

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Inga 'Amanda' Treland. Born on January 1, 1899 in Lyngdal, Norway, which is in the southern part of Norway.

PARENTS Elias Treland, a farmer and Katrina Olsen Treland. They had a medium sized farm.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS (See lineage) There were seven children.

GRANDPARENTS & NAME How the name Treland came about.

Arrived in the U.S. in August 1922, at the age of 22.

LIFE ON THE FARM IN NORWAY Fishing with bare hands. Why she came to the U.S., there were too many mountains in Norway. (See counter I-080)

SCHOOL IN NORWAY Skied in the winter to get there. Went to grade school and was confirmed.

LIFE ON THE FARM AFTER SCHOOL DAYS Father died when she was 11. Her mother ran the farm.

WHY SHE CAME TO THE U.S. Brother lived in Minnesota, came to visit, and she went back with him (see counter I-056). Family disapproved.

Lived in the New York area for one and a half years. Sister lived in the Seattle area, so she came out here.

Crossed the Atlantic on a Norwegian ship, the Stavangerfjord. Went by ship from Lyngdal to Oslo then on the Stavangerfjord. She was sick for four days.

FEELINGS ABOUT LEAVING NORWAY Sad, but left anyway.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NEW YORK Wonderful, all the lights.

SETTLING IN NEW YORK Went to an employment office. Worked cooking and serving. Her first job was in Hackensack, New Jersey, second in Brooklyn, and then onto Seattle alone.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE Spoke little English, but learned fast. Started to take some English lessons, but it was hard to get to.

ARRIVED IN SEATTLE ABOUT AUGUST 1923 Did cooking, *etc.* for employment. Train trip to Seattle to meet her sister. Got a job through an employment office.

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WORKING IN A HOTEL Making up rooms. Had the afternoons off. (See counter I-219)

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP Five years later.

HOTEL WORK Mainly at the Piedmont Hotel (See counter I-192).

TRIPS BACK TO NORWAY (see counter I-108, I-294)

SETTLING IN THE U.S. Not hard, felt at home right away.

CHILDREN'S NAMES (See lineage) Daughters maintain the Norwegian heritage. They have six grandchildren.

CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS Norwegian Christmas and Norwegian foods (krumkaker, spritz, fattigmand, and doughnuts).

MOTEL Family business and life while they ran it.

RECENT TRIP TO NORWAY Can't live there anymore (see counter I-108, I-225). Went on a tour with Normanns-Forbundet.

IMPORTANCE OF NORWEGIAN HERITAGE Wouldn't like to stay there. Changes, prices are up.

Norwegian relatives visit the U.S. She only speaks Norwegian when visiting Norway.

Member of the Sons of Norway and the 17th of May Committee. Her hobby is needlework.

Glad she came to the U.S. She likes this country very much.