

## RECORDING OUR FAMILY HISTORY

Genealogy has become the world's third most popular hobby, collecting ancestors being next in popularity to collecting stamps and coins. As with stamps and coins, the possibilities are almost infinite as each generation we go back we double the number of forebears. Through a study of genealogy we learn how to find information about our ancestors' activities and I have found a wealth of information in the old files of Government departments. These are stored at the National Archives, Wellington. Norwegian farm histories are well recorded in their bygdebøker (rural chronicles). From these and other sources I have obtained a very good picture of the lives of our family in the nineteenth century and have disseminated my knowledge in my book "Happiness Is Sharing Your Heritage" and in newsletters and in my magazine "Høvdning".

My ancestry is only half Norwegian, there being a quarter of me that is Shetland and a quarter Scots. To those who share my Shetland and Scots lineage and who receive this Christmas greeting, I would give my assurance that I have not forgotten the non-Norwegian side of me, and would crave their indulgence for my emphasis on my Scandinavian interests on this occasion.

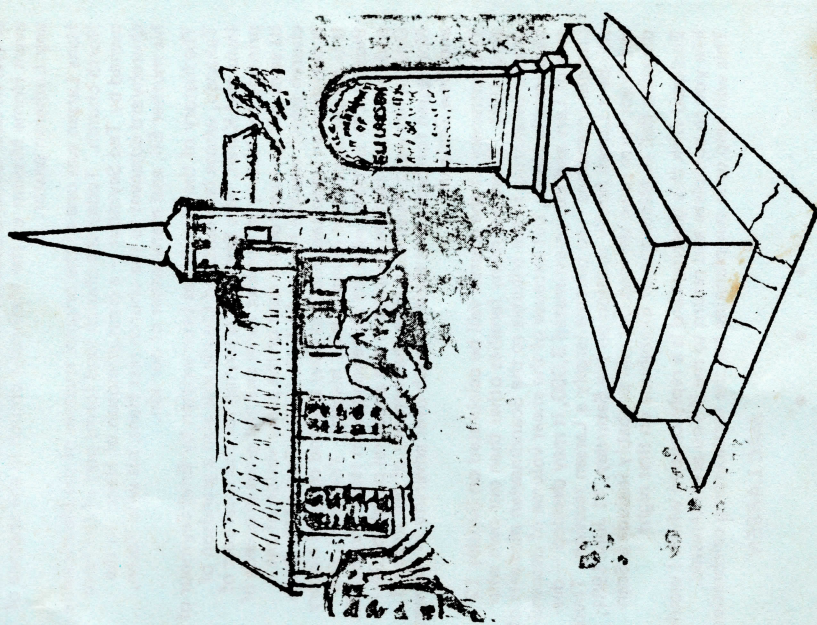
My objective is to write an omnibus edition of the histories of the various families from which I am descended, giving a comparison of their lives in the Old World and in the New World in both the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. But such a book will take many years to compile and meanwhile the information I gather is being published in provisional editions of each section of the book. The first half of the provisional edition of the Norwegian sector "Happiness Is Sharing Your Heritage" was published in 1976. I am trying to publish the second half early 1981. It will consist mainly of a tabulation of descendants of Lars and Eli - the seven houses of the family Larsen Ullerlien. I have almost all the information I require, except for the descendants of Halvor (Halvord) and Carl (Charles) Larsen. But the information I have recorded for the families of Hans Larsen, Karen Isakson, Lars Larsen and Elisabeth Frederickson was gathered 1977-78. I may be unaware of many changes since then, and would be grateful for information on events since 1977 - births, deaths, changes of name and changes of address. A special newsletter is at present being prepared for the descendants of Charles Larsen and his descendants should await same before updating my information. Information that arrives too late for publication will appear in a supplement which is not a very satisfactory way of doing things.

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REMEMBERING KINSFOLK  
AT CHRISTMAS . . . . .

TIL ERINDRING OM SLEKTNINGER PÅ  
JULE TID . . . . .

REMEMBERING OUR HERITAGE . . . . .  
TIL ERINDRING OM VÅR ARV . . . . .



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WISHING YOU A REALLY GOOD  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

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NYTT ÅR ØNSKES DEG