

PERSONAL BACKGROUND Born on December 4, 1887 in Redal, Norway, which is near Bergen.

PARENTS Anders Førland was a sailor. Her mother's name was Maren. Her father worked at PLC. He was somewhat of a preacher. Her father went to the U.S.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS She had seven siblings. Karl emigrated. Anders stayed in Norway. Ludvig and Laurens also emigrated.

GRANDPARENTS Her paternal grandfather, Knute Førland was a farmer. Her paternal grandmother's name was Brita. They were from Haugesund.

REDAL, NORWAY A farming village. The school was hard to get to.

FATHER IN U.S. Mother had her hands full with the children and the farm animals.

FØRLAND Means an area with a lot of fir trees.

WHY HER FATHER CAME TO THE U.S. Times were very hard. He settled in the Seattle area. Worked building and in the woods.

WHY SHE CAME TO THE U.S. She was dared to.

FATHER CAME BACK TO NORWAY Deceased shortly after. Talks about why so many people emigrated.

Her brother, Ludvig sent her a ticket to the U.S. She came alone. Ludvig worked in Mt. Vernon clearing and building. His fiancée did housekeeping.

FEELING SAD LEAVING NORWAY Sad, but determined. Left from Bergen.

INTEREST IN NURSING Sick as a child. Helped deliver babies.

CROSSING THE ATLANTIC Wasn't very pleasant.

ELLIS ISLAND 'Went from post to pillar.'

Arrived in Seattle instead of Vancouver. Talks about the story behind this. Took train to Mt. Vernon and found the place herself because she had a picture of it.

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES Spoke no English, her companion spoke English.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS New York was big. She was afraid of getting lost. Liked it out west. Impressions of Seattle and Mt. Vernon. Worked in Seattle.

Attended the Lutheran College there to learn English. Training in 1910 for nursing. (See counter I-350)

ALASKA EXHIBITION Attended the exhibition there was a crowd of people. Had two brothers in Seattle. One was a druggist and the other was a real estate man.

EMPLOYED AS A HOUSEKEEPER The children taught her English. Her duties included helping the children and the cooking.

ATTENDED PACIFIC LUTHERAN ACADEMY Lived and worked at school. Learned English. (See counter I-292)

TRAINING IN 1910 AT THE SWEDISH HOSPITAL Hospital started in a hotel. She was second in her graduating class.

SOCIAL LIFE No time, she was busy with classes and work.

Hospital conditions in the early days. She became a surgery nurse.

REGISTRATION OF NURSES Started the year she graduated. Employed at the Ellensburg Hospital.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH RELATIVES AND WWI Nurse in France during this period. Became a citizen due to this work.

DUTIES IN FRANCE (ARMY HOSPITAL) Conditions were terrible.

TRIP TO NORWAY Went to Norway directly from the war. (See counter II-224) Took a boat from France to England to Bergen and then to Redal.

TRIP TO NORWAY Met husband during this trip. Married in the U.S. He had a farm in South Dakota. They were married in Mt. Vernon, Washington.

MOVED TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND DEPRESSION Didn't like it, terrible drought. Lost their money in the bank. They lived in Draper, South Dakota between Mitchell and Rapid City.

COMING WEST No children. Drought brought them out here. Farmhouse near Tacoma, her husband was also a builder contractor. Employed as a nurse at Tacoma General Hospital.

DESCRIPTION OF FARM Located outside of the city limits east side of Tacoma.

Had contact with Scandinavians. Not able to join the organizations, but sometimes went to the meetings.

Not common for women to work in those days. Her life's work, she was needed.

SCANDINAVIAN TRADITIONS Christmas asked Norwegian friends over for rommegrøt and fattigmand.

Women had it harder in Norway. It was more equal in the U.S.

CHURCH LIFE Member of the Baptist church in Tacoma.

INDIAN HOSPITAL Employed for a while. Present day boys correctional center. A lot of TB. Describes their typical working day.

SEVERAL TRIPS TO NORWAY Last trip they had a family reunion. Husband deceased about 1943. (See counter I-618, II-029)

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE Still speaks and writes Norwegian. Talks of serving relatives.

Relatives visit from Norway. Discusses photographs of the family home.

NORWEGIAN CUSTOMS Wedding crown, sentre (?) drakt (bunad).

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIV. NORWEGIAN FESTIVAL She attended the festival and wore her cultural dress.

HOBBIES Needlework, knitting, and klokkestrand.

NORWEGIAN KEEPSAKES Gave most away. Loves Norway and her adopted country. Couldn't think of living in Norway now.

SPEAKING NORWEGIAN TODAY Not much chance to use it. She is living in the center with her brother.

CLOSES WITH A NORWEGIAN SONG Translation - Can you forget old Norway? It is my birthplace and you can never forget it.