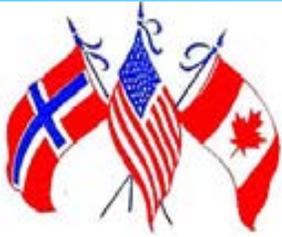


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Telelaget's Web site:
www.telelaget.com

Greetings from the President

The **2013 7-Lag Stevne** is scheduled to be held from Thursday, July 11 to Saturday, July 13 at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The *Stevne* is an annual gathering of descendants of immigrants from seven areas [*bygd*] of Norway located in Buskerud, Oppland, and Telemark counties. Each of these areas is represented by an organization known as a "*bygdelag*" or "*lag*", for short. The six *lag* that will again participate in this year's *stevne* with Telelaget include *lag* from Land, Hadeland, Numedal, Ringerike-Drammen, Sigdal, and Toten. At the *stevne*, genealogists assist attendees trace their ancestry and learn about the immigrant experience. Again this year, there will be entertainment including folk music and dance, classes, and opportunities to purchase Norwegian wares.

The theme of 2013 *7-Lag Stevne* is "**Norwegian-Americans in the Civil War**". The *stevne's* logo includes the battle cry found on the flag given to the 15th Wisconsin (Scandinavian) Regiment. Hadeland Lag will serve as the host for the *stevne*. Anne Sladky, who also serves as Telelaget's webmaster, will be the *stevne* coordinator.

One in five Norwegian immigrant men served during the Civil War. Over 1,000 lost their lives. Six received the Congressional Medal of Honor. The experiences of Norwegian-American soldiers on both sides of the fighting and the war's impact on those waiting at home will be discussed by speakers and in classes throughout the *stevne*. Class topics include: 15th Wisconsin [Scandinavian] Regiment, the Dakota Conflict, the Andersonville Prison, the Civil War in Minnesota, and Norwegian-Americans in the Confederacy.

Tours include the Stearns County Museum, the Hill Library at St John's University to learn about their medieval illuminated Bible project, the Military Museum at Camp Ripley including its artifact-filled Civil War exhibit and boyhood home of famed aviator Charles

Lindbergh are among the tours planned during the *stevne*. A buffet supper and program will be held on Friday evening. There will be a full slate of classes on Saturday. Individual *lag* meetings will be held on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday evening banquet will include entertainment by the *Furuleiken spel og danselag* from Gran, Lunner, and Ringerike.

Again this year, the *7-Lag Stevne* has its own Web site with the most up-to-date information. The *stevne's* Web site is www.7lagstevne.com. All attendees, including students, may register beginning on Thursday, July 11. Registration is \$25 per person if paid before June 30 and \$30 thereafter. Students will be admitted free. There will be a separate fee of \$20 for the Friday buffet and a fee of \$27 for the Saturday night banquet, which includes the *bunad* parade. Tour fees are shown on the registration forms. A more detailed description of the *stevne*, a schedule, tour descriptions, and a registration form are contained on pages 8 thru 11 of this publication. Registration forms are also available online along with a complete guide to *stevne* activities on the Web site.

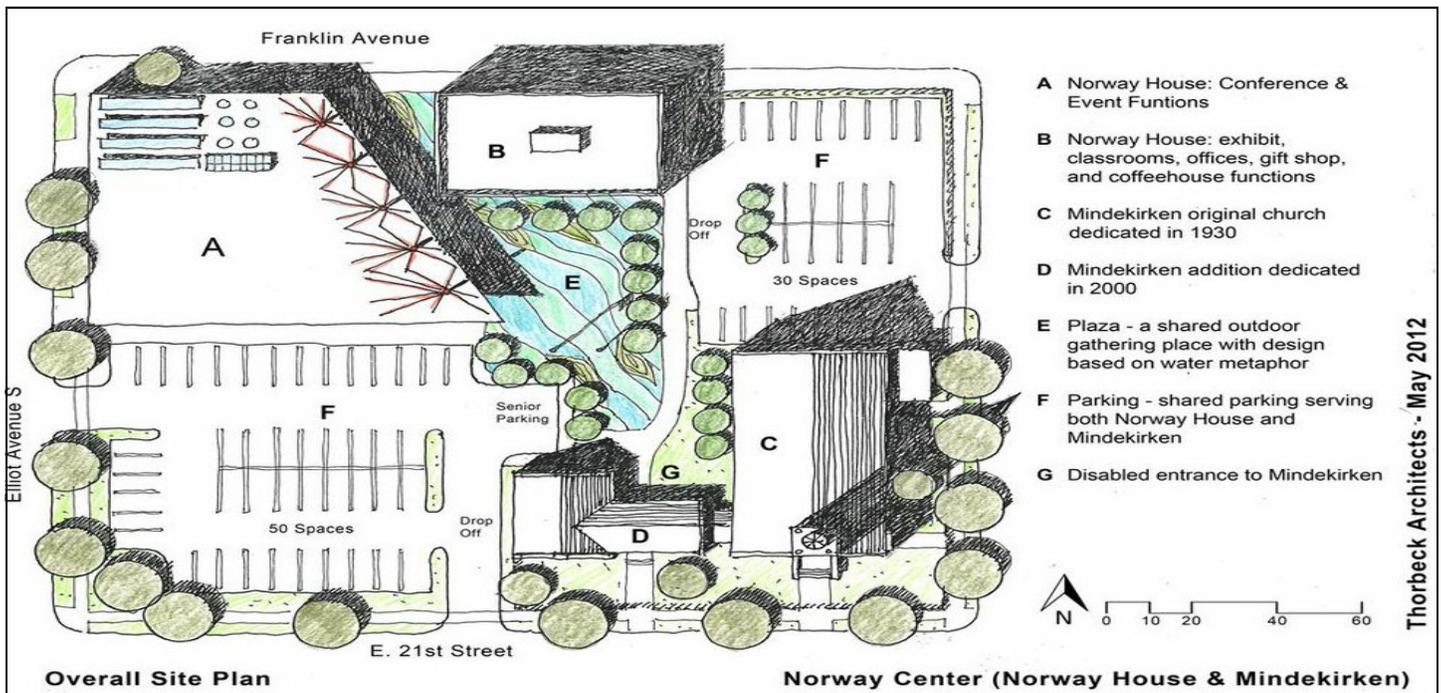
We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 *7-Lag Stevne*. Bring some friends.

Mange hilsner,

John Haugo
President of Telelaget



Norwegian-American Cultural and Business Center



Norway House, a Minnesota-based Norwegian-American organization whose mission is to be a bridge between contemporary Norway and the United States, is establishing a Norwegian-American Cultural and Business Center in collaboration with Mindekirken Church (The Norwegian Memorial Church). The Center is intended to be a resource available to all area Norwegian-American groups. It will serve as an event and cultural center; provide office and meeting rooms; and have a gallery and exhibition area for participating organizations. It will serve as a collaborator by partnering with many organizations. The facility will include multi-purpose buildings serving as a platform where Norwegian-American organizations, including *lags*, may conduct their various activities and events.

As a state-of-the-art meeting venue with well-appointed amenities and open contemporary gathering spaces uniquely blended with historical sources, the Norwegian-American Cultural and Business Center will draw local, national, and international users from a wide variety of interests- business, the arts, education, research, travel and social events. First phase funding for the Center that will be located adjacent to Mindekirken Church on Franklin Avenue in Minneapolis has been pledged. A purchase agreement for an existing office facility has been negotiated. A professional fundraiser is working with the Norway House Board to raise funds from Norwegian-American organizations and individuals to support the completion of the Center. Please contact Norway House officials at www.norwayhouse.net or call **877-247-7439** to learn about the project and to participate in its support, either as an individual or as part of a group.

New Members

Vicki Anderson	Scranton, ND	Ron and Geraldine Lovehaug	Milan, MN
Noah Arenson	Chandler, AZ	Rev. Richard and Arlyce Melheim	Stillwater, MN
Peter Arenson	Glendale, AZ	Keith Ritland	Seattle, WA
Michelle and Rick Else	Grand Forks, ND	Kirsten and John Ryden	Duluth, MN
Barbara Flykt	Champlin, MN	Linda Schlaak	Manasha, WI
Tor Kjetil Gardasen	Skien, Norway	Donald Stenbery	Oklee, MN
Lloyd Gunderson	Moorhead, MN	Bill Teie	Rescue, CA
Ralph Hammond	Loveland, CO	Susan Wineke	Madison, WI
Kay Lynstad Kirk	Fargo, ND		

Estensen, Greipsland, Kirn, and Sladky to Present at *Stevne*

Four members of Telelaget of America will speak at the 2013 7-Lag *Stevne*. **Gene Estensen** of Hudson, FL will make a presentation entitled the "*The 15th Wisconsin Regiment*". Gene is a retired information systems manager who served Telelaget as a member of the Board, as the developer of our website, as Historian, and as a contributor of many *Telesoga* articles. Ten of his distant relatives served in Union regiments. He has visited Civil War battlefields and prison camps in Georgia, including the infamous prison at Andersonville.

Torbjørn Greipsland of Askim, Norway will present "Andersonville and other POW Camps". He holds degrees from the University of Oslo in Nordic literature, history and political science. He spent most of his career as an editor for newspapers and a news agency, Torbjørn also served as pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Chicago. Torbjørn has written 17 books about a wide range of topics including Norwegian emigration. He has written more than 800 articles about emigrants for Norwegian newspapers.



Dr John F. Kirn, Jr. of Midlothian, VA will present "*The Homestead Act*". He teaches American history, including courses on the Civil War and reconstruction at John Tyler Community College in Midlothian. Dr. Kirn received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia where he worked under notable Civil War scholars Michael F. Holt and Edward L. Ayers. He is the son of Alice Kirn, editor of *Telesoga* and a member of the Telelaget Board of Directors. John and his family participated in the 2012 Telelaget tour of Telemark.

Anne Sladky of Walker, MN will present "*Norwegians in the Confederacy*". Anne is the president of the Hadeland Lag and *stevne* coordinator. After spending over 30 years in the computer industry she retired and relocated to Walker where she has devoted her time to researching her ancestors and building and maintaining a number of family and organizational Web sites, including our Web site. All of her ancestors are from Norway, with the first arriving in 1840.



2013 Telelaget Goals

The following 2013 goals were set by the Telelaget Board of Directors:

1. Participate in 2013 7-Lag *Stevne* in St. Cloud, MN on July 11-13.
2. Increase Telelaget family membership to 450.
3. Plan and conduct an annual meeting on July 13, 2013.
4. Conduct audit/review of 2013 financial and membership records.
5. Establish a relationship with Norwegian-American Cultural and Business Center.
6. Promote sales of *Telemark to America* series.
7. Refine distribution of *e-TeleNews* and explore uses of social networking.
8. Review Telelaget constitution and by-laws to determine need for amendments.
9. Coordinate Telelaget's events and activities with other Norwegian-American organizations.
10. Explore and recommend tour/exchange possibilities for young members .

"Promote sales of *Telemark to America* series"

Celebrate Another *Bygdelag's Stevne*

Because of ancestors from different regions of Norway, many Telelaget members also belong to other *bygdelag* (*lag*). Other *stevner* to be held this summer include:

June 20-22: **Valdres Samband** in Willmar, MN.

June 20-22: **Vestlandslag** in Fergus Falls, MN.

June 25-27: **Nordfjordlag** in Spicer, MN.

August 15-18: **Tre-Lag (Gudbrandsdalslag, Hedemark/Hedemarken, Trondelag)** in Oconomowoc, WI.

August 22-26: **Hallinglag** in Seattle, WA.

September 11-14: **Solør Lag** and **Romerikslag** in Eau Claire, WI.

September 14-15: **Opdalslag** in Centerville, SD.

For more detailed contact information on the 2013 *stevner* check the Web site: www.fellesraad.com or an ad in the April *Viking* magazine.

Jim Skree Serves on Telelaget Board for 22 Years

One of Telelaget's longest serving board members has been Jim Skree of Caledonia, Minnesota. Jim, who attended Luther College and Winona State University, has served in a number capacities. During his years on the Board, Jim served as Vice President for eight years, as Historian for seven years, as Co-editor of *Telesoga* for five years, Editor of *TeleNews* for three years, and as Secretary for two years. Because of Telelaget's new by-laws that now limit board members to two three-year terms, Jim was no longer eligible for re-election to the Board. Jim, however, will continue to serve as our Historian. We are grateful for Jim's many contributions to accomplishing the mission of Telelaget. Jim, who served 22 years on the Board of Directors, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a strawberry-studded Norwegian *bløtkake*, baked by Elaine Nordlie, at the September meeting of the Telelaget Board of Directors.



Jim Skree receives certificate from Telelaget President John Haugo

New Telemark Liaison

Ingjerd Stulen was selected as a liaison between Telelaget of America and Telemark, Norway at the September 29 meeting of the Telelaget Board of Directors. During Telelaget's tour to Telemark this past summer, Ingjerd made arrangements for our visit to the Telemark Museum at Brekke Park and a meeting with Tarje Riis Johansen, the mayor [governor] of Telemark County. She has also assisted in reviewing our mailings for Norwegian members. Ingjerd lives in Skien where she was born on September 9, 1960. For eleven years she lived in Sandefjord and Tønsberg. Ingjerd finished Economical Gymnasium in 1979 and has studied banking, accounting and marketing at *Bankakademiet* and *Folkeuniversitetet*. She spent 17 years in banking and five years as an accountant. Ingjerd likes to travel and to study emigrant history and genealogy.



Telelaget's other liaisons, formerly referred to as directors, are Harald Omnes of Lunde, Telemark and Anne Haugen Wagn of Notodden, Telemark. They also have been very instrumental in maintaining contact with Telemark and our members in Norway.

501(c)(3) Organization

Telelaget of America is registered in Minnesota as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. To donate money for our programs or publications mail a check to Telelaget of America treasurer: **Rachel Gorka, 698 North 5th Street, New Richmond, WI 55943.** A tax-exempt form recognizing your contribution will be mailed to you. Thanks.

In Memorium

Lilly Fugledal from Finnøy, Norway, passed away March 23, 2013 after a brief illness. Lilly, her husband Helge and their family together with the family of Margaret Landa hosted the wonderful luncheon our 2012 tour members enjoyed at the Landa farm. Lilly's daughter Laila, daughter-in-law June, and grandsons Sander and Thomas were with us on the hiking tour. Lilly's granddaughter Line sang for us at the luncheon. Lilly and Helge were part of the 2009 tour from Norway, enjoying with us the pig roast at Elaine and Kjell Nordlie's home in Dassel and the *Sju Lag Stevne* in River Falls, Wisconsin. It was Lilly who first informed us that a replica of the *Restaurasjon* was being built in Finnøy and would be available for tours in 2012.

Neil Falkeid from Tau, Norway, passed away March 18, 2013 shortly after being diagnosed with lung cancer. Neil was captain on the ferry that took us through the Lysefjord on our 2012 Telemark tour. He was the brother of Margaret Landa, both of whom are second cousins of Alice Kirn. Neil loved his work on the Lysefjord. Finding everyday a bit different from the previous one, he never used the available recorded commentary. He loved ad-libbing the history, the lore, and changing scenes along the fjord, making each cruise special.

2013 Membership Renewals

A number of members have not renewed their membership for 2013. In an attempt to enable members to take advantage of our publications and services, the Board decided that it would mail this issue of *TeleNews* to all of those who had paid their dues through 2012. **If "2012" appears at the top of your mailing label, please renew your membership for the current year.** Application forms are available on our Web site, www.telelaget.com. Please mail your payment to: **Jorran Olson, Box 88645, Sioux Falls, SD 57109.**

Telesoga Article on Early Telemark Travel

The first of two parts of an article by Paul Anderson and Elaine Nordlie entitled, "By What Means Did They Travel?" is featured in the May 2013 issue of *Telesoga*. Part I addresses the modes of transportation used to reach the departure ports for emigrants during the 1840 to 1875 time frame. During that time the principal means of transportation in Telemark included walking and skiing; riding horses; horse-drawn sledges, cars and carriages; flat-bottomed boats, ferries, and steamboats on the waterways. "Waterways" were considered to be principally lakes, rivers and fjords. The article discusses the modes of travel believed to be used by our emigrating ancestors. The cover story in this issue is about the life of Rev. Nils Juul Holm, Pioneer Pastor by Alice Kirn. Articles about Iowa Governor Terry E. Branstad, by Elaine Bergan, The Smedal Brother by Carol Johnson, and From Telemark to America by John Kittle-son are also contained in the May 2013 issue.

Part II of "By What Means Did They Travel" will appear in the November 2013 *Telesoga*. It will describe the travel routes taken from Western Telemark by our mark ancestors.

History of Stevner

Although most Telelaget members who have belonged to our organization for sometime are very familiar with our annual *stevne*, many new members have questions about the event. First of all, *stevne* is a term that is not often used in day-to-day language. A *stevne* [the plural is *stevner*] is an annual conference or reunion where Norwegian-Americans, who are descendants of Norwegian ancestors from the same rural community (*bygd*), gather to celebrate their culture and history. At the *stevne*, genealogists and historians help attendees trace their ancestry and learn about the immigrant experience. In addition, there is entertainment including folk music and dance, classes, and opportunities to buy a variety of Norwegian wares.

During the early years of Telelaget, from 1914 to 1950, the focus of the annual *stevner* was primarily on socializing and renewing acquaintances. Most were immigrants who were interested in maintaining friendships

Annual Meeting on July 13

The Telelaget Board of Directors has scheduled our annual meeting for 12:00 Noon on Saturday, July 13, 2013. It will be held at the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. The meeting will be prior to banquet for the 7-Lag *Stevne*. Topics to be covered at the business meeting include minutes from the 2012 meeting; the treasurer's report; reports from the president, the membership chair, the genealogist, the webmaster, and the editors of *Telesoga* and *TeleNews*; election of three Board members; a report on 2013 goals; and a program on the development of our new *Fane* (banner). Following the meeting, members are invited to Munsinger Gardens park.

Telelaget's "Ambassador"

Abbie Naze was chosen as the Miss Norsk HøstfestAt at the 2012 Høstfest in Minot, North Dakota. Abbie, who is of Norwegian heritage, has attended Høstfest for many years both as a participant and with her family. She is a junior at Minot State University where she is studying music. She is spending this semester abroad at the Høgskole at the University of Telemark in Bø, Norway, where she is taking coursework in Scandinavian studies encompassing language, history and literature. A cellist, Abbie has performed with the Grenland Symphony in Skien, Norway. Telelaget of America gave Abbie an honorary one-year membership to coincide with the time she serves as our "ambassador" at Høgskole.



Abbie Naze, 2012 Miss Norsk Høstfest

with their Telemark neighbors. After Telelaget was reorganized in the late 1970s, genealogy became a major focus of the *stevne*. In keeping with a national interest in conducting family history during that time, many ethnic heritage groups began to provide resources and assistance for genealogical research. Computerized family tree programs and readily accessible data bases also facilitated family history research.

Because of common interests and for cost considerations, in 1986 Telelaget joined with six other *bygdslag* (Hadeland, Toten, Land, Numendal, Ringerike, and Sigdal) to sponsor a 7-Lag *Stevne*. Each *bygdslag* shares in programming, social activities, and banquet, but retains its own identity and conducts its own annual meeting.

Each year a different lag hosts the annual *stevne*. This year the Hadeland Lag will organize and host the *stevne* in St. Cloud. Telelaget of America last hosted a *stevne* in 2009 when it was held in River Falls, WI.

e-Mail Addresses

Telelaget of America, like most organizations, often communicates to its members via email. We also provide an "electronic" version of this *TeleNews* newsletter to all members who have a current email address. If you have recently obtained an email address or have changed an existing email address please provide the address to our membership chairperson, **Joran Olson**. Joran's email address is **joranlouise@gmail.com**. We do not share these addresses with any other organizations or individuals. Thank you for your cooperation.

"New Land, New Life" Museum Exhibit

The Synnove-Nordkap Lodge of the Sons of Norway in St. Paul, MN, promotes and preserves the heritage and culture of Norway, celebrates our relationships with other Nordic cultures, and provides quality insurance and financial products to its members. This past year the Synnove-Nordkap Lodge has developed a museum quality exhibit entitled, "New Land, New Life: Norwegian Immigration to Minnesota, 1825-1925." The exhibit will premier at Landmark Center at 75 West Fifth Street in St. Paul until June 20, 2013. It will then be exhibited statewide. Members have contributed artifacts and personal stories. Cultural events and skills are scheduled along with the exhibit. Hours vary according to Landmark Center Historical Society hours of operation. Call the Landmark Center at **651-246-7225** to arrange a visit. After the Landmark exhibit it will be shown in other cities in Minnesota.



NEW LAND, NEW LIFE!

Norwegian Immigration in Minnesota 1825-1925

Developed by St. Paul Sons of Norway, Synnove-Nordkap Lodge
Hosted by Ramsey County Historical Society

FEBRUARY 21-JUNE 20, 2013
 Ramsey County Historical Society Gallery
 Landmark Center, 75 West Fifth Street,
 St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

- Featuring 20 panels on Norwegian immigrant life
- Artifact displays • Televised oral histories
- Cultural information, events and programs



Membership Application for *Telelaget of America*

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Associate Member or Spouse: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

E-mail : _____ Renewal: ____ New Membership: ____

Ancestor's Family Name[s]: _____ Ancestor's Farm[s]: _____

Membership Dues For Individual or Household [January 1 to December 31]:

- ◆ One-Year Membership: ____ U.S.A. = \$12 ____ Non-U.S.A. = \$14 ____ Norway = NOK 85
- ◆ Four-year Membership: ____ U.S.A. = \$42 ____ Non-U.S.A. = \$50 ____ Norway = NOK 340
- ◆ Lifetime Membership: ____ U.S.A. = \$175 ____ Non-U.S.A. = \$180 ____ Norway = NOK 1050

Make check payable to: **Telelaget of America**

Mail check and completed form to : Joran Olson, P.O. Box 88645, Sioux Falls, SD 57109

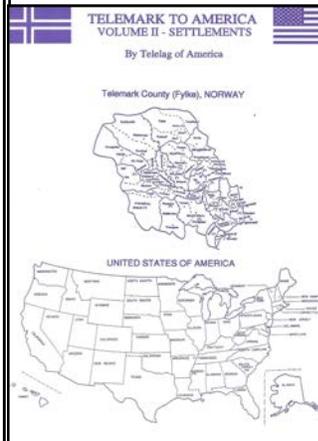
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Telemark to America, Volume I – Emigration



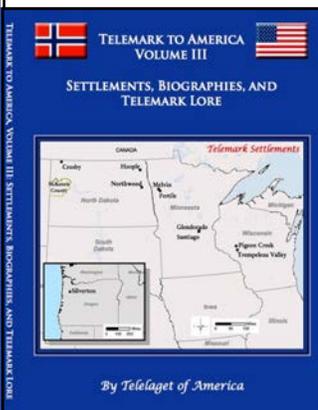
In 1837 the first Telemark emigrants set off for America beginning a stream of thousands starting a new life in a strange land. They retained a love for Telemark that has been passed down through the generations. This volume is a collection of articles written both by authors from Telemark and Americans with roots in Telemark, as well as translation of articles written long ago. It tells as complete but concise a story of Telemark emigration as possible and gives insight into the country that the immigrants left behind.

Telemark to America, Volume II—Settlements



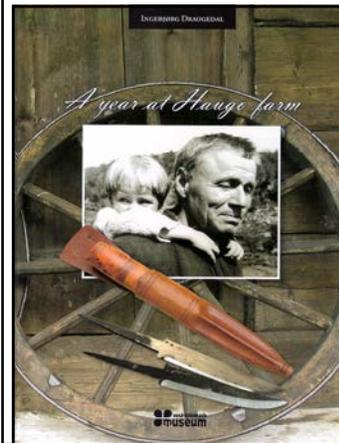
Volume II is rich with settlement history from Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. All the chapters are translations from the early *Telesoga* written by Torkel Oftelie. Torkel visited most of the Telemark settlements in the above mentioned states between the years of 1907 to 1926. The first issue of *Telesoga*, published in 1909, contained the first settlement history. Torkel documented not only names of those living in these settlements, but also the stories of their ancestors - the first settlers in these areas.

NEW! Telemark to America, Volume III— Settlements,



Volume III of the *Telemark to America* series was published and released in July, 2011. The book is divided into three parts: articles on settlement history, biographies, and Telemark folklore. Much of the content was provided by Torkel Oftelie where he spent over 20 years visiting the settlements and documenting the lives of the Telemark emigrants. Torkel was concerned about maintaining the rich Telemark heritage. It is a valuable resource in searching for your Telemark ancestors and farms.

"A Year on Haugo Farm" by Ingebjorg Draugedal



This is the English version of the book in which the author - who now lives in Kviteseid, Telemark, Norway - tells of her life as a young girl in 1945, growing up under Nazi occupation on a farm in Telemark that was still as self-sufficient as those our emigrant ancestors left in the 1800's. The book recounts how they shared the work, the hardships and the pleasures of living on a close-knit family farm. It describes in detail the practical work that was done on the farm.

ORDER FORM

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Note: These publications, Telesoga CDs, and various Telelaget 100th Anniversary Commemorative items may also be

2013 7-Lag Stevne
Participant Information
Holiday Inn & Suites, St. Cloud, MN
July 11-13, 2013



The **2013 7-Lag Stevne** will feature a number of classes, genealogical assistance, vendor exhibits, tours and social activities for participants. Although the focus of the *stevne* will be Norwegian-Americans in the Civil War, you'll find classes that appeal to a wide range of interests. [See page 9 for a listing of most of the classes.] You can enjoy the beauty of Norway through slides and discussion with Jean Marthaler. Patty Goke will share her knowledge of **rosemaling**. Try **Norwegian folk dancing** with members of *Furuleiken*. Spend a morning with Betty Knutson and learn or get help with **Hardanger embroidery**. Make a **Julekurv (Christmas basket)** with Jan Heusinkveld, try Norwegian finger weaving with Jill Hanson, or put your feet up and enjoy Norwegian folk music with Dick Shager. Stroll through the vendor area and browse through Norwegian books, gift items, jewelry, and more – or just take a break and enjoy coffee, cookies, and good conversation in our hospitality room. There will be four showings of the award winning movie "Lincoln," too!

Four tours are available for participants. All of them include lunch. Thursday afternoon choose between a visit to the **Stearns County Museum** and the Oliver Kelly Farm or learn about the **Bible Project at St John's University** and visit the Grasshopper Chapel. At the Stearns Museum you'll be treated to lunch and a Little Rascals video featuring Miss Crabtree (St Cloud native June Marlow). If the Bible project is your preference, you'll eat lunch in the St. John's cafeteria. On Friday, visit **Camp Ripley** and learn about the Norwegian Soldier Exchange program while having lunch in their "town hall," visit their Military Museum with its featured Civil War exhibit and then tour the childhood home of Charles Lindbergh in Little Falls. There will be four showings of the box office hit, "**Lincoln**" on Friday, sponsored by Dave Gunderson in honor of his great-great uncle and Civil War veteran Anders Olsen Tokerud.

You won't want to miss the **general sessions**, either. Friday morning Dr. Kirn will discuss the origins of the Civil War. After a **buffet dinner** on Friday night, Dr. Anderson will talk about the immigrant struggle to become American and how each generation reacts differently, with musical entertainment by **Streng og Belg** from Norway. After the Saturday banquet Rebecca Sundquist will bring us up to date on the **Norway House** project to establish a Norwegian-American Cultural and Business Center. You will enjoy the traditional Bunad Parade, and tap our toes and clap our hands during the performance by **Furuleiken Spel og Danselag** from Oppland County in Norway dancing to the music of *Streng og Belg*.

Bring the kids! A full slate of activities and professional supervision from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday will be provided. They will learn a little Norwegian, talk about the Civil War, learn about Norse myths and write their names in runes, and find where their Norwegian ancestors lived in Norway. They'll have their own tour, their own movie on Friday night, and craft projects galore. After lunch with you on Saturday, they can return to the Kids Zone for folk dancing with *Furuleiken* and Holiday Inn trained staff will supervise them the rest of the afternoon.

Rooms at the **Holiday Inn** are available for \$89.95 a night plus tax. The **Days Inn** faces the Holiday Inn entrance across a low traffic side street with a more budget-friendly rate of just \$62.96 plus tax. Contact the Holiday Inn & Suites at 320-253-9000 or the Day's Inn at 320-253-4444 and ask for the '7-Lag Stevne' rate. There are campgrounds, bed and breakfasts, and dozens of other hotels and motels for you to choose from in the St. Cloud area. Amtrak, Greyhound, and Northstar Commuter Rail all provide service to St. Cloud. Shuttle service is available between the Holiday Inn and the airport (MSP) from 3:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. beginning at \$38 one way. Visit <http://www.executiveexpress.biz/> for detailed schedule and rate information.

For all the details about the *stevne* and kids program, including complete menus for all meals, visit www.7lagstevne.com

7-LAG STEVNE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 10

7:00-8:30pm Early bird reception
8:00-10:30pm Preview showing of "Lincoln"

Thursday, July 11

8am-Noon Registration
& 1-5:00pm
8 am-5:00pm Kid's programming including lunch and tour
8 am-5:00pm Genealogy
8-11:00am Hospitality Room
& 1-6:00pm
8:00am First *Stevne* Orientation
8:30-4:00pm Classes: Civil War, Genealogy and History & Culture
8:30pm Hardanger Seminar
9:00pm Folk Dancing Class
11:30-4:30pm Tour to Stearns County Museum & Oliver Kelley Farm or
Tour to St. John's University Bible Project
Noon-6:00pm Vendors open
5:00-9:00pm Individual Lag Activities

Friday, July 12:

7-9:30am "Lincoln" starring Daniel Day Lewis
8 -9:15am Registration
& 1-5:00pm
8am-5:00pm Kid's programming including lunch
8am-9:15am Genealogy
& 1-5:00pm

9:30am Opening Session
11:30-2:00pm "Lincoln"
11:30-5:00pm Tour to Camp Ripley and Lindberg Home
1:30-4:00pm Classes: Civil War, Genealogy and History & Culture
1:30pm Christmas Basket craft class
2:15-4:45pm "Lincoln"
5-6:30pm Dinner Buffet
7-9:00pm Evening Program
7:00pm Movie for Kids: Johnny Shiloh
9-11:30pm "Lincoln"

Saturday July 13:

8-11:00am Registration
8-11:00am Genealogy
8-Noon Vendors
8-Noon Kids programming
8-Noon Classes: Civil War, Genealogy and History & Culture
10:30am Norwegian Finger weaving craft class
Noon-5:00pm Individual lag meetings & activities
Noon-5:00pm Kids Zone supervised by Holiday Inn staff
1:30 pm Kids folk dancing with *Furuleiken* in the Kids Zone
5:00-7:00pm Cash Bar
5:30pm Banquet Seating
6:00pm Banquet
7:15pm Evening Program

CLASSES:

1. **Torbjørn Greipsland**, who is visiting us from Norway, will introduce us to "Norwegian-Americans in the Civil War" and in a separate session share their ordeals in Andersonville and other prisoner-of-war camps.
2. **Robert Hickox** will profile the Norwegian Congressional Medal of Honor winners from the Civil War.
3. **Dr. Verlyn Anderson** will focus on the story of the Norwegians during the US/Dakota War of 1862.
4. **Gene Estensen** will recount the history of the 15th Wisconsin, better known as the Scandinavian Regiment.
5. **Stephen Osman**, retired senior historian for the MN Historical Society, will look at Minnesota in both the Civil and Dakota Wars.
6. **Anne Sladky** will take us down south for the history of the Norwegian settlements in Texas and to meet Norwegians who fought for the Confederacy.
7. **Linda Lee Larson** will provide guidance on where to find information about your Civil War soldier ancestors.
8. **Wayne Jorgenson** will highlight the stories of the men of the 1st Minnesota.
9. **Candace Simar** will offer insight into how Norwegian immigrants experienced the Civil War, Dakota War, and grasshopper plagues of the 1870s.
10. **Dr. John Kirn, Jr.** will discuss the Homestead Act of 1862 and its impact on westward expansion.
11. **Dr. Betty Bergland** will explore the often overlooked contributions of Norwegian-American women.
12. **Sharon Babcock** will explain Norwegian naming conventions and will describe the life of a *husmann*.
13. **Marilyn Sorenson** will give you tips on doing Norwegian research on-line.
14. **Dr. Marilyn Stinson** will offer ideas that will help you write your family stories.
15. **Bev Stadum** will share her experiences as an American immigrant to modern Norway.

7-LAG STEVNE REGISTRATION FORM
Holiday Inn & Suites, St Cloud, MN
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Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1, 2013

	No.	Cost	Total
Stevne Registration – Registration covers all costs but tours, meals, and craft classes			
Postmarked on or before June 30, 2013		\$25.00	
Postmarked on or after July 1, 2013		\$30.00	
<i>For planning purposes only, indicate when you plan to attend</i> __ Thurs __ Fri __ Fri Eve __ Sat			
Student Registration at no charge (indicate # here; fill out student registration form)			
Tours Postmark on or before June 30 to guarantee seat; after July 1, space-available only – All tours include lunch			
<i>Thursday, July 11, 11:30</i> Stearns County Museum and Oliver Kelly Farm		\$37.00	
St John's Bible Project Tour		\$28.00	
<i>11:00</i> Kids Tour -Stearns County Museum/ St John's Arboretum		No Charge	
<i>Friday, July 12, 11:30</i> Camp Ripley Military Museum/Lindbergh Home Tour		\$40.00	
Meals Seating limited to 300.			
Friday Buffet <i>5:00-6:30 p.m.</i>	Adults	\$20.00	
	Children (12 and under)	\$ 7.00	
Saturday Banquet <i>5:30 seating; cash bar 5:00-7:00</i>	Medallions of Pork	\$27.00	
	Broiled Salmon	\$27.00	
	Vegetable Lasagna	\$24.00	
	Children (12 and under) Chicken Fingers	\$ 8.00	
Craft Classes – seating is limited, confirm space is available prior to payment			
Hardanger Seminar <i>Limit 8 students</i> Materials	\$8.00	<i>For Hardanger only</i> Contact Betty Knutson 320-222-1613	Hardanger & Rosemaling Craft Total
Rosemaling <i>Limit 10 students</i> Materials	\$15.00	<i>For Rosemaling, Julekurv, Finger Weaving</i> Email: crafts@7lagstevne.com Mail: Barb Schmitt, 1006 Aston Circle Burnsville MN 55337 Phone: 952-432-9422	
Julekurv (Christmas Baskets) <i>Limit 15 students</i>	---		
Finger Weaving <i>Limit 15 students</i>	---		
TOTAL ENCLOSED			

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO TELELAGET OF AMERICA AND MAIL WITH FORM TO:

Rachel Gorka
698 North 5th Street
New Richmond, WI 54017

I/We are members of __Hadland Lag __Landinglaget __Nemedalag __RDD __Telelaget __Totlen Lag

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Please provide the names and ages of students 8-18 and the days they will be attending the stevne. Students attending the stevne must be sponsored by a registered adult and will be supervised during Kids Zone hours. With your approval, students 12 and older may leave Kids Zone activities at any time.

Name	Age	Thu	Fri	Fri eve	Sat	OK to leave Kids Zone?	
						Yes	No
						Yes	No
						Yes	No
						Yes	No

For our "Where are they from in Norway?" project on Friday, could you please list the children's Norwegian immigrant ancestors? The immigrant name, year they came to America, and the farm, kommune and county you can provide will help them find their ancestral homes on a map. All Norwegian ancestors, not just those from the home areas of the seven *Lag*, can be included.

Immigrant Name	Year	Farm	Kommune	County

You are encouraged to provide children with pictures or additional information about their Norwegian heritage to bring and share with the group on Friday afternoon.

I do__ do not __ give approval for the children on this registration form to participate in the Thursday tour to Stearns County Museum and St. John's Arboretum.

Contact Information: In the unlikely circumstance that we need to contact you during the *stevne* about your student(s), please provide the following:

Lodging during *stevne*: _____

Reservation under this name: _____

Cell Phone (if available): _____

Signature of sponsoring adult

Date

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