

FAMILY BACKGROUND Born in Sarpsborg, Norway, an industrial area. His father worked with horse teams. Born on July 28, 1914.

PARENTS Mother's name was Hulda Lundstrøm Tveter. Father's name was Ludvig. Father drove a wagon of general merchandise and a carriage for weddings. He worked for the Edwardson's.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS He has five siblings, Olga, Elsie, Helene, Leif, Jacob, and Anna Louise.

MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS Swedish, carpenter.

Describes how his father met his Swedish wife. She did housework in Norway.

TVETER He tells how it was derived. Name in Norway was Jacobsen.

Father preceded them to the U.S. in 1924. Father's brother lived in Gig Harbor, Washington. Father worked as a Teamster and then at Dempsey Mill in Tacoma, Washington.

ARRIVAL IN SEATTLE Mother and five children in 1927. Boat trip from Norway to Canada took seven days. They were on the Stavangerfjord. Traveled from Oslo to Stavanger to Bergen, Norway to Halifax, Canada. Father came on the Bergensfjord.

LEAVING NORWAY 'Lots of anticipation.'

ARRIVAL Arrived in Halifax, Canada then on to the Pacific Northwest. Changed trains in Winnipeg, Canada. Went through Canada because it was cheaper.

Learned some English in the Norwegian school. Father and uncle met them in Tacoma and then they went to Gig Harbor.

NATIONAL, WASHINGTON Lumber camp. It was his first home. He talks about life in a lumber town. There was housing for families and bachelors.

Reaction to the Pacific Northwest.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LUMBER CO. Hard work, long days. Hans' father was a car loader. Hans worked in the mill after high school at 20 cents per house.

BRIDGE CLINIC Medical protection, \$1.00 monthly.

ATTENDED SCHOOL He attended school in Ashford then went to Eatonville. He drove there to get a better education. They drove to school in a Model A Ford Roadster.

LEARNING ENGLISH Began the first day of school.

1 General Merchandise Store at the Lumber town.

MAY 1927 LINDBERG CROSSED THE ATLANTIC OCEAN This was the day they came to the U.S.

Recreation for young children at National. They had road made from planks.

Accidents and forest fires at the mill.

Japanese Town (near their lumber town). Groups didn't mix.

AMERICAN-SCANDINAVIAN LODGE Eventually burned down.

DEPRESSION He discusses the living conditions at the lumber town. The mill shut down. The last year of high school Hans lived in town and worked for room and board.

Spring of 1933 the mill ran again. Father was a hard worker, which enabled Hans to get a job there too. The mill closed in 1944, most of the people scattered.

House at the lumber town. Raised rabbits for food. Owned cows and sold milk to neighbors, *etc.*

LUMBER TOWN 'Good environment to grow up in.'

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AT THE LUMBER TOWN PTA and church.

Norwegian School Days.

CHURCH AT NATIONAL, WASHINGTON No Lutheran church. It was a Free Methodist church.

Bachelors at the lumber camp.

Power saws ca. 1931, popular after WWII.

NORWEGIAN RELATIVES They keep in touch.

CHRISTMAS Norwegian traditions (foods i.e., lutefisk, etc.)

Youngster sister born in National, Washington in 1933.

LUMBER MILL Big strike in 1935. Beginning of the labor movement. Older sister died. IWW - Wobblies.

After a second strike they moved to Tacoma. After the strike ended they moved back to National and lived on a farm.

The mill closed in 1944. His occupation was a timber marker.

2 After National closed they moved to Tacoma.

ACTIVITIES Youngsters always had something to do; berry picking, swimming, and ice-skating.

Remained a bachelor. Worked eleven years at the mill.

OCCUPATIONS AFTER THE MILL Drove truck, worked in meat markets, and did fishing.

Father retired from the lumber mill.

TRIPS TO SWEDEN AND NORWAY They couldn't do enough for you. They traveled from Copenhagen, Denmark to Gothenburg, Sweden to Bengtsfor, Sweden to Halden, Norway, to Fredrikstad, Norway and to Rygge, Norway.

THOUGHTS OF NORWAY TODAY Changes.

IMPORTANCE OF NORWEGIAN HERITAGE Happy he's Norwegian, but being an American is more important.

Parents today. Keepsakes from Sarpsborg, Norway.

BROTHER JACOB SPEAKS Never been to Norway. Proud of being Norwegian, but more proud of being an American.

SONS OF NORWAY Never joined. National, Washington was isolated.

First car in 1937.

Loggers left twice a year, the 4th of July and Christmas.

Norwegian relatives visit the U.S.

Still speaks Norwegian.

FISHING Hobby now, once an occupation.

LOCATION OF RELATIVES TODAY Brother Leif is in Monroe, Washington, a sister in Eatonville, Washington, and another in Tacoma. They keep in touch.

Happy to be called on for the Scandinavian Immigrant Experience.