak or steel posts about 15 to 20 feet apart. Postholes were dug about two feet deep and tamped firmly around the bottom of the wood post and again near the top of the hole. Posts were braced at the fence corners and at gate entrances.

Putting up Wood: Providing wood for the kitchen cook stove and the round oak heater was vital to keep the family warm over the winter months. Using the cross-cut saw, lifting logs, and swinging axes was good exercise for a baseball and football player in high school. I became adept at felling trees. Later, logs and trimmed branches were hauled and piled near the wood shed. The buzz rig was brought in to saw the wood into 16 to 18 inch chunks that were split and piled to dry before use during the next winter season. We boys had the job of carrying the wood into the house to fill the wood boxes.

Good Times and Bad: Our families were fortunate to have grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins living within close proximity, such as at Esdaile, Forest Home School, Warrentown and nearby farms. Many dropped by to say hello over a cup of coffee. Others lived in Red Wing, the Twin Cities, Chicago, and other places. Mother also liked to invite neighbors over for lunch and socializing. Family picnics and reunions were common at Colville Park, Red Wing, and at Uncle Ben's farm. Our families took turns celebrating New Years, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays together. If roads were bad, they would come by team and sleigh. Scandinavian foods were always a part of the festivities such as: lefse, Krumkake, Fattigmand, Rosettes, and Sandbakel. Children often went sledding or skiing. At other get-togethers, the adults played 500, canasta, or flinch, while others played dominos, Old Maid, or checkers.

Schools and churches put on programs by students for holidays and special occasions. Birthdays and weddings were celebrated. Annual church suppers were common. Saturday night dances were sponsored by dance pavilions. On the radio we listened to Slim Jim and the Vagabond Kid sing cowboy music, or listened to Amos N' Andy and Fibber McGee and Molly. We also entertained

ourselves with records on a spring-driven gramophone record player. One day the spring broke and the record came to a dull agonizing halt. We then tried to spin the records with our fingers. Sunday afternoon softball and baseball games were played at Bay City, Ellsworth and other towns. Many times during the summer time we would take a bath in the kitchen and go to Red Wing on Saturday nights to see a movie, such as Tom Mix, Lassie, and Popeye the Sailor Man. The Pierce County Fair in the fall was popular. Being in the Forest Home Champs 4-H club, I entered a Holstein calf. The judge lined up the six calves side by side. My calf was on one end. Could it be number one? It turned out to be number six!

Misfortunes In addition to the hardships of the Great Depression, accidents, fires, floods, and sickness also occurred. Farmers and others were known for coming together to provide help to neighbors in times of emergencies and misfortunes. In late summer of 1930, Elmer Johnson, neighbor to the north of our farm, suffered a devastating loss when his granary burned to the ground. Early that morning, Thorsten Eidem, who was staying with our family at the time, phoned neighboring farmers, asking them to bring shovels and sacks to the Johnson place in order to save some of the grain which lay smoldering on the ground, exposed to the elements. A wind came up and blew sparks onto the straw pile (which burned completely), and into the haymow. Elmer Powers crawled on top of the barn to pour water on the wooden roof to prevent the barn from catching fire. Harry Serrill climbed and positioned himself inside at a window near the peak of the barn to prevent the hay from catching fire. Women carried water from a cistern and Elmer and Harry lowered ropes to pull the pails of water up to pour on the barn roof and haymow. They were successful in saving both hay and barn. I remember helping with the milking of the Johnson cows on my way to school while the men were shoveling to save the grain. Later, Elmer Johnson built a round fire-resistant steel storage bin for his grain.

The Armistice Day Storm of 1940 became known as the worst storm of the century. It started in the forenoon as an average rain. I was walking from a farm to a class at River Falls State Teachers College. The rain turned to driving snow and sleet. Roads became hazardous and travelers became stranded. Duck hunters were trapped near Lake Pepin. Football games were cancelled. Hogs suffocated in a straw stack on the Gordon Halverson farm.

When I was starting my sophomore year in high school our family was ordered off the farm and moved to Trimble Township west of Ellsworth to live in a country residence with animal privileges in the barn and pasture. Bill and I remained at Ellsworth High School until graduation. We hitchhiked or obtained rides from students and parents to high school.

A number of New Deal projects contributed to improvements and slow economic recovery in Hartland during the late 1930s, such as WPA on the Forest Home School ground. I worked in the chemistry lab under the National Youth Act in high school and joined the CCC camp for \$25.00 per month. Values of hard work and responsibilities on the farm during the Great Depression were not forgotten and still have an influence on my life today.

The Sami Easter Festival March 27 - April 1, 2013

The Sami culture is alive even today. The famous Easter festival is an example of this, an annual event with proud traditions. Easter was the time of year when Sami from throughout the region gathered in Kautokeino. They celebrated the end of the long winter and its darkness with religious parties and weddings. 85% of residents in Kautokeino are Sami speakers, and one of three work with reindeer. Kautokeino has the largest reindeer community.

At Easter, the sun has returned, and daytime temperatures are pretty manageable. It is the beginning of the Easter festival. Sami weddings receive thousands of guests, and bryllupsbidosen (stew) is served around wooden table settings.

The Kautokeino community kicks off the whole Easter week with a good mix of party, fun, worshipping, cultural and exciting competitions.

Sami Grand Prix is a music competition with participants from all over Sápmi, with two classes of competition, joik and pop music. Joik is a living song tradition that is constantly evolving, so the material is entirely new. The class of pop music moves from joik inspired music to hard rock. Similar to the Eurovision Song Contest the audience decides the winner, so the Sami radio streams live and includes voting from across Lapland.

The concert goes on through Easter week is varied and includes Sami rock, jazz and joik inspired music and famous Norwegian artists. Often the country's most famous artist, Mari Boine, performs. The Sami theater there, Beaivváš provides a premiere location.

Nowhere in the world do you get so much Sami culture in such a short period of time during the Easter festival. To visit, however, requires some planning. Kautokeino is reached most easily by car, as there is a shortage of public transportation. Accommodation must certainly be organized in advance.

Worth the hassle? Absolutely



Easter - March 31, 2013



Beginning Norwegian Genealogy June 12-13, 2013

If you are just beginning your family history project, or have some experience with family research, but have not worked with Norwegian records, this popular class is designed for you!

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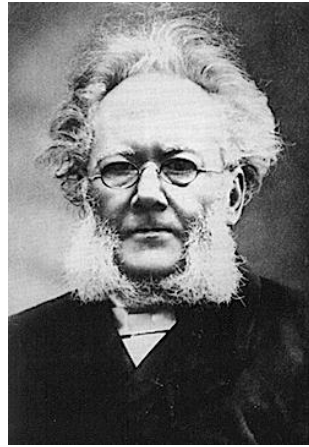
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Ole and Lena....

Ole and Lena had married under not so happy circumstances, and their married life had not been anything to brag of either. But when Ole went to the local judge to ask for an annulment after being married for thirty-five years, the whole town gasped with amazement.

A date for a hearing was set, and when the time came the judge insisted to know the reasons why Ole demanded an annulment.

"It's like this," announced Ole, "I just learned that Lena's father never had a license to carry that shotgun."



Ole and Lars were looking at a Sears catalog and admiring the models. Ole says to Lars, "Haff yew seen da beautiful girls in dis catalog?" Lars replies, "Ya, dey are very beautiful. And look at da price!" Ole says, with wide eyes, "Wow, dey aren't verra expensive. At dis price, I'm buying vun." Lars smiles and pats him on the back. "Good idea! Order vun and if she's as beautiful as she is in da catalog, I vill get vun too."

Three weeks later, Lars asks his friend, "Did yew ever receive da girl yew ordered from dat Sears catalog?"

Ole replies....."No, but it shouldn't be long now. Her clothes arrived yesterday!"

No win for Kon-Tiki

Photo: Nils Wanberg. Directors Joachim Rønning, left, and Espen Sandberg, right.



Norwegian film and Best Foreign Language Film nominee "Kon-Tiki" leaves the Oscars empty handed

Takk til - Denise Leland - Seattle, Wash.

Norwegian American Weekly news

On Sunday, Feb. 24, the 85th Academy Awards were presented in Los Angeles, where the film "Kon-Tiki" represented Norway in the Best Foreign-Language Feature category. The two directors and best friends Espen Sandberg and Joachim Rønning hit the red carpet to represent their film. Unfortunately, "Kon-Tiki" did not win the Oscar.

The film was also nominated at this year's Golden Globe awards for Foreign Language film. In both the Oscars and the Globes, "Kon-Tiki" was beat out by the Austrian film "Amour," which was also nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars.

Fellow Foreign-Language nominees included "No" from Chile, "A Royal Affair" from Denmark, "War Witch" from Canada and of course, "Amour" from Austria.

"Kon-Tiki" is an action-adventure film recounting the daring and courageous journey of Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl and his crew of scientists in their seafaring quest to prove the theory that Polynesian natives originated from Peru. Heyerdahl's real-life documented adventure was awarded Best Documentary at the Academy Awards in 1951, just years after the 1947 voyage. The actual balsa raft can be seen at The Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo, Norway.

Sandberg and Rønning should remain proud of their film and the spotlight that its global recognition has cast on their native country of Norway. No stranger to fame in Norway, the directing duo produced the highest grossing Norwegian film ever, 2008 war drama "Max Manus: Man of War."

The directors stand amongst four other Oscar-nominated filmmakers from Norway; Arne Skouen for "Nine Lives" (Ni Liv) in 1957, Nils Gaup with "Pathfinder" (Veiviseren) in 1987, Berit Nesheim with "The Other Side of Sunday" (Søndagsengler) and Petter Næs for "Elling" in 2001. Stars of "Kon-Tiki" include Pål Sverre Hagen, Agnes Kittelsen, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Odd-Magnus Williamson, Tobias Santelmann and Jakob Oftebro.

Initially produced by Nordisk Film Production Norway and UK's Recorded Picture Company, the film has been picked up in the US by The Weinstein Company and expects an English language version to be released sometime this year.

Despite its losses this award season, the film "Kon-Tiki," written by Petter Skavlan, has reminded the world of Norway's influential place in history as well as the audacity of its heroes. The film has certainly made a historic mark on the legacy of Scandinavian and Norwegian film in Hollywood.

Surely we can all look forward to a future of great films coming from Sandberg and Rønning, bringing a proud touch of Norway to the big screen.



The Other Ibsen

Almost every Norwegian and Norwegian-American has heard of the famous Norwegian playwright, poet, author and essayist. But not too many may know about the "less famous" one, Henrik Ibsen's brother, Nicolai A. Ibsen. He was born in Bergen on September 14, 1834. The family had moved to Skien but the father eventually went bankrupt. Nicolai was given some money to go into business also but he, too, failed and lost everything. In those days bankruptcy was considered to be a social scandal.

Nicolai later decided to try America, "The Promised Land" of fame and fortune, milk and honey. He arrived in New York in late 1863 and when he got to Chicago he had to sell his watch and chain, given to him by his sister, Christina. From there he went on to Rock County, Wisconsin and worked as a shepherd until he had earned enough to continue on to Hardin County, Iowa, where he bought 40 acres of land.

But, when his friends Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stannerson moved on to a settlement in Northern Iowa, in or near Estherville, Nicolai went along.

Nicolai was a very quiet, withdrawn man and would not be photographed due to his deformed body; he was hunchbacked. So it was not easy to learn much about him as he talked very little about himself or his family; also he was very proud and refused any further monetary assistance from any one in his family. He occasionally received mail from Norway but it was believed that he rarely or never answered any of his Norway letters.

The following quote is from "The Life and Death of the "Other" Ibsen" by Bent Vanberg and published in the Viking Magazine in Nov. of 1981; by one who knew him and befriended Nicolai. " The chief thing I remember about Nicolai is his kindness, and his air of being a gentleman. He always smiled at children. My two little girls got our cattle from the herd in the evening and he always helped them part the cattle from the neighbor's cattle. He was always kind, always quiet. But he was lonely and would sometimes talk in a proud, bitter way.

Ole Myhre of Estherville, another pioneer farmer, became Ibsen's employer. Ole recalled that "I first met him in 1886 when at the general store it was told that he was a brother of Henrik Ibsen. He was a small man, wearing rough, shabby clothing, but was clean and neat and he talked like a gentleman. You could tell he was from the upper classes. Later, when I knew him better, he showed me a picture of his brother Henrik. There was a great deal of family resemblance in the faces, same tight mouth, and same long nose. I asked him if he would herd cattle for my neighbors and me, and he agreed to do this. He moved from home to home, and we often used to talk together on Sunday afternoons. He would read my Norwegian papers in which he took great interest. Sometimes we talked about his famous brother. Once I commented to Nicolai that his brother, the author, should have become a pastor, but Nicolai answered: "He wouldn't get that much attention in church!" He also mentioned that his sister in Norway

wanted and urged him to come back, but he turned her down. His pride could not accept that."

Nicolai Alexander Ibsen died in the spring of 1888 from heart failure. Ole Myhre wrote a letter to Henrik Ibsen to tell him of his brother's death and this letter was forwarded to Henrik's son Sigurd Ibsen, then a member of the Norwegian Legislation in Washington DC, Sigurd wrote to Myhre asking if his uncle had left enough money to pay for funeral expenses. By selling Nicolai's land enough money was raised to pay the funeral costs and any debts he may have owed, so Myhre could see no reason to request any financial aid from the diplomat nephew. There was no pastor at the funeral. Someone read from the Bible, one of the older men led the prayer and a hymn was sung.

Among his scant belongings were found some clippings about his famous brother, a small Bible, a couple of photos, a few family letters--a note was found with two written lines, the same ones that were inscribed on his grave stone. The pauper, the pioneer, the shepherd, the lonely cowboy who had failed in Norway, was dead. The two lines that were placed on his tombstone were "By strangers honored and by strangers mourned".

The Sons of Norway Lodge #537 in Estherville, Iowa was named Ibsen Lodge, in honor of the "other" Ibsen. This entire piece was taken from the above-mentioned Viking Magazine article by Bent Vanberg in 1981.

Norwegian Winter Word Find

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Words to find:

Snøstorm - Blizzard
Skihopp - Ski jump
Sludd - Sleet
Istapp - Icicle
Kofte - Norwegian sweater
Jakke - Jacket
Lue - Hat
Hansker - Mittens
Nordlys - Northern Lights

God fornøyelse! Have fun!

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