

# Are Your Roots in Hadeland, Norway?

## **KONTAKTFORUM HADELAND-AMERIKA**

The members of the Hadeland Lag are working closely with *the Kontaktforum Hadeland-Amerika*, a cooperative organization among the three *historielags* in Hadeland (Gran, Jevnaker and Lunner), the *Vestoppland Historielag*-Hadeland section and the *Hadeland Folkemuseum*. One of our major goals is the production of a directory of the more than 10,000 emigrants who left Hadeland for the United States and Canada. Over 8,000 of these emigrants have been identified and recorded as of July 1, 2006. In addition to recording the name of each emigrant, place of residence in Hadeland and the date that each left, we also want to determine where each settled in America, the person's occupation or life situation, the name of family members and their descendants and finally where each emigrant is buried. **If you are a Hadeland descendant, you can help us!**

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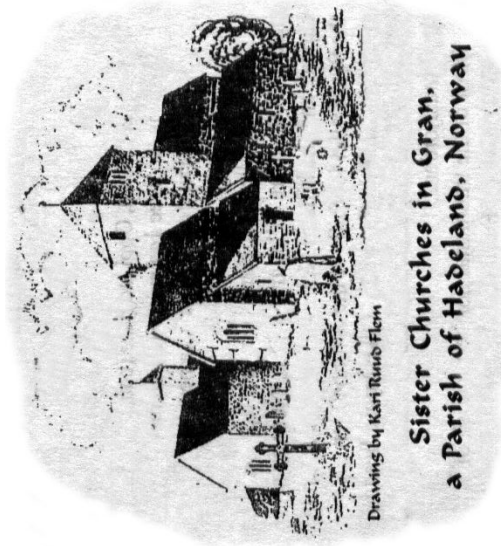
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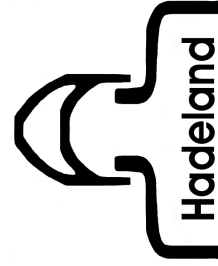
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America; preserve Norwegian culture; and hold annual and other meetings. The lag publishes a newsletter, *Brua*, a quarterly publication with family histories and related Hadeland and Hadeland-American information.

By the early 1970's, the Hadeland Lag membership had severely declined. After three years of inactivity, Morgan Olson spearheaded the reactivation and renewal of the lag in 1975.

Today the Hadeland Lag is a growing and active organization; about 500 family units participate worldwide. The lag's primary annual social events are the midsummer *stevne* and a "drive-in" Saturday meeting during the fall.

The *stevne* is now a seven-lag, three-day meeting that also includes the lags for Land, Numedal, Ringerike-Drammen Districts, Sigdal, Telemark and Toten. Genealogy resource sessions, entertainment and the Saturday evening banquet are shared among the member lags. However, the Saturday lag business and social meetings are held separately under each Lag's individual leadership. Hadeland Lag members traveled to Norway in 1978, 1990 and 2000, and 2005. A centennial visit to Hadeland is planned in 2010.

The area called Hadeland occupies approximately 500 square miles from Oslo, Norway's capital, and the hills of Nordmarka in the south to the Synnelfellet foothills of the Jotenheimen mountain range in the north. Lake Mjøsa lies to the east. Hadeland surrounds the southern end of the Randsfjorden.

Most of the traditional northern parish of Brandbu has been absorbed into today's administrative district of Gran, which together with Jevnaker and Lunner comprise the political boundaries of Hadeland today.

Emigrants from Hadeland began arriving in America as early as 1835. They brought with them the traditions and culture representative of the life in the beautiful, fertile district of Hadeland.

Eager to meet with their fellow *Hadelendings* in America, the immigrants and their descendants organized the Hadeland Lag in 1910. According to its constitution, the lag is designed to help maintain contacts among Hadeland descendants; maintain a bond between *Hadelendings* in Norway and in



A map of Hadeland, Oppland fylke (county), Norway, showing the three kommuner (municipalities): Gran, Jevnaker, and Lunner

### GENEALOGY COMMITTEE:

Currently, family history projects are ambitiously pursued under the guidance of genealogist Dave Gunderson and the Lag's Genealogy Committee. The email address for the genealogists is [genealogist@hadelandlag.org](mailto:genealogist@hadelandlag.org). They are working with the *Kontaktforum Hadeland-Amerika* on the major "Hadeland Immigrant Identification Project." See the back panel for more information.

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*For further information, visit our Internet website at [www.hadelandlag.org](http://www.hadelandlag.org) or contact any of the board members listed on the back of this brochure.*

*To join the Hadeland Lag, fill out the membership application to the right. New members are encouraged to join!*

## Hadeland Lag of America - Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Origin in Hadeland (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ancestor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family/Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yr Emigrated \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

I learned about the Hadeland Lag from \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: family, Internet, newspaper)  
 If you would like a user id and password for the website's members only area sent to the email address shown above, check here \_\_\_\_\_. A list of member names & email addresses is available in the members area of the website. If you do not want to be listed, check here \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Dues are \$15.00 year or \$25.00/two years US or \$20.00/\$30.00 Canadian. Fill out this form and send it with your check made out to the Hadeland Lag to the address on the reverse.