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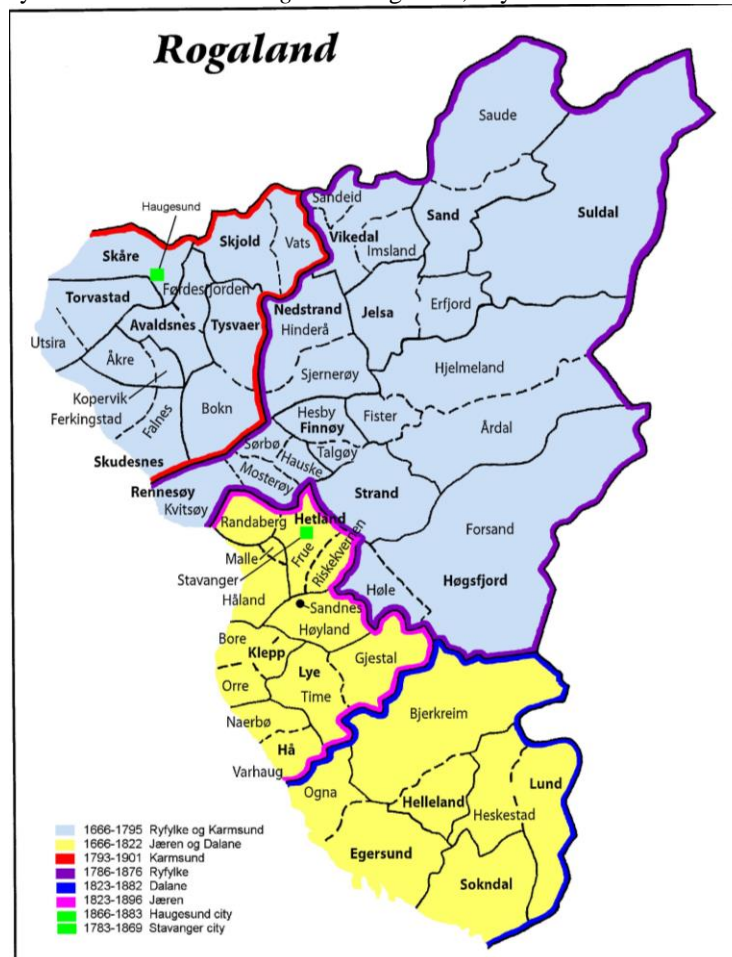
ANASON FAMILY

INTRODUCTION

The Anason family has its roots in Rogaland County, in western Norway. Western Norway is the area which had the greatest emigration to the United States. The County of Rogaland, formerly named Stavanger, lies at Norway's southwestern tip, with the North Sea washing its fjords, beaches and islands. The name Rogaland means "the land of the Ryger," an old Germanic tribe. The Ryger tribe is believed to have settled there 2,000 years ago. The meaning of the tribal name is uncertain. Rogaland was called Rygiafylke in the Viking age.

The earliest known members of the Anason family came from a region of Rogaland that has since become part of Vest-Agder County. From the eastern border region they moved west to Strand Parish. Originally Norway was divided into provinces, districts and parishes. Many of the parishes have survived as governmental units equivalent to a township in the United States. At the time Thormod Anason emigrated in 1869, Rogaland County was still called Stavanger County.

Stavanger is from Old Norse - *Staven* meaning the staff is a common name of high and steep mountains in Norway. The last element is *angr* meaning 'inlet, bay'.



Later generations of Anasons were born on the Store Auglend farm in Høle Parish which was a subparish of Strand Parish. The original Auglend farm was divided into Lille (little) and Store (big) Auglend in the 1500s. Oluf Rygh's *Norwegian Farm Names* gives the following information:

v.10, p.216

15. 17. Auglend lille og store. Udt. au2glænn. -- Oucklandt
1563. 1602. Lille Øgland, Øgland 1610. Lille og Str. Vgland 1661.
Lille og St. Ugland 1723.

http://www.dokpro.uio.no/perl/navnegransking/rygh_ng/rygh_visetekst.prl?s=e&Vise=S how&KRYSS158075@35605=on

“Oluf Rygh is best known for creation of *Norske Gaardnavne* (Norwegian Farm Names), which is a 19 volume set of books based on a manuscript prepared from 1897 to 1924. The book contains a standardized notation, information on pronunciation, historical forms and the [etymology](#) for recorded farm, estate and manor names in [Norway](#), which became the standard for place names in Norway” (Wikipedia).

Strand clerical district records begin in 1702. These records include the parishes of Strand, Jørpeland and Høle with Forsand. Forsand (Fossan) was divided from Høle in 1852 and became its own parish. Høle and Forsand were divided from Strand clerical district in 1864 and became the parishes in the new Høgsfjord, clerical district (FamilySearch).

The Strand Parish is part of a traditional district in Norway called Ryfylke, which is located northeast of Stavanger and east of Haugesund. In the east it borders Setesdal and Sirdal in Vest-Agder County. Ryfylke comprises the contemporary municipalities of Sauda, Suldal, Finnøy, Hjelmeland, Forsand, Strand, Kvitsøy and Rennesøy (FamilySearch).

At the time of the 1865 Norwegian census, the Anason family had moved to a neighboring parish, Hetland and were living on the Løvass (pronounced “lervass”) farm.

Hetland, a former municipality in Rogaland county, was created in 1837. On January 1, 1965, the districts of Riska and Dale became a part of Sandnes. The rest of Hetland was incorporated into Stavanger (FamilySearch).

A major source for information on Norwegian families is Digitalarkivet (Digital Archives), the Norwegian National Archives web site for digitized archive material. Resources include extracted birth, marriage, census, and immigration records by county. The 1801 and 1865 Norwegian censuses are particularly useful. The International Genealogical Index provided by FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org) has extracted the church records for the Anason family.

Finding the records depends on ferreting out which parish they may have been living in at the time. The earliest members of the family that lived along the border between Rogaland and Vest-Agder are found first in Lund Parish in Rogaland and then in Bakke Parish in Vest-Agder while still living in the same community of farms. I had to search broadly in both counties to locate those early records. The online bygdebok made available by Dis-Norge for the Auglend farm in Strand Parish provided baptism dates for Halvar Tolleivson and Aasa Torkelsdtr. and their marriage date and a list of their children born in the 1750s and 1760s.

Halvor and Aasa's baptism dates were found in the Lund Parish records and their marriage record and the dates of baptism for their first four children were found in the

Bakke Parish records. Comparing the information found in the bygdebok and the parish records allowed me to make the correct identifications.

Names are a challenge in researching the Norwegian families before 1900. Each generation changed the last name. Thus Halvar Tolleivson's son, Torkel, became Torkel Halvarson. The farm name is very important in identifying your family in Norway. Halvar Tolleivson (Tjørhom) Store Auglend was born on the Tjørhom farm and was associated with the Store Auglend farm as renter or owner. This becomes more difficult if they moved many times because they were renters. Each time they moved, they were identified by a different farm name. When Halvar was married, he was Halvar Tjørhom. When his first four children were born, he was Halvar Ousdal. When his last four children were born, he was Halvar Store (big) Auglend.

When I am identifying heads of families and the other family members, I try to use the farm that they owned or one where the majority of the children were born or raised. I include the farm they were born in parentheses. For example, Halvar Tolleivson (Tjørhom – birth place farm) Store Auglend – his residence.

The last farm they lived on before they immigrated to America quite often became the source for their name in America. This was not the case for the Anasons. The immigrant ancestor was Thormod, the son of Anas. Anason is a more distinctive name than Olson (Ole's son) or Johnson (John's son) and was easier for an English speaker to pronounce than a farm name such as Løvass. My family initially used the name Johnson. Because of the confusion caused by many other families using the name Johnson, they settled on Onsager. Their other choice might have been Braaten, the name of the rental place on the Onsager farm which they occupied at the time of emigration.

The name problem in this case is complicated by the fact that the Norwegian government changed the names of the parish or municipality they lived in several times and also changed the county boundaries. To provide a more complete identification of Halvar would require calling him Halvar Tolleivson (Tjørhom, Sirdal, Vest-Agder) Store Auglend, Strand, Hole, Rogaland. Sirdal is the present name for the area that was first called Lund Parish and then Bakke Parish.

Sources in the US include the census records, church records, cemetery records, land records, published obituaries, other genealogies and interviews with family members such as Anna Anason and Gaylord and Dorothy (Onsager) Anason.

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FIRST GENERATION

Halvar Tolleivson (Tjørhom) Store Auglend

1 Halvor, the son of Tolleiv Tjørhom, was born in 1724 on the Tjørhom farm in Lund Parish, Rogaland County (present Sirdal Parish, Vest-Agder County), Norway. He was baptized on October 22, 1724 (Nor. Bapt., 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Sirdal (Old Norse – Sirudair) is named for the Sira River valley. Dair means valley or dale. Sirdal borders on Rogaland County to the west. From the earliest Christian times the region now called Sirdal Parish was divided by the river Sira between the counties of Rogaland and Vest-Agder. In 1837, the Norwegian government decided that every parish should also be a secular municipality and that a municipality should belong to one county. At first, Sirdal was divided into two municipalities, one part of Rogaland and one part of Vest-Agder. Because separately they had very few inhabitants, it was decided in 1839 to re-join the two municipalities and the county boundaries were altered in favor of Vest-Agder.

The earliest records for Sirdal are found in Lund Parish in Rogaland County. The Lund digitized images are available for 1724 to 1760. Bakke Clerical district was separated from Lund in 1741. Many of the early records for this region have been transcribed and are part of the FamilySearch database. Halvar and Aase's baptism records are found in Lund. Their marriage record is found in the Bakke records.

Bakke is a former municipality in Vest-Agder county. It is located along the eastern shore of Lundeavatn along the Rogaland County border (FamilySearch.org; Wikipedia).



Sirdal within Vest-Agder



Vest-Agder within Norway

Vest-Agder is the southernmost county in Norway bordered by Rogaland on the west and Aust-Agder to the east. Most of the population is along the coast. Sirdal is part of the mountainous and sparsely settled region in the north.

Agder derives from the Old Norse word *Agðir*. It is the name of an historical district which was divided into Vest (west) and Aust (east) Agder. In the early Viking Age, Agðir was a petty kingdom. Nothing in Old Norse gives any hint as to the meaning of the word (Wikipedia).

Halvar was married on June 4, 1748 in Bakke Parish in Vest-Agder County to Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli (Norway Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>). Halvar was 25 and Aasa was 18.

Aasa, the daughter of Torchild (Torkel) Omlie (Aamli), was born in 1730 on the Aamli (Omli) farm in present Sirdal Parish, Vest-Agder County, Norway. She was baptized on May 7, 1730 in the Lund Parish in Rogaland County (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Halvar and Aase initially lived on the Ousdahl/Ousdal/Ourdal farm in Tonstad local parish, Bakke main parish in Vest-Agder County. They had four children born on the Ousdal farm between 1750 and 1760.

Between 1760 and 1763, Halvar and Aase moved to the Store Auglend farm in the Høle Parish in Rogaland County, Norway. Here they had 4 more children, born between 1763 and 1772.

Aasa died in 1775 on the Store Auglend farm at the age of 45 (perhaps in child birth?). She was buried on September 24, 1775. Aasa's estate was probated on October 21, 1775 (Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Halvar Tolleivson Oglend (Auglend) was married, second, on June 15, 1777 in Strand subparish, Hole main parish, Stavanger County, Norway to Ingeborg Eriksdtr. Litle Oglend (Auglend) (Strand digitized parish records, Digitalarkivet, http://www.arkivverket.no/URN:kb_read?show=86&uid=176743&urnread_imagesize=full&hode=nei&ls=1&lc=x%259CK%25B42%25B2%25AA.%25B62%25B4R%25CAT%25B2.%25B62%25B5R24%25B5%25B00%2503%25B1%2581b%25C5J%25D6%2599V%2516f%25D6%25B5%2500%25C9r%2509%25FD).

Ingeborg Eriksdatter's baptism record is incorrect in the Auglend farm bygdebok record. Although both the marriage record and the bygdebok record list her as from the Litle (little) Auglend farm, I can not identify her parents.

Halvar died in 1799 at the age of 76. He was buried on March 10, 1799 (Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Ingeborg's death date is presently unknown.

Children by Aase (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org):

- 2 Tollef, bp. June 7, 1750, Ousdal farm, Bakke Parish, Vest-Agder Co.
- 3 Torkel, bp. Apr 8, 1753, Ousdal farm, Bakke Parish, Vest-Agder Co.
- 4 Helga, bp. Jan 1, 1756, Ousdal farm, Bakke Parish, Vest-Agder Co.
Siri, bp. May 15, 1760, Ousdal farm, Bakke Parish, Vest-Agder Co; d. 1772, age 12; buried on Feb 23, 1772.
- 6 Siri, bp Jun 24, 1763, Store Auglend farm, Strand Parish, Rogaland Co.
- 7 Todni, b. c1767/8, Store Auglend farm, Strand Parish, Rogaland Co.
- 8 Joren, b. c1769, Store Auglend farm, Strand Parish, Rogaland Co.
- 9 Siri dy, bp. Mar 21, 1772, Store Auglend farm, Strand Parish, Rogaland Co.

SECOND GENERATION

Tolleiv Halvarson (Store Auglend) Bersagel

2 Tolleiv, the son of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1749. He was baptized on June 7, 1750 in Bakke (present Sirdal) Parish, Vest-Agder County, Norway (age 47 when he died in 1796; Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Tolleiv was married on May 27, 1776 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County to Kari Osmundsdr. Tolleiv was about 26 or 27 and Kari was 52.

Kari, the daughter of Osmund Torkelson Bersagel and Ingeborg Mikkelsdtr., was baptized on December 19, 1723 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Kari was married, first, on June 6, 1744 in Strand Parish to Anders Guttormson. Kari was 20 and Anders was 19.

Anders Guttormson was probably born in 1724 on the Nedre Espedal farm in the Forsand subparish, Strand main parish in Rogaland County. He was baptized on July 9, 1724 in Strand Parish in Rogaland County.

Anders and Kari had three children on the Bersagel farm between 1745 and 1749 (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>). Kari's father, Osmund, was a land owner on the Bersagel farm. Osmund died at age 90 in 1771 and was buried on February 3, 1771 (Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Ander Guttormson probably died between 1749 and 1752. Kari was married, second, about 1752 probably in Strand Parish to Haaver Torstenson from Ovre Espedal, Forsand subparish, Strand Parish (Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>; no marriage record located in FamilySearch.org or the digitized parish records).

Kari and Haaver had two children on the Bersagel farm between 1753 and 1758 (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Haaver died in 1774 (Bersagel farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Tollef and Kari did not have any children since Kari was beyond child bearing age. Marrying Kari would have been Tollef's opportunity to become a farm owner.

Tollef probably died on November 13, 1796 in Rogaland County at the age of 47 (b. 1749, Norway Burials, 1660-1927, FamilySearch.org).

Karen Osmundsdr., age 78, widow, 3rd marriage, is listed in the 1801 census for the Bertsagel (Bersagel) farm as a "Nyder folge" (a previous owner receiving a pension from the new owner of the farm). Karen was living in the household of her sister-in-law, Siri Halvorsdr.

Kari Osmundsdr., age 82, was buried on January 1, 1806 in Rogaland County (Norway Burials, 1660-1927, FamilySearch.org). This is probably a correct identification.

SECOND GENERATION

Torkel/Torkild Halvorsen Store Auglend

3 Torkel, the son of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (**1**) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1750 (age 50, 1801 census – 1751; age 67, May 1817 - 1750). He was baptized on April 8, 1753 in Bakke (present Sirdal) Parish, Vest-Agder County, Norway (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).



Torchild Halvorsen Oglund was married on May 20, 1781 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway to **Magle Tormodsdatter Meeling** (Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway digitized parish record, Digitalarkivet; Norwegian Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org).

Magle, the daughter of Tormod Rasmussen Meling and Magla Tormodsdr, was born about 1756 on the Meling farm in Forsand Parish in Rogaland County, Norway.

Forsand Parish is now part of the Hogsfjord Kommune. Forsand and Hole parishes were part of the Strand Parish until 1864. Forsand was separated from Høle on January 1, 1871. The municipality (originally the parish) is named after the old *Forsandr* farm (Old Norse: *Forsandr*), since the first church was built there. The first element is the prefix *for* which means "outsticking" and the last element is *sandr* which means "sand" or "sandy beach". Before 1918, the name was written "*Fossan*" (Wikipedia).



Forsand in Rogaland County

Magle was confirmed at age 16 in 1770 which would make her birth year, 1754, however both her age in the 1801 census and her age at death would make her birth year 1756 (1801 census; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Torkel Halvarson and Magla Tormodsdatter had four children on the Store Auglend farm between 1781 and 1795 (FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Torkild Halvorsen, 50, 1st marriage, a farm owner, is listed as head of the first household on the Ugland (Auglend) Store farm, Hølle Sokn (local parish), Strand Prestegjeld (main parish), Stavanger (present Rogaland) Amt (County) in the 1801 census with his wife, Magla Thormodsdr., 45, 1st marriage, their children, Thormod, 20, unmarried, Aase (f), 12, Marthe, 10 and Magle, 6, second household: a husband with land, Torge Olsen, 52, 1st marriage, his wife, Anna Olsdr., 46, and their daughter, Anna, 10.

Torkel Halvarson, 67, died on May 19, 1817 and was buried on May 26, 1817. He was the married (gift) farm owner (gaardmand) on the Store Auglend farm (Ministerialbok, Høle subparish, Strand Parish, Rogaland, Norway, digitized parish record, Digitalarkivet).

Widow Magla Tormodsdatter was married, second, on July 15, 1820 to Bachelor Jon Jonson Frøyland of Frue Sogn, Riska district (Høle subparish, Strand Parish, Rogaland, Norway, digitized parish record, Digitalarkivet). Magla was 64 and Jon was 30.

Magla Tormodsdatter died on February 24, 1822 and was buried on March 10, 1822 in Høle subparish, Strand mainparish, Rogaland County, Norway. She was identified as the farm owner's wife. Magla was 65 and $\frac{3}{4}$ years old (Klokkebok, Høle subparish, Strand Parish, Rogaland, Norway, digitized parish record, Digitalarkivet).

Known children (Extracted records, Familysearch.org):

- 10** Tormod, b. 1781, Store Augland farm; bp. Aug 19, 1781, Høle subparish, Strand Parish; listed in 1801 census, age 20, unmarried.
Aasa (f), b. 1788, Store Augland farm; bp. Oct 5, 1788, Strand Parish; listed in 1801 census, age 12.
Marta/Marthe, b. 1791, Store Augland farm; bp. Jul 24, 1791, Strand Parish; listed in 1801 census, age 10.
Magla, b. 1795, Store Augland farm; bp. Sep 13, 1795, Strand Parish; listed in 1801 census, age 6.

SECOND GENERATION

Helga Halvarsdtr. (Store Augland) Melberg

4 Helga, the daughter of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1756 on the Ousdal farm. She was baptized on January 1, 1756 in Bakke Parish, Vest-Agder County, Norway (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Helga Halvorsdatter was married on June 11, 1780 in Strand Parish to Torger Gunnarson Songesand (Norway Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>). Helga was 24 and Torger was 31.

Torger, the son of Gunder Sangesand (Songesand), was born about 1749 on the Sangesand farm. He was baptized on March 29, 1749 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>). His mother may have been Ingeborg Knutsdtr. A Gunder Tolleivson Songesand was married on October 18, 1733 in Strand Parish to Ingeborg Knutsdtr. (Norway Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org).

Helga and Torger were living on the Augland farm in Hole local parish, Strand main parish in 1781 where their first child was born. From there they moved to the Melberg farm in Strand local parish, Strand Parish.

Torger Gundersen, 51, 1st marriage, farmer and owner, is listed as head of household no. 2 in the 1801 census for Molberg (Melberg, Malberg) farm, Strand local parish, Strand Parish, Stavanger County, Norway with his wife, Helga Halvorsdtr., 46, 1st marriage, their sons, Halvor, 20, unmarried, Torger, 8, Tollef, 2, and daughter, Aase, 16.

Helga and Torger's death dates are presently unknown.
Children (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>):

Halvor, b. Store Auglend farm, Hole local parish; bp. Jan 14/19, 1781, Strand; age 20, unmarried, 1801 census.

Aase, b. Malberg farm, Strand local parish; bp. Dec 31, 1784, Strand; age 16, 1801 census.

Ingeborg, b. Malberg farm, Strand local parish; bp. Feb 20, 1791, Strand; d. before 1801.

Torger, b. Melberg farm, Strand local parish; bp. Apr 15, 1792, Strand; age 8, 1801 census.

Tollef, b. Malberg farm, Strand local parish; bp. Jul 24, 1798, Strand; age 2, 1801 census.

SECOND GENERATION

Siri Halvarsdtr. (Store Auglend) Breivik

6 Siri, the daughter of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1763 on the Store Auglend farm. She was baptized on June 24, 1763 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>).

Siri was married, first, on May 29, 1785 in Strand Parish to Isak Toreson Breivik (Norway Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org; Auglend farm, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/auglend.htm>). Siri was about 22 and Isak was about 23.

Isak, the son of Tore Isakson (Lerang) Breivik and Marite Sivertsdtr., was born about 1762 on the Breivik farm and baptized on December 17, 1762 in Strand Parish (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Breivik farm nos. 6 & 8, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/breivik.htm>).

Siri and Isak had five children on the Breivik farm between 1786 and 1797. Isach Thorsen, born 1762, was buried on February 2, 1800 in Rogaland County (Norway Burials, 1666-1927).

Siri was married, second, on May 25, 1801 in the Strand Parish to Knud Erikson Breivik (Norway Marriages, 1660-1926, FamilySearch.org; Breivik farm no. 9, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/breivik.htm>). Siri was 38 and Knud was 26.

Knud Erikson, the son of Erik Knudson Faareholmen and Tyri Torkelsdtr. Aspøy, was born in 1775 on the Faareholmen farm and baptized on May 12, 1775 in Strand [His parents had a child, Knut Erikson, bp. Jan 9, 1774, Strand; buried Feb 19, 1774.] (Faareholmen farm no. 4, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/faareholmen.htm>)

Knud Eriksen, 27, 1st marriage, a huusmand med jord (renter with land rights), is listed as head of the 7th household (1st renter) in the 1801 census for the Bertsagel (Bersagel) farm, Høle local parish, Strand Parish, Stavanger County, Norway with his wife, Siri Halvorsdtr., 38, 2nd marriage, and her children, Thore Isachsen, 8, Halvor Isachsen, 4, and Martha Isachsdr., 11.

Since Knut took over the Breivik farm after Siri's first husband, they may have had to wait for Isak's estate to be probated to determine who would inherit the farm.

Siri and Knud had three children on the Breivik farm between 1801 and 1807 (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org; Breivik farm no. 9, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/breivik.htm>).

Knud died on August 1, 1824 and Siri died on December 3, 1824 (Breivik farm no. 9, Høle Parish Bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/breivik.htm>).

Children by Isak:

Aasa, bp. Jun 4, 1786, Strand Parish.

Marite (Marta, Martha), bp. Jan 3, 1790, Strand Parish; m. Mar 17, 1816,

Sivert/Sjur Toreson Breivik, as his 2nd wife (Sjur was her father's brother).

Tore, bp. Mar 24, 1793, Strand Parish.

Halvar, bp. Dec 17, 1796, Strand Parish; d. Jun 26, 1796.

Halvar, bp. Mar/Apr 1797, Strand Parish.

Children by Knud:

Isak/Isach, bp. Sep 27, 1801, Strand Parish.

Torri Aaseline, bp. Jun 10, 1804, Strand Parish.

Erik, b. Feb 16, 1807; bp. Feb 16, 1807, Strand Parish.

SECOND GENERATION

Todni Halvarsdtr. (Store Auglend) Husabø

7 Todni, the daughter of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1767/8 on the Store Auglend farm in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (no baptism record found on FamilySearch; listed as a daughter in the Høle Bygdebok).

Todni Halvarsdtr. was married on April 18, 1790 in Strand Parish to Torger Hansson Bersagel, as his third wife. Todni was about 22 and Torger was 38.

Torger, the son of Hans Torgerson (Haukali) Bersagel and Anna Toresdtr. Vika, was born in 1751 on the Bersagel farm. He was baptized on June 27, 1751 in Strand Parish.

Torger was married, first, on November 21, 1779 in Strand Parish to Ingeborg Olsdtr., his first cousin. Ingeborg, the daughter of Ole Rasmussen and Gunhild Toresdtr. Vika, was born in 1755. They had two children, born in 1779 and 1781. Ingeborg died in 1782 at about age 27 (Husabø farm no. 9, Høle Bygdebok <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/husabo.htm>).

Torger was married, second, on November 13, 1785 to Siri Tormodsdr. Harbo Fossan, the widow of Kolbein Toreson Husabø. They had one child in 1786. Both Siri and the child were buried on November 25, 1787. Siri was 34 (FamilySearch.org; Husabø farm no. 9, Høle Bygdebok <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/husabo.htm>).

Torger had a son, Tore, with his first wife's sister, Gunhild Olsdtr. Tore was baptized on March 3, 1788. Gunhild, born in 1759, was married to Endre Lydikson (Idso) Aadnoy Store at the time (FamilySearch.org; Aadnoy Store farm nos. 10 & 11, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/aadnoys.htm>).

Torger and Todni had four children on the Aadnoy Store farm between 1791 and 1800.

Torger Hansen, 51, 3rd marriage, farmer and owner, is listed as head of household no. 3 in the 1801 census for the Arnøe Store farm, Hølle local parish, Strand Parish, Stavanger County, Norway with his wife, Todni Halvorsdtr., 36, 1st marriage, there children, Halvor, 8, Ingeborg, 10, Aase, 5, Todni, 1, and his daughter, Anna, 22, unmarried (by 1st wife).

Sometime after 1801, Torger and Todni moved to the Husabø farm (Husabø farm no. 9, Høle Bygdebok <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/husabo.htm>).

Torger and Todni's death dates are unknown.

Children:

- Ingeborg, bp. Mar 17, 1791, Strand; m. Jun 2, 1821, Strand, Guttorm Kristofferson Bersagel no. 36 (1773-1837), as his second wife. Guttorm was her uncle by marriage. He was married, first, to her mother's sister.
- Halvor, bp. Apr 28, 1793, Strand; m. May 27, 1819, Kari Guttomsdtr. Bersagel (bp. Jul 19, 1794), no. 36.1, his first cousin; d. 1832, age 39; no children.
- Aasa, bp. Nov 6, 1796, Strand; m. May 24, 1825, Halvar Rasmusson Bergasel, nos. 32 & 43 (bp. Nov 23, 1801), her 1st cousin; 5 children; their youngest son, Hans Reinert (bp. May 13, 1836) immigrated to the USA on Apr 25, 1860.
- Todni, bp. May 11, 1800, Strand; m. Jul 6, 1818, Strand, Gunnar Torgersen Melberg (May 11, 1788) Husabø & Litle Aadnoy; 7 children.

SECOND GENERATION

Joren Halvarsdtr. (Store Auglend) Bersagel

8 Joren, the daughter of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1768 on the Auglend farm in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (no baptism record found on FamilySearch; listed as a daughter in the Høle Bygdebok).

Joren Halvarsdtr. Store Auglend, baptized in 1768, was married on December 30, 1792 in Strand Parish as the second wife of Rasmus Olson (Leikvang, Høyland) Bersagel (Bersagel, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>). Joren was about 24 and Rasmus was about 30.

Rasmus was baptized in 1762 in Høyland, Rogaland County, Norway. He was married, first, on July 15, 1788 in Strand Parish to Anna Olsdtr. Oltesvik. Rasmus and Anna had two children. Anna died in 1792 perhaps in child birth and was buried on July 22, 1792 (Bersagel, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Rasmus Olsen, 39, 2nd marriage, farmer and owner, is listed as head of the 3rd household in the 1801 census for the Bertsagel (Bersagel) farm, Hølle local parish, Strand Parish, Stavanger County, with his wife, Jorend Halvorsdtr., 34, 1st marriage, son, Ole, 7, daughters, Anna, 10, Siri, 7, his father, Ole Halvorsen, 65, 3rd marriage, his stepmother, Marthe Giodesdtr., 70, 4th marriage.

Rasmus died in 1834 and was buried on August 10, 1834 in the Høle local parish, Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (Bersagel, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Joren died in 1844 and was buried on April 23, 1844 in the Høle local parish, Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway (Bersagel, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Children (Norway Baptisms, 1634-1927, FamilySearch.org):

Ole, b. 1795, Bersagel farm, bp. Aug 16, 1795, Strand Parish.

Halvor, b. 1799, Bersagel farm; bp. Oct 28, 1799, Strand Parish; d. young.

Halvor, b. 1801, Bersagel farm; bp. Nov 23, 1801, Strand Parish; m. May 24, 1825, Aasa Torgersdtr. (Aadnoy Store) Husabo 9, bp. Nov 6, 1796, his 1st cousin; 5 children; their youngest son, Hans Reinert (bp. May 13, 1836) immigrated to the USA on Apr 25, 1860.

Rasmus, b. 1808, Bersagel farm; bp. Dec 16, 1808, Strand Parish.

SECOND GENERATION

Siri (the younger) Halvarsdtr. (Store Auglend) Bersagel

9 Siri dy (the younger), the daughter of Halvar Tolleivson Tjorhom (1) and Aasa Torkelsdtr. Aamli, was probably born about 1772 on the Auglend farm. She was baptized on March 21, 1772 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway.

Siri was married on June 15, 1794 in Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway to Guttorm Kristofferson. Siri and Guttorm were both 22.

Guttorm, the son of Kristopher Halvoren/Haaverssen and unmarried girl, Anna Torsteinsdtr., was baptized on September 13, 1773 in the Strand Parish. His parents were living on the Hammar farm.

Guttorm Christophers., 28, 1st marriage, farmer and owner, is listed as head of the 4th family on the Bertsagel (Bersagel) farm, Holle local parish, Strand Parish, Stavanger County, Norway with his wife, Siri Halvorsdtr., 30, 1st marriage, his children, Karen, 6, Aase, 4, Tollef, 1, a “Nyder følge” (a previous owner receiving a pension from the new owner of the farm), Karen Osmundsdr., 78, widow, 3rd marriage (Tollef Halvarson, see #2), mother of Guttorm, Anna Tostensdtr., 49, unmarried.

Guttorm and Siri had nine children between 1794 and 1815. Siri died in 1816 at about age 44 (Bersagel no. 36, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Guttorm was married, second, on June 2, 1821 to his first wife's niece, Ingeborg Torgersdtr. Husabo. Guttorm was 47 and Ingeborg was 25 (Bersagel no. 36, Høle bygdebok, <http://www.disnorge.no/rogaland/bygdebok/bersagel.htm>).

Ingeborg, the daughter of Torger Hanson (Bersagel) Husabo (see # 7) and Todni Halvarsdtr., was baptized on March 27, 1791 in Strand Parish.

Halvor died on July 16, 1837. Ingeborg's death date is unknown.

Children by Siri:

Children by Ingeborg:

THIRD GENERATION

Tormod Torkelsen

10 Tormod, the son of Torkel Halvorsen (3) and Magla Tormodsdr., was born on the Augland farm, Høle subparish, Strand Parish, Rogaland County, Norway in 1781. He was baptized on August 19, 1781 (Extracted record, Int. Gen Index, Familysearch.org). Tormod was named for his maternal grandfather.

Tormod was an unmarried 20-year old living with his parents on the Ugland Store farm, Hølle Sokn (subparish), Strand Prestegjeld (main parish), Stavanger (present Rogaland) Amt (County) at the time of the 1801 census.

Tormod Torkelsen was married on July 7, 1810 in Strand with Høle and Forsand in Rogaland County to **Anna Torgersdatter** (Extracted rec, batch #M300031, 1702-1811, Int. Gen Index, Familysearch.org). Anna's family needs more research. An Anna Torgersdatter, age 8, daughter of Torger Pedersen and Siri Iverdr., appears in the 1801 census for Strand main parish, Hølle local parish, Fodsand farm. This possible identification needs to be proved. She would have been about 17 in 1810.

Tormod and Anna were living on the Store Auglend farm in 1811 when their first child was born. The remainder of their children were born on the Vaarli (Vaarlien) farm in Høle Parish between 1815 and 1832.



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<http://www.alltravels.com/norway/rogaland/hommersak/photos/current-photo-81216100>

Tormod and Anna's death dates are unknown.

Children:

- Torkel, b. May 14, 1811, Store Auglend; bp. May 26, 1811, Høle Parish.
- 15** Annias, b. Sep 7, 1815, Vorli; bp Sep 17, 1815, Høle Parish.
- Magnulus, b. Nov 17, 1820, Vorlien; bp. Nov 19, 1820, Høle Parish.
- Tormod, b. Jul 21, 1826, Vorli; bp. Aug 6, 1826, Høle Parish.
- Berta Gonette, b. Jul 30, 1829, Vorli; bp. Aug 8, 1829, Høle Parish.
- Tobias, b. Oct 28, 1831, Vaarli; bp. Nov 6, 1831, Høle Parish; d. May 29, 1832.
- Magla, b. Apr 21, 1833, Vaarli; bp. May 7, 1833, Høle Parish.

FOURTH GENERATION

Anas Thormodson Løvass

15 Anas, the son of Tormod Torkelsen (3) and Anna Torgersdatter, was born on September 7, 1815 on the Vorli farm in Høle subparish, Strand main parish, Rogaland County, Norway.

Anas was married on July 17, 1840 to **Magle Olsdatter**. Magla, the daughter of Ole, was born in 1817/8 on the Høyland farm in Strand Township.

In the 1865 census, Anas is listed as the farmer and owner of the Løvass farm, Hetland Township/Parish, Stavanger (present Rogaland) County, Norway. The school district was listed as Hommersand and the subparish as Frue. According to family tradition, in addition to Thormod, another son, whose name has not been determined, emigrated to Colfax, Menominee Township, Dunn County, Wisconsin.

The death dates of Anas and Magle are unknown. No other information is available (Norwegian 1865 census, Digitalarkivet; Interview with Gaylord Anason).

Children:

28 Thormod, b. Sep 9, 1840, Høgsvjord, Strand Twp, Stavanger Co (present Rogaland Co), Nor; bap Oct 18, 1840; conf Oct 21, 1855.

Ole, b. 1842/3, Høgsvjord.

Manasse, b. 1846/7, Høgsvjord.

Anne Marie, b. 1864/5, Hetland Twp, Rogaland Co, Nor.

FIFTH GENERATION

Thormod Løvass Anason

28 Thormod, the son of Anas Thormodson Løvass (7) and Marthe Serine (1865 Nor census) (Magla in E. Lem church records) Olsdatter, was born on September 9, 1840 in Strand Township, Stavanger County (present Rogaland County), Norway. He was baptized on October 18, 1840 and confirmed on October 21, 1855 (East Lemonweir Church membership records).

In 1866, Thormod was living with his family on the Løvass farm in Hetland Township, Rogaland County, Norway (Nor Cen, Hetland, 1865).

First	Last name			Age	Birthplace
Anas	Thormods.	head	farmer and owner	51	Høgsfjord
Marthe	Olsd.	His wife		48	Høyland
Sirine					
Thormod	Anas.	Their son	Helps father on farm	26	Høgsfjord
Ole	Anas.	Their son	Helps father on farm	23	Høgsfjord
Manasse	Anas.	Their son	Helps father on farm	19	Høgsfjord
Anne	Anasd.	Their dau		1	Hetland
Marie					
Inger	Olsd.		Hired girl	14	Hetland

None of the sons were married. Høyland, the birthplace of their mother is a neighboring township in Rogaland County. Thormod's mother was døvstum (deaf and dumb).

The farm supported 2 cows and bulls (stort kveg) and 14 sheep (faar). They harvested 1 bushel of barley (bygg), 10 bushels of oats (havre), and 8 bushels of potatoes in the fall of 1865.

On April 27, 1869, Thormod signed an emigration contract with J. A. Kohler & Co. to travel from Stavanger to Quebec on the ship, Heros (Captain Olsen). The Heros, sailing in ballast and captained by Tønnes Olsen, departed from the city of Stavanger on May 3, 1869 and arrived in Quebec, Canada on June 1, 1869. The Heros carried 288 steerage passengers and 12 cabin passengers. During the voyage, there was one death, Rasmus Johnson, age 37, drowned?, on May 14. He was the husband of Cicilie age 30. The Heros was mastered by Capt. T. Olsen, and had a crew of 16.

Tormod Annassen Løvass, 28, residence: Hogsfjord, traveled as one of the 288 steerage passengers.

The British Government repealed the navigation laws in 1849 and from 1850 on, Canada became the port of choice as Norwegian ships carried passengers to Canada and took lumber back to Norway. The Canadian route offered many advantages to the emigrant. "They moved on from Quebec both by rail and by steamer for another thousand

or more miles for a steerage fare of slightly less than \$9.00. Steamers from Quebec brought them to Toronto, then the immigrants often traveled by rail for 93 miles to Collingwood on Lake Huron, from where steamers transported them across Lake Michigan to Chicago, Milwaukee and Green Bay.” (Loken, Gulbrand, *Fjord to Frontier: A History of the Norwegians in Canada*, Toronto, 1980, pp. 13-14).

A complete passenger list of the Heros is available on the Internet. A check of the list shows that Thormod traveled without other family members. However, Thormod is listed as immigrant number 192 and at 199 to 206 are Johannes Ormson, his wife, children, mother and sister. Johannes was the brother of Knut Ormson, the first settler from Suldal, Norway to come to Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. Johannes and his family came directly to Juneau County. This establishes a definite connection that may have influenced Thormod’s decision to settle in Lindina.

A brother using the name Løvass settled in Colfax in Menominee Township, Dunn County, Wisconsin (oral tradition, Gaylord Anason). A check of the 1880 and 1900 censuses does not identify this brother.

Thus far there are no clues to show where Thormod spent the winter of 1869-70 or the rest of 1870 and 1871. He has not been located in the 1870 census. By the fall of 1872, Thormod was definitely in Juneau County. Thormod Anasen became a naturalized citizen on October 31, 1872 and joined the East Lemonweir Norwegian Lutheran Church on April 14, 1873.

Thormod was married on November 20, 1876 by Rev. G. Lunde in the East Lemonweir Lutheran Church in Fountain Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin to **Erike Herborg Olsdatter Qiane (Helen Olson)**. The witnesses were Odd Oddsen Sukka and Disa Moklev. Thormod was 36 and Herborg was 41. Odd was a first cousin of Herborg. Disa Ormson Moklev had emigrated on the same ship with Thormod.

Herborg, the daughter of Ole Halvorsen Kolbeinstveit and Kirsti Jonsdr. Steinbru, was born on September 29, 1834 in Suldal, Norway. She came to America with her family in 1863.

Her father, Ole, the son of Halvor Oddson Stuv and Herborg Olsdatter Sukka, was born in 1799 on the Stuv husmann place under the Sukka farm in Suldal Township, Stavanger (present Rogaland) County, Norway. He was married on June 10, 1833/4 to Kirsti Jonsdr. Steinbru and settled on the Kolbeinstveit farm in 1834/5. Kristi, the dau of Jon Aslakson Steinbru and Siri Torjusdr. Borkenes, was born on the Steinbru farm in Suldal, Norway in 1805. She was baptized on October 12, 1805 (*Gamle Suldal*, pp. 425, 484; *Sukka-Aetta*, pp. 219, 275).

Ole and his family came to America in 1863 arriving in Chicago in June. They settled in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. They intermarried with the Anasons, Johnsons, and the Onsagers. Tracing the various families has been complicated by the use of different names when they first came from Norway. All of his daughters and his son used the name Olson.

Ole Halversen declared his intent to become a naturalized citizen on November 5, 1867 in Juneau County. Ole Halvorson Qiam, age 70, died on November 1, 1869 of consumption. He was buried on November 3 in the Suldal Cemetery, Lindina Township, Juneau County (JCGS *Cem Bk* 5, p. 680).

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The census taker had great difficulty in understanding the names of the family and how to spell the names when he enumerated them in the 1870 federal census. Halvorson Oleson, 31, b. Norway, a farmer, is listed as head of household in the 1870 census for Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin, Christie Oleson, 65, b. Norway, Halver Johnson, 35, b. Norway, Ole Johnson, 4, b. WI, and Norway Halvorson, 65, b. Norway, a laborer. The head of household was Ole's son Halvor, Christie was Ole's wife, Kirsti, Halver

Johnson was Ole's daughter Herborg and her son Ole, and Norway Halvorson was Ole's brother, Narve Narveson.

Kristi (Kjesti) died on February 8, 1892 and was buried in the Suldal Cemetery (JCGS *Cem Bk 5*, p. 681; JC Dec Int, JC Hist Soc).

Children:

Erike Herborg (Helen), b. Sep 29/30, 1834/5, Suldal, Nor; m. (1) Gunder Johnson;
m. (2) Tormod Anason.

Halvor, b. 1838, Suldal, Nor.

Jon (Johannes), b. Apr 10?, 1841, Suldal, Nor; d. Oct 1864; bur: Suldal Cem,

Lindina Twp, Funeral, Nov 6, 1864 (ELCR; JCGS *Cem Bk 5*, p. 681).

Sigrid (Sarah), b. 1843, Suldal, Nor; m. Osmund Benson.

Brita (Bertha), b. 1847, Suldal, Nor; m. John Johnson.

Herborg was married first, on February 27, 1864 by E. W. Leonard in Lindina Township to Gunder Johnson, as his third wife (Mauston *Star*, March 2, 1864).

Gunder Johnson (Gunnar Johannesson), the son of Johannes Gunnarson Braatveit and Brita Jonesdatter Arhus, was born on May 13, 1810 on the Braatveit farm in Suldal Township, Rogaland County, Norway. He was married, first, on July 2, 1837 in Suldal to Marta Paulsdatter Guggedal. Marta, the daughter of Paul Larsson Guggedal and Marta Torsdatter Valskar, was born on August 17, 1819 in Suldal. She died on November 3, 1838 after one year of marriage.

Gunder was married, second on July 1, 1839 in Suldal to Eldri Narvesdatter Birkenes. Eldri, the daughter of Narve Olson Sukka, Birkenes and Helge Torjusdatter Borkjenes, was born in 1815 in Suldal. Gunder and Eldri emigrated in 1852 with their son Johannes and settled in Lindina Township. Eldri died on June 26, 1863 and was buried in the Suldal Cemetery.

Gunder and Herborg had a son, John Olaus Gunderson, born June 7, 1866 in Lindina Township. He was baptized on July 15, 1866 in the East Lemonweir Church (sponsors: Erik Einarsen, Niels Nielsen, Halvor Olsen, Eldri Johnsd., Siri Olsdr., & Britha Olsdr.); confirmed, July 17, 1881, in the East Lemonweir Church. Ole died on September 23, 1960 (see Appendix One, Johnson, Ole G).

Gunder died February 10, 1868 in Lindina Township at the age of 58. He was buried on March 28 in the Suldal Cemetery (Mauston *Star*, Feb 20, 1868; ELCR; JCGS *Cem Bk 5*, p. 680).

Names were a problem for the Norwegians evidenced by the names used by the census taker for Thormod, Herborg and Mananas in the 1880 census.

1880 census, Lindina Twp, household # 183

Anderson, Thom	40		farming	Nor
" , Hellen	44	wife	housekeeping	"
" , Mark	3	son		Wis

In 1880, Herborg's son Ole was living with his aunt, Sarah (Siri) Benson.

Thormod died on March 1, 1882 in Lindina Township of tuberculosis at the age of 41. He was buried in the Suldal Cemetery on March 3, 1882. Herborg died on January 25, 1893. She was buried in the Suldal Cemetery on January 27, 1893 (JCGS *Cem Bk 5*, p. 680; JDR, 3-46; ELCR). Minas told his son, Gaylord, that his mother asked him on her deathbed to always attend church.

Children:

32 Mananas (Minas), b. Oct 4, 1877, Lindina Twp; bp. Nov 1, 1877, E Lem (spon: Eldri Vinterhus, Bjorn Vinterhus, Siri Vinterhus, Odd Oddson Sukka, Brita Braatvedt, and Gunnar O. Braatvedt); conf, Aug 14, 1892, ELC.

SIXTH GENERATION

Mananas (Minas) Anason

32 Mananas, the son of Thormod Ananiason Løvass (**28**) and Herborg Olsdatter Qiane, was born on October 4, 1877 in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. Minas, as he was eventually called, is listed in the records as Mananas Thormodsen, Mananas, Minis, or Mark Anderson, and Mananas A. Qyaden.

Minas grew up in the Suldal Norwegian community. Just south of the farm was Suldal Corners. In 1898 there was a feed mill, Winsler's North Valley Creamery, a store, and post office. The feed mill stood in Ed Johnson's marsh by a big spring in the creek. It was run by William Nelson and Will Felland. Minas helped them many nights when they were so busy that they had to run night and day. Nelson and Felland charged by the sack to grind the feed. A favorite story is told about a farmer named Hagen who brought in a big woosack half full of grain. To get back at him, Nelson got into the sack and tramped it clear full of feed until it weighed about 1,200 pounds. They rolled it onto the wagon so that Hagen had to unload it when he got home.

Minas Anason helped build the Suldal store when he was about 17 or 18. Theodore Felland, Minas, and his half-brother Ole G. Johnson ran the store. They sold groceries, common dry goods, coonskin coats, and took orders for suits. They had lots of trade.

The name Suldal was given to the community when a post office was established in the store. When they couldn't decide on a name for the post office, Ole Gjermundson Tveit wanted Felland or Moe, Pastor C. Schrive suggested "Suldal." They all agreed. The post office only existed from 1898 to 1901. Theodore O. Felland was the first postmaster.

According to the *Plat Book of Juneau County, Wisconsin* published by the C. M. Foote Pub. Co. in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1898, M. Anason and O. G. Johnson owned 40 acres in section 6 (location of the present Anason farmstead) and 46.7 acres in section 5 of Lindina Township.

Minis Anderson, 21, born in Oct 1879, a single farmer, is listed in the 1900 for Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin with his half-brother, Ole G. Johnson, 38, born in June 1866, a farmer and single head of household, and Sarah Olson, 38, born in May 1866 in Norway, a single housekeeper. The census was taken on June 6, 1900, one day before Minas was married. His age and date of birth are wrong in the census. Sarah Olson has not been identified.

Minas was married, first, on June 7 1900 at the East Lemonweir Norwegian Lutheran Church in Fountain Township, Juneau County Wisconsin to **Anna Maria Onsager**. They were married in a double wedding with her sister, Sophia, and Gunder Johnson. The witnesses were Olaus G. Johnson and Elrid Vinterhus.

Anna Marie, the daughter of Ole Onsager and Mary Nelson, was born on December 15, 1878 in Greenwood Township, Vernon County Wisconsin. Her grandparents were Einar and Guri Nelson. In 1898 or 1899, Anna's parents sold their farm

in Vernon County and moved to a farm in Lindina Township in Juneau County. Anna, 21, single and born in Dec 1878, is listed in the 1900 census for Lindina Township on a farm with her parents and her brothers and sisters.

Anna died on August 10, 1905 of tuberculosis at the age of 26 years, 8 months, and 25 days and was buried in the Suldal Cemetery [Anna Western Anason told me (Larry Onsager) that double weddings were bad luck].

Minas was married, second, on February 27, 1907 at the bridegroom's home in Lindina Township to **Anna Gurine Western**. The witnesses were Willie Felland and Nora Onsager. Anna was a first cousin of Minas' first wife.

Anna, the daughter of Ole Trulsen Western and Kjersti Nelson, was born on November 15, 1882 in a log cabin in Greenwood Township, Vernon County, Wisconsin. She was baptized on January 17, 1883, in the Greenwood Lutheran Church (sponsors: Cari Einarsen, Ole Jacobsen, H. T. Western, and Tina Johannesen) and confirmed on September 12, 1897 in the Greenwood Church.

Minis Anason, 33, is listed in the 1910 census for Lindina Township with wife, Anna, 27, son, Herman M., 9, daughter, Olga T., 7, son, Maynard A., 4/9 months (actually 6 months), and his brother, O. G. Johnson, 43, a farm laborer who worked out. Minas owned and operated a general farm.

In 1914, Minis Anason was living in Lindina Township with his wife, Annie, and children, Herman, Olga, and Maynard (Route 1, section 6, 87 acres; section 5, 87 acres; Mauston P.O.) (*Atlas and Farmers' Directory of Juneau County, Wisconsin, 1914, p. 38*).

On September 12, 1918, Minis Anason registered for the World War I draft. He was a 40-year old, self-employed farmer. His description was: height, short; build, medium; color of eyes, blue; and color of hair, light gray. His nearest relative was Anna Anason (WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18, Ancestry.com).

Minus Anason, 42, is listed in the 1920 census for Lindina Township with his wife, Anna G., 37, son, Herman M., 18, daughter, Olga T., 17, son, Maynard A., 10, daughter, Evelyn V., 4, and son, Gaylord R., 1.

Minas Anason, 53, is listed in the 1930 census for Lindina Township with his wife, Anna, 48, son, Maynard, 20, daughter, Evelyn, 14, and son, Gaylord, 10. The family owned a radio. Maynard was a farm laborer.

Minas and Annie remained on the Anason family farm all of their lives, selling the farm to their son, Gaylord. They continued to live in part of the farmhouse that they shared with Gaylord and his family. The arrangement that was made for them to continue living on the farm at the time of the sale sounds very much like the traditional arrangement made in Norway when a son took over the farm from his father.

Minas died on December 14, 1959 in Juneau County, Wisconsin. Anna died on September 6, 1979 in Juneau County. Her funeral was held in the East Lemonweir Church on September 10. Minas and Anna were both buried in the Suldal Cemetery in Lemonweir Township.

I interviewed Anna a number of times in the 1970's. Her daughter-in-law, Dorothy, is my father's sister and I can't remember not going out to the farm to visit. One of my fondest memories is of eating the potato lefse that she and aunt Dorothy made every Christmas. Her parents were neighbors of my great grandparents, Andrew and Thorine Onsager in Greenwood Township. Anna, with a slight Norwegian accent and a twinkle in her eye, would relate many anecdotes about the Onsagers. She remembered my great grandmother especially for her good limburger cheese. *You could smell it before you got in the door!*

Anna described her family as big, tall people. They were religious, hard working farmers. Her uncle Gilbert played the accordion. The first home she remembered was the log cabin with an upstairs where she was born. Her mother lost two babies in this cabin. When a new frame house was built, the cabin was sold and moved for use as the now defunct Debello Post Office and store. Presently, the cabin has been restored as a small museum in Hillsboro, Wisconsin. Anna commented, *My sister said they did a fine job on*

the cabin, only they left some logs off the top and the loft is too low. We had a little store at the Debello post office. He [Elias Kegley] sold tobacco, gum, candy, thread, 5 cents a spool, and such things.

Anna recalled the new frame house that her father built when they moved to a nother farm. They moved just before she started first grade. The new house had a big kitchen and dining room together. There was a big pantry with a stairway going upstairs and one downstairs bedroom. The first chores she remembered doing was washing dishes. Her father *planted a nice orchard. They grew and before long we had all the good apples we needed. Different kinds of apples.*

When Anna started at the Debello country school at age seven, she only spoke Norwegian. *I was Norwegian and all I could say was yes and no. My mother seen to I was clean and well dressed. When I came home I told my mother some of the older kids, because I was shy, enjoyed teasing me. They lifted up my dress and I was so embarrassed I cried. That struck me so hard. That's all I remember about the first day of school. I hated that.* Anna walked the mile from her home to school. It was one big room with about 30 students. The teacher was Ed White. *He meant business, one could not even smile. He would shake his head at me. We had no grades. We went by the book, how well one could read, ABC Book, then first reader, 2nd reader, 3rd reader, 4th reader, last 5th reader. We had spelling, arithmetic, geography, language, history. After the 5th reader one could go to high school to learn more, teach school, or what ever.*

The next teacher we had was a lady, Nora Shreve. She was very good. Anna's best friend in school was her cousin, Carrie Onsager, the daughter of Ole Johnson Onsager and her aunt, Mary Western Onsager. Before I got old enough to play ball I and Carrie had a play house in the rail fence corner. We used broken dishes from home for our plates. Play house was my most enjoyment.

Anna's mother died two months before her eighth birthday. *My mother died, so it was miss school for me. And so I got as far as 3rd reader and what ever went along with that class. So six of us kids had to get along. Oldest sister was then 16. Anna kept house alone for her father after her oldest sister, Thena, was married in 1896.*

In reminiscing to me, Anna wrote, *All of us kids had to help work. We cooked on wood stoves, rubbed clothes on the wash board, took oil lamps and lanterns to the barn, and all the other chores that needed to be done. Our Dad raised corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, and sorghum cane. The wheat was ground into flour for baking bread, the corn into meal for corn meal mush and the cane pressed and the juice cooked to make sorghum syrup. And there were maple trees and my brother Martin would tap the trees. And into a big iron kettle placed in the woods would cook it for maple syrup. Also maple sugar for candy.*

We strained our milk into crocks and when the cream came to the top, it was skimmed off and made into butter in a dash churn. The rest of the milk was made into cottage cheese and whey. The cottage cheese was sometimes made into limburger cheese [gamle ost] and the whey into prim ost. Everything was made use of.

We had a bush of hops growing on a pole to make homemade yeast and us kids would pick blood roots and ginseng in the woods, dry them on some low roof, and sell them in town some place. So much a lb. for it. And we had a good garden. There were lots of hazel nuts, hickory nuts and butternuts, and all kinds of wild black berries and wild strawberries. Around the rail fence corners us kids would pick and eat.

We had to carry our water because the well was dug quite a ways from the house. My father had also sheep. In the spring, they had to be sheared. Sold the wool. We kept some wool to be carded for yarn for wool stockings and mittens. When we butchered a pig or veal, it had to be salted down good with salt in big wooden barrels or stone jars. Now days. . . everything is done by power. We live the easy way.

We got along fine with the non-Norwegians, good and kind people. Went to the same school. Our neighbors were Goodric Hegg, Thomas Mullen, Nelson, and Kegley.

We had a nice church but we had a minister come from East Lemonweir 20 some miles away. So only once a month we had services as he had to come with a team of horses, no cars yet. Anna recalled that holidays were Sundays, Christmas, and Easter. Since church was held only once a month, they celebrated by visiting neighbors or relatives. Andrew Berg, who married Sophia Onsager (daughter of Andrew and Thorine Onsager and sister of Ole Onsager, father of Dorothy Onsager Anason), was Anna's parochial school teacher.

*When Anna married Minas in 1907, there were two small children aged 6 and 4 to care for. She recalled, *Since we were married the farm has not had too many changes - some of course. The telephone was put in about 1914. We had no electric lights until 1921. There were two long tobacco sheds and the main crop was tobacco. The sheds were filled every year.**

Milk was taken to the Suldal Cheese Factory and later after we got a cream separator, it was hauled to the Mauston Creamery. The roof of the house was raised for some bedrooms and a summer kitchen and woodshed was built. Both of the tobacco sheds have now been taken down and the lumber used to make a garage.

*Anna, a rural American folk artist, engaged in weaving, crocheting, needlework, rug braiding, and quilting. Anna's interest in weaving began when she saw a picture of some elderly folks with their loom. So when she and Minas sold the farm to their son, Gaylord in 1956, they held back, in addition to their half of the farm house, an old bee equipment house to use for weaving. Then they ordered a loom. Although Anna had never used a loom before, she and Minas read the instructions, and that first summer, when she was 73, Anna made 50 rugs. By 1973, when she discontinued weaving after her kidney operation, she had made a total of 1,721 rugs. In March 1973, Anna wrote me and expressed her reservations about having her kidney operation. *I am not very busy these days. Today I'm waiting for a call from my Dr. in Marshfield. He was to make arrangement for me at the hospital there. I have been to the clinic the two times for exray and I have one bad kidney. They may have to remove it. Unless they find it not necessary after another test after I get there. I sure don't look forward to it. At my age, I have no choice if its to be. **It takes a lot of nerve to go. So I'll leave it in the hands of the good Lord.****

*Anna described for me how she wove rugs and made quilts. *For my weaving, I sewed rags from old clothes into strips and rolled them up into balls. Then I would wind the rags on the shuttle and begin to weave. The loom comes from the factory with the warp on, ready to weave about 10 yards of rugs. Enough for rugs.**

For making quilts, the first thing is to know what kind of pattern one wants to make and then get material the color one wants. I use percale material either from the store or left over scraps from dresses or aprons. Some of the designs I like are the star, flower garden, and the basket or hatchet. Using a cardboard pattern, I cut pieces the right size from dark and light goods and sew them into blocks. Next I sew the blocks together with a 2 or 3 inch strip of different color to make the top. Then it is ready for the batten and the lining. Tack the lining on a frame, then the batten, the top, and tie.

*After Anna had one kidney removed, she spent two weeks in the hospital in Marshfield. *At first when I got home I could not do anything. I could work with my hands so I had my granddaughter Marian to get me some crochet cotton. I made quite a few things to pass the time and forget my pains some.**

*I remember Anna as a strong, independent woman, surrounded by things of the past such as her Norwegian immigrant trunk dated 1854 (in which she stored quilt tops) and a round wooden lefse box (in which she kept family pictures), but taking an active interest in the present. She wrote me just before her 92nd birthday that the quilt that I had ordered was in the mail and she was busy baking a cake because she expected to have some company for as she put it, *tomorrow if I live, I'll be 92. Sunday I look for some of my kids to come to dinner unless it does come a snow storm.* Then on New Year's day, she wrote that she had been *watching the parade from California all forenoon. . . it's**

*been a good Christmas. I was able to go to church Christmas day. We all went from church to your parents for dinner. Had turkey and all the trimmings, real good. **I have not been ambitious this winter.** Just done some crocheting. I sent out almost forty Christmas cards and wrote a few lines in them. I have been having such a lame leg, my knee has been very bad. I made potato lefse yesterday. As she would say, I can't sit and let my arms hang.*

Children by Anna Onsager:

- 62** Herman Martin, Feb 26, 1901, Lindina Twp; bp. Mar 17, 1901, ELC (spon: Ole & Kari Onsager and O. G. Johnson).
- 63** Olga Theodora, b. Nov 15, 1902, Lindina Twp; bp. Dec 7, 1902, ELC (spon: Mari, Kari, Nora, Ole, & John Onsager and Theodor Western); m. Dec 28, 1921, Lindina Twp, Gilman Joseph Anderson.

Children by Anna Western:

- 64** Maynard Adolf, b. Oct 1, 1909, Lindina Twp; bp. Oct 24, 1909, ELC (spon: Emil & Kari Larsen, Just. Peterson, and Christine, Maline, og Theodore Western); conf, 1925, E Lem Church.
- 65** Evelyn Ovida, b. Jul 13, 1915, Lindina Twp; bp. Aug 8, 1915, ELC (spon: Mr. & Mrs. Perry Steen, Mr. & Mrs. Gust. Western, Clara Western and Carleton Steen); conf, 1930, ELC.
- 66** Gaylord Orville, b. Nov 27, 1919, Lindina Twp; bp. Dec 25, 1919, ELC (spon: Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Felland, Albert Hauen, and Mabel Olsen); conf, 1934, ELC.

SEVENTH GENERATION

Herman Martin Anason

62 Herman Martin, the son of Minas Anason (**32**) and Anna Onsager, was born on February 26, 1901 in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. He was married on February 22, 1922 to **Laura Camilla Anderson**. Laura, the dau of John Anderson and Gusta Gilbertson, was born on June 28, 1900 in Argyle Township, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. Herman and Laura farmed near Mauston a few years before moving to a farm in Thorpe Township, Clark County near Stanley, Wisconsin.

Herman Anason, 29, b. WI, parents b. WI, married at 21, a general farmer, is listed as head of household # 249/249 in the 1930 census for District 36, Thorp Township, Clark County, Wisconsin with his wife, Laura C., 30, b. WI, parents b. Nor & WI, married at 22, daughters, Hazel, 7, b. WI, Geraldine A, 4 2/12, b. WI, son, Mervin J., 2 4/12, b. WI. Herman owned a farm. The family had a radio.

Herman died on July 28, 1969 in Sonoma County, California. His residence was Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California. Laura died on May 27, 1974 in Sonoma County, California. Her residence was Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California (SSDI; CA Death Index).

Children:

SEVENTH GENERATION

Olga Theodora Anason

63 Olga, the dau of Mananas Anason (**32**) and Anna Onsager, was born on November 15, 1902 in Lindina Township. She was married on December 28, 1921 at her parent's home in Lindina Township to **Gilman Joseph Anderson**. The witnesses were Laura Anderson and Herman Anason.

Gilman Joseph, the son of John Anderson and Augusta Gilbertson, was born on February 12, 1898 in Wisconsin. Gilman and Olga lived on a farm near Stanley, Wisconsin. Gilman died on May 5, 1985. Olga died on November 26, 1988 (ELCR).

Children:

SEVENTH GENERATION

Maynard Adolf Anason

64 Maynard Adolf, the son of Minas Anason (**32**) and Anna Gurine Western, was born on October 1, 1909 in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. After attending country school, he began farming with his father at the age of 14.

Maynard was married on February 18, 1933 at the East Lemonweir parsonage in New Lisbon to a neighbor girl, **Nettie Mildred Fry**. The witnesses were Clinton Fry and Evelyn Anason. Mildred, the daughter of Barney Fry and Susan Clair, was born in 1911/2 in Wisconsin.

It was the height of the depression and to pay for a wedding suit, Maynard helped his neighbor deliver a truck-load of potatoes to Chicago. He stopped at a Montgomery Wards store to buy an \$11 suit. They didn't have money for a honeymoon, but saved their money and 5 years later took a trip with his parents to North Dakota. Maynard and Mildred began farming on a neighboring farm. He paid \$15-\$22 each for the dozen milk cows he bought. Maynard recalls paying a fortune for a big, black Holstein - \$40. That year they received 9 cents for a dozen eggs, 2 cents a pound for hogs, and a cent and a half for the cattle he sold. On the other hand, they paid 79 cents for a 50-pound bag of flour and their first born child cost \$15 for the doctor from Mauston to drive to the farm and deliver the baby.

In 1941, they were listening to the radio and heard about 15 federal farms for sale in the Neilsville area, priced at \$2,900 and up. The farm he was renting was for sale at \$5,200. The difference in price prompted the family to move to a farm 5 miles southeast of Neilsville in Clark County, Wisconsin. In 1982, Maynard had open-heart surgery. In 1989, Maynard and Mildred left the farm and moved into Neilsville. They traveled to Florida, Texas, North Dakota, and Mackinac Island but Maynard liked Clark County the best.

Maynard died on October 16, 2000 in Neilsville, Clark County, Wisconsin, age 91.

Children:

SEVENTH GENERATION

Evelyn Ovida Anason

65 Evelyn Ovida, the daughter of Minas Anason (**32**) and Anna Gurine Western, was born on July 13, 1915 in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. She was married on September 28, 1935 at her parents home in Lindina Township to **Andrew Earl Tysver**. Andrew, the son of Oliver Tysver and Gudbjorg Holey, was born in 1915/6 in Hazen, North Dakota. They were divorced on July 4, 1938.

Evelyn remarried on February 9, 1941 at the East Lemonweir parsonage in New Lisbon, Wisconsin to **Clinton Cleo Fry**. The witnesses were Maynard Anason and Mildred Anason. Clinton, the son of Barney Fry and Susan Clair, was born on March 30, 1911. Evelyn and Clinton farmed most of their lives. Clinton drove a fuel oil truck for several years before they retired and bought a home in Milton, Wisconsin. Clinton died on March 13, 1992.

Children by Andrew:

SEVENTH GENERATION

Gaylord Orville Anason

66 Gaylord Orville, the son of Minas Anason (**32**) and Anna Gurine Western, was born on November 27, 1919 in Lindina Township, Juneau County, Wisconsin. He was married on February 11, 1942 in Waukon, Iowa to **Dorothy Alice Onsager**. Dorothy, the daughter of Ole Anton Onsager and Helena Bernadine Amanda Reetz, was born on January 2, 1922 in Scandia, Minnesota. Gaylord bought his father's farm in Lindina Township.

Children: