APPENDIX A

VISIT TO NORWAY

Elsie Larson Kaul visited the homeland of her parents in September of 1975 when a family tour of Europe included a visit to Norway. Included in the tour were her husband, Earl Kaul, and other family members: LaVonne, Vernell and Mike Kaul; Marion, Louis and Cathy Lessard; and sister and brother-in-law of Louis, Francis and Carl Olson.

Their tour, expertly arranged by Cathy Lessard and Mike Kaul took them to southeastern Norway, to the area between the Oslo Fjord district and the Swedish border.

Elsie's mother, Andrine Olson Larson, had told her daughter that she and her husband had come from Frederickshald, an ancient town which was renamed Halden in the early 1900s. (See Appendix C - "Halden")

According to the brief diary recorded by Louis Lessard, the group visited Halden on September 9, 1975.

Tuesday, September 9, 1975

Drove to Halden and got two rooms in the Park Hotel. Six of us stayed in a house adjacent to the hotel.
The rooms had cooking facilities. Cathy, Marian and Elsie went to try to locate records of the Larson family.

Wednesday, September 10, 1975

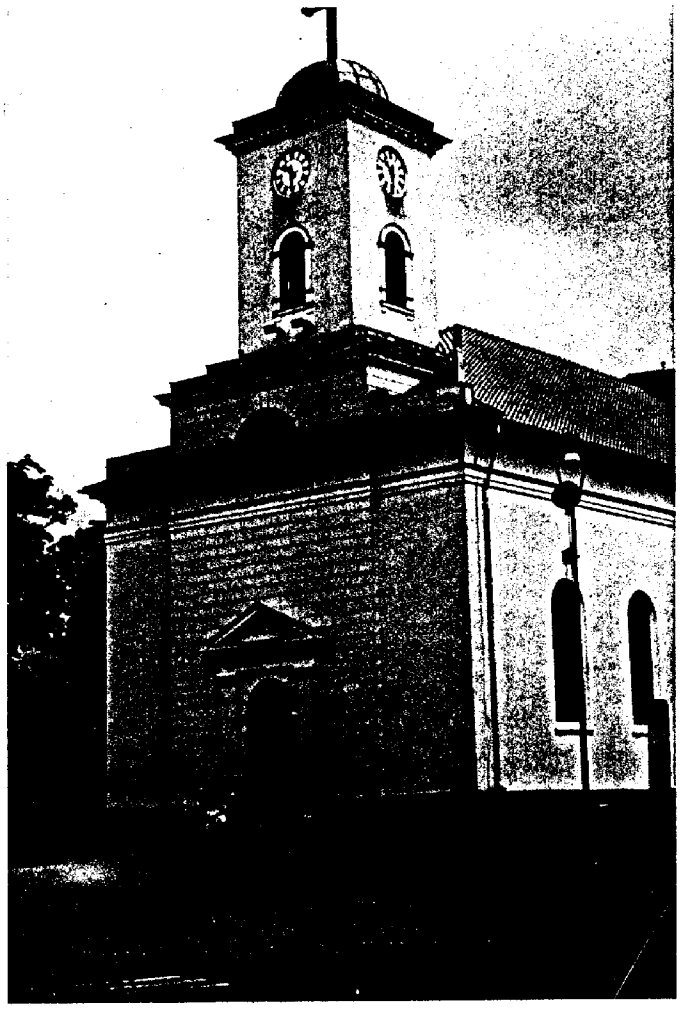
We went to the church to see the minister for information on the Larsons, - No help. We then went to see a man who checks out family trees - (Dr. Andreas Wang)

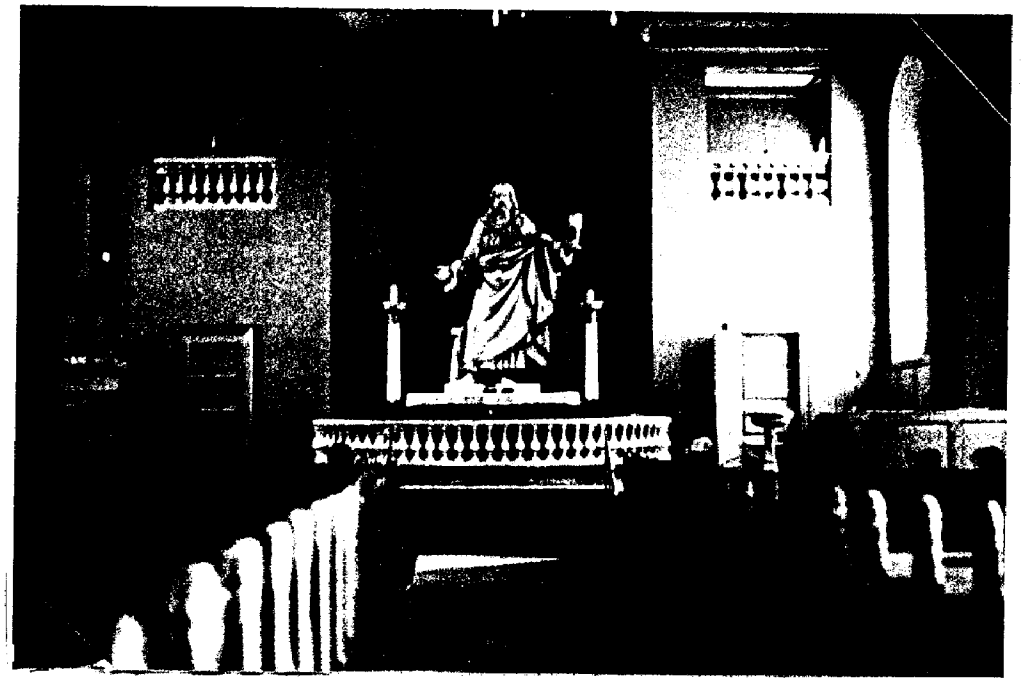
We then went shopping in Halden, had lunch at the hotel, then went to Frederickstadt to shop. After a fish dinner prepared by Elsie and Cathy, the researcher came to the hotel with information on a Larson family, but apparently

TRIP TO NORWAY:

Visiting Norwegian cousins: Elsie Larson, Jens Tellesaas, and genealogist-researcher, Mr. Nygaard.

Elsie Larson Kaul and Karin Karlsson, daughter of Jens Tellesaas.





Prestebakke Church at Idd, where many of our Olson and Larson ancestors worshipped.

the wrong one. A salesman staying at the hotel interpreted. Later we invited him over to the house for a drink and we visited until almost midnight.

Thursday, September 11, 1975

We were packing up and getting ready to go to Sweden, when the researcher called saying he now has information on the correct family and knows where the farm is. We all drove to the library to meet him. We went with the man to the farm where Ole Larson was born and raised.

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According to Louis Lessard, here is an account of what happened next.

Picture # 1

We drove out into the countryside and followed a dirt road through the woods. We arrived at a farm. At this point we weren't sure what was going on.

Picture # 2

We looked at the barn and the surrounding property.

Picture # 3

A man walks up to us and I said, "Here comes Harold Larson." The resemblence was amazing. The researcher explained to the man who we were and how we were related to him. Meanwhile, out of the farmhouse comes a young woman who had a striking resemblence to Junie Larson. We now began to believe that these people were our relatives!

Picture # 4

We walked quite a distance across the farm property and I stopped to take a picture of the river which no doubt was the one that Ole Larson said ran near his home.

Picture # 5

This is another shot of us walking on the way to where the home was that Ole had been raised in.

Picture # 6

He is saying, "This is where the house was that had burned down." Apparently Ole's home had burned. Elsie stoops down and takes a rock from the remains of the fireplace.

Picture # 7

We walked back to the main house. We visited with our Norwegian cousins and Cathy and Karin exchanged addresses.

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The man who lives on the farm is a descendent of Ole Larson's father's sister, Marthe Iversdotter. The young woman was his daughter, Karin.

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LETTER FROM KARIN

Several months after the Norway visit, Cathy received a letter from Karin Karlsson. She said that she had promised to find Elsie's father's family in Norway, and she did. She also stated that they had taken the visitors to the wrong site - the house that had burned was not where Ole had lived. Karin said that the home Ole had been raised in was still standing and was being lived in. The house was very old, as it had been built by Ole's father, Lars Iversen. Karin promised to send a picture of the home, but we have not heard from her since. Her address at the time was: Karin Karlsson

Málbemyrsvägen 1 A

45100 Nddevalla

Sweden

Karin had enclosed a second page outlining family information. Iver Svendsen and Marie Andersdotter married and had two children: Lars Iversen and Marthe Iversdotter.

Lars Iversen married Ellen Marie Larsdotter and (two of) their children were: Jens Larsen and Ole Severin Larsen. Ole was born 19 Aug. 1857. He went to America in 1880 at the age of 23 years.

Marthe Iversdotter married Jens Jonassen and their children were: Martin, Jens, Hans and Sevrin. Martin Jensen, born 28 June 1848 married Oline Emilie Thorsdotter and their child, Edwin Jensen Tellesås (born 1880 and died 1959) married Alette Hansen, born 1 November 1891.

Karin Karlsson said that these people were her grandparents. At the time she wrote the letter, her grandmother was 84 years old and living in Enningdalen.

Edwin and Alette had 4 children: Ester, Jens, Hugo and Odd. Jens Tellesås is the father of Karin. He was born 7 February 1916 and he married a woman named Borghild, born 14 March 1918. Their daughter, Karin, was born 18 March 1949 and she is married to Sven Karlsson, born 6 Nov. 1944. Karin and Sven have 1 child, Martin.

Karin added that her grandfather, Edwin, has a sister who is 88 years old and also lives in Enningdalen. Her name is Martha Smedsrød and she has family who is in the United States. Karin was going to send their address in her next letter.

Norway — Iver Svendsen married (24 July 1822) Marie Andersdotter — Norway

b. 10 July 1823	Lars Iversen		Marthe Iversdotter	b.
m. 19 Nov 1847	Ellen Marie Larsdotter		Jens Jonassen	m.
b. 19 August 1857	Ole Severin Larson		Martin Jensen	b. 28 June 1848
m. 1887	Andrine Petronella Olson		Oline Emilie Thorsdotter	m.
b. 16 Dec. 1898	Elsie Christina Larson	(United States)	Edwin Tellesas	b. 1880
m. 17 Nov 1916	Earl Frederick Kaul		Alette Hansen	m.
b. 27 Jan. 1923	Marian Arlene Kaul		Jens Tellesas	b. 7 Feb. 1916
m. 28 June 1947	Louis William Lessard		Borghild	m.
b. 2 Nov 194	Catherine Ann Lessard		Karin Tellesas	b. 18 March 1949
m. 10 Jan 1976	Vytautus Kasimeris Virskus		Sven Karlsson	m.
b. 27 June 1977	Jennifer Catherine Virskus		Martin Karlsson	b.

b. = date born

m = date married

APPENDIX B

OLE SEVERIN LARSON

A Norweigan couple assisted me in interpreting genealogical information brought back from Norway by Elsie and Earl Kaul in the 1970's. Here is what we came up with:

(Bottom of side A) In 1802, on July 24, a marriage took place between a bachelor and soldier, Iver Svendsen and Marie Andersdotter. The word Loidag I would guess to be a town, perhaps where the marriage took place. We were not sure what the bottom line means, but it has something to do with the wedding - perhaps something about a best man.

(Top of side A): Some twenty years later, we have the birth of Lars Iversen on July 10, 1823. The father is Iver Svendsen (Tellesaas) and the mother is Marie Andersdotter. The name Tellesaas is the family name; their last name.

The word "fadder" means Godfather. The first name on the list is probably the child's godfather. Listed are the names: Halvar Andersen, Anne Andersdotter, and Anders Jorgensen. To the right of each name is "Boen" - either a town or a local farm or farming area that these people are from. The last two names are Eli Svendsdotter - from Killingrost, and Guri Iversdotter Grovet - again, these words "Killingrost" and "Grovet" are either towns these people are from or last names. Further investigation will probably clarify this.

Lars Iversen Tellesaas was the father of Ole Severin Larson.

(Near bottom of side A):
Tracing Ole's mother's side of the family, we first have: a marriage October 27, 1822 between Lars Hansen of Vaverstad (I believe this would be Sweden) and Gunhild Syversdotter (Gribsroid). Lars is 25 years old, therefore born approximately 1797; Gunhild is 26 years old, born approximately 1796.

(upper portion of lower half of side A):

The following year there is record of a birth/Baptism of their child, Ellen Marie Larsdotter. "f" means "Birth". She was born February 18, 1826.

It states that Lars Hansen, the father, was "Husmand" - which means he was a farm worker on a manor farm. Back then there were large manor farms owned by wealthy people. The husmand was a farm worker that received either a percentage of the crops and/or a house and plot of ground.

My Norweigan friends said that many husmand came to the United States in the 1800s in hopes of someday owning their own land. The way the social structure was set up in Norway, no one in the position of a husmand could ever hope of owning land. - This was much the same as the feudal feifdoms of Europe in the centuries before, and still was in the 1800s in some areas of Europe.

Getting back to the birth/Baptism of Ellen Marie Larsdotter, the mother of the child was Guinhild Syversdotter. The Godfather, no doubt was the top person listed, that of Halvar Jensen (Gribsroid) - again, the word "Gribsroid" is either a family name or the name of the area the person came from.

The other people listed are Jens Halvors, Anne Andersdotter and Ole Halvors.

This Ellen Marie Larsdotter is the mother of Ole Severin Larson.

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(Page B, bottom portion): November 19, 1847 was the marriage of Lars Iversen Tellesaas, age 24; and Ellen Marie Larsdotter, age 21. She apparently was from Bakklodejaarden - an area in Norway very close to Sweden that contains many beautiful manor farms. Perhaps her father was husmand on one of these large farms.

They were married in Prestebakke Church. "Preste" means "minister" - so, at sometime or another, a minister lived on the "Prestebakke" Road - Elsie says her folks used to mention Prestebakke, and when she was in Norway,

she saw a sign for "Prestebakke Road" outside of Halden.
Continuing with the information about their marriage, it states that his father was Iver Svendsen and her father was Lars Hansen. His family name was "Tellesaas" and her family name was "Gribsroid".

(Upper portion of Side B): "Folkettelling" is a census; so, the researcher apparently found this information in the 1865 census. The word "Tellesaasidengen", according to my Norweigan friends, is a "reference" word. The word "Matrikkel" means a numbering system; land register; a registration number. So, we have Matrikkel #205 a 2.

Listed is Lars Iversen - Gbr - which means a farmer/land owner. He is 42 years old and was born, or in 1865 did live, in "Idd" - an area outside of Halden.

According to a book my Norweigan friends had, Idd contains a beautiful stone church dating back to the Middle Ages. It is located south of Halden. No doubt Lars Iversen, or his children, were Baptized there. Near the church is a well-known pottery factory where beautiful pottery is made.

Continuing with the census: Ellen Marie Larsdotter is listed as being 39 years old; wife; and from Idd.

Their children at that time: Ole Severin; 8 years old; born at Idd. A one year old boy, "drengebarin" - meaning son, not yet baptized. The next person is "Gurun Malette" - I'm not sure of how this is spelled; but this person (daughter?) is 17 years old and also born at Idd. The last person is Hanna Sophia - 10 years old, also born at Idd.

(Top, side B): Found on page 122, church book 6-A, R. 185, the baptism of Ole Severin Larson, born August 19, 1857. The word "Selveier" means that his father owns something, probably he is a land owner. The father of Ole is listed as Lars Iversen Tellesaas and mother, Ellen Larsdotter.

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FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Iver Svendsen Tellesaas

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth					
Chr'nd					
Mar.	24 July 1802	Loidag?		Norway?	
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence

Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec. soldier

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. father/grandfather: Svend Nielsen ca. 1733?

His Father grandmother or Mother's Maiden Name : Anne Marie Johannesdotter

Wife's Full Maiden Name Marie Andersdotter

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth					
Chr'nd					
Death					
Burial					

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Lars Iversen Tellesas	Birth	10July 1823				
	Full Name of Spouse* Ellen Marie Larsdotter	Mar.	19 Nov 1847	Prestebakke Church	Idd-Halden	Norway	
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Marthe Iversdotter	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse* Jens Jonassen	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					Martin Jenser
3		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
7		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
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		Death					
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		Death					
		Burial					
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

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FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Lars Iversen Tellesaas

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	10 July 1823				
Chr'nd					
Mar.	19 Nov 1847	Prestebakke Church; Idd-Halden		Norway	
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence

Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Iver Svendsen Tellesas Mother's Maiden Name Marie Andersdotter

Wife's Full Maiden Name Ellen Marie Larsdotter Gribsroid

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	18 Feb 1826				
Chr'nd					
Death					
Burial					

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Gunhild Syversdotter-

Her Father Lars Hansen Mother's Maiden Name -Gribsroid

x	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Gurun Malette	Birth	1848?	Idd		Norway	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Hanna Sophia	Birth	1855?	Idd		Norway	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
3	Ole Severin Larsen	Birth	19 Aug 1857	Idd		Norway	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	1887			Norway?	
	Andrine P. Olson	Death	28 Sept 1937	Pontiac	Oakland	Michigan	
		Burial					
4	Jens Larsen	Birth	1865	Idd		Norway	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
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	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					

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FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Lars Hansen

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	1797-approx.			Sweden?	
Chr'nd					
Mar.	27 Oct 1822				
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence

Occupation husmand/farm Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name Gunhild Syversdotter-Grobsroid

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1796-approx.				
Chr'nd					
Death					
Burial					

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1 Ellen Marie Larsdotter	Birth	18 Feb 1826				
	Full Name of Spouse* Lars Iversen Tellesaas	Mar.	19 Nov 1847	Prestebakke Church; Idd-Halden Norway			
		Death					
		Burial					
	2	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	3	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
	4	Birth					
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		Death					
		Burial					

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FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Olaf Severin Larson

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	19 Aug. 1857	Idd - Halden,		Norway	
Chr'nd		Idd - Halden,		Norway	
Mar.	1887				
Death	28 Sept 1937	Pontiac	Oakland	Michigan	
Burial		Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare, MI			

Places of Residence Norway-Sweden; Williamsport, Pa; Sheridan Twnsp; MI

Occupation stone mason Church Affiliation Luth/Bapt. Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Lars Iversen Tellesas Mother's Maiden Name Ellen Marie Larsdotter

Wife's Full Maiden Name Andrine Petronella Olson

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	7 June 1863	Fredrickshald		Norway	
Chr'nd					
Death	30 July 1957	Milford	Oakland	Michigan	
Burial	3 Aug 1957	Cherry Grove	Clare Co.	Michigan	

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Address

City, State

Date

Places of Residence Norway-Sweden; Williamsport, PA; Sheridan Tnsp. MI

Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation Luth; Baptist

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father Ola Olson Mother's Maiden Name Caroline-

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Martha E. Larson	Birth	7 Jan 1888			Norway-Sweden?	Welthea;
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	15 July 1915	Sheridan Township; Clare Co.		MICH	Gladys, Milly,
	Clyde Ulysses Stoy	Death	14 Nov 1971	Clare	Clare Co.	MICH	Virginia
		Burial		Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare, MICH.			Ruth; Calvir
2	Ole Larson	Birth	2 Nov 1889			Norway-Sweden	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.		Aged 14 yrs; 7 months; 10 days			
		Death	12 June 1904	Sheridan Twnsp; Clare Co.		MICH	
		Burial		Cherry Grove Clare Co.		MICH.	
3	Mary Larson	Birth	4 Jan 1892	Williamsport	Lycoming	PENN.	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					Basil
	Luther Braley	Death					
		Burial					
4	George A Larson	Birth	1 Aug. 1893	Williamsport	Lycoming	Penn.	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	13 Dec 1963				
		Burial					
5	Ruth Larson	Birth	5 Dec 1895	Williamsport	Lycoming	Penn.	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					Lucille
	Aleck Burch	Death					
		Burial					
6	Joseph Omar Larson	Birth	13 Aug 1897	Williamsport	Lycoming	Penn.	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
	Ruth Davis	Death					
		Burial		Cherry Grove	Clare Co.	MICH.	
7	Elsie Christina Larson	Birth	16 Dec 1898	Williamsport	Lycoming	PENN.	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	17 Nov 1916	Pontiac	Oakland	MICH	
	Earl Frederick Kaul	Death					
		Burial					
8	Roy W Larson	Birth	26 May 1901	Sheridan Township	Clare CO.	MICH	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death	7 Dec 1983				
		Burial					
9	Harold Larson	Birth	9 May 1903	Sheridan Township	Clare Co.	MICH	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
	PEARL GEROW	Death					
		Burial					
10	Mildred Larson	Birth	14 July 1906	Sheridan Township	Clare Co.	MICH	
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	14 July 1934	Pontiac	Oakland	MICH	
	Harold Martin	Death					
		Burial					

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This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth					
Chr'nd					
Mar.					
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence Frederickshald; Norway

Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name Karoline Johannesdatter

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth					
Chr'nd					
Death					
Burial					

Places of Residence

Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

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1	Martina Olson	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse* Sven Johnson	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
2	Andrine Petronella O.	Birth	7 June 1863	Frederickhald		Norway	
	Full Name of Spouse* Ole Severin Larson	Mar.	1887				
		Death	30 July 1957	Milford	Oakland	Michigan	
		Burial		Cherry Grove	Clare Co.	Michigan	
3	John Olson	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
4	James Olson	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
5	Johanna Olson	Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
		Death					
		Burial					
6		Birth					
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.					
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*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

The majority of this information apparently came from church records. Which church, I am not sure. My Norweigan friends urged me to write to one of the churches in Halden, and perhaps the Chamber of Commerce, and see if I can obtain more information. I will do this in the future.

My Norweigan friends had some difficulty interpreting some of this information. The hand writing of the elderly gentleman who researched this is very good, but difficult to interpret in some spots. So, we must be liberal on the spellings of the names and places.

If anyone else in the family has knowledge of Norweigan or friends (probably elderly) that can interpret this type of Norweigan, they are welcome to give it a try and let me know of the results.

Due to lack of time before preparing this before the 1982 Larson reunion, I did not have time to do further research - such as figuring out if some of the words were family names or areas of Norway or Sweden.

FIRST NAMES

Norwegians customarily named the first son after his father's father and the first daughter after her father's mother. The second son was named after his mother's father and the second daughter after her mother's mother and so on to the grandparents on each side.

SURNAMES

Patronymics, occupations and localities account for the derivation of the majority of Norwegian surnames. Patronymics is the term used to describe a name derived from the name of a father or ancestor, especially by adding a suffix or prefix. In the Norwegian case the suffix "son" is affixed, such as Larson - (son of Lars).

Identification of a person was by Christian name and the father's given name. The son of Lars carried the name, Larson and the daughter carried the name, Larsdatter.

A third name, generally refered to as the "surname" was often added to the Christian name (given name) and the patronymic. An example: "Ole" was the Christian name, "Larson" was the patronymic and "Tellesaas" was the surname for our ancestor that came from Norway.

It was not uncommon for a person to acquire several different "surnames" during his lifetime in Norway. People often adopted surnames according to the area they lived in. If they lived on the "Holmlie" farm, the person may use that name as their surname. If perhaps 20 years later they moved to a different farm or different area, they would perhaps drop the "Holmlie" surname and affix one from their new area. This practice can make tracing ancestors in Norway a bit difficult.

Note that Ole Larson's name when spelled by a Norwegian is spelled "Larsen". Somewhere along the line, perhaps when they moved to the United States, the "son" was spelled the way an American would spell it.

APPENDIX C

HALDEN, NORWAY

Our Norwegian ancestors came from Halden, Norway. Here is a brief description from the encyclopedia:

Halden: Formerly called Fredrikshald (or spelled Frederikshald) - a Norwegian town in Østfold fylke (county) in southeastern Norway. Located on the Iddefjorden (Idd fjord) at the mouth of the Tistedalselva (Tiste river), this industrial town and port contains light, diversified industries - such as the manufacture of wood and paper products, footwear and textiles. Granite and marble are quarried nearby.

The site of this town was settled in ancient times. The modern town was founded as a timber-shipping port about 1580. It won its rights as a city in 1665 following its heroic resistence to a Swedish seige from 1658 to 1660. At that time it was renamed Fredrikshald in honor of the Danish king.

Fredrikssten Fort, built between 1661 and 1671, was a strategic border stronghold that withstood many attacks by the Swedes. During the seige of 1718 King Charles XII of Sweden was killed. The fortress was demilitarized in 1905 after the separation of Norway from Sweden.

Notable features of the Halden area are the Norwegian National War Memorial on Rødsberget (hill) and the medieval Berg church. Svinesund Bridge, linking Norway and Sweden, is a few miles west of Fredrikssten fort.

Population estimate (1971) 27,000.

Source: Encyclopedia Americana, Vol 12, Americana Corp., Conn.
Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol 4, William Benton, Publisher, Chicago.

Here is additional information on Halden from a tourist phamplet brought back from the 1975 trip:

The early settlement at the mouth of the River Tista owed its existence largely to the development of the water-driven saw and the harnessing of the up-river waterfalls. During the course of the 16th and 17th centuries it grew to the proportions of a township which today is known as Halden.

The Peace of Roskilde in 1658 resulted in Halden becoming a strategic frontier outpost against Sweden. The town was subjected to attacks for 3 years in succession and the courageous resistance of the citizens during these war-torn years was an important factor in deciding King Fredrik III to grant a town charter in 1665.

Five devastating fires have left their mark on Halden's past, but each time a new town arose from the ashes and continued the process of development. Thus, in the 1870's, Halden had become one of the country's leading maritime centers with a fleet of 133 vessels whose combined crews totalled 1200 men.

Today, Halden's modern society is based upon a wide variety of industries. The most significant of these is the Saubrugsforeningen, Norway's largest pulp and paper mill employing about 2,500. In addition, the town produces plastic, leather and travel goods, light fittings, aluminium, enamel wares, etc.

The future is represented in Halden by the Institute of Atomic Energy which has established here the only boiling heavy water reactor in the world. Today, an international research team of scientists from 14 nations is at work at the Halden Reactor.

Halden is an expanding urban community with its eyes on the future. Near the E6 (highway) out towards Svinesund a large industrial area has recently been developed where several nationally renowned companies have established themselves.

Halden is a town with a rich cultural heritage. As early as the 18th century, short plays were produced within the circles of genteel society. At the beginning of the last century a theater was built for dramatic productions and theatrical and musical societies were formed.

The blossoming cultural activity in Halden attracted many leading artists to the town, such as, the dramatist Johan Peder Strømberg and the composers F.A. Reissiger and Oscar Borg.

A number of painters, well-known in Norway's cultural history, have been raised or have been domiciled for varying periods of time in Halden. Amongst the best known of these are: Mathias Blumenthal, H.C.F. Hosenfelder, and Thomas Fearnley.

The Herrebø Porcelain represents one of the finest examples of the art of the Roccoco period in Norway.

The town has two amateur dramatic societies, and the annual Halden Festival affords expression to a wide range of artistic activities, many well-known names to the programme.

The Halden district is well known for its beautiful surroundings. We find in the immediate vicinity of the town, tracts which are amongst the most attractive in South-East Norway. Local open-air organizations welcome the nature-loving tourist, having provided well marked paths in an excellent hiking terrain and charming cabins for rest and refreshment.

The area in and around Halden is ideally suited to open-air activities in summer as well as in winter. Halden also has much to offer the fisherman, who is able to pursue his sport in either fresh or salt water.

There are ample opportunities for bathing round about Halden. In addition to the bathing beaches which one finds within the town limits, the famed West Coast of Sweden and the holiday paradise of Hvaler are within easy reach. In addition, Halden can offer very good camping places.

Fredriksten Fortress is Norway's proudest military historical monument. The building of the defences began in 1661, and in the ensuing years the fortress gained great significance, not only for Halden, but for the whole of Norway. In its role as a frontier fortification, Fredrikste withstood a series of attacks by the Swedish military forces. Perhaps the best-known of these events was the siege of 1718 when the Swedish hero king, Charles XII fell here during his second campaign against Norway.

Today Fredriksten is a peaceful retreat which every year is visited by hundreds of thousands of tourists. Those wishing to acquaint themselves further with Halden's history visit the military and cultural museums at the fortress. Others choose to relive the atmosphere of the past by simply strolling around the old fortifications. The higher bastions afford a magnificent vew. Pleasant gardens, a first class restaurant as well as a three-star camping site are also included among Fredriksten's attractions.

Halden is situated right at the heart of the great holiday paradise that stretches from the Swedish West Coast in the South, encompasses Hvaler and Hanko and continues Northward to Larkollen. Norway's most important arterial railway connection with the rest of Europe passes through Halden. Svinesund Bridge, Halden, which marks the frontier with Sweden, is the motoring tourists's "Gateway to Norway" along the

E6 Highway. From Lokkebergkrysset, 2 km. north of Svineshund, it is a mere 5 minutes by car to Halden's center.

In Halden you can choose between 3 comfortable hotels, a pension, a youth hostel and a three-star camping site, while taking time off to visit Fredriksten Fortress and the many other attractions that the town has to offer.

We extend to all tourists and travellers a warm welcome to Halden.

Source of the preceeding information: Tourist Association of Halden
Tolboden, Kongens Brygge
Halden, Norway

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Looking at a well-detailed map of Norway, I made a few discoveries. It appears to me that "Halden" is the name of not only the town, but of an area as well. Karin Karlsson had written that her grandmother was from "Enningdalen (Halden)." Also, on a map I have, the word "Halden" is written across the area, as if it were designating a district or a county. The name of the town also appears in smaller type near the actual city.

Our family history information states that Ole Larson's family lived at "Idd" which is on the map, south of Halden. It is not really a town, but rather more like a hamlet, post-place or a farm center. Located at Idd are two churches, one of which the Larson children were baptized at. I am not sure if it was the white, wooden structure called "Prestebakke Kirke" (church) or the beautiful, stone church, called the "Berg Church" which was built in the Middle Ages.

Looking at the map again, I see what appears to be another hamlet or post-place further south of Idd, called "Prestebakke". Andrine used to tell Elsie of Prestebakke - we do not know if this is what she meant. Elsie recalls seeing a "Prestebakke Road" near Halden.

I searched the map for a few minutes but could not find the area in Sweden that Karin Karlsson was from. Louis Lessard recalls her saying that she didn't live too far over the border and she often drove over to Norway to visit her parents.

Another close look at the map shows that our relatives lived very near a section of Sweden that swings up and around the southeastern portion of Norway. This makes it easy to understand why "Sweden" keeps cropping up in the family history. According to the 1900 Michigan census, it was recorded that Andrine Larson's mother, Caroline Olson, was born in Sweden, and that Andrine and Ole's oldest daughter and son, Martha and Ole, were born in Sweden. It is possible that Andrine and Ole were in Sweden for a while, perhaps he was there working. It is also possible that the census-taker made a mistake. But it at least provides important information for any further family research.

Also, a piece of paper I have had for many years contains information written by Elsie Kaul:

"Mother had 2 sisters, and 2 brothers, John and James Olson. Sisters were Martina Olson (Johnson) and Johanna Olson. My grandmother's name was Caroline and grandfather's name was Ola. Mother was born Frederickshold, Norway in 1863. Dad born Sweden in 1857.

There again, is Sweden. But the information brought back from Norway from the 1975 trip shows that Ole was born at "Idd". I have added Elsie's information not to try to show that she was not completely correct. Elsie probably had written this note from memory many years after the deaths of her parents. Perhaps it just means that many years ago her parents mentioned that someone in the family was born in Sweden. Again, it just tells us that in future research to check Swedish records as well as Norwegian.

Hopefully in the near future we will be able to trace Andrine's family back several generations as Ole's has been.

Sisters: Martina Olson Johnson (on left) and Andrine Petronella Olson Larson.

This photo was on the back of a post card, which was signed: "This is Jens' and Amalie's hired help, named Inga Hansen.

Inga was a "Joneskyink", which was a live-in cook, maid and housekeeper.

James Olson, brother of Andrine and Martina.

The back of this photo was signed: "Here you see some of the house and also some bee houses. Live well, (signed) Jens Larsen.

PHOTOS FROM NORWAY:

Jenny, Olga and Anna with (two) husbands and some of their children. Photo was taken in the mountain mining town of Rukan (Rjukan), about 1925 - 1930.