

FAMILY BACKGROUND Name was Judith Christine Tollefson, was Mikkelson at the time of immigration. Her maiden name was Edwardson. Born on June 25, 1900.

FAMILY HOME Traene, Helgeland, Norway.

PARENTS Edward Johanson and Cornelia Johnson.

PARENTS: Father was a fisherman, owned a boat, and took fishing trips to the Lofoten and Traene Islands. Mother was a housewife.

FIVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS See lineage.

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER He was a fisherman. In his retired days he took care of sea birds (sale of eggs, eating eggs).

FAMILY NAMES Johanson and Edwardson.

PATERNAL GRANDFATHER'S DEATH Drowning

ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. She and two children in 1928. Her husband in 1925.

MET HUSBAND IN NORWAY From same area, he was a fisherman.

REASONS FOR LEAVING NORWAY Bad times, *etc.* Waiting for husband to send for her family in Seattle.

Husband's trip over three weeks by boat.

CHILDREN'S NAMES Mary and Per.

Story about her trip over, it took two years to arrange through authorities.

ARRIVAL Ellis Island. Both children were sick upon arrival (see counter I-249). The children were taken to the Ellis Island hospital for three days.

TRIP OVER Crossed the Atlantic on the Norwegian ship, Stavangerfjord. Left from Oslo.

ARRIVED IN SEATTLE In September 1928, she encountered language difficulties that led to the wrong route via the train to Seattle. (See counter I-256)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS AND REACTIONS OF NEW YORK CITY First meals and Ellis Island experiences.

ELLIS ISLAND AND CHILDREN'S REACTION They became sick.

ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE AND TRIP EXPERIENCES Husband was in Alaska fishing. It was about seven weeks before they met.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AND LEARNING ENGLISH (See counter I-407) Mrs. Swenson, her neighbor was a big help.

CHURCH Member of the Alki Congregational Church in Seattle.

BOTHELL Bought land in Bothell ca. 1931. Attended Bothell First Lutheran. Learned English from Sunday school papers.

SEATTLE IMPRESSIONS Arrival and beginning experiences. Took the streetcar.

HUSBAND'S OCCUPATION He fished. How she got along.

HOUSEKEEPING AND STOREKEEPING She describes the earlier days.

CITIZENSHIP She tells how it happened in 1938.

DEPRESSION DAYS Lost home and later new home in Bothell ca. 1932. Picked strawberries. Husband built a home and paid off the loan.

Husband died in 1962. Daughter graduated from PLU. During WWI, her son enlisted.

DEPRESSION Hard. Bad fishing (halibut prices).

GARDENING (BOTHELL) 'Well-to-do-then.' Had some farm animals.

BUTTER Churning and selling to neighbors.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH (BOTHELL) Fall festival had lefse. She is active with the Ladies Aide (Norwegian women) quilting.

Helping poor neighbors.

BOTHELL Scandinavian community. Speaking English with the neighbors.

CHRISTMAS Norwegian food, lefse, krumkake, fattigmand, and rullepoelse.

NEIGHBORS Quilting and helping one another (see counter II-132).

Canning fruit. Fish ball and fish cakes.

BUSY DAYS Week's work. Day's work included washing clothes before a washing machine.

NEIGHBORS Good, helpful, worked with one another in the hay field. The neighbor's husband was also a fisherman.

Made own entertainment.

Fish for everyone when the fishermen came home (halibut).

CHURCH Kept people together, social life of church.

REVISITED NORWAY IN 1947 Her youngest daughter went with her, her oldest daughter was married in Anchorage, and her son was in California.

EARNING MONEY FOR THE TRIP She worked at a restaurant in Kenmore near Bothell.

SEEING NORWAY AGAIN Hard times after the war.

Four and a half to five years with no word from her family due to the war. Went through the Red Cross.

WAR OVER Crying and waiting, who's alive.

Five trips to Norway.

Married Julius Tollefson in 1968.

Talks about her Norwegian relatives visiting the U.S.

Children don't speak Norwegian. Oldest daughter has been back to Norway a couple of times.

Had one more child while in the U.S. A daughter married to Rev. Sigfila (?).

Lars Mikkelson was her first husband.

NORWEGIAN HERITAGE Very important.

SCANDINAVIAN ORGANIZATIONS Daughter of Norway, Nordlandslaget, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, senior citizens group.

She discusses the 17th of May.

KEEPING NORWEGIAN HERITAGE ALIVE Born in her, U.S. is home, but she could never forget Norway it's in her heart.