

*The
Kamphaug Family*



Inger & Olaus



THE KAMPHAUG FAMILY

The quest for my learning more of my heritage began in 1976. Mother had died the year before and the "Solberg" homestead and my folk's household belongings had been sold. It was a sad and nostalgic time. You've all experienced it in one manner or another. So much had been taken for granted - so many questions had never been asked. There were endless memories; snatches of information remembered, but also a great deal forgotten.

I soon discovered Aunt Ida (Rydland) was also interested in learning more of the Kamphaug family, her father's background, and that of her mother, who had died when Ida was only eight years old. During the next four years, considerable information was gathered. We knew that Olaus had been born in Lunner, Hadeland, Norway and assumed that the family name was Furuseth.

Duwain and I were finally able to get away in July 1980 for our first visit to Norway. We traveled for three weeks by every mode of transportation possible. We flew into London, traveled by bus for four days through Scotland, and crossed the North Sea from New Castle to Bergen on an overnight ferry. We then sailed along the coast of Norway for four days on a mail boat. Next, we crossed Norway by train to Oslo, where we rented a car for our visit to Lunner.

Trying to find Lunner was in itself interesting. Duwain asked our hotel clerk for information about the town - location, best means to reach it, etc. The man looked puzzled and said he didn't know of it.

Duwain pulled out his map and pointed to Lunner, to which the clerk responded - "Oh, you mean 'Loon-er.'" At his suggestion, we rented a car. Being able to read Norsk is a must for the designated navigator. It took me two blocks to realize street signs were not on posts, but were located high on the second story of corner buildings. Nevertheless, it turned out to be a pleasant drive, if somewhat hectic at times.

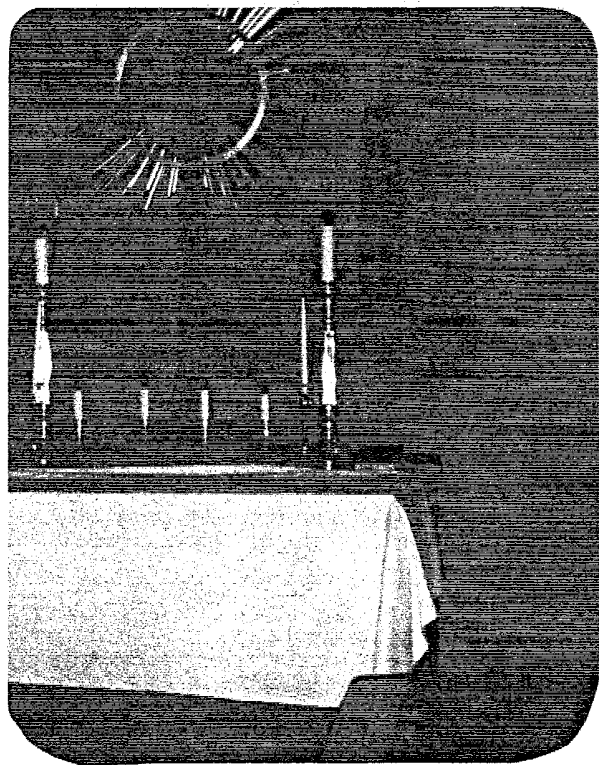
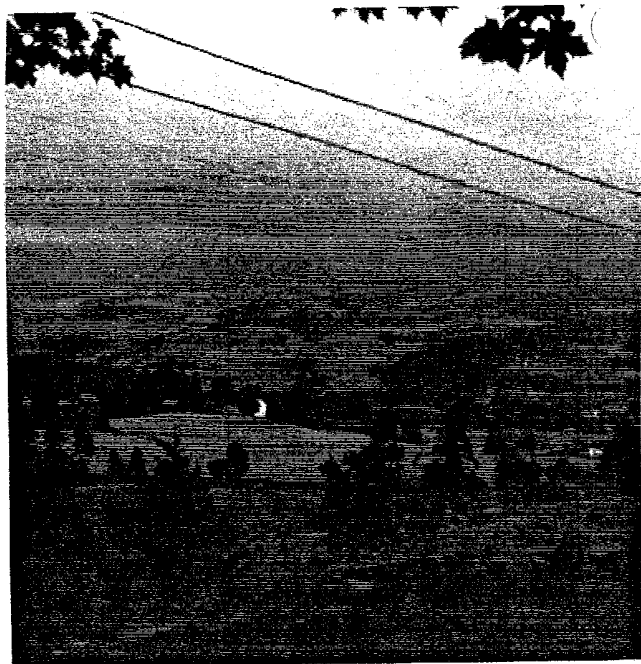
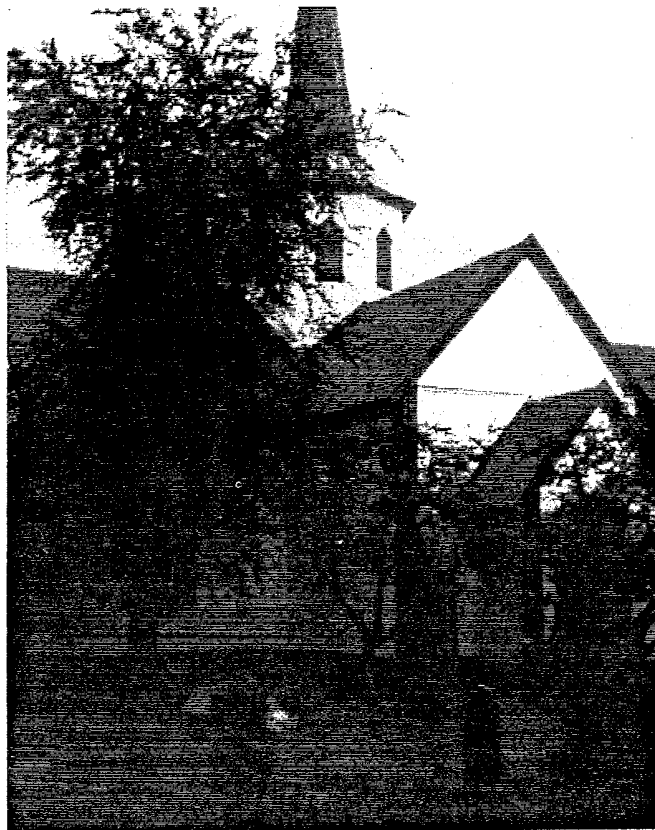
Lunner is a small village located about thirty miles north of Oslo. Our first stop was at the kirke (church) which stood on a high hill overlooking a valley, the town itself, and surrounding rural countryside - a very lovely sight. The church had been built in the year 1000, at the time Christianity was first introduced into Norway. The altar and wall directly behind it are the original building. The walls are four feet thick and appeared to be made of primitive mortar or cement.

The remainder of the church had burned and been rebuilt twice. Many of the original artifacts adorn the walls of the church. We wandered through the old church yard cemetery looking for the name Furuseth on tombstones. The cemetery was beautiful with freshly planted flowers. I attempted to speak to an older man who was planting flowers by a grave. With much gesturing and stammering, I was able to convey the fact that I was looking for information about Min bestefar (grandfather) - family name of Furuseth. The name was not familiar to him.

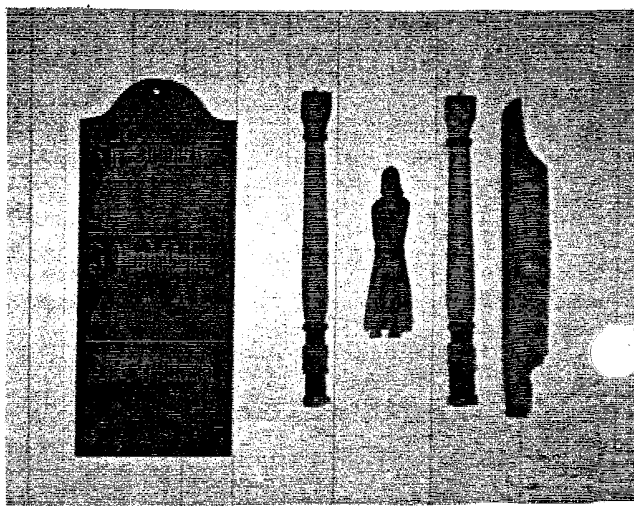
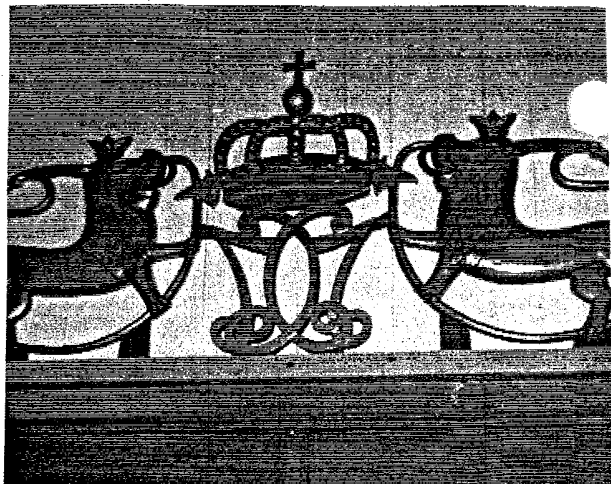
The local people were friendly and obviously wanted to help, but language was definitely a barrier. For those of you wishing to travel in Norway, this does not apply to the larger towns or cities where younger Norwegians speak English fluently. We never did master the correct pronunciation of Looon-er. We did, however, learn that all old church records had been moved and stored in Oslo archives. It was certainly not a day wasted. One cannot describe the intense emotion, the wonderful experience of roving throughout the village and countryside where your grandfather had lived some 124 years before.

And so back to Square 1 - With Ida's help and a great deal of correspondence, I was later able to contact a Martin Brokerud of Oslo, Norway, who was compiling a family history of all families in Lunner, Hadeland. When I last wrote him about nine years ago, the book was not completed, so I have not pursued it any further. The following is a copy of the letter that Martin sent me with the information about the Eriksen family - not Furuseth. That discouraged and frustrated me, but Ida said the dates and names of brothers and sisters were accurate.

The Lunner Church, built in the year 1000, is located on a hillside overlooking a beautiful valley.



Note window - this is the thickness of the original walls.



Original artifacts adorning the walls of the church.

Oslo, 1981 Jan 10

D.E. Bjerke and fam.
Dear folks.

I have made a search for your Olaus born 1856, and I am sure I have found his family, at that time living on the farm Skøyen, Lunner township.

parents:

Marriage Lunner church 1849 Nov. 20

Erik Pedersen Kalvsjømarka

born 1824 May 4 † 1875 Apr. 22

wife:

Anne Helgesdatter b. Lunder eie.

b. 1821 June 22. USA 1883 Apr. 20

children:

- 1) Peder Eriksen 1848 May 15 born Kjørven farm
- 2) Hans Eriksen 1850 Mar. 24 " Liaker farm
- 3) Anders Eriksen 1852 Sept. 24 " Oppen farm
- 4) Mari Eriksdtr. 1854 Nov 23 " " "
5. Olaus Eriksen 1856 Oct 2 " Skøyen eie farm
6. Oline Eriksdatter 1858 Dec 24 " Rud eie farm
7. Halvor Eriksen 1861 May 11 " Kjørven farm

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| 8. Marte Eriksdatter | 1864 Mar 27 | b. Kjørven eie farm (Kjørvenødegården) |
| 9. Karen Eriksdatter | 1866 Dec 7. | b. Solberg eie farm |

We know that the mother of Olaus, Anne Halgesdatter emigrated to USA 1883 Apr. 20. Her husband lived 1865, but died 1875 acc. to the People-Census 1865 and 1876. He died 1875 Apr 22.

We know that Hans emigrated 1871, Olaus 1882, Halvor 1883, Martha 1883.

But I guess that Peder, Anders, Mari, Oline and Karen lived in Lunner, and I am sure a lot of their descendants are living in Lunner.

I know that Olaus Eriksen in the year 1875 had moved from his parents, he lived at that time on the Bjergeseter farm, was a road worker. At that time his parents Erik and Anne lived on a little farm Hagen, Keltstjórmarka. Before that time they moved around in the township, you see the children are born on different farms.

I know that Erik Pedersen's parents was: Peder Anslarsen and wife Mari Andersdatter, and Anne Halgesdatter's parents was: Helge Hansen and wife Oline Iversdatter, Lunder eie.

I would be glad if you can find the date of birth Olaus Eriksen in USA, if his date was 1856 Oct 2. We have found this Olaus Eriksen (Furuset) you ask about! He did not use the name Furuset in Norway - he went under the name Olaus Eriksen here.

I would be glad if you could send me the date of death Olaus Eriksen, name of his wife, their children and where they lived in USA, and date of death

of his mother Anne Helges daughter, born 1821.

I wonder if she lived at Mayville, N.D. - and if you have some information to give as to Hans, Halvor and Matthe, I would like to know.

I ask on behalf of the Committee of Farm and Family History of Lunner. We work on a big book telling about the farms and families of Lunner and we take a great interest in information of our emigrants. Peder H. Nelson has made a big job here. If you happen to see Peder please give him my best greetings.

As to the History of Lunner, we are now working on the manuscript, we have documents and records quite complete from the 15th and 16th centuries.

If you have questions to ask, please write to me, maybe I can help you. Minister Morten Lund cannot give information from old days, you see when his church records are 80 years old, he send the books to the state archive, in our country the church records are official documents.

Would like to hear from you!

Sincerely yours:

Martin Brokaw

Marriage: Lunner Church 1849, Nov 20
Parents: Erick Pedersen Kalvspo'marka
Born 1824 May 4 1875 April 22
Wife: Anne Helgesdatter, Lundereie
Born 1821 June 22, USA 1883 April 20

Children:

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|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Peder Eriksen | 1848 May 15 | <u>Olaus Eriksen</u> | 1856 Oct. 2 |
| <u>Hans Eriksen</u> | 1850 Mar 24 | Oline Eriksen | 1858 Dec. 24 |
| <u>Anders Eriksen</u> | 1852 Sept. 24 | Halvor Eriksen | 1861 May 11 |
| Mari Eriksdatter | 1854 Nov. 23 | <u>Marte Eriksdatter</u> | 1864 Mar. 27 |
| | | Karen Eriksdatter | 1866 Dec. 7 |

The three brothers, who immigrated to America and lived in the Hatton area, all changed their surnames - Olaus Eriksen took his wife's maiden name Kamphaug - Hans Eriksen because H. Aaker and Anders Ericksen became A. Bjorgo.

Marte married Julius Kamphaug, Inger's brother. She often spoke of their children as being double cousins of other Kamphaug offspring. She was a petite, feisty woman, rumored to have participated in the great Hatton saloon raid at the time Carrie Nation was wielding an axe to saloon bars elsewhere in the U.S.

Hans Aaker married Olava Digness and lived a short distance from Olaus and Inger. They had five children: Emma Indergaard, Mabel Lund, Helmer, Clara Tveton and Henry. I had known many of these people from early childhood but had not realized we were all related. For example, my godmother, Emma Indergaard, was Olaus's niece.

Anders Borge was extremely religious and very vocal about it. I recall visiting their home in Hatton with mother and squirming uncomfortably.

Olaus's other brothers and sisters may have come to America but I have no knowledge of them.

Through Statsarkivet in Hamar, I was able to contact a genealogist, Bjorg A. Grindal, who compiled information for me on grandmother, Inger, Johannesdatter and her family of

Kongsvinger, Norway - Grae parish. Something I did not know until I started this research - Johannesdatter means daughter of (in this case) Johannes Kamphaug.

2312 Ottestad, June 30, 1981

Dear Mrs. D. E. Bjerke,

I now send you what I have found about your family. Johannes Jonsen Kamphaug (son of a cottager) 27 years old and Olea Pedersdtr. Kamphaug (daughter of a cottager) 18 years old got married Febr. 25, 1885. His father is named as Jon Adolfsen Kamphaug, a cottager, and her father is named as Peder Larsen Kamphaug. None of them had been married before. (Grue church-book 1847-58 page 274 number 14).

During the years 1855-70 they got the children as follows:

1. Julius, born Dec. 16, 1855 and baptized Jan. 6, 1856. Birth-place: Kamphaug under Berger. I have not found his confirmation.
2. Peder, born Aug. 18, and bap. Sept. 16, 1860. The same birth-place.
3. Inger, born 1863.

I have not found this family among the moving-lists during the years 1863-71 in Grue. And neither I have found nobody of this family on Kamphaug or other places under the farm Berger in the census-lists of 1865 and 1875. You will find these places on the map I send you.

Olia, a daughter of Peder Larsen Hougen under Berger and his wife, Anne Olsdtr., was born Nov. 10, and bap. Dec. 26, 1837 in Brandval church. (Grue church-book 1830-47 page 59 number 16). They were "inderster."

Peder Larsen Tormoen, a servant, 24 years old and Anne Olsdtr. Tormoen, a servant-maid, 23 years old, got married Aug. 15, 1829 in Brandval church. (Grue church-book 1814-30 page 227 number 28). None of them had been married before.

Johannes, a son of Jon Adolphsen Kamphaug under vestre Berger (a cottager) and his wife Ingri Olsdtr., was born June 20 and bap. July 29, 1827 in Brandval church. (The same church-book page 166 number 56).

Jon Adolphsen Kamphaug under Berger, son of a cottager, 28 years old and Inger Osdtr. Helgenaesset, a servant maid, 24 years old, got married Nov. 30, 1817 in Brandval church (The same church-book page 201 number 42).

Jon, a son of Adolf Jonsen Fenmøen and his wife Tore Nilsdtr., was bap. Jan. 11, 1789. (Grue church-book 1774-92 page 444 number 4).

Adolph Jonsen Lepengen and Thore Nielsdtr. Lystad got married Jan. 23, 1780 (The same church-book page 135).

The census-list of 1801, Berger vestre og østre, shows:

Joen Adolphsen, 12 years old, was living as a servant with the farmer Johannes Gierdrum and his family.

Adolph Joensen, 45 years old, a cottager with land, his wife Thore Nielsdtr., 41 years old and their children: Lars 8, Amund 6 and Berthe 3 years old were living on a place under the same farm.

Sincerely yours,

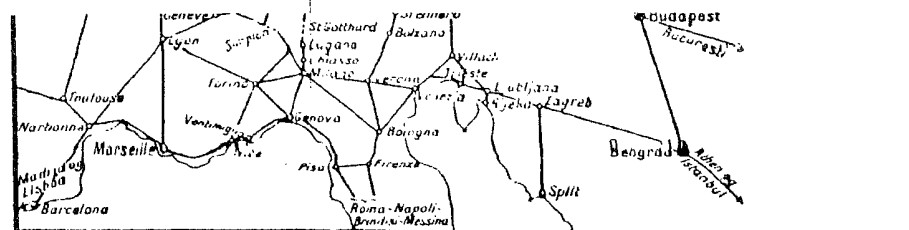
Bjørg Aa. Grindal

A fourth child was born to Johannes and Olea Kamphaug - Alberta, whose name was not recorded in the Grue parish. Alberta married Hans Hanson. Her granddaughter (our cousin), Edith Hanson Bennett of Littleton, Colorado, has researched and traced the relatives in Solar, Konsvinger. She has in fact visited the area twice and corresponds with them frequently.

Johannes Johnson Kamphaug came to Decorah, Iowa from Solar, Norway in 1867. After working for five years, he sent tickets to Norway for his mother, two brothers - Peder and Julius, and two sisters - Inger and Alberta.

In 1879 the family moved to Hatton and settled on what later became the Olaus Kamphaug farm.

Olaus Eriksen Kamphaug came to America in 1882 and worked on the construction of the Bismarck bridge in North Dakota. He married Inger Kamphaug in 1884. He bought the land from Johannes Kamphaug in 1885, which was to become their farm home. I am merely guessing that adopting Inger's maiden name had something to do with the transfer of title on their property.



Folkemengde: 3 681 000.
 Norges flateinnhold: 324 222 km².
 Beliggenhet: 57° 57' 31" N. br. — 71° 11' 8" N. br.
 4° 30' 13" Øst Gr. — 34° 10' 4" Øst Gr.
 Avstanden Lindesnes — Nordkapp: 1752 km.
 Fastlandets kystlinje: (fjorder og bukter ikke medregnet) 2650 km.
 Landgrensens lengde: 2561 km.
 De største byers folkemengde: Oslo 484 800, Bergen 117 000, Trondheim 111 400, Stavanger 52 200.

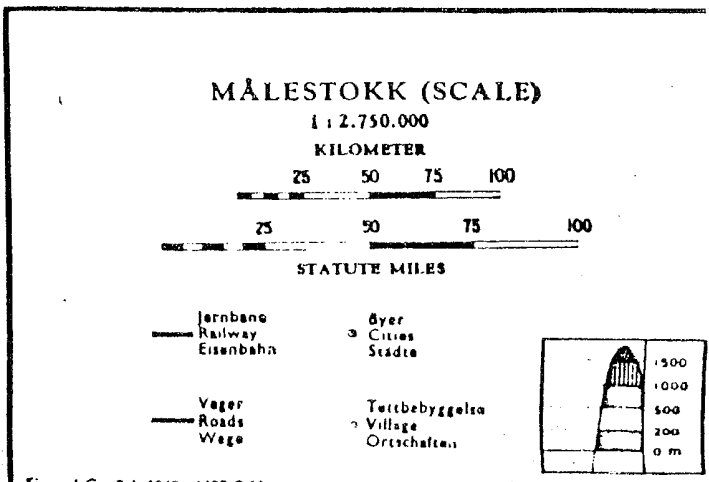
Population: 3 681 000.
 The area of Norway: 125 182 sq. miles.
 Situation: 57° 57' 31" N. lat — 71° 11' 8" N. lat
 4° 30' 13" East Gr. — 31° 10' 4" East Gr.
 Distance Lindesnes — North Cape: 1089 miles.
 Coast lines of mainland, fjords and bays not included: 1647 miles.
 The land frontier: 1591 miles.
 The population of the biggest towns: Oslo 484 800, Bergen 117 000, Trondheim 111 400, Stavanger 52 200.

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 Entfernung Lindesnes — Nordkap: 1752 km.
 Küstenlinie des Festlandes (ohne Fjorde und Buchten): 2650 km.
 Länge der Landesgrenze: 2561 km.
 Einwohnerzahlen der grössten Städte: Oslo 484 800, Bergen 117 000, Trondheim 111 400, Stavanger 52 200.

Drue
Brandval
Solar
Kongsvinger

Approximate location of Linnæus

av Norges Statsbane
 by Norwegian Star
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Thirteen children were born to Olaus and Inger. Three children died in infancy. The remaining children were Oline, Edward, Albert, Hildor, Anna, Ole, Ida, Josie, Adolph and Hilda. Inger died in 1908 of pneumonia - what an overwhelming tragedy for Olaus and his family. Hilda was only 8 months old. Adolph, about 2 years, Josie, 5 years, Ida, 8 years, Anna, 12 years, etc. Those were difficult times, but the family rallied together. The oldest daughter, Oline, took over the reins as homemaker and housekeeper. Anna and Ida were in charge of rounding up the cows and milking them during the busy spring, summer and fall seasons. Ida told me of one occasion when she'd been extremely sick - running endless high fevers. Grandpa, in reaching for anything that might trigger a response from her, said that her favorite cow wouldn't allow anyone else to milk her. She just had to get well.

The two girls assisted in the care of the younger children, built in babysitters. Well meaning neighbor women offered help, but were often critical. Hilda, about 3-4 years old, was recovering from a cold and looked rather pale. Anna, on learning that the one particular neighbor was coming for a visit, found red crepe paper and rubbed Hilda's cheeks until they were rosy.

During those years few country girls attended high school; however, during the winter months the older girls attended what I have called the Hatton Finishing School for Young Women. Mother told me of this and I wish I could remember all the details. They lived for six weeks to two months in a boarding house in Hatton, enjoyed a social life of the town, took piano lessons, learned how to crochet, sew and embroider. Several pictures of Ida and Anna have been included - pictures taken with friends at Ambrose Thompson's studio. Mother's album was a wonderful source of pictures. Unfortunately, I don't know the names of all the people.

When Oline married Albert Bjertness, Anna assumed the responsibilities with able assistance from Ida and Josie. So it went, as each daughter married, the next eldest sister took over the job. The weekdays were always busy, typical of farm life. Sunday was a day of rest.

A few days after mother's funeral in 1975, a man came up to me in Hatton and introduced himself. He was a stranger to me, but he wanted to talk about the Kamphaugs. He had been a newcomer to the states in the early 1900's and working in the Kamphaug neighborhood. He told how friends, cousins and neighbors would gather at the farm on Sunday afternoons and stay on into the evening - playing cards, talking, and singing together around the piano. The food was always plentiful and a general good time was had by all.

Olaus was the epitome of an Old World father. He was a taskmaster and he would tolerate no nonsense. Characteristic of Scandinavians, he found it difficult to openly express his feelings. Being the eldest of the stateside grandchildren had its compensations. I learned early of the gentle and loving side to this man. He readily showered affection on his grandchildren.

For a few years, mother and I would spend about a week each summer on the farm. During these months, all activity centered around the summer kitchen. Grandpa's orange colored rocking chair was moved from the main house and he loved to sit in it and smoke his pipe. By this time, Josie was heading the household. Cookie jars were always filled to the brim with plump raisin oatmeal cookies. For that one week, it became my task to fetch butter, milk and cream for Josie from the cellar.

The house and other out buildings, graineries and smoke house were built on one level. The barn and pastures were on a lower level. Two cellars had been built into the hillside. The first cellar was flooded with water during the winter to provide ice for the summer. Thus, the second cellar was very cool and served as the refrigeration of that era. This was typical of grandpa's farm - functional but not fashionable, yet attractive in that everything was neat and in good working order, and the buildings always well painted.

In the afternoons, Josie always served a big lunch. It seemed someone was always dropping by for coffee, sandwiches and cookies. The conversation was a mixture of Norwegian and English with much good natured bantering and laughter. Some days mother and I would walk to neighbors and visit the Indergaards,

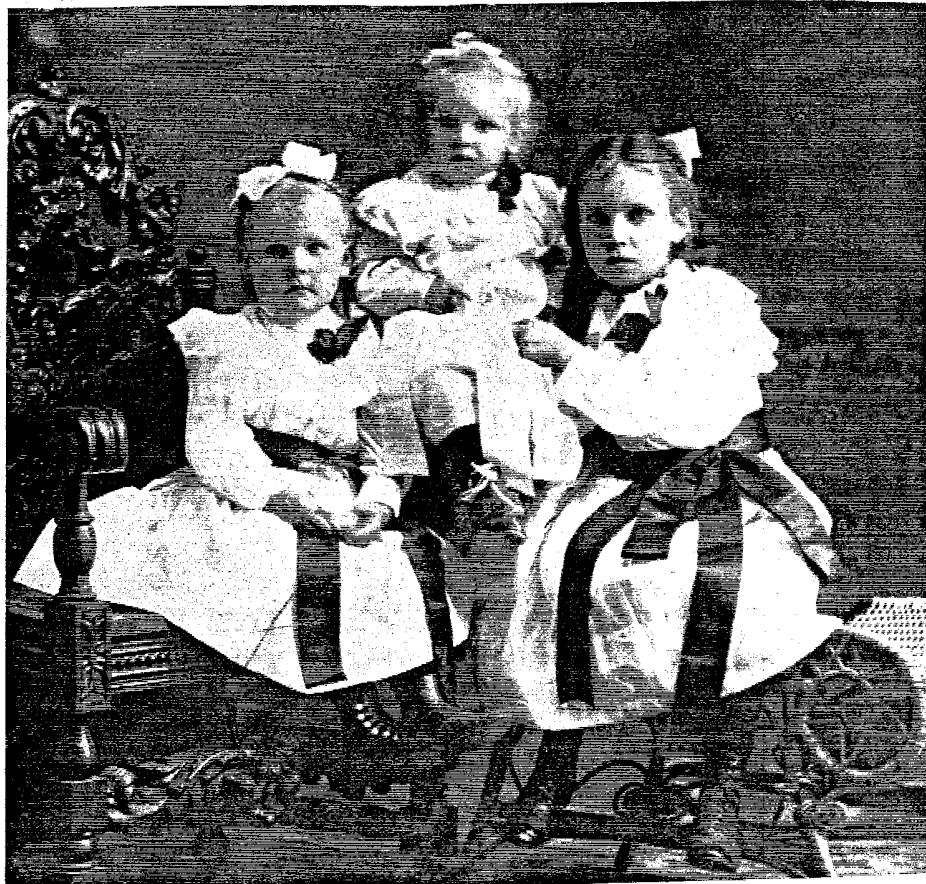
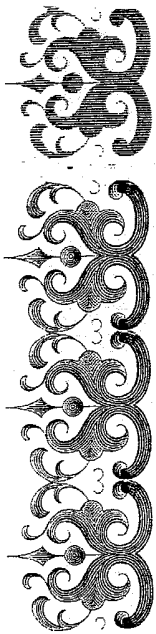
Johnsons and the Tvetons. On other afternoons, Mother, Josie and I would go into the main house where Josie would play the piano in the parlor and she and mother would sing together.

During the fall and winter months, the families would often get together. Grandfather's rocking chair was back in the big farm kitchen, the forerunner of the family room. The men would gather there to discuss weather and crops, then play cards. The women would settle in the sitting room and parlor. Unless weather restricted them, the children would be playing outside.

There were also disadvantages to being the eldest grandchild. It was simply understood that I was not to goof-off. If any difficulties arose with the younger children, you know who was chastised. There were at least three sittings at the long kitchen table for the evening meal. The men were served first, then the women and finally the children. Hilda was the instigator and organizer of games that were often played. As the evening would wear on, the younger children would be asleep on beds. Dudleigh (Gransberg) would find a corner and lean against it (standing up) then fall asleep. Dudleigh and I were reminiscing this last summer. In fact, the day following Hilda's passing, Marlene, Dudleigh and I had a three way conversation on the phone and it was decided then and there that these recollections must be put to paper.

In the fall of 1934, it became apparent that grandfather's health was failing. A special birthday party was held for him. His family was present as well as brother Anders Bjorgo. Pastor and Mrs. Jensen and daughter Ruth were also there. Olaus was very quiet.

He sat erect, dressed in his Sunday best. I recall that he looked tired. His face was drawn but he was still handsome with his shock of snow white hair. Ruth sang two song's - Norway's national anthem and "Den Store Hvite Flok," English translation, The Large White Flock - referring to the flock awaiting entrance to heaven. The tears rolled down his face as he listened to the words. This so impressed me that to this day, when I hear these songs, I immediately think of grandfather. He died the following summer at age 79.



Ida

Josie

Anna

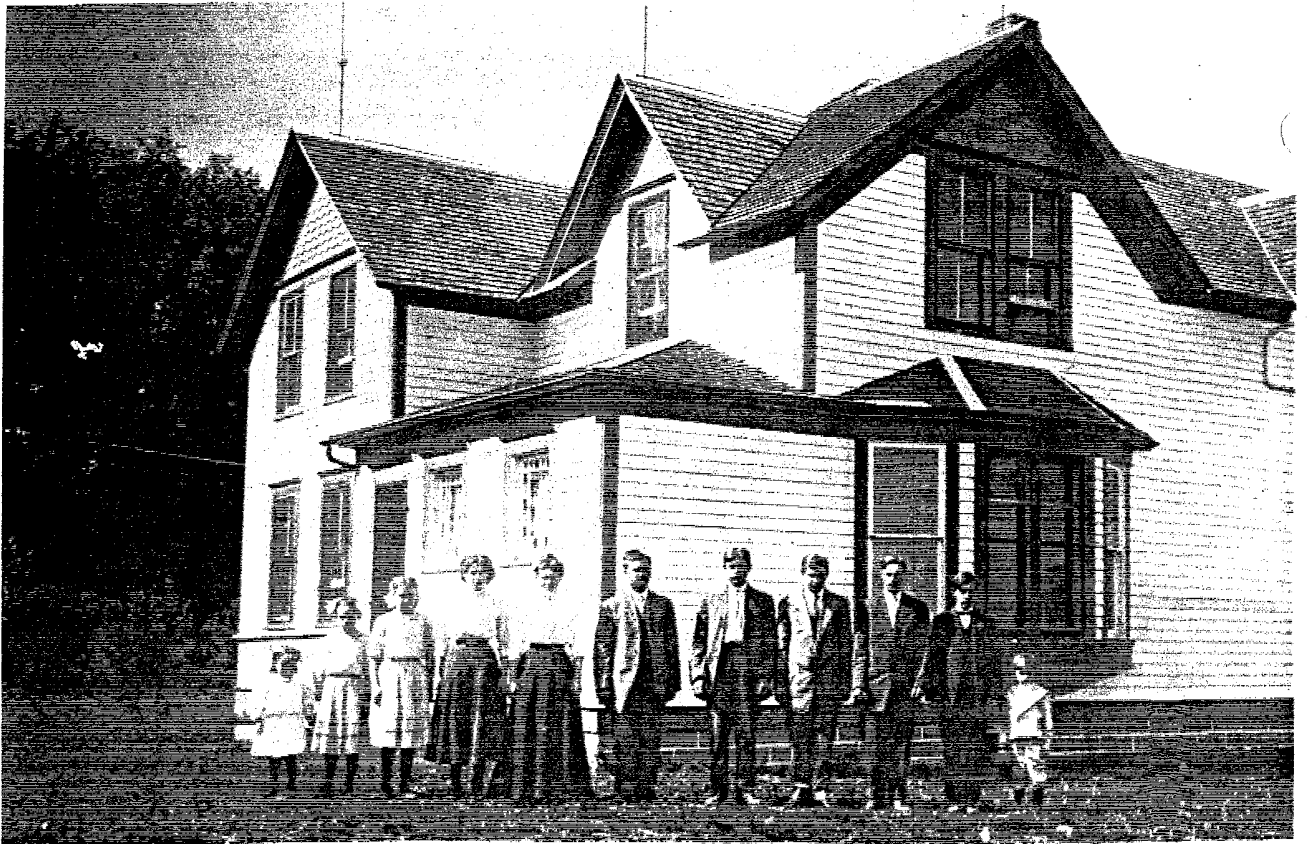


Josie

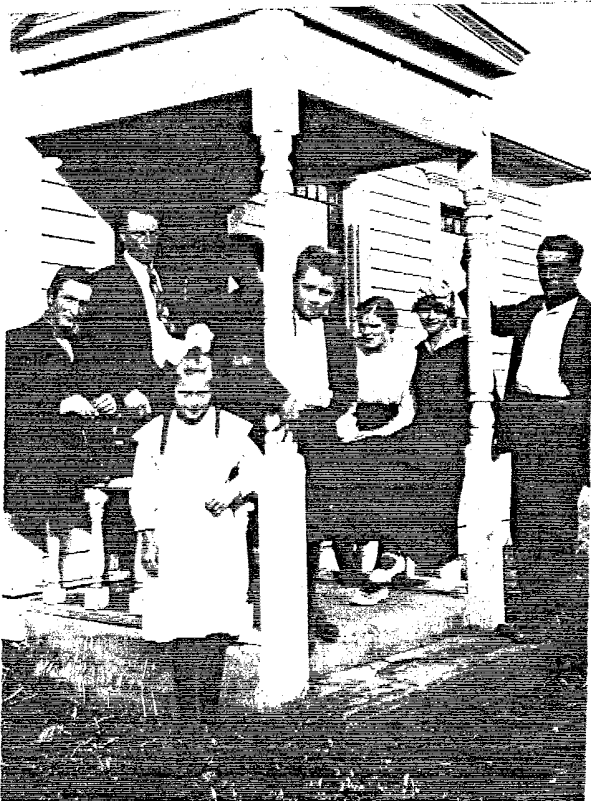


Anna

Confirmation Pictures



Hilda - Josie - Ida - Anna - Oline - Grandpa - Edward - Albert - Hildor - Ole - Adolph
 Kamphaug Farm Home



In front by post Hilda - Adolph
 Back Unknown - Hildor - Anna - Unknown
 Josie - Ole



Anna - Hilda - Unknown

In 1910 The two oldest sons, Eddie and Albert, immigrated to Canada and homesteaded there.



Eddie



Albert



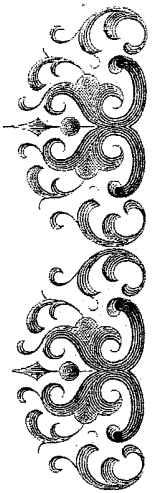
Back Row, Eddie & Ida. They were married in 1912

Front, Albert & Sigrie. They were married the following year.

This photo was taken on Sigrie & Albert's wedding day.



Back Row, Albert - Eddie
Sigrie - Ida



Anna - Oline with her twins (the twins and Oline later died of tuberculosis)



Unknown Ida



Unknown Anna



Unknown - Ida - Anna - Julia (Sorenson) Offedahl - Unknown

Sisters and Friends

The Hatton Finishing School for Young Women



Front, Ida - Coila Munson
Back, Irene Indergaard Hanson



Unknown Anna

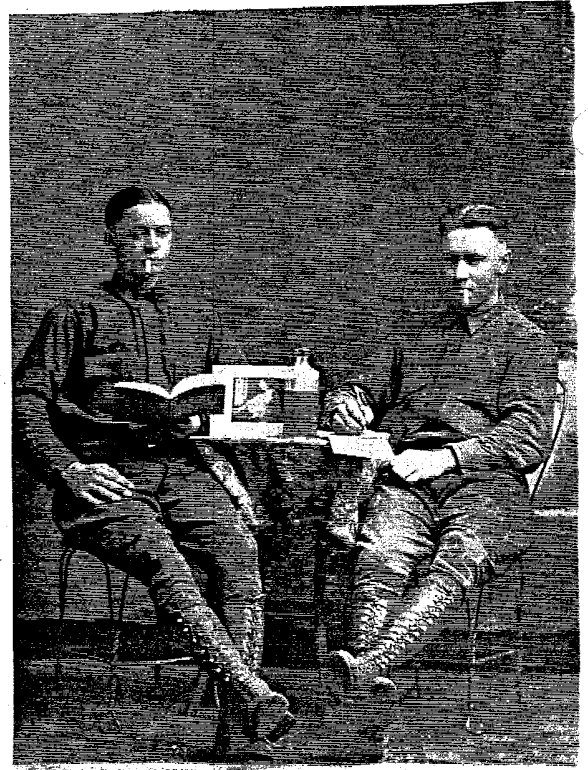


Anna Unknown Unknown

In the early 1900's few farm girls attended high school. During the winter months many girls spent 6 wks. to two months living in a boarding house in Hatton while taking piano lessons, learning to sew, embroider & crochet. Another part of this tradition was having pictures taken at Ambrose Thompson's Photo Studio.



Hildor



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Adolph



Hildor



Ole



Ole



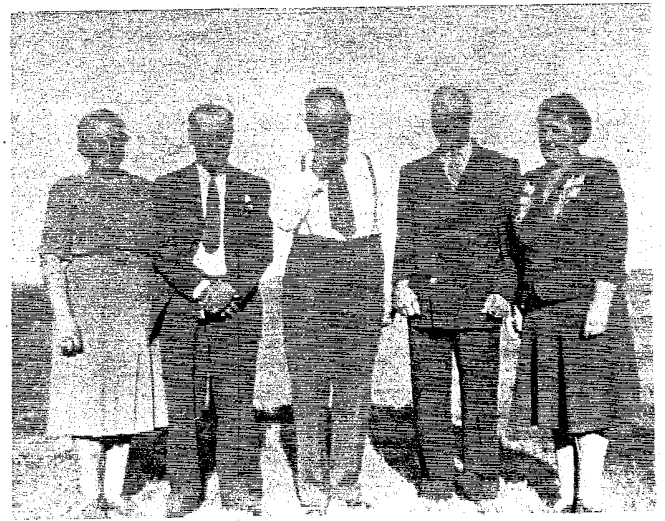
Hildor



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Ole & Agnes - 50th Anniv.



Anna - Adolph - Edward - Hildor - Ida



Dudleigh - C.O. - Hilda - Jarn
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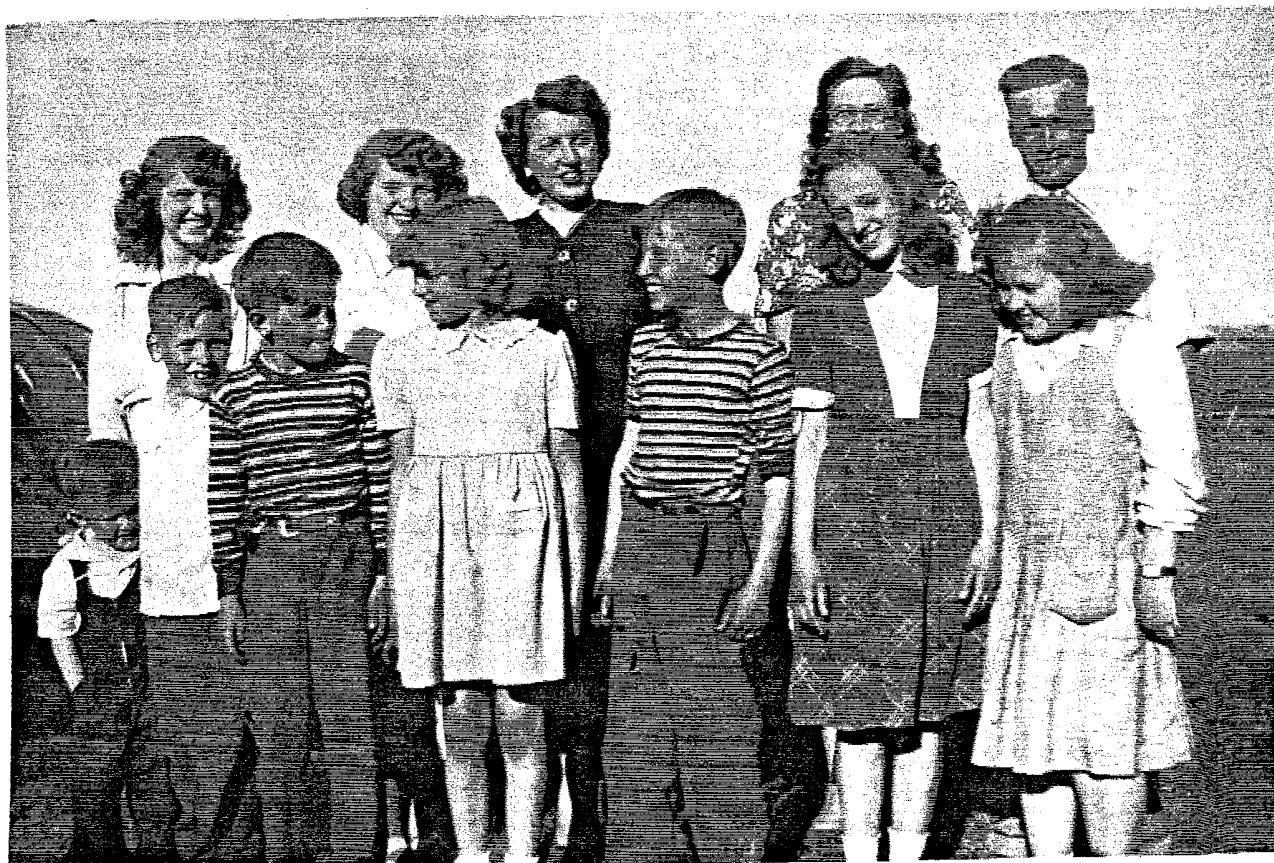
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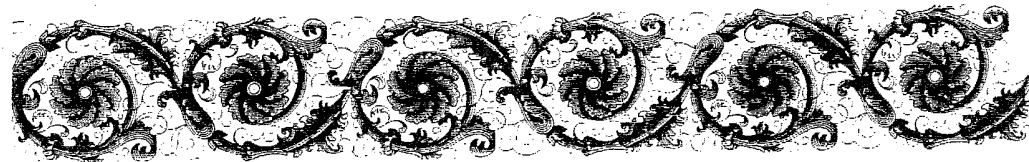


Back row, Delbert - Idella - Oscar - Ruth - Dorothy - Delores - Olive
Front row, Donald - Douglas - Myron - Eunice - Colleen - Donna

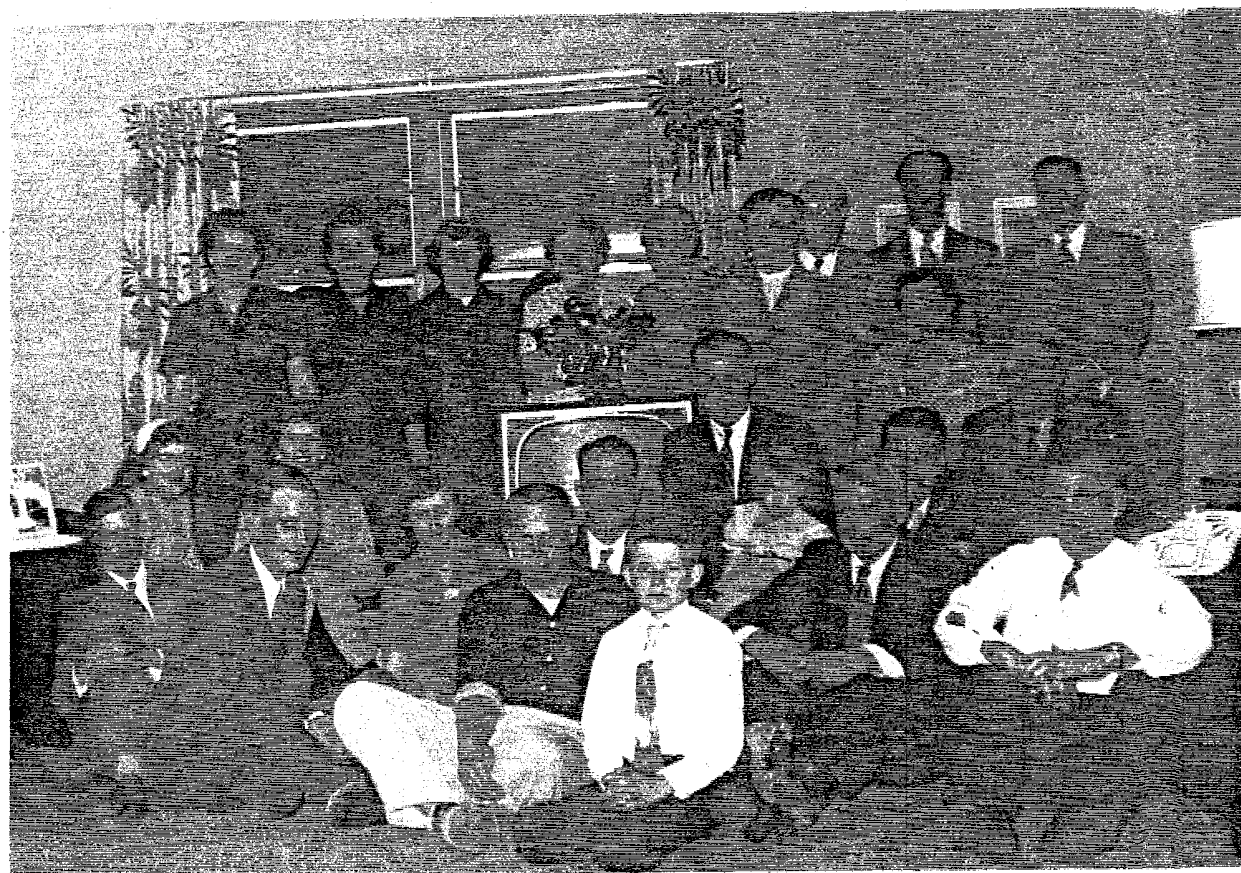
Mardell was in Nurses Training at this time.



Back row, Delores - Olive - Idella - Ruth - Alfred
Front Row, Darrel - Myron - Douglas - Donald - Donna - Eunice



One of the last gatherings of members of the Kamphaug Family.
Photo taken the day after Hildor's Funeral.



Top Row, Agnes Cline - Hilda - Delores - Ida - Anna - Ida Kamphaug
Alfred Solberg - Elmer - Nennor Nelson

Third Row, Eunice Englestrom - Dorothy Nelson - Adolph holding Grand-
Daughter - Ruth - unknown

Second Row, Ingebretson - Oscar - Donna - Truman Landa - Ansel Dronen

Front Row, Myron - Darrel - Albert - Marvin Rydland

