

INGRID AMUNDSEN Born Ingrid Charlotte Ulrikson Amundsen on May 12, 1897 in Alstahaug, a small island in Nordland west of Mosjoen.

PARENTS Kristian and Marie Ulrikson. Her father was a shoemaker and later on, also worked for somebody else. Her mother was a homemaker.

HOME Lived in Alstahaug for about 11 years; then moved to the place where her dad worked (Mo i Rana). Had a small country place - not a farm.

SCHOOL She walked to a country school; she skied a lot, but not to school.

CHURCH The family attended a nearby church regularly.

GRANDPARENTS : She can't remember much about them; they lived far away.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS : One older sister, Eli Astrid, then Ingrid, Magda, Olaf, and Kristjuf (?).

CHRISTMAS Ingrid remembers a nice Christmas tree, gifts on Christmas eve, and church on Christmas day. They had risengrynsgr t on Christmas Eve, and lutefisk, s t suppe, potatoes, vegetables on Christmas day. Risengr t was served with milk, sugar, and cinnamon. Mother did lots of baking.

CHILDHOOD No special memories, just school and playing.

CONFIRMATION She was confirmed, and then went to work in Namsos. Her father came from Namsos, and other relatives still lived there. She worked there for several years before emigrating to US.

EMIGRATION Ingrid emigrated in 1919; her older sister, Eli, was in US already. She traveled alone, by ship from Trondheim to Bergen, then to England, and then New York. She went to her sister's in Sioux City, Iowa by train.

MARRIAGE She was married (about 1921) to Emil Amundsen, also from Norway.

SEATTLE Seattle was well liked; she moved here.

CHILDREN She has two children: Clarence and Ethel. Clarence is married with two or three children and is a mechanic. He lives close by. Ethel is also married, with four children, and lives in the Midwest.

SCHOOL IN AMERICA She attended school for a while in Sioux City to help with her English.

CITIZENSHIP She became a citizen when she married

NORWEGIAN CUSTOMS Foods included fish, meatballs, and rommegr t.

TRIP BACK TO NORWAY She returned once by ship and visited her parents and siblings. Her mother approved of Ingrid's emigration because Eli was in America, and her mother had other children at home.

Church in America. She and her family attended church regularly.

ORGANIZATIONS Ingrid just attended some; was not too involved.

WORK It was not hard to find domestic work; her sister helped. The non-Norwegian families helped her to learn English.

LANGUAGE Both children know how to speak Norwegian, and her son has visited Norway. The biggest difficulty in America was learning to speak English. Her son helped her after he entered school.

SPEAKING NORWEGIAN. She likes to speak Norwegian, and says The Lord's Prayer in Norwegian.