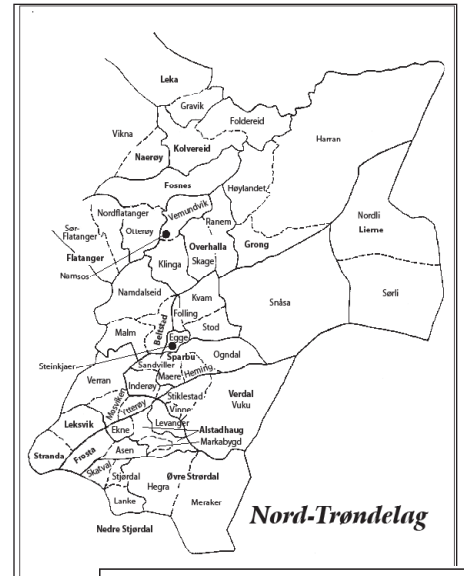


Did your Ancestors come from the Trøndelag Region of Norway?



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Trønderlag of America Membership Application

Please complete this form and send it with your dues to our Membership Chair. Make checks payable to "Trønderlag of America"
or _____ please email me a PayPal invoice so I can use a credit card. (Be sure to list your email address below)

Membership Dues: \$12.00/year Individual or Couple; \$22.00 for 2 years; \$30.00 for 3 years
Canada add \$1 per year for postage. Norway/Europe add \$3 per year for postage. Dues are effective from
Jan 1-Dec. 31 of each year.

Dues enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ year(s) [US Dollars only] Date _____
I wish to make an additional donation of \$ _____ for _____

New _____ Renewal _____ Address Change _____ Gift from _____
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My roots in Trøndelag are: (indicate which spouse)

Emigrant Ancestor's Name _____ Parish _____ Farm Name(s) _____ Year Emig. _____

Mail to:
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Trønderlag of America is a bygdelag (lag) – an organization of emigrants and their descendants from North and South Trøndelag areas of Norway. The Trønderlag, established in 1908, is a member of the Norwegian-American Bygdelagenes Fellesraad.

Purpose of the Trønderlag of America:

- To aid in the preservation of Norwegian history, culture and heritage for coming generations by collecting and preparing historical information and data relative to immigration and settlement and to encourage research and writing of family, immigration and settlement histories.
- To maintain communication and working relationships between the members of Trønderlag and other organizations with Norwegian heritage.
- To develop and maintain a library of resources for member use, such as bygdebøker (farm histories), Norwegian church and government records and other such genealogical information.
- To maintain and enhance fellowship among the descendants of people from the Trøndelag area of Norway and to maintain a bond between Trønders in North America and Norway.

To further these purposes, the Trønderlag may hold conferences, symposia and other

meetings; publish journals, books and other publications; seek and accept grants, gifts and contracts for any of the above purposes and, make available the results of its collection of information to the general public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Membership Benefits:

Membership in Trønderlag of America is open to anyone with an interest in the history and culture of the Trøndelag region of Norway, especially descendants of Trønder emigrants. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. Renewals should be sent in December to our Membership Chairman at the address listed on this brochure.

• **Stevne** - An annual stevne (gathering) includes genealogy research and classes; educational seminars on varied Norwegian cultural and historical topics; annual Lag business meeting; heritage tours; Norwegian entertainment. Currently, the stevne, named the “Tre Lag Stevne,” is held in conjunction with the Gudbrandsdal and the Nord-Hedmark og Hedemarken lags. **Stevne 2015** was held at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire, Wiscon from August 5-8.

• **Genealogy Research Assistance** - During the annual stevne, many hours are set aside for genealogy research. Lag resources include bygdebøker from many parishes in Nord- and Sør-Trøndelag, personal family histories, other Norwegian reference books and films of emigration protocols. During the rest of the year, our lag genealogist is available to do lookups and searches in the lag-owned materials. Lag members may contact him directly for assistance. There is no charge for member lookups, although we ask for reimbursement for photocopies.

• **Web site** - The lag web site provides up-to-date information about the organization and its activities. In addition, you will find links to many genealogical resources specific to Trøndelag. Our web site is found at: www.tronderlag.org

• **Newsletter** - Our newsletter, Trønderlag Nyheter Brev, is published three times a year. Members receive the newsletter as part of their dues. It contains information about the activities of the lag, the stevne, as well as genealogical and historical articles.

• **Aarbok (Yearbook)** - In 2012 the Lag published their fourth Aarbok since 2005. The Aarbok documents lag activities and history and includes hundreds of indexed biographies of Trønder immigrants. Publication of future books will depend on having a sufficient number of volunteers to handle the various aspects of publishing.

• **Heritage Tours** - In 2005, 2010, and 2014 the Lag sponsored heritage tours to the Trøndelag area (middle) of Norway. Participants saw many historical areas as well as having the opportunity to visit their ancestral farms and meet relatives.

The 2014 tour celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution. Members of the group joined with the Syttende Mai adult parade in Trondheim on May 17 and participated in a special service at Nidaros Cathedral.



The symbol of the Trønderlag is the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim.