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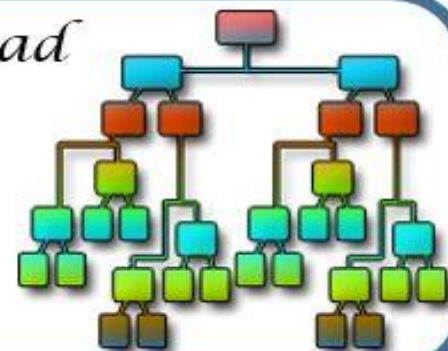
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- This is a guided walkthrough
 - Everything I do should be in the slides and should be clear, but ask if you need help or have questions
- This is designed to take about an hour
 - Most of this will be demonstrated
 - Questions about each step will be taken and answered
 - Questions about your people will be handled after as time permits



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Why is this important? Doing this can help solve PROVING your lineage.

There are two issues with starting research in Norway:

1. Getting the right location where you ancestors were from
2. Finding the name they were using there

Many Fylkes have farms with the same names. Some parish names are duplicated in some of the Fylkes. Many times, an immigrant did not give anymore than “Norway” as where they were from. Other times, they gave the last place they lived in Norway – which could be the port or last placed they worked to earn money for transport.

Most immigrants prior to 1882 used the patronymic names. Starting in 1882, some started using a surname. Between 1882 and 1910 or so, many mixed patronymic and surnames on their records.



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Finding the Shipping agent and his record can connect you with the following – all in one place:

- The Fylke and the Parish
- The name used in the Parish and on the passenger list
- The name of the ship
- Any ship changes and ports stopped at on the way to the United States
- The port of arrival in the United States
- The final destination in the United States
- Relatives in the United States
- Who paid for the passage



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This talk assumes you've found your immigrant in U.S. records and sufficient documentation to prove you are related.

You might have found homestead, naturalization, passenger, immigration, and census records.

Before proceeding, make sure you've searched for:

- **naturalization records**
- **homestead records**
- **immigration records**
- **census records to establish approximant immigration dates and places**

You need every name used and date you can find before proceeding.

Remember, family "legend" is just that – until you prove it true or false.



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Now you want to “connect and prove” the connection to a farm, parish, and Fylke in Norway and the U.S. surname to the person in that farm, parish, and Fylke.

U.S. Surnames - immigrating Norwegians had to add a surname to immigrate. Some took their patronymic. Others took their father’s patronymic. Some took a farm name. Others took other names – such as a profession or geographical feature like a lake, mountain, or river from around their Norwegian home. **Some used several different ones before deciding on one!**

There are dozens of Berg, Haugen/Hagen, and Dahl farm names – including a few duplicates in the same Fylke, but at least in different parishes. You can also add divided farms – Nordre Dahl, Søndre Dahl, Indre Dahl, Ytre Dahl, Øst Dahl, Vest Dahl.

Since Norwegians used patronymics, there are many people with the same “name” coming from various parts of Norway.



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There are two paths to finding the Shipping Agent:

1. You have a good idea of the surname and/or the patronymic. This is the easiest. Go to Emigrant records!
2. You have found the passenger list for a ship – WITH his name in it!!! Go to Emigrant records!
- 3.5 You've got an idea of the port or ship name from the Naturalization record. This can be very hard!!!! Go to passenger records! If nothing, then Go to Emigrant records!

We'll do Go to Emigrant records first.

Note the Emigrants before about 1865 may not be listed anywhere – see next page for when and where records could be kept:



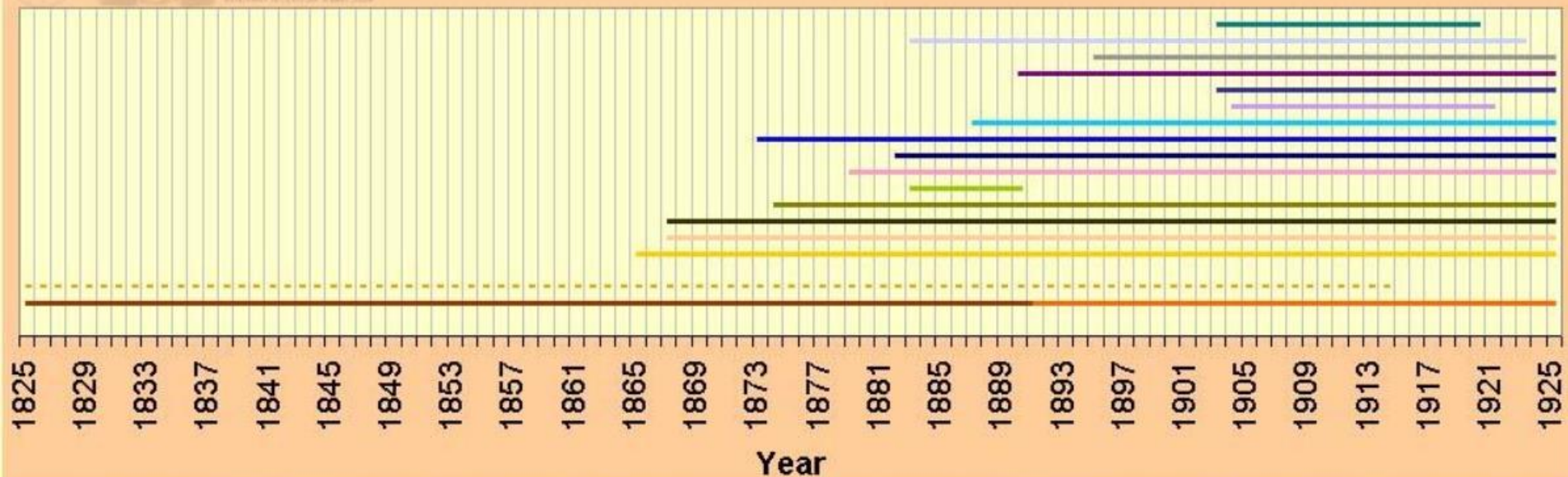
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- NARA Records of the U.S. Customs Service, 1820 - ca. 1891
- - - Norwegian church moving lists
- Trondheim police emigration records
- Bergen police emigration records
- Ålesund police emigration records
- Christiansand police emigration records
- Sandefjord police emigration records
- Arendal police emigration records
- NAC - St. Albans, Canadian border crossing
- NARA Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1891 - 1957
- NAC - Canadian arrival records 1865 - 1935
- Christiania police emigration records
- Fredrikstad police emigration records
- Kristiansund police emigration records
- Larvik police emigration records
- Stavanger reconstructed emigration records
- The British Board of Trade, Passenger Lists outwards 1890-1960
- Christiania White Star Line agent records



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Family history told me that Hans Hjelmstad used to be a Hans Jorgensen in Norway and came from Ringsaker. Family history also told me that my grandfather, Hans' son Anton, was born in Norway in 1882. Hans' daughter Thora was born in North Dakota in 1884. Hans' wife Beata died young in 1895.

How do we connect all this together?

It's easy to find people named Hans marrying ladies named Beata in Norway. Too easy. And there are a lot of Hans Jorgensens marrying Beatas in Norway.

There aren't so many in Ringsaker, but how do I prove that my Hans came from there.

We have to connect the dots . . .



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For example, I've got to prove Hans Hjelmstad in North Dakota is the Hans Jorgensen from Ringsaker. I have his homestead, naturalization, and census records. The naturalization and homestead records state he entered the U.S. in or about July, 1883. The Census records show he came from Norway. **But he used several names – so I have to link the names together.**

As you should have noticed, he is using a farm name – “Hjelmstad” – as a surname in North Dakota and had a patronymic – “Jørgensen” – in Ringsaker. I did not “know” this at the start. But in finding his U.S. records, **I found that he used both of these names on various documents, so I was one step ahead.**



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For example:

To match him up, I'll track his family leaving from Norway and entering the U.S.

To do this, I'll need Emigration and Immigration records to match up, and passenger records would be nice. The Norwegian DigitalArkivet site helps.

First, look in the Parish Out-Migrated records **if you know or suspect the Fylke or Parish.**

Many people went to a port city and then worked for a while to earn passage, and this can help with dates. This also (sometimes) creates more Parish In and Out records.

Then check passport records, and finally, go the Norwegian emigrant records.



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The first place to look is the Utvandrerliste - Udflyttede records – out-migrated – records for the Fylke and parish. Make sure you look for all years after the year you think they left. Many wrote back to get records as much as 10 years or more after they left.

Use Advanced Persons Search and select out-migrated under the Church Books categories. Also select the correct Fylke and Parish if you know them.

Neither Hans Jorgensen nor Hans Hjelmstad nor any of the wife and kids shows up.

Church books/Parish registers ^

Select all

List types ^

Born and baptised

Illegitimate born and baptised

Confirmation

Married

Deceased and buried

In-migrated

Out-migrated ←

In- and out-migrated ←



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An example of an 1885 Ringsaker record, showing various years that people left. Note the birth year, date, baptism, and date emigrated – 1861 through 1884.

No	Naar udflyttet.	Hvorhen.	Den Udflyttedes fulde Navn og borgerlige Stilling.	Fødselsaar.	Indholdet af meddelte Attester og Attestens Datum.
145	1875	Haskar	Valborg Andersen	1869	26/1 - 17/2 - - 6/10
146	-84	Gjævdal	Julius Idem Larsen Sørre	-98	1/6 - 24/7 - 5/10.73 - 8/10
147	-82	Næs	Hilla Gulbr. Sjøstrand	-62	24/1 - 2/2 - 8/10.76 - 16/10
148	-61	Elverum	Katrin Evren Sigvardsen	-92	26/1 - 6/2 - 29/9.67 - 17/10
149	-75	Næs	Ab. Andersen	1811	1811 - 1811 - 1811



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The next place to look is the Passprotokoll records – bailiff issued passports – records. Most Emigrants did not apply for passports, but it is worth checking. Most of these are only indexed – use the main search engine and select emigration – passport register. Most of these records are older – pre 1875 or so.

There are no references to either the Hans Jorgensen or the Hans Hjelmstad family members.

An example of the 1844-1900 Hedmark records, showing two Hans Jørgensons – Both are traveling before my Hans was born. Note that you only have names, dates, and destinations.

Førenamn 34
Etternamn Same person som i søk 1 2

Nytt personsøk
Førenamn Same person som i søk 1

Fann 2 personer av 1545 (viser 1 - 2)

	Fremste side	Førre side	Neste side	Siste side	Skjul søkefelt	Ta bort søkeresultat	Analyse	
	Førenamn	Etternamn	Fødestad/bustad	Utskriven				Vist fram/utskriven
34	Hans	Jørgensen		Pass fra Christiania politikammer av 16.09.1843. Sist forevist på Røros 11.03.1845.				18450322
465	Hans	Jørgensen	Skien(?)	Pass fra Christiania politikammer av 22.06.1850 for reise til Drøbak. Sist forevist ved Trondheim politikammer 13.11.1850 og aut. til Lillehammer.				18501206



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One of the hardest – but best – places to search are the Emigrantprotokoll lists. In order to leave, the emigrant had to show they had a booked and paid for passage. Some show Last Name as well as Patronymic.

These were kept at the main ports, so you need to figure out which one they used.

Someone in Lillehammer might take the train west or a boat or train south and had many choices. Usually, the choice was made by how friends and neighbors had gone rather than simplest and most direct. But unless you know, you may have to work through all the ports.

Select the Emigration Register under Emigration Records under Categories. Fill in the name and the approximate year range. Don't select a port unless you get too many hits.



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If the names you are searching for are at all common, you will be looking for hours. If you get too many, try limiting the search to one or two ports.

My search for Hans Jorgensen leaving Oslo returns no results. Searching for Hans Hjelmstad returns Hans J Hjelmstad.

Person: Hans J. Hjelmstad

First Prev Next Last

PERMANENT ID: pe00000000987256 

Given name:	Hans J.	Port of departure:	-
Last name:	Hjelmstad	Destination:	St. Thomas
Gender:	m	Date of arrival:	-
Date of birth:	-	Ship:	Kristiania
Year of birth:	-	Line:	-
Age:	27	Agent:	Peterson (Am)
Birth place:	-	Reason for emigration:	-
Residence:	Ringsaker	New occupation:	-
Position:	g Arb	Ticket:	-
Family position:	-	Passport:	-
Date of emigration:	1883-06-09	Emigrating with family?:	-
Registration date:	-	Remarks:	-
Date of contract:	1883-06-08		



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This sure looks right. Many Norwegians were told they needed a surname in the U.S. But where's the rest of the family? I can hope they are the next few or previous slides – you can go forward and back through the record.

An Unpublished trick – this is an index – and as such you can't see the originals nor go to the film. But the links to cycle through the records are greyed out. BUT the year is not!!!! If you click on it, then the links to cycle through the list are enabled!!!!

Emigration: 1883 >

Person: Hans J. Hjelmstad

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PERMANENT ID: pe00000000987256 



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By clicking on the 1883, I get a different view, which allows me to find his wife . . . – Note they were not entirely consecutive. And the wife's destination was St Tomas.

Emigration: 1883

First Prev Next Last



PERMANENT ID: og00000000986266

Serial number:	-	Year:	1883
Protocol reference:	10	Parish:	-
Page:	142	Remarks:	-

Emigrants:

Name Hans J. Hjelmstad >

Year of birth:	-	Position:	g Arb
Age:	27	Family position:	-
Birth place:	-	Date of emigration:	1883-06-09
Residence:	Ringsaker	Destination:	St. Thomas

Emigration: 1883

First Prev Next Last

PERMANENT ID: og00000000986262

Serial number:	-
Protocol reference:	10
Page:	142

Emigrants:

Name Beate Hjelmstad >

Year of birth:	-
Age:	30
Birth place:	-
Residence:	Ringsaker










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PERMANENT ID: pe00000000987256 

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Things to note:

Given name:	Hans J.	Port of departure:	-
Last name:	Hjelmstad	Destination:	St. Thomas 
Gender:	m	Date of arrival:	-
Date of birth:	-	Ship:	Kristiania 
Year of birth:	-	Line:	-
Age:	27 	Agent:	Peterson (Am) 
Birth place:	-	Reason for emigration:	-
Residence:	Ringsaker 	New occupation:	-
Position:	g Arb 	Ticket:	-
Family position:	-	Passport:	-
Date of emigration:	1883-06-09 	Emigrating with family?:	-
Registration date:	-	Remarks:	-
Date of contract:	1883-06-08		

Emigranter over Kristiania 1871-1930, redigert utgave



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This gives the Age, Residence, work position, date the ship left, the final destination, the ship name, and the agent.

All of these are important.

“g Arb” is a gard arbeider – a farm laborer. He was 27 and is from Ringsaker.

The ship – Kristiania, for which the agent’s name is Peterson, left Kristiania on June 9th, 1883. Hans paid for this contract on June 8th, 1883.

Please note that some agents would have the travelers change ships. That is a very good reason to KNOW the agent’s name as that will yield clues.

Now that you know this information, you can go to Ringsaker and look for more, but **FIRST, you have to make sure this is your man!!!**



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We have to connect this person to our U.S. records. Time for the Norway Heritage site.

Once you have the Port Emigration record, get the Ship records from the Norway Heritage Site.

This searches pre-1875 passenger lists, but also has ship voyage records and arrival records for 1825 till 1925. This can help you find where to look for American incoming Passenger List and Immigration records.

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Search:

Browse by line:
Select Line

Browse by shipyard:
Select Shipyard

Emigrant ship arrivals 1870-1894

Search Trond Austheim's database of passenger ship arrivals around the world, as reported in the newspapers 1870-1894.

January 1870

Index of departures 1825-1925

100 years of emigrant ships from Norway. You know the year of emigration from Norway, but not what ship - browse the Index of Norwegian departures 1825 - 1925:

1825

Norway Heritage Project - pre 1875 Passenger Lists >>

Given Name:
Surname: Keyword:
Year: All

Extended database search:
Passenger lists and Ulvestad search combined.
(There is also an option for submitting additional info!)

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Emigrants departing

Categories:

- >> **Steamships**
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This site has information on passenger lists (prior to 1875), ship names, departure and arrival dates and ports, agents and steamship lines. Use it to confirm and decide where to go for Immigration records. Since Hans came in 1883, we'll search for Agents.

We quickly find that – while the Emigration record shows Peterson as the agent – it's actually Petersen – which we would expect in Norway. Who indexed this?



Select agent

Agent	Line	Place	Routes
<u>M. P. Petersen</u>	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Trondhjem	<u>1892</u> <u>1893</u>
<u>Nils Petersen</u>	Beaver Line	Kristiania	<u>1884</u> <u>1885</u>
<u>Nils Petersen</u>	Directa Svenska Åangbåtslinjen	Kristiania	<u>1884</u> <u>1885</u>
<u>Nils Petersen</u>	Hamburg America Line	Kristiania	<u>1884</u> <u>1885</u> <u>1893</u> <u>1894</u> <u>1895</u> <u>1896</u>
<u>Nils Petersen</u>	Holland America Line	Kristiania	<u>1882</u> <u>1883</u> <u>1884</u> <u>1885</u>
<u>Nils Petersen</u>	Monarch Line	Kristiania	<u>1881</u> <u>1882</u> <u>1883</u> <u>1884</u> <u>1885</u>



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If we click on “Nils Petersen” in the 1883 year, it takes us to a page with links us to ship sailings in 1883. You didn’t expect the ship name to be spelled correctly, did you?

Agent: Nils Petersen, Kristiania

Year & agent for
1881 Thingvalla Line
1881 Stettiner Lloyd
1881 Monarch Line
1882 Monarch Line
1882 Holland America Line
1882 Stettiner Lloyd
1883 Monarch Line
1883 Holland America Line
1884 Beaver Line
1884 Monarch Line

«1882 - 1883 - 1884»

Type	Ship	Departure	Details	Arrival
S/S	Angelo	Christiania - Christiansand	Details	Hull
S/S	Baldur	Christiania - other	Details	Fredrikshavn - Copenhagen
S/S	Bremen	Christiania - other Feb.20		Bremen
S/S	Cameo	Christiania - Christiansand	Details	London
S/S	Christiania	Christiania - other	Details	Amsterdam
S/S	Domino	Bergen - Stavanger	Details	Hull

Christiania, Fredrikstad, Langesund for Amsterdam in 1883

Date	Ship	Information	Date	Ship
1883-01-04	S/S Christiania	Dep. Fredrikstad	1883-06-23	S/S
1883-02-24	S/S Drammen		1883-06-30	S/S
1883-03-03	S/S Christiania	Dep. Moss	1883-07-07	S/S
1883-03-10	S/S Drammen		1883-07-14	S/S
1883-03-17	S/S Christiania	Dep. Sannesund	1883-07-28	S/S
1883-03-31	S/S Christiania		1883-08-04	S/S
1883-04-14	S/S Christiania	Dep. Fredrikstad	1883-08-12	S/S
1883-04-28	S/S Christiania	Dep. Fredrikstad	1883-08-18	S/S
1883-05-05	S/S Drammen	Dep. Langesund, via Maassluis	1883-08-26	S/S
1883-05-12	S/S Christiania		1883-09-01	S/S
1883-05-20	S/S Drammen	Dep. Langesund, via Maassluis	1883-09-15	S/S
1883-05-26	S/S Drammen	Err. left Amsterdam May, 26	1883-09-22	S/S
1883-05-27	S/S Christiania	Dep. Langesund, via Maassluis	1883-10-06	S/S
1883-06-02	S/S Drammen	Dep. Halden	1883-10-13	S/S
1883-06-09	S/S Christiania		1883-11-15	S/S



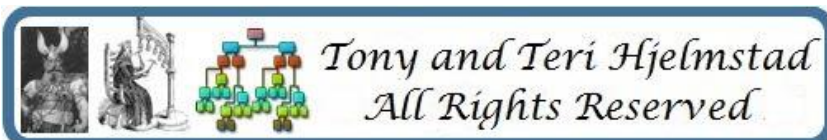
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Now we can check the two shipping lines that Petersen represented in 1883 and see which one sails from Amsterdam . . . It looks like The Holland America Line from Amsterdam to New York sometime after 9 June 1883.

Agent: Nils Petersen, Kristiania	Monarch Line - 1883
Year & agent for	
1881 <u>Thingvalla Line</u>	
1881 <u>Stettiner Lloyd</u>	
1881 <u>Monarch Line</u>	
1882 <u>Monarch Line</u>	
1882 <u>Holland America Line</u>	
1882 <u>Stettiner Lloyd</u>	
1883 <u>Monarch Line</u>	
1883 <u>Holland America Line</u> ←	
1884 <u>Beaver Line</u>	
1884 <u>Monarch Line</u>	
	Authorization & Routes
	Wilson Line to London and Monarch Line to New York and to the final destination in America.
	This list might not be a complete list of all the ships in the fleet.
	Holland America Line - 1883
	Authorization & Routes
	To Amsterdam by Winge & Co's streamships and from Amsterdam direct to New York
	This list might not be a complete list of all the ships in the fleet.

Normally, it only took one day to sail from Oslo to Amsterdam and ten days or so from Amsterdam to New York. They would not have stayed in Amsterdam any longer than necessary as hotels would cost money.



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So now we'll check arrivals around late June of 1883 which departed June 9th or after.



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June 1883

S/S Gallia	Cunard Line	Liverpool	1883-06-09	New York	1883-06-19	
S/S Grecian Monarch	Monarch Line	London		New York	1883-06-19	
S/S Scotland	Temperley Line	London	1883-06-05	Quebec	1883-06-19	Montreal
S/S Wisconsin	Guion Line	Liverpool	1883-06-06	New York	1883-06-19	
S/S British Princess	American Line	Liverpool		Philadelphia	1883-06-20	
S/S Hermann	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Bremen		Baltimore	1883-06-20	
S/S State of Pennsylvania	State Line	Glasgow	1883-06-09	New York	1883-06-20	67 Norwegian passengers from Christiania and other Norwegian ports Also reported arrive 1883-06-18
S/S Schiedam	Holland America Line	Rotterdam		New York	1883-06-21	
S/S City of Richmond	Inman Line	Liverpool	1883-06-13	New York	1883-06-22	Also reported arrive 1883-06-21
S/S Werra	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Bremen		New York	1883-06-22	

Only one Holland America Line ship came in in June of 1893. But heed the note about this database – “This register is built from telegrams sent from the arrival ports to the local newspapers in Norway. “



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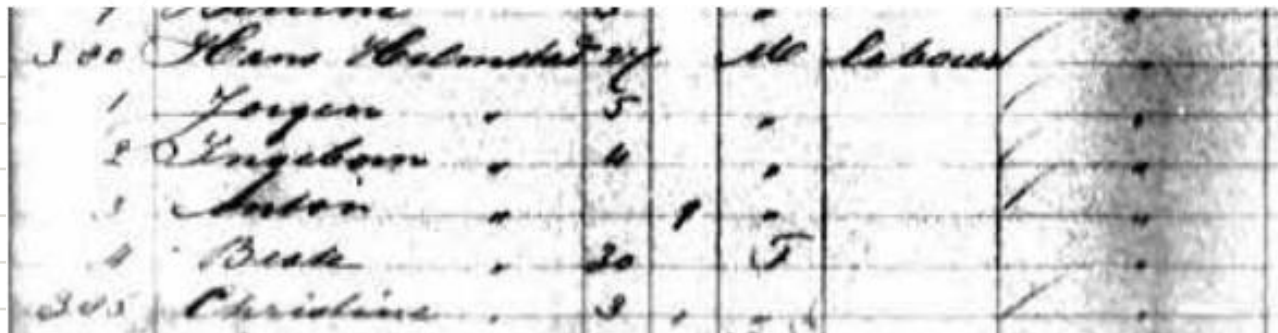
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Since we can't get any more information from the Norway Heritage or the ISTG sites, let's search Ancestry Passenger lists for New York. Here we find Hans Hjelmstad.

Hans Helmstad

in the New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1957

Name:	Hans Helmstad
Arrival Date:	30 Jun 1883
Birth Date:	abt 1856
Age:	27
Gender:	Male
Ethnicity/ Nationality:	Norwegian
Place of Origin:	Norway
Port of Departure:	Rotterdam, Netherlands
Destination:	United States of America
Port of Arrival:	New York, New York
Ship Name:	W A Scholten
Search Ship Database:	Search for the W A Scholten in the 'Passenger Ships and Images' database



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Let's look at the relevant portion of the passenger list – and there's the same family that left Norway and is on the 1900 and 1910 Census.

But the W A Scholten wasn't on the list of ship arrivals.



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We know we're looking for the W. A. Scholten arriving in New York 30 June 1993. One good place to look is the Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild site.



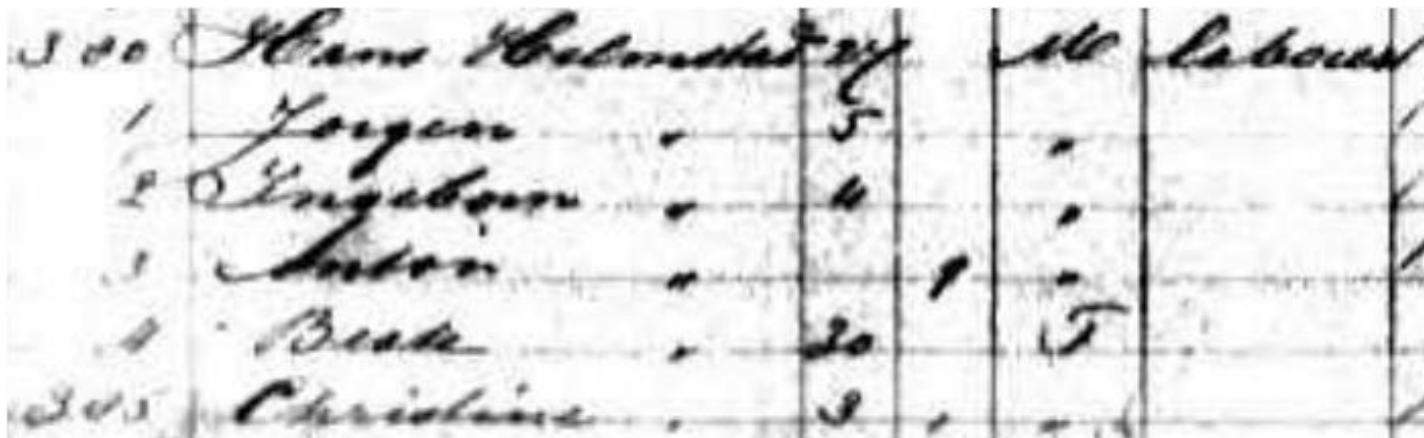
This site has passenger lists and ship arrival information for many ports, including ships that came in to Philadelphia and were bused to New York. You can search by departure or arrival port, captain's name, year, etc. There are many records not indexed at Ancestry or FamilySearch.

Unfortunately, while the W.A. Scholten is listed multiple times, the sailing I need isn't.



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300	Stam Holmstedt	10	labour
1	Jorgen	5	
2	Engelbom	4	
3	Anton	1	
4	Beck	20	5
305	Christine	3	

Now, in 1883, New York arrivals came in through Castle Gardens. The Castle Gardens Site is very hard to use and unreliable. There's a much better site to look for New York arrivals between 1851 and 1891 – when Ellis Island started. It's Steve Morse's Ship Lists – searching for Ships in Castle Garden Microfilms in one step. It covers:

Covers the years 1851 to 1891 and includes the following:

1851 to 1855: pre Castle Garden

1855 to 1890: Castle Garden

1890 to 1891: Barge Office



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If we search for the W.A. Scholten arriving in June of 1883:

Arrived between June 10 1883
and July 10 1883

starts with or is

Ship Name is exactly

scholten

contains

We find:

	Series	Roll	Nbr	Year	Month	Day	Frame	Ship	Port
1	M237	467	818	1883	June	30	717	W A Scholten	Rotterdam, Netherlands



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And click on the blue W A Scholten, we get:

PASSENGERS' LIST.
The Passenger Act, 1888.

Total Number of Alien Passengers over 2 Years. 403
- between 1 and 2 Yrs. 24
- under 1 Year. 35

District of the City of New York, Port of New York.

A. S. Vis Master of the W. A. Scholten do solemnly, sincerely and truly swear
that the following List or Manifest, subscribed by me, and now delivered by me to the Collector of the Customs of the Collection District of the City of New-York, is a full and perfect list of all the passengers taken on board the said vessel at Amsterdam from which port said vessel has now arrived; and that on said list is truly designated the age, the sex, and the calling of each of said passengers, the location of the compartment or space occupied by each during the passage, the country of citizenship of each, and also the destination or location intended by each; and that said List or Manifest truly sets forth the number of said passengers who have died on said voyage, and the dates and causes of death, and the names and ages of those who died; also of the pieces of baggage of each; also a true statement, so far as it can be ascertained, with reference to the intention of each Alien passenger as to a protracted sojourn in this country. *No help me God.*

Subscribed and sworn to this June 30 1889 before me
W. A. Scholten Master of the W. A. Scholten whereof
List or Manifest Of ALL THE PASSENGERS taken on board the W. A. Scholten
is Master, from Amsterdam burthen tons.

But – I got lucky. There's a problem with Castle Garden sites and Steve Morse states it:

THE CASTLEGARDEN.ORG SITE IS FREQUENTLY NOT WORKING.

IF YOU GET THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHEN YOU DO A SEARCH FROM THIS FORM, IT MEANS THAT THEIR SITE IS DOWN

Error: connecting to database: localhost

ALL OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS CONTAINED ON THEIR SITE IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE FROM THE FOLLOWING TWO FORMS

[All New York Passengers \(1820-1957\) - ancestry](#)

[New York Passengers \(1820-1891\) - familysearch](#)



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Note also that the Castle Gardens database – and the Steve Morse search – have records that are not indexed or poorly indexed in the Ancestry and FamilySearch sites.

Steve Morse has many Immigration site index and lookup tools - If you have immigrants and want to find them, check out the many searches his tools will help you with.

Ellis Island & Castle Garden
Other Ports
US Census
Phonetic Matching
Canada/UK Census
New York Census
Vital Records
Calendar, Maps, etc
Foreign Alphabets
Holoc & East. Europe
Genetics (DNA)
Create Search Application
Publications
Awards
Biographies/Interviews
Miscellaneous

¹ Step **One-Step Webpages by [Stephen P. Morse](#)**

This site contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites but do so in more versatile ways than the search tools provided on those websites.

[Public Appearances](#) [List of Lectures](#)

[About this Website and how to use it](#)

FINDYOUR ANCESTORS		Search Billions of Records	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	INTL ▾	SEARCH ►
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCALITY	



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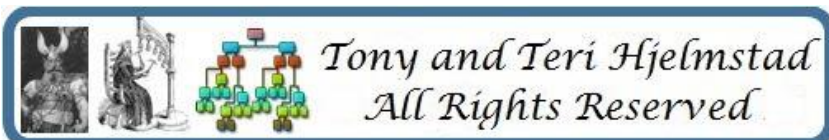
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Family history told us Hans Hjelmstad used to be a Hans Jorgensen in Norway and came from Ringsaker. Family history also told us my grandfather, Hans' son Anton, was born in Norway in 1882. Hans' daughter Thora was born in North Dakota in 1884. Hans' wife Beata died young in 1895.

I found that Hans Jorgensen and Hans Hjelmstad were the same person. It took multiple US and Norwegian records to make that conclusion. I matched up the family names and birthdates on census records, emigration and immigration records, and land records. I matched the recorded journey to the place the people came from in Norway and to where they ended up in North Dakota.

I've connected the dots . . .



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