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Tracking an Emigrant

The steps our Immigrants had to do to leave

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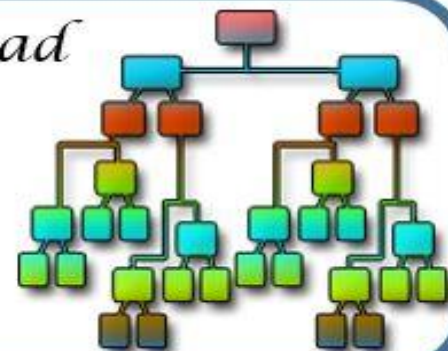
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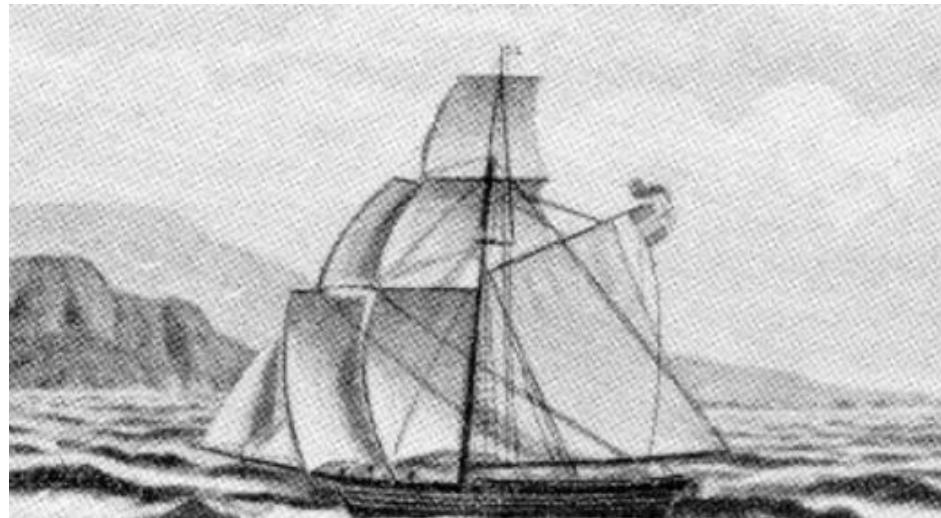
- This is a lecture
- This is designed to take about an hour
 - Questions will be taken and answered or postponed if we will cover them later
 - Questions about your people will be handled after as time permits



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- Major emigration from Norway started in 1825 when a small group of 52 Norwegian Quakers led by Cleng Persson, left Stavanger on the sloop “Restaurationen”. About 8-900,000 persons have left Norway to start a new life in America.



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- The emigration process (will discuss variations over the years soon):
 - Permission from father, grandfather, uncle, older brother – usually no documentation
 - Permission from the Priest / Pastor – parish record
 - Receive a moving certificate, proof of vaccination and confirmation – only after 1891-ish, handled by shipping agent
 - Purchase a ticket for entire trip or have a paid ticket – handled by shipping agent – usually a record
 - Prove you had money - \$50 equivalent - handled by shipping agent – usually a record



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- The trip:
 - Most people did not live close to the port of departure and had to travel by any means – boat, buggy, horse, or boat - some distance.
 - The trip to America:
 - Sailboat: about 2 months
 - Steamboat: about 2-3 weeks
 - First stop on the trip was usually Hull, England, where they would go by rail to Liverpool and board another boat to America.
 - Most Norwegians left from Oslo, while others left from main ports like Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim, Målselv and Bardu



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- Immigration laws:
 - From 1824: captains were to ensure there were no dumping of “poor immigrants”
 - 1875: no criminals, prostitutes, or Chinese contract workers were allowed
 - 1882: no insane, crazy, or poor were allowed
 - 1891: no one with contagious diseases, TB, or physical defects were allowed - all would have to go through a “physical” when they arrived.



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- Beginning a new life in America:
 - Visit the Land office: put up a claim or purchase land from a broker or use land already secured by relatives or friends
 - The covered wagon was the home for a while, then a small shack or tent, later a dugout or sod house.
 - Many built near a spring or creek for water, and near a hill or edge of wood for protection and easy supply of wood (for fire and building).



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- Emigration Timeline

- From early times Norwegians have traveled the seas and have been known for their expertise as sailors. The emigrants who left Norway before 1825, generally traveled to other countries and ports in Europe and left from there.
- 1600s: Norwegians traveled to Holland (some settled there), people from Holland traveled to Norway (many settled there), and several Norwegians immigrated to America with the Dutch. History states that Norwegians serving in the Dutch Marine were the Netherland's best sailors.



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- Emigration Timeline

- 1624: Norwegians traveled with the Dutch to New Amsterdam (New York) and established a colony of Norwegian immigrants in New Jersey, at the site of the present city of Bergen.
- 1633: New Netherland's colony - Norwegians came over in Dutch ships and settled in the Dutch colony. In 1700 there were a number of families of Norwegian and Danish descent living in New York. In 1740, Norwegian Moravians took part in founding a colony at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- 1747: One colony was settled at Bethabara, North Carolina.
- 1825: The first emigrant ship left Norway.



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- Emigration Timeline
 - 1836: The real wave of emigration started.
 - 1836-1865: An estimated 200,000 emigrants left Norway during this period. Groups of emigrants came from every county and community. Every spring, ships left from ports all over Norway. In this early period the emigrants sailed to their various destinations, supplying themselves with food and commodities for a trip that could last as long as three months. The numbers of emigrants to America declined during the civil war years.
 - 1866-1920: During this time period 700,000 people left Norway on steamships from the ports of Kristiania (Oslo), Bergen, Trondheim, and Stavanger . Most emigrants sailed to Hull, England; then traveled by train to Liverpool, England. From there they sailed to the United States and Canada. Steamships took only two to three weeks instead of three months, so emigration increased. However, emigration declined in the mid-1870s because of a recession in the United States.



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- Process!!!
 - You will waste a lot of time if you haven't "proved" your immigrants name and have some idea of where they came from!
 - Patronymic naming and the fact that many immigrants may have "tried on" many names before settling on the one you know means that you could chase the wrong goose.
 - Get Immigration, naturalization, homestead, and census records for your immigrant before starting this!!!!



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- Emigration Records
 - Census records
 - Parish records
 - Ship's Agent and Steamship Line records
 - Passenger lists
 - Departing
 - Arrivals
 - Immigration records
 - Naturalization records
 - Homestead / Land / GLO records



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- Prior to 1867 – work backwards
 - Check U.S. Census records
 - Check for Naturalization records in state to get approximate date
 - Check GLO for land purchases or Homestead records to get approximate date
 - Check arrival records at Boston, New York, and New Orleans.
 - Check the Norway-Heritage web site and the Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild web site
 - No passenger lists exist for any of the Norwegian ports before 1867. Prior to this time, emigrants left in groups and generally bought or chartered a ship and left from almost any of Norway's many ports.
 - Check the Utvandrerliste - Udflyttede records – out-migrated – records for the fylke and parish. However, few online records go back further than 1865.



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- After 1867 - Work Backwards
 - Check U.S. Census records which should show approximate immigration date
 - Check for a Naturalization Record
 - That should show port of entry, date, and may show the ship name
 - Check GLO for land purchases or Homestead records to get approximate date
 - Check Immigration records – New York, St. Albans, and New Orleans
 - Check the Norway-Heritage web site and the Immigrant Ship Transcribers Guild web site



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- After 1867 - continued
 - Check the Emigranter list for the port in Norway – guess the port based on Geography if ship still not found
 - Check the Utvandrerliste - Udflyttede records – out-migrated – records for the fylke and parish.
 - Check the Parish records for births, confirmations, and marriages and the Census records for the fylke and parish



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- To check Census Records, use Family Search or Ancestry
- To check Naturalization Records, use Family Search, Ancestry, and check for State or local Genealogy Society records
- To Check GLO, use [Home - BLM GLO Records](https://glorerecords.blm.gov/) - <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/>
- To check Land records – check with the county they settled in



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- To check Homestead records - if you are researching homesteads in Alaska, Arizona, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Wyoming, and/or Utah, you can search for their homestead records (up to 1908) at the [Heritage Center](https://www.nps.gov/home/heritagecenter.htm) (<https://www.nps.gov/home/heritagecenter.htm>) for free. You may also search for digitized homestead records from your own computer on [Fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) (<http://www.fold3.com/institution-index.php>) and [Ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) (<http://www.ancestry.com/>), both of which require a subscription for these premium records. Patent information can be found on the Bureau of Land Management's [General Land Office Records website](https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx) (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>) - GLO - for all states.



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- To Check Arrival Records
 - Use Family Search
 - [New York Passenger Lists \(Castle Garden\) 1820–1891](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8025)
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1849782?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8025>
 - [New York Passenger Arrival Lists \(Ellis Island\) 1892–1924](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1368704?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8026)
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1368704?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8026>
 - [New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925–1957](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1923888?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8027)
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1923888?collectionNameFilter=false&cid=bl-fsup-8027>
 - [Massachusetts, Boston Passenger Lists, 1891-1943 • FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1923995)
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1923995>
 - [Louisiana, New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945 • FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916009)
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916009>
 - [United States Border Crossings from Canada to United States, 1895-1956 • FamilySearch](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1803785)
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- To Check Arrival Records
 - Use The Norway Heritage site - [Passenger lists and Emigrant ships from Norway Heritage](http://norwayheritage.com/) - <http://norwayheritage.com/>
 - Use the Immigrant Ship Transcribers Site - [Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild](https://immigrantships.net/) - <https://immigrantships.net/>
 - Use the Castle Gardens Search at the Steve Morris Site - [Ship Lists: Searching for Ships in the Castle Garden Microfilms in One Step \(stevemorse.org\)](https://stevemorse.org/ellis/boat2.html) - <https://stevemorse.org/ellis/boat2.html>



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- When using the DigitalArkivet
 - Remember that not all records are searchable
 - If you are not finding something:
 - Use the Find Source search to check if the records for that place and time are searchable, viewable, or not there.
 - Go to DigitalArkivet and select Find Source, fill in location and category and time period.
 - Simplify the Name – Al* for Alice, Ant* for Anton or Anthony, Eri* for Eric or Erick or Erik (remember Ehrick), etc
 - Remove trailing parts of patronymic such as son, sen, datter, dottir and replace with *
 - One S or L or N or T can be two SS, LL, NN, TT
 - J and I are often interchanged



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- To Check the Emigranter list
 - Go to DigitalArkivet and select Detailed Person Search
 - Fill in some first and last name data
 - Use Wildcards and partial names. Use the name on the Passenger list if you have it.
 - Select a Category of Emigration Records – Select All
 - Fill in a Period range
 - If you are sure of the port, fill in Geography



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- To Check the Utvandrerliste - Udflyttede records
 - Go to DigitalArkivet and select Detailed Person Search
 - Fill in some first and last name data
 - Use Wildcards and partial names. Use the name on the Passenger list if you have it.
 - Select a Category of Parish Records – Out-Migrated
 - Fill in a Period range
 - If you are sure of the fylke and/or parish, fill in Geography
- To check birth, confirmation, and marriage - do the same process



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United States of America,
 TERRITORY OF DAKOTA,
 County of Walsh.

Hans Jorgensen personally appeared before the undersigned, the Clerk of the District Court of Walsh County, Dakota Territory, being a Court of Record, and made oath that he was born in *Norway* on or about the year *1840* and that he emigrated to the United States, and landed at the port of *New York* on or about the month of *July* in the year *Eighteen Hundred and eighty three* that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the *King of Norway & Sweden* whereof he is a subject, and that he will support the Constitution and Government of the United States.

Subscribed and sworn to this *5th* day of *October* 1883, *Hans Jorgensen*

Mr. *Hans Jorgensen* having paid the fees, has this day filed in this Office his Declaratory Statement, No. *6615* for *1/2 Sec 35 and NE 1/4 Sec 26* section *26* township *160 N* of range *57 W* containing *120* acres, settled upon *July 10*, 1883, being *un* offered.

in such case made and provided; that as appears from the Distribution the above named decedent **Hans J. Hjelmstad**, a resident of East Alma Township, Cavalier County, North Dakota that the residue of said estate consists of the following real estate situated in said County and State, to-wit:

- SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 35, Township 160, Range 57
- NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 35, Township 160, Range 57
- SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 24, Township 160, Range 57
- NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 25, Township 160, Range 57
- NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 26, Township 160, Range 57
- NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 26, Township 160, Range 57
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67 R 1 *Debr* *Mr. Hans Jorgensen* *1/2 range 57* *Hjelmstad* *21* *Jorge*
Jr. Beate Jorgensen *f. el.* *Holvig* *27* *Johann Torvaldsen*
J. Heuberg


35 *3/3* *23/4* *Anton* *Hans Jorgensen, Jr.*
Beate Thorvaldsen

Emigranter over Kristiania 1871-1930 ny

Ar	Side	Linjnr	Lp nr.	Ny fam. gr.	Kontr dato	Reisedato	Forenamm	Etternamn	Sivilstand	Fam. stilling	Yrke	Kjonn	Alder	Heimstad	
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71131	1883	142	5	5430	1	08.06.1883	09.06.1883	Peder Peders.	g			Arb	m	27	Osen
71132	1883	142	6	5431a	1	08.06.1883	09.06.1883	Hans J. Hjelmstad	g			Arb	m	27	Ringsaker
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71135	1883	142	9	5431d		08.06.1883	09.06.1883	Anton Hjelmstad		B.		m	11m	Ringsaker	
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500 *Hans Hjelmstad* *all labour*
1 *Jorgen* *5*
2 *Ingeborg* *4*
3 *Anton* *1*
4 *Beate* *30* *5*
300 *Christine* *3*

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- Resources
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 - Norwegian Emigrant Center Foundation
 - [Home - Emigration Center](https://www.emigrationcenter.com/) - <https://www.emigrationcenter.com/>
 - Norwegian Emigrant Museum
 - [Norwegian Emigrant Museum \(utvandremuseet.no\)](https://utvandremuseet.no/) - <https://utvandremuseet.no/en>
 - DigitalArkivet - <http://www.digitalarkivet.no/>
 - Norway-Heritage: Hands across the sea - <http://www.norwayheritage.com/>
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