

INFORMATION CAME FROM HANDWRITTEN NOTES BY THE INTERVIEWER.

FAMILY BACKGROUND Kristian Klakegg was 'Kris (?)' Anderson in America. At first spelled Christ, but not acceptable. His name change took place in Tacoma. He went to Portland, Oregon, in August and got a sawmill job. Met a Swedish man.

Was born in 1902, 10th of August at Klakegg. There were 12 children in all. Kristian was the youngest. Father was Anders and mother was Lovise. Father was the oldest boy and got the farm. But there were 10 boys in Kristian's family. Mother was from JÄlster. Not so many animals on farm, two horses, 8-9 cows, and a few sheep and goats.

HIS FIRST JOB AS A BOY: Milking (?) which he liked very much. Didn't have any seter. Didn't make goat cheese on farm.

MORE MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD Nothing special. In winter, went to neighbors, played violin, and danced 'old dances'. Lots of snow but didn't have skis.

SCHOOL Was close in Klakegg. Had school for two weeks then free time because the teacher commuted between two places. Went to school for seven years. Story about continuing school.

About folk high school.

EMIGRATION Had a job before he emigrated in 1923 when he was 21 years old. Had cousins in America and he thought about emigrating ever since he finished school.

UNCLE IN AMERICA Lived in Everett, Washington. Had other cousins in Minnesota but there was a terrible fire (?). Uncle's sons, two of four lived in Minnesota. One married and stayed.

Kristian worked in the woods and saved up 3,000 dollars on job. Norwegian-German people in hotel in Tacoma (?)

Lost money in a bank. Had worked by Aberdeen when in the woods.

What did mother think of his leaving? (?) She didn't live long after he left.

MONEY FOR TICKET Came from brother, 400 kroner, at confirmation time; it was like an inheritance (?) for him.

Ticket cost 1200 kroner. He took wool clothes with him, homemade and heavy.

Story about preparation for boat trip, taxes, lensmanden, *etc.* Came to Bergen, little more trouble.

Kristian traveled with a comrade, Nikolai Skrede who was about his age and had been out working also. Kristian isn't 100% certain what his jobs were.

It had been two years since Kristian had heard from his uncle in America. Couldn't go there. Went to a cousin (?), a neighbor who had one of his sisters (?). That was to Portland, Oregon.

MORE ABOUT BERGEN Somethng about a small flask in a coffee shop ordered a karafe instead.

Spent several days in Bergen waiting for boat which went to England. It was fine weather.

Thought there were many poor people and times in England.

Neither Nikolai nor Kristian knew English. Took big boat from England, can't remember name. Got tickets in England for boat. Some problem with Nikolai on boat.

THE TRAIN TRIP ACROSS CANADA Story about coffee.

47 Something about Nikolai being frightened. Haircut in Vancouver.

SETTLING IN AND WORK Traveled to Portland. The day after arrival he had a job at sawmill. Earned 3 dollars plus per day (?). Exchange rate was 7 kroner for 1 dollar. Lived in a hotel got food there.

When he finished with that job (was released) he went to relatives in Seattle (sons of uncle). Kristian wrote to them and they said to come. And he did and got a new job, heavy work tying cement steps and walks. One of the cousins was married to (?), so Kristian didn't live with them.

From August to Christmas, he was free so he traveled to Tacoma and looked for a job. Worked there 14 years. (?) 1925, he began work in Aberdeen. Didn't come into town very often because they worked on Saturday and there wasn't time to travel back and forth on Sunday.

Something about buying clothes.

Worked 8 hours a day in woods. Work was dangerous, but things went fine for him.

WOMEN IN CAMP Man was head cook, but women helped; he talked to them. Speaking English.

Not much contact in English speaking people at logging camp.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP Yes, in 1935 (?). Went to school a little. It went fine. Roosevelt was president.

Worked in woods for 15 years and then went to fishing because the former was hard and heavy. Fished for halibut in Alaska. Tells about fishing traps, he worked on land, fish sent to Seattle.

More talk about fishing style, boats.

Something about fish for military during the war.

RETURN TO NORWAY Trips home to Norway. Returned after the war, 1947, during the winter. A lot of snow. Bought a car in America, shipped it over and drove to home. Wrote home first from Bergen.

CONTINUATION OF BERGEN STORIES

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Something about utskifting, divided up the land.

Had decided not to stay in Norway, but return to America.

BELONG TO ANY NORWEGIAN ORGANIZATIONS: No, because of fishing.

FORENINGER I AMERICA No, because friends were fishermen and in and out.

IMPRESSION OF AMERICA AND ITS SOCIETY (?)

Arbeidsloes der? Ja.

Story about Mud Mountain Dam around Mt. Rainier.

AMERICAN CUSTOMS OR THINGS BROUGHT BACK No, it was good in Norway when he came back.

Receives pensions from USA and 1200 Norge; always intended to return to Norway to retire.

Wife is not an America citizen. Discussion about him being able to vote when he was out fishing so much.