

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Born August 10, 1905 in Å...lesund, Norway.

PARENTS Tobias Torgerson and Ingeborg. Father was a farmer and a fisherman. Father lived in the U.S. for three years and returned to Norway.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS (See attached)

MATERNAL AND PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS Good Christians. Christian and Ragnhild were her maternal grandparents.

BACKGROUND OF FAMILY NAME She has a book on family history.

ARRIVED U.S. October 1925 at age 20. She did housework. She knew no English.

BOAT TRIP Left from Bergen, Norway with her destination of New York. TRAIN TRIP: Three days to Milwaukee, Wisconsin (see counter I-58).

FEELINGS LEAVING NORWAY Felt bad leaving grandfather, but had family in Tacoma, Washington.

TRIP TO U.S. Beautiful never wanted to leave. English difficulties. Employed at Tacoma General in the diet kitchen. Here she learned English (see counter I-47, I-106).

KEEPSAKES Lefse rolling pin (see counter I-283).

Cold in Norway. Nicer here.

HOSPITAL WORK Had rooms for employees. Worked here for one year.

FEELING AT HOME In year or two. Climate helped. Had family around.

MEETING HUSBAND Friend of brother. Employed in Alaska as a fisherman.

CHILDREN (see attached) Four girls living. Lost two boys. The girls live in Portland, Oregon, Tacoma, Washington, Federal Way, Washington, and North Carolina.

The girls went to Pacific Lutheran University. One daughter is a nurse.

HOUSEKEEPING Norway vs. U.S.: All together different.

CHILDREN SPEAK NORWEGIAN TODAY Talked only Norwegian at home after school days. Tells of life in Milton, Washington and Sunday school.

SCANDINAVIAN FOODS Fish cakes, fish pudding, potato balls, lefse.

Women and men both had it tough. Started at the bottom. Used to working hard. Received \$35 a month for housekeeping work.

CHURCH LIFE Lutheran Church. Member of Circles and Ladies Aid and Senior Citizens. Her husband is a member of the Elks.

HOBBIES Knitting. Talked of a folk story, Prillar Guri, which was told to her as a child.

SEVERAL TRIPS BACK TO NORWAY Stayed ten months once. Too socialist today.

KEEPSAKES Family history book. Confirmation pictures and picture of the old school house. Norwegian Cookbook (see counter I-090).

SPEAKS NORWEGIAN Special prayer to thank God. Still speaks a little today.

CLOSING STATEMENT Nice to go back (Norway) and see relatives.