

Solveig Hasleton Pedigree Chart

GRAND PARENTS



Hubert Clifton Hasleton
1913



Ardes Shulstad
1915



Orrin Raymond Helgeson
1918



Elzoe Eunice Krogstad
1915

PARENTS



James D. Hasleton
1945

CHILD



Solveig A. Hasleton
Hoag - 1972



Elaine E. Helgeson
1950

GREAT GRAND PARENTS



Andrew Hasleton
1882



Martha Erickson
1886



Oliver Shulstad
1886



Clara Mathilda Hough
1890



Oscar Melvin Helgeson
1893



Ella Marie Toft
1896



Peter Arne Krogstad
1878



Anna Henrietta Olson
1875

GREAT GREAT GRAND PARENTS



Christen Olsen Haslekaas
1840



Hendrick Erickson
1837



Arne Olsen Shulstad
1860



John Oscar Hough
1857



Ole Helgeson
1857



John Anderson Toft
1853



Ingebrigt Olsen Krogstad
1846



Christian August Olson
1850



Helge Hansdatter
1844



Borghild Twete
1846



Olivia Sillerud
1858



Othelia Muslien
1862



Margit Vrolson
1862



Marthe Pedersdatter
1860



Henriette Amundsdatter
1842



Marie Hansen
1842



Finding New Relatives While on a Quest to Find a Missing Family Photo

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For the past ten years I have been on a quest to locate a picture of my great-grandfather, Ingebrigt Olsen Krogstad. He was born 9 March 1846 in Horg parish, Sør-Trøndelag county, Norway. He grew up in the city of Trondheim. Ingebrigt emigrated in 1888, and his wife and six children came two years later in 1890, and they settled in Northwood, Iowa.

This quest started when my husband designed a five-generation picture pedigree for our daughters. The only picture missing from all our ancestral lines on both sides was that of “my” Ingebrigt Krogstad! I first checked with my closest living relatives, my cousins, who lived in Minnesota and Arizona. We had our parent’s old photos, but none of Ingebrigt Krogstad.

The search for his picture has taken me to numerous places and discussions with numerous Krogstad relatives in both Norway and the U.S. Descendants of four out of Ingebrigt’s six children (the other two children had no descendants) were tracked down. I even made a re-acquaintance with an elderly 94 year-old step-daughter of my great-aunt, Ragna Krogstad Seltz, with whom we last had contact in 1970 in the state of Washington. I was amazed to find Elenora living in Coon Rapids, MN when I searched for her one Sunday afternoon in an on-line phone directory (www.switchboard.com). We learned much about the Krogstad family from her and also contacted other people whom she recommended, but nobody had a picture of Ingebrigt.

On two trips to Norway (2005 and 2007) I visited with (very) distant Krogstad relatives. Our common ancestor was born in 1798! We even visited one of our family farms (Sørtømme) in Horg parish where the current owner had three bags of old pictures stashed in his stabbur. Laboriously Kjell and I went through all the pictures one-by-one. Unfortunately, many of the older pictures were not labeled, so it was possible that one of those un-labeled pictures could have been Ingebrigt. But none of the identified pictures was “our man” Ingebrigt!

A thought then came to me one day. Why don’t I start looking for descendants of Ingebrigt’s wife, Henriette Amundson Krogstad? Maybe one of his wife’s relatives, the Amundsons, saved some pictures of the Krogstads. So, the process began to track down descendants of Henriette’s siblings. She had two younger brothers, Johan C. Amundson and Hans Amundson, who had come to America. My Mother had mentioned one of them, “old Uncle J.C. Amundson,” the tailor in Northwood, Iowa, who came to visit her family regularly in Albert Lea., MN. She remembered him because he had a strong Norwegian brogue. [Interestingly enough, elderly Elenora remembered him, too because he talked with an accent!]

I began researching old Uncle J.C. who had married but had no children. Then research began on Hans Amundson, and what a goldmine I found. Using obituaries and census records, I found that he and his wife, Anna Didriksen, had eight children. The obituary of his oldest daughter, Hilda Amundson Hagen, listed her surviving children. Their youngest child, Evelyn, was not listed in the 1930 census, so I figured she must have been born after 1930 and was likely still alive.

Once again I looked in the online phone directory (using www.dexknows.com this time) for her husband's unusual surname and found them living in Minneapolis. So, on a cold winter morning some six years ago, I phoned Evelyn and introduced myself. She had never heard of her grandfather's sister, Henrietta, my great-grandmother. Her grandfather, Hans Amundson, was the youngest child in the family, while my great-grandmother, Henriette Amundson Krogstad was the oldest child in the family. But Evelyn and I formed a fast friendship and talk frequently on the phone. It's like Evelyn and I have known each other forever!

Every year when I visit Minnesota we have a mini-Amundson family reunion. But it has gone beyond that. This past June there was a 150th anniversary at the Church where the Amundsons attended and many are buried, the Crow River Lutheran Church located close to Belgrade, Minnesota. Some of us Krogstads attended that celebration and met even more Amundson relatives.

When Evelyn's sister died, there was a box of old postcards, pictures, and letters, some of which Evelyn sent to me. But there was none of Ingebrigt. Another Amundson cousin gave us a letter written by Henriette to her brother, Hans. We discovered that Hans' future wife, Anna Didriksen, was from Meløy parish, Nordland county, Norway, which was the same place where our Henriette was born. Anna even immigrated to America with Henriette and her six children in 1890. Obviously they knew each other in Norway since they left together. There are tons of Hans and Anna Amundson descendants. But none of them appear to have a picture of Ingebrigt. What a marvelous experience it has been to get to know these Amundson relatives.

But then I think – what if our family already had Ingebrigt Krogstad's picture? Then this quest would not have begun, and my family and I would not have had the privilege of meeting the Krogstad descendants in the U.S. and Norway nor the Amundson descendants in America! So, in that respect I am glad we did not have Ingebrigt's picture! However, it would still be nice to find the picture so we could finally complete the picture pedigree. You never know whom you will meet or where your ancestral quest will take you!!