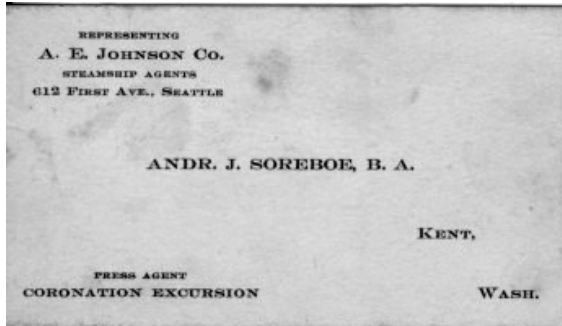


Naustdalstevne,

På vestkysten vart det skipa eit eige Naustdalslag. Fyrste stemnet var på farmen til Kristoffer N. Ulleland ved Kent i 1910. Det 7. stemnet var halde på farmen til Tin Svoen i 1918, også ved Kent. I det høvet dikta Andreas (Andrew) J. Sørøbøe vedlagte song.

H J Runde



Naustdalstevnet på mr. Tin Svoens farm, Kent, Washington 4. Juli 1918

Av Andreas J. Sørøbøe (Andrew J. Sørøbøe)
Tone: *For Norge kjæmpers*

Her er vi samlet til Naustdalslag
en flok fra bygder kjære, og ønsker vi nu her i dag,
vor fest skal viet være
det folk og land som vi forlod,
den bygd, det sted, hvor vor vugge stod
vort hjem, vor far og mor så god,
det mindes vi og ære.

Og tanken farer over hav
og op til gamle Norge,
det land som frihetsarv os gav,
det land med klippeborge.
Og lyse minder stiger frem
med alt som kjært er fra barndomshjem; -
ja gjerne tanken gå til dem
i kjære gamle Norge!



Vi lukker øinene og ser
det som vort hjerte glæder
se det der står huset, og se der
de kjære gamle steder!
Ja der vi sprang og lo og sang
og lekte hele dagen lang,
der igjen sorger var den gang,
kun sol og barneglæde.

Der ser vi fjeld og hei og li,
og elven sno sig og svinge,
der slynger veien og sætersti,
vi hører bjelde klinge.
Der ligger sæteren i bakkehald,
og bakom tårner det dystre fjeld;
ja ditop gik vi så mang en kveld
og mindet rører vor bringe!

Men tiden kom da vi for
at prøve lykken i verden;
vi sa farvel til far og mor
og av sted på færden.
Det fugtet øiet, det smerte gav
at reise bort over store hav,
og knapt vi visste, hvor vi blev av,
da vi for ut i verden!

Og har vi fundet et nyt hjem,
vi glemmer ei det gamle,
det stiger atter og atter frem
i minder sig at samle:
der ser vi alt som da vi for
langt borte fra hjem fra far fra mor;
ja gjerne tanken går der nord,
de minder aldrig falme.

Sunnfjordstemne i Kent

Pictures from Howard Olivers January 2009



Photo: Sigmund Svoen, 2008

Here are three pictures of Sunnfjordlag stevnes. I think the oldest one is marked 5-17-1917. My uncle was born in 1905---he seems to be ca 4-6 years in this photo. It is possible the house is Bertin Svoen. If it is it will be older than the other picture you have photoed by Soerbo (Soerbo was neighbor to Fitje i Naustdal)

The one marked P I Berg is some years later--possibly during WWI or just some years later. I think the automobile is probably 1917 or later. The photo Sunnfjord #1 is also from P I Berg plas. I do not know the time either.

Howard



Sunnfjordstemne at the house of Bertin Svoen 17. May 1917



Sunnfjordstemne at P I Berg`s house ca 1917 or later.



Stemne at P I Berg`s house. Time i s unknown



Photo: Unknown

Sunnfjord-Picnic at Lake Geneve 30 June 1929



Of course *I had to read* the article by Astrid.....Very, very interesting and of course for vi amerikaner kan ikke lese pa norsk det var godt til lese pa engelsk. Astrid was an excellent

writer and historian---in fact--we would not have become friends as we are today if it was not for Astrid's great collection of ancestral genealogy of Ullaland & Fitje folk.

In Kent there is a Historical Society & Museum. I will visit the curator and tell her about this website. The Scandinavian influence on what is known as Kent's East Hill was extremely important in the development of the area. Yes--we think of Norsk, but also there was a large settlement of Svensk immigrants and also fra Finland. Many of my good friends were halv norsk og halv svensk.

I would like to see expanded interest in all Sunnfjord kommuner. On the picture taken in 1929 at Lake Geneva there are many "utvandrings" fra Flora, Askvoll and Forde. My first teacher [Marie Espeseth] parents came from Askvoll one year before she was born. {Marie is now 100} Astrid mentioned Einar Fimland--his wife was from Forde. There are many persons in Seattle & Tacoma with slekt fra Flora and Forde. It is a big task you are doing.....If I am correct ---it was *Einar Eimhjellen* who put the match [firestykk] under the fire of this new interest in Sunnfjord--by bringing the *Splelemannslag* to this part of the world.

You, Inge and Ernie please let me know what I can contribute to help you with the 2 big projects you are doing.

Nuk for idag-----Thank you again Sigmund for all the good work. Howard

I am sending you a picture taken at Zion Lutheran Church at Kent in 1916. There are many Sunnfjordinger in this picture. Some from Naustdal, Forde, Floro, Askvoll, Gloppen [Hyen] and maybe others. This was a party for Prest who was going into US Army WWI.

Howard



I wish I could tell you pa Norsk about this this picture.

A.B. Oleson was a building contractor also using bricks to build in the time before concrete [betong] was used in streets. One of the streets in front of Lincoln County courthouse in Chandler Oklahoma is made of bricks. A.B. Oleson was the contractor on the street of bricks. This picture of the street was taken by Dee & I in Chandler OK. in 1994. There are some other buildings of brick that A.B. built. I cannot find the pictures we took of the buildings I have sent e-post to Chandler but they have not answered. I will try again.

Howard

