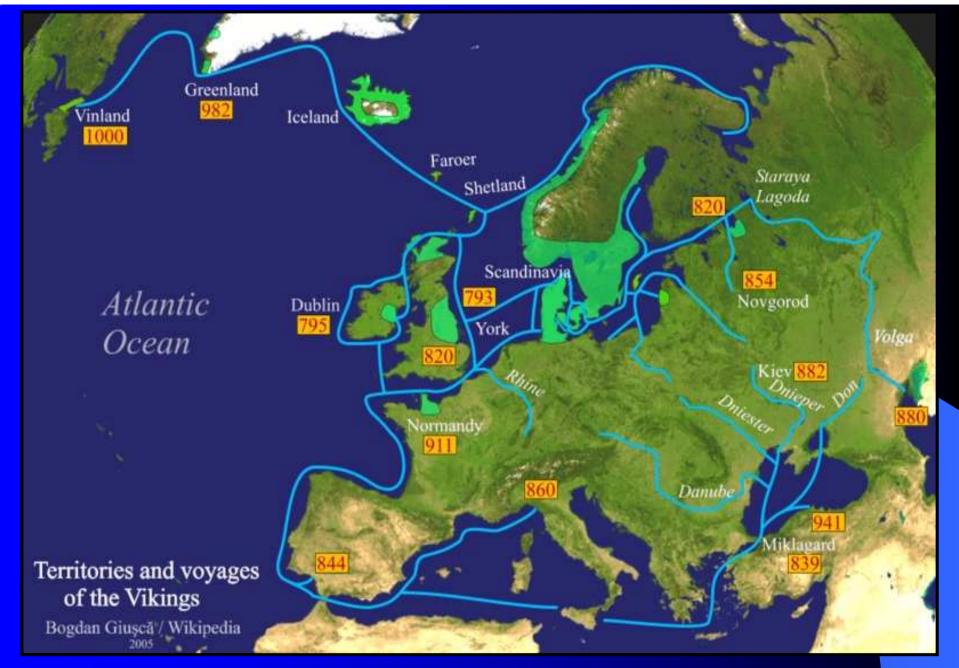
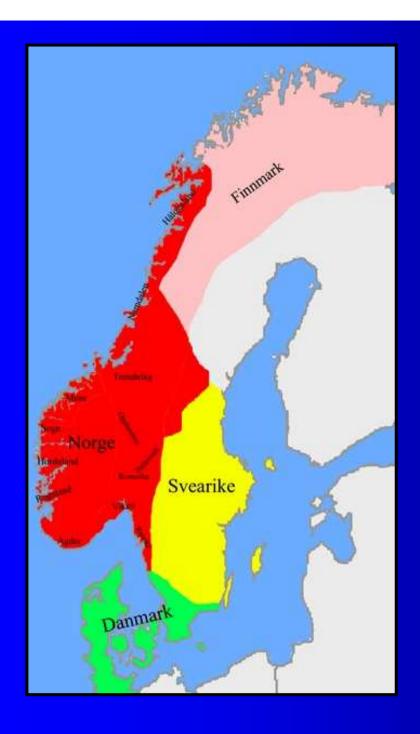


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793 - 1066 Vikings plunder & settle Europe, also influencing language 2 © Kerry Farmer 2010



# Scandinavia in 1020

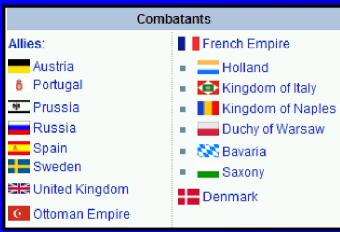
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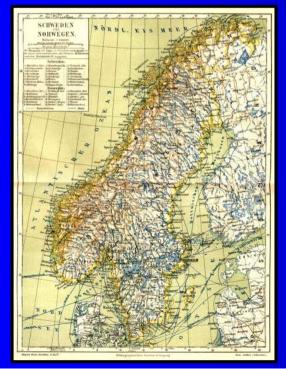
Old royal line of Norway died out in 1319 – Norway then united with Denmark

1350 Black Death kills half Norwegian population. Farms abandoned

- 1397 The Kalmar Union united Denmark, Norway & Sweden under a single monarch. The countries gave up their sovereignty but not their independence
- 1521 Sweden thought the Danes had too much power & broke away from union
- 1536 Denmark declared Norway to be a Danish province

### Napoleonic Wars 1803-1815 & Scandinavian consequences

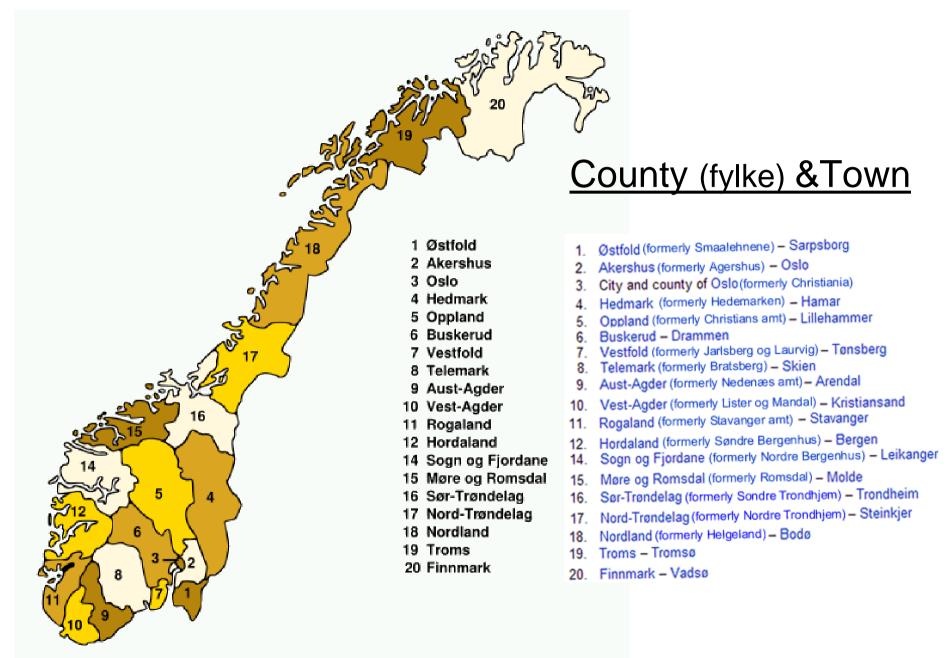




- Denmark sided with Napoleon, Sweden opposed
- After Napoleon's defeat, Denmark gave Norway to Sweden, although Denmark kept Norway's overseas possessions
- Widespread Norwegian resistance to the Union with Sweden led to Norway keeping independence & constitution, within a personal union with Sweden

# Norwegian Independence

- 1905 Sweden–Norway Union dissolved & Norwegian government committee to decide new King of Norway
- Prince Carl of Denmark (2<sup>nd</sup> son of Danish King) had married his first cousin Princess Maud of Wales (youngest daughter of future King Edward VII of UK), nominated as new King
- Prince Carl called for referendum to decide whether Norway to have republican government or monarchy. 79% voted for monarchy
- 22 June 1906 coronation of King Haakon VII & Queen Maud of Norway. He ruled till 1957 death



### Scandinavian Naming Patterns

- Patronymic naming system, using the father's given name as identifier for his children
- Thus eg if Hans Hermansen had a daughter Birte, she was given the name Birte Hansdatter (sometimes written Hansdtr or Hansdr), meaning Birte the daughter of Hans
- His son Herman would become Herman Hansen, meaning Herman the son of Hans
- Women kept their surname even after marriage
- There were only a limited number of given names, which produced a limited number of surnames.
- It looked as if each generation had a new surname

### Scandinavian Given Name Patterns

### Given names:

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1st son = Father's father's name
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2<sup>nd</sup> son = Mother's father
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3rd son = Father
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4th son = Father's grandfather
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5<sup>th</sup> son = Mother's grandfather

1st daughter = Father's mother's name

2<sup>nd</sup> daughter = Mother's mother

3<sup>rd</sup> daughter = Mother

4th daughter = Father's grandmother

5<sup>th</sup> daughter = Mother's grandmother

If eg mother's & father's fathers each had the same name, then 2 children named the same

# Scandinavian Naming Patterns (Cont)

- To distinguish people with the same apparent surnames, sometimes the farm name was added at the end as an extra word of the surname
- Sometimes suffix –eie was added to the farm name to distinguish the employee who lived on the farm from the farm's owner eg Hans Hermansen Fossumeie ("of Fossum")
- Since the farm name indicated residence, this name changed with every move to a new location

# Scandinavian Naming Patterns (Cont)

When Scandinavians migrated to an English speaking country, they maybe anglicized a difficult surname, or maybe kept the last used patronymic or even the last used farm name as their new surname

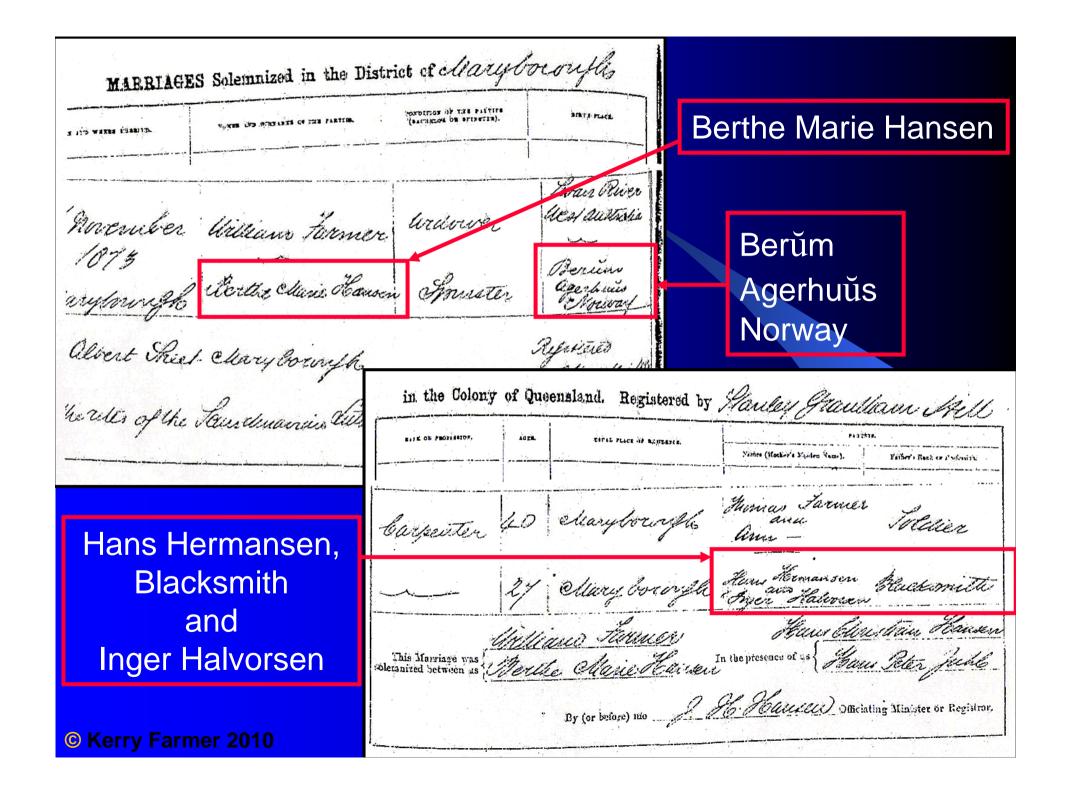
or maybe invented something entirely different

# Scandinavian Alphabets

- 29 letters in the alphabet. A Z as in English but then 3 characters follow (different order in different countries)
- æ/Æ ä/Ä sounds like vowel in 'men'. Swedish uses double dots, Norwegian & Danish write as æ/Æ It is always a long vowel (& usually stressed syllable in the word)
- ø/Ø ö/Ö sounds like vowel in 'bird'. Can be long or short vowel. Again, Sweden uses the double dot form, Norwegian & Danish write it as "o-slash"
- å/Å (aa/Aa) sounds like the vowel in 'fall'. Norway & Sweden adopted "a-ring" earlier, Denmark kept 'aa' longer
- When copying out Scandinavian words, cannot just ignore copying accents. More changes than just pronunciation – it is a long way from Lovik to Løvik

# Researching Ancestor Overseas

As always, start by gathering as much information as possible from local documents first, and see where that leads you overseas



### IGI Individual Record

FamilySearch™ International Genealogical Index v5.0

Norway

Family

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BIRTE MARIA HANSEN

IGI has chosen to index her HANSEN

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Female

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Birth:

Christening: 05 JUL 1846 Asker, Akershus, Norway

Death: Burial:

Parents:

Father: <u>HANS HERMANSEN</u>

Mother: <u>INGER HALVORSDR</u>

Note - HALVORSDR not HALVORSEN

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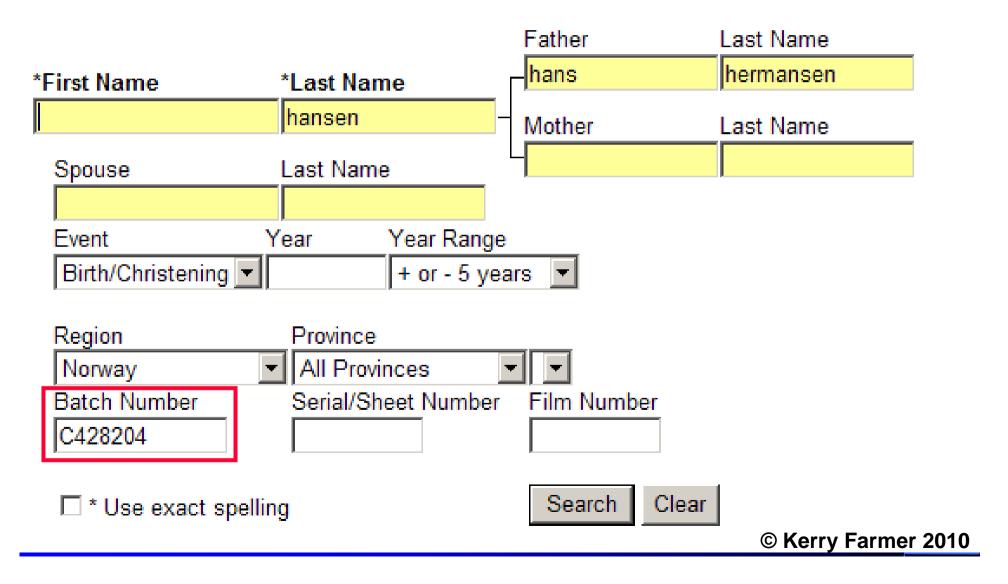
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Enter at least your deceased ancestor's first name or last name and the region, and then click Search.

Tips on How to Search the International Genealogical Index



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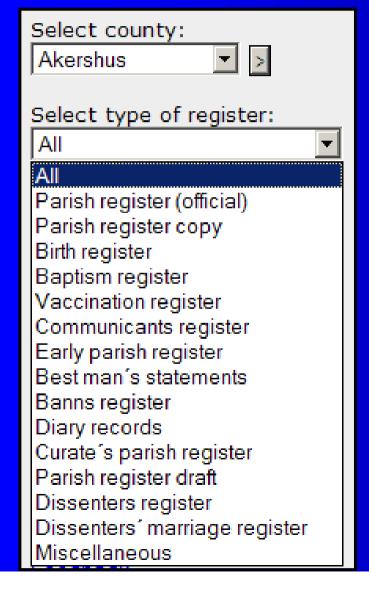
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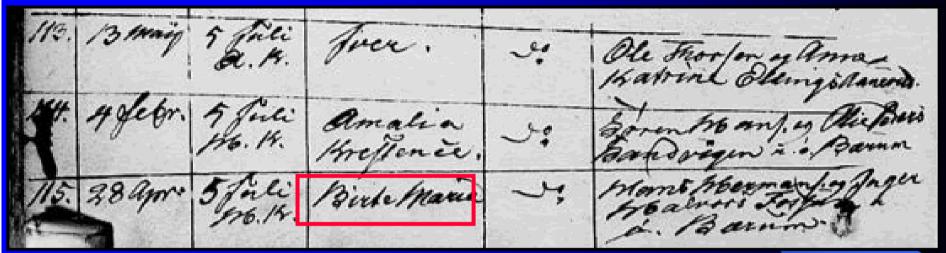
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### HANS HERMANSEN

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### Event(s):

Birth:

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Spouse: <u>INGER HALVORSDR</u>

Marriage: 31 MAR 1844 Asker, Akershus, Norway

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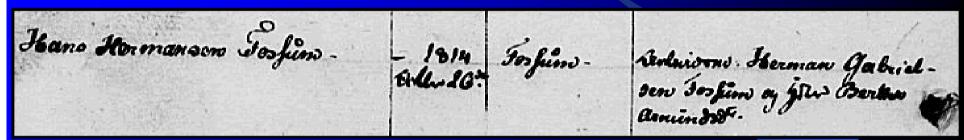
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- Found in Regional Archives
- Probate lists relationships of heirs
- Not everyone had probate records but if minor children survive (aged under 25) then probate is necessary
- Guardians usually appointed from father's side unless no one survives, then from mother's side else non-relative appointed
- Some probate records survive from 1660 but almost all from 1685 (so maybe can trace before parish registers)
- LDS has filmed probate records 1660-1850

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Religious Knowledge Diligence

29 Oct 1816 vaccinated
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# Digital Parish Registers Available online for Asker

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### The 1865 Census

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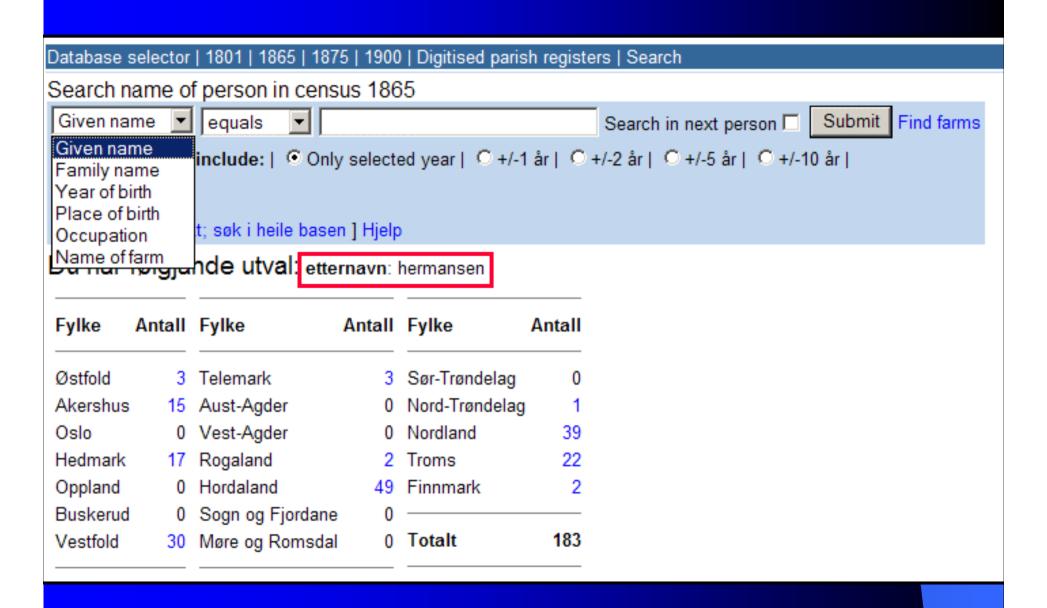
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On the top of this page you find a search engine for the entire 1865 census. You start se one variable, and narrow the search down by searching on other variables. The help pa useful for the global search.

If you know which parish/municipality you want to search in, select the appropriate count list to the left

An agreement has been reached with the Norwegian Historical Data Centre on exchangil material. Their material is now accessible in the Digital Archive, the same way our i accessible at their pages.

Last updated: May 24, 2002



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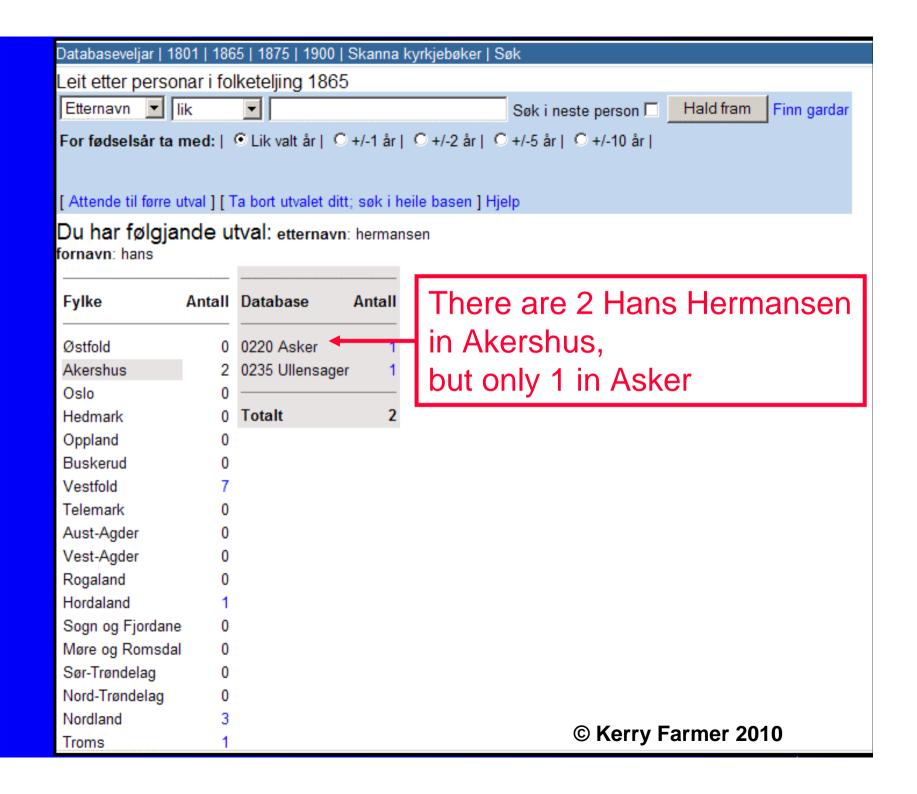
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### What will you find in the Archives?

The National Archives (Riksarkivet) preserve the non-current records of government ministries and other central offices. Documents from these institutions are brought to the National Archives when they are 25 years old and out of administrative use. There are 105.000 metres of documents kept in the National Archives and the amount increases with approximately 4000 metres each year. The oldest complete document is from 1189 A.D.

The regional state archives (statsarkivene) preserve documents from the regional and local branches of the state administration in their districts. There are eight regional archives in Norway. They are situated in Oslo, Hamar, Kongsberg, Kristiansand, Stavanger, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø.

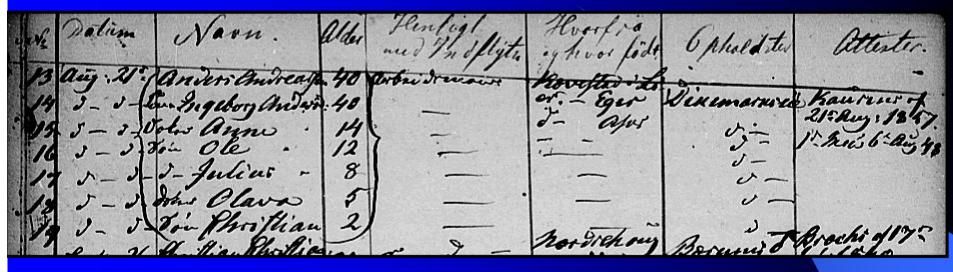
Both the National Archives and the regional state archives preserve private archives from companies, organizations, political parties and private people.

The official records in the archives mirror the tasks of the government and official institutions through the centuries. They contain applications and decisions, court sentences, surveys and accounts. In addition the archives include different kinds of registrations, for example censuses and church records. The material is organized according to the authority which was in charge, not according to topics. You must therefore follow the trail of each case and you may have to look for it in several places in the archives.

# **Emigrant & Migration Lists**

- From 1867 police kept emigrant lists giving name, place of residence, age, date of departure, destination & sometimes ship
- Some emigrant lists on digital archives lists (listed among parish records) but LDS has filmed 1867-1900
- People moving within Norway had to register at Lutheran church until 1900 & with local police until 1945. Registers held at regional archives

# Immigration Records



Date Name Age Occupation Where Mentioned came from in register

Held in the parish records

# Bygedebøker (Local History Books)

www.lokalhistorie.no/english.html

- A single or multiple volume history of a community (not for large cities)
- MAY have history, geography & economics of a community
- DOES have genealogy or family history of local area, often giving detailed history of farms & all who lived there
- A secondary document, compiled from multiple sources, so may have errors
- Bygedebøker found in large libraries (especially American) & some Norwegian bookshops. See above website to find if one exists for area

# Rootsweb Norway pages

www.rootsweb.com/~wgnorway



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### DIS Norge – www.disnorge.no

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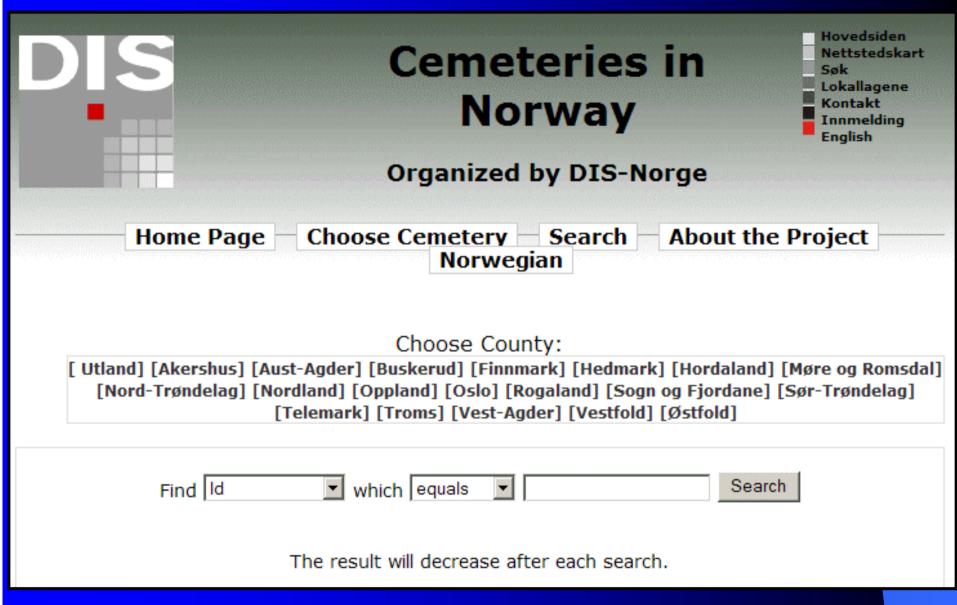
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### Genealogy Society of Norway - DIS

The Genealogy Society of Norway - DIS (Norwegian name: "DIS-Norge") was founded January 12, 1990. There are about 8000 members (2006) and the membership increases daily. The main goal of the association is to create a common forum for persons interested in using computers as a tool in genealogical research in Norway. DIS-Norge wants to spread knowledge about and at the same time stimulate genealogical research. We have good relations with similar associations in the Nordic countries and are continually exchanging experiences. We facilitate contact between genealogists in Norway, both electronically and face to face. In the case of local interest, we try actively to begin new local organisations.

We want to offer interesting services for English speaking users and members too! For the time being you may find that some of these services may be helpful (in some cases you need to click an English flag or an "English" link to select English language)

- Slektsforum (The Genealogical Forum) for queries and discussions. Members get extra benefits, but anyone get access after registering.
- Slektsforskerbasen (Genealogist's database) A "who researches where?" service. Available for everyone if you want to register yourself with the farms and municipalities you research you need to to do that here to receive a password for this service.
- Gravminner i Norge (Tombstones in Norway) Searchable cemetery records with photos. Open to everyone.
- Genealogiske ressurser (Genealogical Resources) Links, resources, lookups. Still being translated, open to everyone.
- · DISkart (Map entrance) navigate the above services in clickable maps of Norway
- 10 Tips for Norwegian Genealogy Research on Internet
- DIStreff locate members of DIS-Norge that research the same ancestors you are interested in. Parts of this service requires membership.
- DISchat chat with other online genealogists most of them write English pretty well open to everyone.



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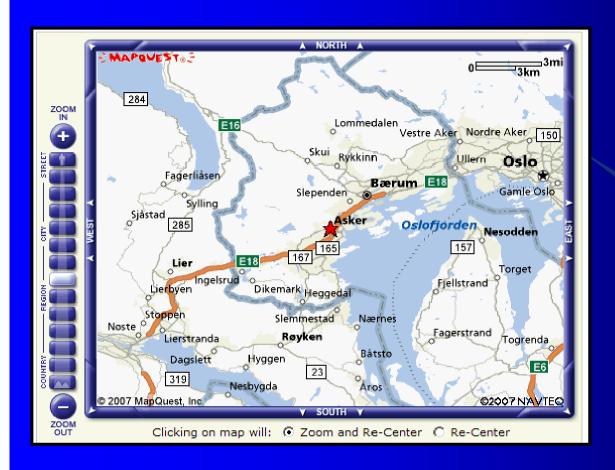
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# LDS Catalogue Search by place

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The history & geography of the area would have affected your ancestors & may explain their emigration

Read about the history, geography, tourism & culture at sites like <u>norway.com</u>