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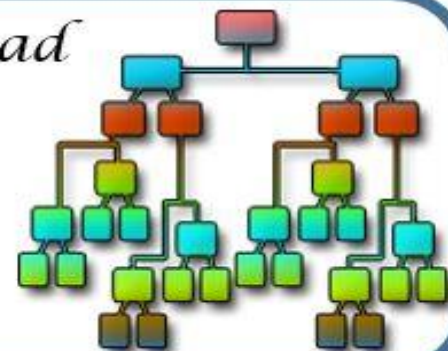
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News You Should Know

442 Ancient Viking Skeletons Hold DNA Surprises – Does Your Y or Mitochondrial DNA Match? Daily Updates Here!

<https://dna-explained.com/2020/09/18/442-ancient-viking-skeletons-hold-dna-surprises-does-your-y-or-mitochondrial-dna-match-daily-updates-here/>

442 Viking skeletons from outside Scandinavia were sequenced by Eske Willerslev's lab, producing whole genome sequences for both men and women from sites in Scotland, Ukraine, Poland, Russia, the Baltic, Iceland, Greenland and elsewhere in continental Europe. They were then compared to known Viking samples from Scandinavia.



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Sample

Sample: VK203 / Orkney_BY78, Ar. 1, sk 3

Location: [Brough Road Birsay, Orkney, Scotland, UK](#)

Age: Viking 10th century CE

Y-DNA: [R-BY10450](#)

FTDNA Comment: FT83323-

mtDNA: [H4a1a1a1a1](#)



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Try to always note your research as soon as possible!

Re: Joseph Flottesmesch - Flottesmesch - Family History & Genealogy Message Board - r
File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help
http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.flottesmesch/5.6.7
Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines
First Name: j*. Last Name: fl*. Titl_ Re: Joseph Flottesmesch - F_ Search Advanced Search
All Boards Flottesmesch - Family History & Genealogy Message Board

I spent 5 years looking for this connection from 2011-2016 – and had it all the time!

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Flottesmesch Surname

Replies: 17

Re: Joseph Flottesmesch

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Posted: 2 Dec 2004 11:09PM GMT

Classification: Query

Surnames: Flottesmesch, Wormann, Schmidt

I have church records from Holy Trinity Church listing Joseph Flottesmesch as being a witness to Bernard Henry Flottesmesch's marriage to Bernadina Schmidt on 5-18-1852. There are also several records that list various Flottesmesch's as being witnesses to baptisms and marriages that tie Joseph, Hermanus Henricus, Mary Elizabeth and Bernard together. I also have records from St. Liborius that list Hermanus Flottesmesch as witness to Gerhard Fried. Wormann and Cath. bustier's child Anna Marie Wormann. All records are from microfilm at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters.

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Upcoming Genealogy Events

- **Fjelldalen Slektforskning Klubb :**

<http://fjelldalen.com>

- June 3rd - Abbreviations on Norwegian Records
- July 3rd – How to Build a Web Site from a GedCom
- August 7 – Family Search's Personal GedCom



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Upcoming Genealogy Events

SLEKT OG DATA

<https://www.slektogdata.no/>

- Articles this month – See Newsletter Here

- **How to find the family's war history**

- Front fighters and sisters
- Find your relatives in fanger.no – Captive Norwegians during WWII
- The war sailors
- The resistance movement
- Norwegians in London
- Norwegians in Sweden
- Landssvik Archive – Traitors Archive
- The German girls – women who had relationships with German soldiers
- Did one of your relatives die during the war?
- Holocaust in Norway



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Upcoming Genealogy Events

- **The Colorado Genealogical Society(CGS)**
<https://cogensoc.us/>
- **Saturday, 15 May 2021**
 - **Researching Pre 1850 Military Records**
 - **Speaker: Diane Barbour**

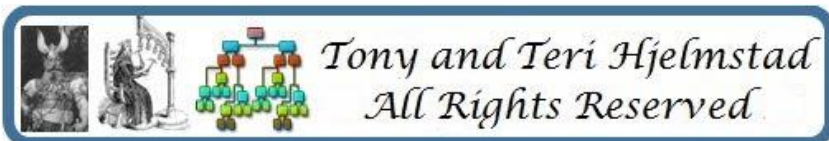
America has a robust history when it comes to war. From the days we landed on the shores of this continent, there have been wars. This is a discussion of four major pre-1850 military record groups available to the researcher that will tell your Ancestor's story. There are pension and service records, bounty records, state records and many other record groups that may provide even more about your family hero.



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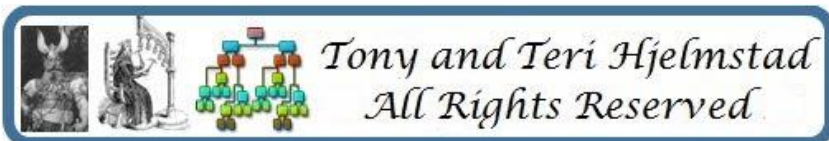
Upcoming Genealogy Events

- **Highlands Ranch Genealogical Society (HRGS)**
<https://hrgenealogy.wordpress.com>
 - • Tuesday, May 4, 2021: “Raising the Bar- Is it time to go to the next step in your research?” by Kathy Trullo.
- **National Genealogy Society (NGS)**
<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>
 - May 19-22 – Family History Conference - Deep Roots of a Nation - Online – Richmond, Virginia



Upcoming Genealogy Events

- **PALAM Seminar**
- **2021 International German Genealogy Conference**
 - July 17-24 “Researching Together Worldwide”
\$179 <https://playbacknow.regfox.com/iggp2021>



Upcoming Genealogy Events

- **Castle Rock Colorado Genealogical Society (CRCGS)** [Http://www.crcgs.org](http://www.crcgs.org)
- Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ZOOM Webinar Power of a Picture (Class) Presented by Barbara A. Lane
Registration required at www.crcgs.org.
- Saturday, May 15, 2021 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Zoom Webinar German Research Online (Program) Presented by James M. Beidler
Registration required at www.crcgs.org.
- Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. ZOOM Webinar City Directories: No Town Too Small, No Clue Too Little (Class) by Thomas McEntee
- Saturday, June 19, 2021 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Zoom Webinar All in a Day's Work: Occupational Genealogical Research presented by Michael L. Strauss
- SHARE: Sharing Help And Research Experience via Zoom Webinar
Every Monday 10 a.m. – Noon
Join us on Monday mornings to share Genealogy research roadblocks and triumphs, pick up a few trick and tips, and hear some great family stories from your fellow genealogists. Registration required at www.crcgs.org



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- **Highlands Ranch Senior Genealogical Society (HRS GS)**
 - The Highlands Ranch Senior Genealogy Club meets the third Friday of every month, except in December, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the LDS Church, 9800 Foothills Canyon Boulevard. The club is for people interested in researching genealogy and that are beginning to gather their family history. They work together, sharing research suggestions and ideas, plus applauding the success of other members. They also concentrate on gathering family histories and stories.
 - During the present health crisis, the group is meeting at the same time virtually, on Zoom. For instructions on how to join the meeting, please contact Gordon Taylor at 303-945-5737 or by email at gmtmt8@gmail.com.



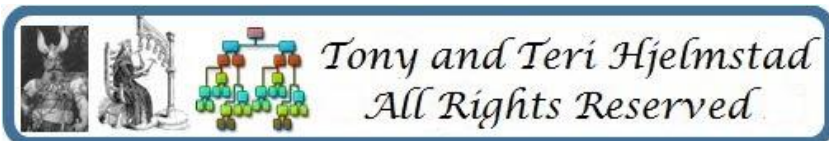
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- Housekeeping . . .
 - The handout has all the slides – when they're too small to see on the screen, use the handout.
 - This will be mostly a demonstration and then a discussion and practice.
 - All sites mentioned have their web addresses on the pages discussing those.

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- In the U.S., we normally use FindAGrave or BillionGraves to locate where people are buried
- These have some nice advantages:
 - People build monuments and put genealogy information in the monuments
 - There are photos of the cemetery and the headstones
 - There is information about where the cemetery is located and how to get to it



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- However – most Norwegian graves are not in either database for several reasons:
 - Norwegians have access to Gravminner
 - Headstones and plots are rented for 20-25 years. There is an option for a 10 year renewal if the family will pay for it. But special permission must be obtained to renew more than twice.
 - After 20-25 years, normally everything has decomposed as only wooden caskets are used and they are not placed in vaults

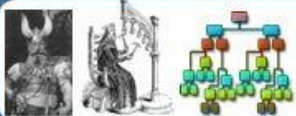
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- Between 1960 and 1979, some families had the remains “shrink-wrapped” so that they would not decompose. They hoped that this would prevent the grave from being re-used. The Norwegian government has developed methods to get around this practice and it is now banned.
- The current practice is to clear the headstones from the oldest section when the cemetery is full, and then reuse those graves.
- Therefore, some less used cemeteries will have some sections of older – longer than 25 years ago – graves.
- Renewed-lease graves will not be disturbed in this process.



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- At many kirkes, old headstones are kept and leaned or stacked along the cemetery walls. However, they are almost impossible to look at as the stacks can be of 50 or more and each headstone is very heavy. At some kirkes, the headstones have been hauled off to be broken up and re-used for construction.



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- Some kirkes will display some of their older headstones in a way which doesn't take up much space



File:Old tombstones on display at the graveyard (kirkegård) by Sør-Fron Church (Gudbrandsdalsdomen kirke 1792) Hundorp Gubrandsdalen Norway 2017-03-23 Spring sun IMG 1948.jpg From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository



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- What is in the Gravminner
 - An Index of gravestones
 - The gravestone inscription
 - The dates of their births and deaths
 - An overview of persons buried in a particular cemetery
 - Many photos of gravestones and memorials
 - Some cemetery maps



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- What is in the Gravminner
 - Every cemetery is updated every 5 years
 - Not all cemeteries are included – but are coming
 - Contains 2.7 million inscriptions and 1.7 million photos
 - Gravestones which were still standing when inventoried are included, even if removed since
 - This means cemeteries recorded early on have many records from before grave re-use



Gravminner

- What is in the Gravminner
 - Every cemetery is updated every 5 years
 - Not all cemeteries are included – but are coming
 - Contains 2.7 million inscriptions and 1.7 million photos
 - Recording gravestones is performed by volunteers.
 - The database is incomplete but is continually being supplemented.



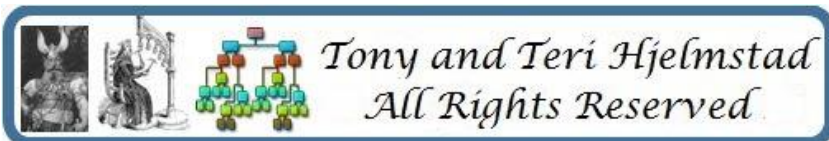
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- What is in the Gravminner
 - Supplements also include list of cemeteries and church/cemetery records which were than recorded
 - If you can't find the deceased person you are searching for, it may be because the cemetery where the gravestone lies has not yet been registered, because the person was buried after the cemetery was registered or the headstone was removed (plots in Norwegian cemeteries may be reused after a period of 20 years)



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- What is in the Gravminner
 - Gravestones which were still standing when inventoried are included, even if removed since
 - This means cemeteries recorded early on have many records from before grave re-use
 - Cemetery plots where relatives have continued to pay the rent are also recorded
 - The earliest dates I've seen are in the 1600's
 - But most recordings are for after 1900



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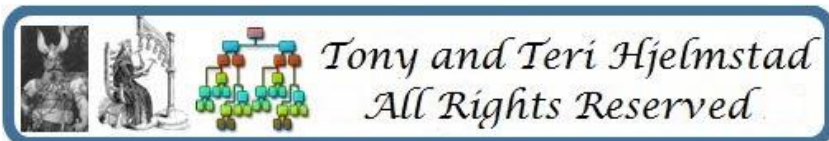
- What is in the Gravminner
 - Very few entries are also in FindAGrave or BillionGraves
 - More recently, FindAGrave-like monuments have started to appear in the Gravminner records
 - But, since Gravminner limits what can be posted, some people are taking the Gravminner information and creating FindAGrave or BillionGraves entries



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- [Find A Grave - Millions of Cemetery Records](#)
 - <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- [BillionGraves](#)
 - <https://billiongraves.com/>
- [Norway Heritage Community - Cemeteries in Norway](#)
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Walzs from Mahanomen
 Hjelmstads from Milton



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