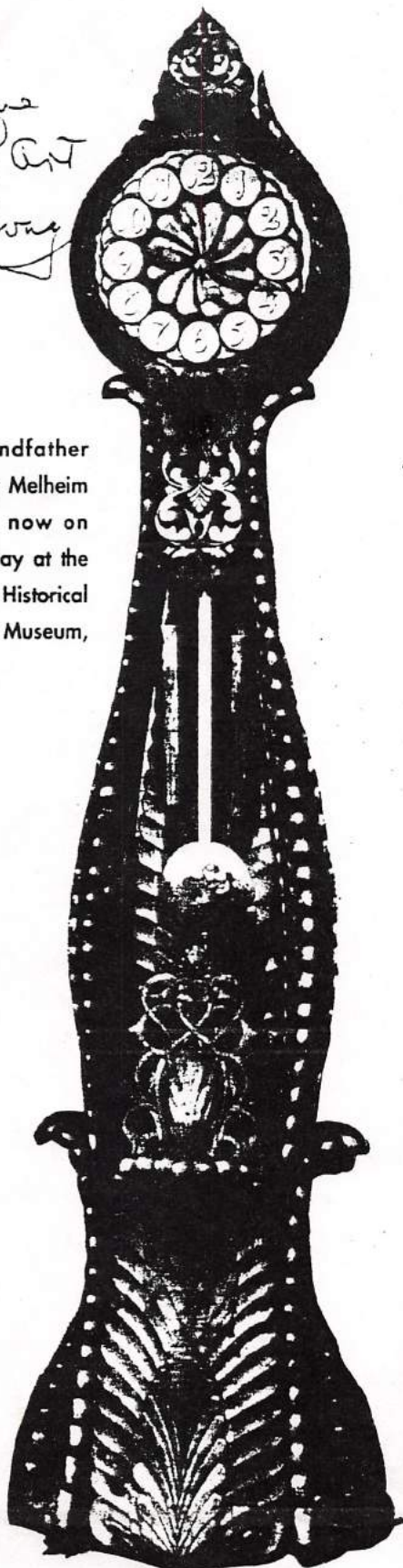


*A Unique
work of art
from Norway*

Eight-foot grandfather
clock carved by Melheim
from one log, now on
permanent display at the
St. Louis County Historical
Society's Depot Museum,
Duluth, Minn.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

1579
TO
1993

*By
James Blanson
A House by a Fjord in Norway*



G E N E A L O G Y

Following is a translation from Norwegian by James Hanson of a genealogy of his mother, Gyda Henriksen, born September 30, 1881, dating back to 1579. This information was assembled over a long period of time by my mother's cousin, Andreas Markussen, from Norwegian government records in archives in Trondheim and Oslo and registered by Johan G. Reppe, Trondheim.

I want to comment that these robust, stoic people who lived so long ago and so far north were flesh and blood people with similar wants that we have. You will notice that many men remarried due to their wives dying in childbirth--there were no hospitals in this area and few doctors. You will also notice that many women remarried because of the hazards in their husband's employment. Also, there must have been some black sheep but these historical records do not show this. Records do, however, show that many of these ancestors left considerable estates. From 1419 to 1815 Denmark ruled Norway and required military service and considerable taxes. When Denmark chose to support Napoleon in 1810 she lost Norway in 1815, at which time Sweden ruled Norway until 1905 when Norway became free.

Ole Olsen was born in 1579 in Misvar, Salten and records show he paid about 40 pounds of butter as taxes for his land and house (around 1600 the landowners began paying taxes in grains, dried fish, salt, hemp, hides and skins). We find no record of his wife but assume it was a second marriage when, at age 64, he sired (in 1643) Ingebrigt Olsen, born at Salten, died at Tarstad in 1711, burial at Evenes Cemetery April 16, 1711, before a large gathering of mourners. Ingebrigt Olsen was schooled in carpentry and later built the first church at Ankenes (across the fjord from Narvik) between 1658 and 1661 and paid for by the citizens of Ankenes. In 1676 to 1677 he built Ofoten's main church at Evenes (where we now find a modern airport) which

replaced an earlier church built in 1250 by Hakon Hakonsen.

In 1690 he became sheriff of Ofoten, a position he maintained until his death.

He was married to Øllegard A^as.

He could not read or write but used this sign or signature on his office records:

A handwritten symbol consisting of a vertical line on the right, a horizontal line across the middle, and a diagonal line from the top left to the bottom right, intersecting the horizontal line.

In Norwegian it is referred to as a "Bumerke".

Ingebrigt and Øllegard had two sons.

Knut Ingebrigtsen was born in 1669 at Tarstad and died in 1743
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and the settlement of his estate indicated considerable property for that period. He was married in 1708 to a widow, Kisten Pedersdatter, and thereby came into possession of a fishing schooner, a property at Bjeldgam and one-fourth of a property at Liland in Ofoten. His wife Kirsten was born in 1684 at Vidrek in Ofoten and died December 30, 1756 at Bjeldgam.

The second son, Lars, was born January 30, 1681 at Tarstad and died in the same place February 2, 1753. He inherited half of the Engebrigt Olsen lands at Tarstad and became sheriff of Ofoten after his father's death. Lars married his brother's wife's sister, Bergitte Pedersdatter, who was born in 1686 and died December 1, 1748. They had nine children. Both Knut and Lars Ingebrigtsen were taught to read and write by assistant pastor Gabriel Augustinussen Røgn. Knut and Kirsten's children were-(interestingly they all took their ^{quand mothers} mother's surname of Aas for their surname);

1--Ingebrigt Knutsen, born 1713 at Bjellgam, died there unmarried in 1753.

- 2--Feder Knutson, born 1715 at Bjeldgam; early death.
- 3--Karen Knutsdatter, born August 15, 1717; no further record.
- 4--~~Ollegard~~ Knutsdatter, born November 22, 1719 at Bjeldgam, died February 28, 1783. She married her cousin, ship owner and farmer Peder Mogensen, born 1715 at Vidrek and died at the same place April 24, 1780. The settlement of his estate showed him quite well-to-do. His family had good-sized boats that traveled from North Norway to Bergen and a number of these boats were named "Jomfru Maria" or "Virgin Mary".
- 5--Anna Knutsdatter, born 1721 at Bjeldgam, died 1769 in Taraldsvik (a part of Narvik where a number of our relatives now live), she was married twice--with farmer and ship owner Aksel Aksselsen of Taraldsvik, born 1691 d. 1750, son of a farmer at Framnes (now a part of Narvik) b. 1657. d. December 11, 1750, second marriage to Ole Henriksen Mejer, b. 1717 in Taraldsvik, d. same place 1782, son of Henrik Mejer of Taraldsvik. Her first marriage resulted in 7 children, the second in three children.
- 6--Margreth Knutsdatter, born August 3, 1723 at Bjeldgam, died 1769. She married her cousin, farmer and ship owner Aksel Mogensen, from Vidrak, born 1721, died same place March 3, 1771. After her death Mogensen married Maren Kristine Rohde born 1736, died 1804. After his death she married a relatively wealthy man named Henrik Henriksen Mejer, born 1748 at Leland, died 1802.
- * 7--Ole Knutsen, born October 23, 1725 at Bjeldgam, died same place January 24, 1792. He was a farmer and ship-owner and owned considerable property at Leland. He, too, was married twice, the first in Evenes Church January 3, 1754 with Karen Andfinsdatter Røgh, born 1727 at Sommerseth, Hammerøy, died 1761 at Bjeldgam. His second marriage is important to us as we are descended from that branch. Ole Knutsen Aas' second marriage took place in the Lodingen Church in 1762 with Maren Federsdatter, born 1739 at Kjøpsvik, Tysfjord, baptized April 5, 1739, died July 7, 1807 at Bjeldgam in Ofoten near Evenes. She was the daughter of ship owner and farmer Feder Federsen, who was married in 1738 to Barbara Christensdatter Kildal in the Lodingen Church--she was the daughter of farmer and boat owner in Kjøpsvik, Christian Kildal, born 1683 in Kristiansand, South Norway, died 1758.
- 8--Hans Knutsen, born December 11, 1727 at Bjeldgam, died 1774 at Liland where he owned land, was a fisherman and seaman. He married 17 August 1757 to Birgitte Gabrielsdatter, born 1733 at Leirvik in Ankenes.

The fourth generation of Ole Knutsen Aas:

- 1--Knut Olsen Aas, born 1754 at Bjeldgam, died 1806 at Upper Leland in Ofoten, where he was a landowner, boat owner and farmer. He was married in the nearby Evenes Church February 2, 1785 with a younger sister of his step-mother, Kirsten Marie Peders' Datter, born 1751 at Kjøpsvik, Tysfjord, died July 6, 1807 at Liland.
- 2--Kirsten Olsdatter Aas, born 1757 at Ballangen, baptized at Easter time, died November 11, 1837 at Skogshamm in Dyroy. She was married in 1780 with farmer and fisherman Michel Hansen at Skogshamm in Dyrøy, born 1747, died 1829. History indicates she had a little love affair and was forced to marry beneath her station.

3. Christian Olsen Aas, born 1758, died June 29, 1784; church records show that he died of sea sickness, was unmarried and lived at home.
4. Anfinn Røgov Olsen Aas, born 1759 at Bjeldgam, baptized at Easter, died February 6, 1830 at Nedre Selseth in Ibested, where he was a farmer and ran an inn. He was married to Anna Martha Trane, born 1760. They had two daughters and one son who died young.
5. Margarethe Olsdatter Aas, born March 3, 1759 at Bjeldgaam, died 1840 at Tovik in Trondenes. She was married twice; first, December 8, 1784 at Liland in Ofoten to Hartvig Christensen Hævding, born February 17, 1759 at Leiland, died same place 1785; second marriage to ship owner Edis Lech Sparboe, at the Trondenes church-- he was born in 1765 at Tovik and died April 26, 1828 at Tovik.
6. Karen Olsdatter Aas born 1760 at Bjeldgam. She was married to Kristian Kildal, born 1745 at Korsnes in Tysfjord, died September 9, 1802. He was the son of Peder Pedersen of Korsnes and Barbara Christiansdatter Kildal. He took his mother's name as his surname. On an auction October 14, 1780, he bought a farm at Finseth in Hamarøy where operated a store and an inn until 1799 when he leased it to Jacob Mas.
7. Hans Warberg Aas, born 1755 at Bjeldgam, died April 10, 1787 at Taraldsvik in Ankenes where he farmed. He married the widow Anne Pedersdatter at Evenes Church July 22, 1783 who was born 1746 at Kjøpsvik, Tysfjord. (She was a sister of Hans Warberg Aas step-mother.
- *8. Peder Olsen Aas, born August 29, 1763 at Bjeldgam, died 1831 at Tovik in Trondenes. He was a first mate on a ship and later farmed. He married Johanna Margrethe Sparboe, born 1768 on December 23, 1792 in Trondenes Church. She died May 5, 1839 in Tovik. Johanna's father was Hans Ravn Sparboe, born 1719 in Trondenes, died April 19, 1785--he was a ship owner and farmer. He was married twice: First Nov. 25, 1748 with Johanna Margretha Harr, born 1700; Second to Margretha Blom, born in Denmark. (Under the 1801 Census she was listed as 66 years, died November 20, 1822 which indicated she was 87 years of age. *Born 1735*)

Hans Sparboe was the son of Hans Eriksen Sparboe, born 1687 in Trondelag. He had an important job in the government and was later a sheriff in Sand as well as a farmer in Vika, died November 17, 1754. He was married to Reborg Hansdatter Ravn, born 1694 at Rokenes in Trondenes, died 1776 at age 82. Reborg was the daughter of Hans Rasmussen Ravn, born 1646, died 1717. He was a ship owner and farmer at Rokenes. He was married to widow Maren Mikkelsdatter and after Maren's death to Johanna Nilsdatter from Sorvik in Trondnes. Johanna was the daughter of Nils Mortensen (whose birth date we do not have) he died 1696 at Sorvik in Trondenes where records show he lived from 1653 to 1661. He represented the King of Denmark who ruled Norway at this time in civil matters and was also an ombudsman for the bishop, an important position. He married Riborg Danielsdatter Bull born at Trondheim. She was earlier married to Jens Christiansen Hævding of Lofoten. She and Jens presented the middle chandelier to the Trondenes church and their names are engraved on it.

Nels Mortensen left a record of a debt incurred by the Trondenes Church dated May 22, 1685 at Sørvik. It is interesting to note what an important part the church played in that era in the lives of the people.

9. Catrine Kildal Olsdatter Aas, born June 20, 1768 at Bjeldgam, died there June 22, 1784 (many children and young people died of diptheria, scarlet fever, etc. in those years.)
 10. Ole Olsen Aas, born 1774, died June 18, 1784 evidently in an epidemic when his sister Catrine died.
 11. Barbroe Dorthea Kildal Olsdatter Aas born 1770 at Bjeldgam, died same place November 26, 1830. She was married twice, first in 1799 with Aron Arctander born September 19, 1760 at Evenes, died September 9, 1807 at Bjeldgam--he was the son of the church pastor assigned to Ofoten, Peder Archtander, born June 16, 1729 at Hammerfest, died 1807 at Skar and his wife, Bolette Marie Schrøder, died March 21, 1800 at Evenes, 73 years of age. Aron Archtander was a business man in Lodingen. Barbro's second marriage was to widower Johan Heitman, born 1772, died December 17, 1850 at Bjeldgam. He was a sheriff and owned property at Bjeldgam. It is interesting to note that he was best man at the wedding of my great-grandparents, Christian Hansen Seines and Margrethe Blom's wedding, July 28, 1816.
 12. Ane Dorthea Olsdatter Aas, born May 5, 1779 at Bjeldgam, married October 7, 1801 with Peder Jorgen Danilsen Dass, born 1779, at Lodingen. He was a fisherman and farmer at Tarstad. On January 1, 1805 he and the crew on his cod fishing boat were lost on a trip out of Kabelvag near Skrava. On October 23, 1807 Ane Dorthea married bachelor Jens Olsen, born 1774, died March 3, 1844. He was a farmer and fisherman at Tarstad.
 13. Anna Margrethe Olsdatter Aas, born 1772 at Bjeldgam. She was married at her home in Bjeldgam after special permission by the King on Oct. 22, 1792 to innkeeper and shipowner Torleiv Paulsen, born 1763, died 1807 in Lyngvar in Lofoten which was a long-established inn and harbor for ships which he owned. Since they had no children, records show that on December 21, 1798 a will was drawn up for disposition of the property which fell to her by his death in July 2, 1807, confirmed by Henry Christian the 7th.
- ? Fifth Generation: The children of Feder Olsen Aas and Johanna Sparboe Trondes follow:
- * 1. Margrethe Benedicta Blom Pedersdatter Aas, born 1792 (She was my great grandmother and grandmother of my mother.) She was 9 years old in 1801, living with her parents at Bjeldgam, where she was called Margrethe Blom, named for her mother's mother, died April 6, 1845, buried April 27, aged 54 years. She was married to my great-grandfather July 28, 1816 in the Evenes church to Christian Hansen, born 1782 in Leirvik in Ofoten. He was a farmer and fisherman at Seines on Ofoten. He received a karbrev from his son Markus dated September 4, 1847 (Karbrev is a legal term for lifetime use of a house and land)

Christian Hansen's ancestors on his father's side:

His father, Hans Helegesen, was born 1748 at Tvera in Skjerstad baptised December 27, 1748. He was a farmer and fisherman who lived

at Leirvik in Ofoten. Inheritance records dated April 16, 1806 indicate some wealth for that time period. He had two marriages, the first November 8, 1777 with the widow Maren Jonsdatter, born 1740 at Trelidal in Ofoten, died May 5, 1792 at Leirvik and buried there. She was first married to a farmer in Leirvik, Abraham Gabrielsen who died June 1, 1773 at 43 year with whom she had six children. His next marriage was to Siri Ølsdatter, born in Ofoten. In the census of 1801 she was 29 years of age; there were no children in this marriage.

Hans Helgesen's father was Helga Christoffersen who lived at Tvera in Skjerstad. Hans Helgesen's mother's side of the family:

His mother was Maren Jonsdatter. Her father was Jon Akselsen, born 1702 at Trelidal, died same place in 1769. He was a farmer and fisherman in Trelidal in Ofoten, quite well to do. As some official records show, he owned 506 Specie Dollars, a lot of money in those days. He was married to Berta Alsdatter, born 1700---at Fagernes in Ofoten, died 1769 at Trelidal, buried in a grave with her husband in that year. They had two sons and two daughters. Jon Akselsen was the son of Aksel Pedersen, born 1666 in Trelidal, died 1726, farmer and fisherman in Trelidal. He was married to Karen Larsdatter. Aksel Pedersen was a son of Peder Akselsen, born 1630, farmer in Trelidal, died 1701.

Berith Ølsdatter was the daughter of Ole Amundsen, born 1666 at Fagernes, farmer and fisherman.

Hans Helgesen and Maren Jonsdatter (my great, great grandparents on my mother's side) had two sons in their marriage:

1. Johan Hansen, born November 1, 1779 in Leirvik, farmer and fisherman, married November 28, 1815 in Ankenes with Øllegard Oline Michels Michelsdatter, born 1780, died October 27, 1840; an interesting note--Øllegard Oline had a twin brother, Peder--he was a farmer in Hergot. He drowned October 12, 1832 when a whale ran into his fishing boat at Inner Rombaksfjord--very close to where my father, John Hanson and his mother Hannah Olsen operated a small hotel and restaurant about 1900 when the railroad was being built to Narvik. I have gone swimming in this fjord at this point where my ancestor lost his life because he could not swim.

Sixth Generation: Their second son was Christen Hansen, my great grandfather, born 1782. He married Margrete Blom July 28, 1816 in presence of Sheriff Johan Heitman, the bride's uncle, and P. Gabrielsen as ring bearer and best man.

Christen Hansen and Margete's children are here listed:

1. Hans Mantinus Christensen, born 1817 at Seines, baptized after Pentecost--no other information available.
2. Markus Christensen, born 13 July 1823 at Seines in Ofoten, died same place June 3, 1907, land owner, farmer and fisherman. Inheritance records show on May 25, 1846 he took over his father's farm and property when his mother died. He was also a civil officer in the county government. Under the 1875 Census it indicated that all his children were at home and that he

owned one horse, 14 milk cows, 2 heifers, 16 sheep, 2 goats and 2 pigs, also that he raised barley and potatoes. He married Bereth - Olsdatter, born May 14, 1827 at Leirvik in Ofoten, baptized July 17, and died 1889.

Her antecedents were as follows: Her father was Ole Hansen, born September 10, 1789 in Taraldsvik, raised in Narvik and was a farmer and fisherman in Leirvik. He married in Ankenes Church December 24, 1822 with Ingeborg Akseldatter. His father was Hans Federsen, born 1758 at Yetterbø, farmer and fisherman in Narvik, died 1811. He was married to Bereth Jonsdatter, born 1759 in Narvik. Hans Federsen's parents were Peder Olsen, born 1732 at Lilandskar, farmer and fisherman at Yterbø, drowned February 1, 1788. He married Ellen Larsdatter July 8, 1756 at Evenes, who was born at Balsnes, died February 17, 1791. Bereth Jonsdatter's parents were Jon Andersen, born 1732 in Narvik, farmer and fisherman whose wife was Agnes Einarsdatter, born 1725 at Framnes.

Jon Andersen was a son of Anders Pedersen, farmer and fisherman of Narvik. Agnes Einarsdatter was a daughter of Einar Andersen, born 1679, died 1762, farmer and fisherman at Framnes. His parents were Anders Nilsen, born 1652, died 1762, farmer and fisherman at Lille Haksvik in Ankenes and wife Agnes Einarsdatter.

On her mothers side: Ingeborg Akselsdatter, born February 19, 1796 at Tarvalfjord. She lived as a maid and farm worker at Larvik. She was a daughter of Axel Axelsen, born 1761, a farmer and fisherman at Tarvaldfjord in Ankenes, married to Marit Gabrielsdatter on November 30, 1792, born 1758 at Seines, died 1811. Axel Axelsen was a son of Axel Axelsen who was 77 years of age in 1801 and who lived with his son, whose wife was Ingeborg Andersdatter, born 1728 in Narvik, died December 14, 1786. That Axel Axelsen was a son of Axel Axelsen, born 1691, farmer in Narvik and he was a son of Axel Andersen, born 1656, farmer in Narvik.

3. Henrik Hans Mejer Christensen, my mother's father, was born November 10, 1828, died 1895 at Øyjord. Baptized at home by Rasmus Gabrielsen Seines, farmer and fisherman at Øyjord in Ofoten. He married Abelone Petersdatter, born 1844 in Ankenes, died 1895. Henrik Christensen's first child was with an unknown girl from Seines, named Johan Henriksen, born September 29, 1861--who I knew well on my first visit to Norway in 1927. He lived and farmed in nearby Bjerkvik. He died there in his mid-eighties, a respected and well-regarded person. His wife was Albertina. Henrik and Abelone's children follow:

1. Peder Henriksen, born 1864, died 1940, farmer and merchant, married Hansina from Hamnes.
2. Magrete, born 1865, died very young.
3. Jorgen (the first) died of pneumonia at age 13.
4. Yetta, born 1870, died in the fifties, married Erich Wiker from Warmland, Sweden.
5. Margrete, the second, born 1876, married Sven Wilhemsen and settled in Finsnes where they had 7 or 8 children.
6. Hans, born 1878, died 1947, Did not marry and lived his whole life in Øyjord.

- * 7. Gyda, my mother, born September 29, 1881, died December 12, 1954, married John Hanson of Ballangen on March 29, 1906 at Calumet, Michigan; he was born May 25, 1867 and died May 16, 1950.
- 8. Kirsten, born April 8, 1883, died August 21, 1970, married Elias Jensen of Ballangen at Calumet, Michigan, also on March 29, 1906.
- 9. Jorgen, the second, born 1886, died in an explosion at Narvik about 1916 and left a widow and daughter named Astrid.

The children of Feder Henriksen and Hansina:

- 1. Hilberg Henriksen, born January 8, 1892, died November 10, 1956; married Berta from Tysfjord, born September 1, 1891, died June 19, 1984.
- 2. Harald Henriksen, born 1893, married Klara from Svolver; three sons: Odd, Ivar and Harald. The three sons are now in their sixties and seventies and live in Narvik.
- 3. Borghild Henriksen, born March 23, 1897, died January 9, 1991, married Johan Mathias Johansen from Gapø in November, 1923.
- 4. Haldis Henriksen, born May 19, 1899, died 1981, married John Meier Eggen, born September 9, 1892 at Bardu, died 1967.

The children and grandchildren of Hilberg and Berta Henriksen are:

- 1. Harald Henriksen, b. Sept. 19, 1914, d. Feb. 11, 1981; married Ruth born Nov. 21, 1917; their children are Liv born Jan. 9, 1944, married to Jon Magistad; their children--a daughter Tove born 1977 and Harald born 1980--Second daughter Unn Tove, born 1950, married with two sons.
- 2. Agot Henriksen, b. Aug. 24, 1916, married Asbjørn Elvevold April 8, 1941 who was born March 19, 1911, died Jan. 3, 1984--their children: Bjørn born Sept. 3, 1942, Ove. born August 11, 1947; Svein, born May 22, 1949.

The children and grandchildren of Johan and Borghild Johansen:

- 1. Feder John, born Feb. 10, 1926, d. May 22, 1945 in the massive battle of the U.S. against Japan at Okinawa in World War II;
- 2. Esther Elenor born Sept. 2, 1928, died Aug. 11, 1976; married Roger Yeater Jan. 28, 1950; their children: Valle Ann Cruz, born Nov. 16, 1960, M. Michael Cruz Jan. 28, 1989, one child Lauren Ashleigh Cruz b. Mar. 27, 1990; Sandra Lee, born March 19, 1956; Donna Sue, Dec. 23, 1958, married Ron Kenner born Dec. 18, 1954--children Cheryle Ann Kenner, born Feb. 12, 1985 and David Andrew Kanner Aug. 3, 1990; Brian Allen Yeater, born Dec. 13, 1965.
- 3. Thordis Marie born March 4, 1932, married August 21, 1955 to Darell Forest Norris, born October 19, 1928--their children and grandchildren: a--Dara-lee Marie born August 29, 1956, married Oct. 2, 1982 to Mark Davidson, born August 11 1954--children, twins Andrew Scott and Jessica Margaret born July 30, 1992.
b--Jennifer Ann born Jan. 12, 1958, married Sept. 17, 1983 to Jeff Moore born April 19, 1956--children Jamie Beth born Sept. 8, 1984 and Jill Marie born December 26, 1990
c--Lisa Marie born May 28, 1959, married December 26, 1981 to Terrence Mayers born August 25, 1959--children, Daniel Richard, born Sept. 25, 1983 Laura Kate born May 19, 1986, Alexander James born Jan. 1, 1989
d--Nancy Ann born Aug. 5, 1962, married May 10, 1986 to Don Treinen, born Nov. 13, 1961--children Kevin Scott born Aug. 20, 1989
- 4. Ralph Harry Johansen, born Nov. 11, 1934
June 16, 1963 married to Betty, born. Aug. 28, 1942

The children of Haldis Henriksen and John Meier Eggen are

- 1. Halvor Feder Eggen, born July 1, 1919, died 1938
- 2. Hulda Agnes Eggen, born Nov. 27, 1922, married Harald Johan Larsen born Sept. 12, 1914.

3. Arnjt Eggen, born March 20, 1924, died 1948.

Children of Harald and Hulda Larsen:

1. Jon Olaf Eggen, born Sept. 11, 1947, married Ingeborg, born Aug. 27, 1948; two children--Ann Hege born April 24, 1969, Sliaw, born April 20, 1974.
2. Junior Arngot Larsen, born April 13, 1954, married.
3. Helen Larsen, born Nov. 12, 1962, unmarried.

The children of Henrietta Henriksen and Erick Wiker are:

1. Johanna, born Sept. 29, 1894, died July 11, 1979; married Karl Ottar Johansen born December 21, 1893, died March 22, 1959.
2. Hilmar, date of birth not known, died in his 20's possibly during worldwide influenza epidemic. Did not marry.
3. Nils, born around 1898-'99, killed in a coal mine accident in Philadelphia, U.S.A. around 1919 (I remember his visit to us in 1918 in Astoria, Oregon). Did not marry.
4. Hildur, born January 28, 1902, married a Hollander named Pronk and lived many years in Amsterdam. Now lives in Oslo.
5. Johan, born July 15, 1904, died around 1973, married Borghild from Ballangen, born Feb. 28, 1914.
6. Anna, born April 12, 1908, died about 1984, married Frans Osker Johansen, born July 14, 1902.
7. Arne, born July 30, 1910, married Inga Larsen, born Oct. 5, 1909

The children and grandchildren of Johanna Wiker Johansen are:

1. Else, born June 16, 1924 at Taraldsvik, Narvik, married Karl Eirik Gullvåg born September 23, 1915; their children Eirik Ottar, born Oct. 14, 1950, married to Unni Vera Hansen born Oct. 21, 1951, their daughter Kaja Kristine born Nov. 13, 1984, Jo Grim born July 30, 1953, married to Merete Foyen, born Nov. 13, 1956, their children are Sondre born Dec. 16, 1981 and Silje born Dec. 31, 1985. Jo Grim and Merete are divorced.
2. Roald Wiker Johansen born Sept. 30, 1916, married Ågoth Westberg, born Dec. 21, 1913, died 1992; their son, Jonn Henrik, born May 5, 1941.

Hildur Wiker Pronk had one child, Egil Henning Stenberg, born Jan. 11, 1933.

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Johan Wiker are:

1. Wiktor born June 28, 1938, married Bjrg Håvik August 30, 1958--she was born September 28, 1939--their children--Merete, born June 21, 1959 married Einar Rnningen May 5, 1983 and have two children, Trond Einer born August 14, 1984 and Dan Robin born October 8, 1986; Wiktor's 2nd child Geir Jan. 22, 1961, m, married to Liv Ellen--they have one child Simon, Sept. 20, 1990; Wiktor's third child, Berit born March 24, 1965 married to Ketil.
2. Edgar Wiker drowned at about age two.
3. Edgar born August 26, 1943 and is married.
4. Ronald born June 6, 1945, died in auto accident 1971, was married and left one daughter Camilla.
5. Erik born Jan. 5, 1947, married Bodel Dec. 30, 1990. Was married earlier and has two children, Magnus born Jan. 23, 1974 and Sandra born August 30, 1977.
6. Wigdis, born July 1, 1948, died May 10, 1992, married Aasmund Johansen June 29, 1972. Aasmund was born Sept. 30, 1938, their

children--Eva born Jan. 9, 1974, Ruth, born April 19, 1975, Ronald born Nov. 22, 1976, Judith born August 15, 1978, Maria born Sept. 17, 1980, Irene born May 7, 1982, and Kirsti, born July 11, 1984.

The children and grandchildren of Anna and Frans Johansen:

1. Fredrik born May 29, 1932, married Ada Nybakk and their children are: Eirik born July 25, 1954; Majken born Sept. 9, 1955, married to Torstein Larsen; Ole Geir born Jan. 16, 1961, Frode born Jan. 16, 1961.
2. Eva born January 15, 1931, married Leif Warhus --one child Frank, born January 4, 1958.
3. Solfrid, born June 17, 1946 and resides in Monterey, Calif.

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Arne Wiker and Inga,

1. Ivar Asbjørn, born February 28, 1935, died October 19, 1935.
2. Ester, born July 2, 1937, married Norman Lee Scott Fletcher, Nov. 23, 1960; Norman was born Feb. 17, 1937--their children, Katherine Ingrid born February 3, 1962, married Michael Rosen Nov. 14, 1987, who was born July 10, 1951--their children--Jeffrey Scott born September 17, 1988 and Elisabeth Michelle born March 17, 1991. The Fletcher's second daughter is Kimberly Johanna, born Nov. 4, 1964, married Thomas Dayton Brown, June 15, 1991 who was born July 17, 1950. Ester and Norman live in Fresno.
3. Ivar Nils born 1939, died 1946.
4. Gunnar Inge, born April 1, 1948, married Inger Berg May 6, 1989. She was born February 16, 1946. Gunnar and Inger live in Harstad, Norway.

The children of Gyda and John Hanson:

1. James Engulf Herbert born Feb. 20, 1908 at Calumet, Michigan. married August 17, 1932 to Katherine Strate born November 24, 1908 at Spring City, Utah.
2. Alfred Henry Roy, born April 16, 1910 in rural North Dakota, married 1936 to Jennie born May 26, 1918, divorced in March, 1949; Alfred married April 1, 1949 to Norma born July 27, 1923. Norma has one daughter Jean born May 25, 1941, two granddaughters and two grandchildren.
3. Harold Blom born January 4, 1914 in North Dakota, married on September 9, 1936 to Mary Bye.
4. Gladys Johanna born July 17, 1917 at La Center, Washington, married Paul R. Seaman born March 29, 1906, died December 25, 1992.
5. Mildred Helen born August 4, 1920 at Astoria, Oregon, married November 28, 1938 to Harold Kirby Smith born November 8, 1914.

Second and third generations of Gyda and John Hanson:

1. Children of James and Katherine: Katherine Lou (now Karin) born July 26, 1941, married December 10, 1968 to Paul Hilsdale born November 28, 1923; their children both born in Los Angeles; Erik Alexander born March 2, 1970 and Cecily Joy born July 22, 1971.
2. Eric Stanley born June 27, 1944, died August 19, 1963.

The children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren of Alfred and Jennie are:

- a. Jean Elizabeth born May 14, 1937.
- b. John born August 13, 1938, died February 28, 1987.

- c. Peggy Margaret Ann born January 8, 1940, married October 5, 1956 to Robert Williamson. They were divorced February, 1970. Their children: Robert born February 10, 1957 and Wendy born August 13, 1960; Robert married Kimberly October 14, 1989--she was born May 15, 1957. Their children Eric Henry born June 23, 1991 and Nicole born November 6, 1992. They live at Avalon, Calif. Wendy married Robert Deitz May 22, 1988, he was born October 13, 1959, they live in rural Placerville.
3. The children of Harold and Mary Hanson: Carol Marie born August 1, 1937 and Christine, born December 29, 1945.
4. The children and grandchildren of Gladys and Paul Seaman are
a. Rick Lee born September 18, 1936, married Carmen born February 23, 1942.
Roger Paul born June 28, 1943, married Janice born April 5, 1943 and their children are Jeffrey born July 15, 1966, Joel born September 2, 1968 and James born May 25, 1971. Keith born November 2, 1947 married Donna born February 9, 1945 and they have a daughter Stacy born June 27, 1973. Timothy Lane born January 19, 1949, married Kathy born December 13, 1948--they live in Germany.
5. The children and grandchildren of Mildred and Harold Smith:
Ronald Wm. born May 12, 1942 at Albany, California, married June 14, 1963 to Sherron Noreen Hazlett born January 3, 1941, one daughter, Nicole Noreen, born September 6, 1969, married to Scott Davis on November 11, 1986--one child Heather Nicole Davis, born February 7, 1987. Nicole and Scott were divorced November 26, 1989.
Melanie Hazel Smith born April 27, 1950 at Sacramento, married Brian Adair Hill on March 31, 1973--he was born November 5, 1948, --they have two children: Jenny Leigh Hill born September 24, 1979 and John Travis Hill, born November 24, 1982. Melanie and Brian were divorced in June, 1985.
Melanie married Coleman Wyatt Ehret on August 24, 1985; he was born March 15, 1950; they have one child--Courtney Elizabeth Ehret born August 7, 1987.

The descendants of Kirsten Henriksen and Elias Jensen are
Arthur Hayes born July 30, 1908 in Michigan, baptized October 26, 1908 by Pastor M. Rufsvold, died December 2, 1991. Arthur married Ruth Gertrude Super in Seattle December 26, 1929. Ruth was born January 30, 1910.
Their children Esther Ruby born October 19, 1930, died Oct. 22 '30. Harold Elias born December 18, 1932, now a grandfather. Donald Arthur born January 11, 1936, also a grandfather. Stanley James born March 3, 1944, died March 3, 1944. Clarence Lee born October 23, 1945. Carole Louise born July 22, 1948, died July 23, 1948. Ramona Lucille, born July 20, 1950; now in Latvia teaching. Wesley Darrell born July 17, 1954.

- CONCLUSION - MAY 5, 1993 - Porterville, California-

The assembling of this genealogy has been a lengthy process--from the archaic language of centuries ago to the many letters and 'phone calls to get this information. I am indebted to many for help: Ester Fletcher who made many 'phone calls to Norway, to Norma Hanson, and Thordis Norris and to my wife, Katherine, for doing the typing.

The Norwegian part of our people lived well north of the Arctic Circle in an area extending from 10 miles east of Narvik to about 40 miles west of Narvik and north and south about 20 miles. They are able to live here due to a gift from the New World--the Gulf Stream which makes this region livable due to its warmth.

The greatest drama of this beautiful fjord area occurred a few days after Germany seized Norway April 9, 1941 when Great Britain sent its huge 30,000-ton battleship "Warsprite" into the fjord area and within two hours destroyed eight German warships--the Allies fought and held this region for six weeks but were forced to retreat, leaving 1,200 Allied soldiers buried in Narvik.

It is interesting to note that the sun is last seen November 6 at Øyfjord where my mother was born, and does not reappear until February 10.

Several of Thordis Norris' grandchildren and Alfred Hanson's great-grandchildren born in the last two years should live to the year 2,079, making it 500 years since our ancestor Ole Olsen was born in 1,579 in Arctic Norway.