

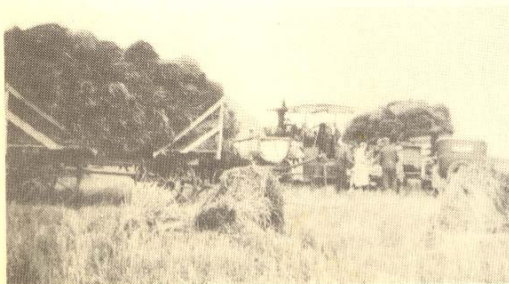
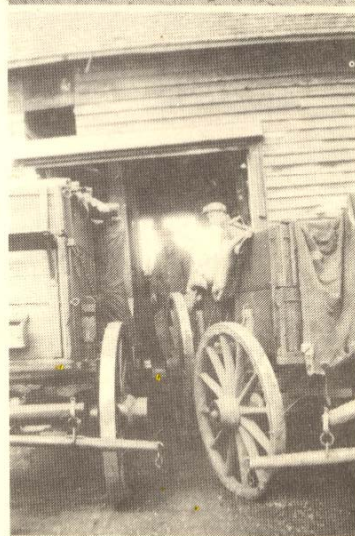
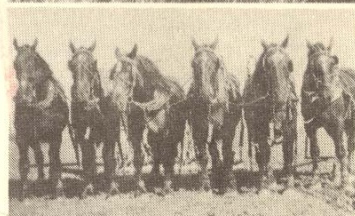
WELCOME TO THE
HENDRICKSONS, HONGS,
LYSENGS and OLSONS

75th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

AUGUST 28, 29, 1976
CAMROSE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Honoring all the cousins coming to Alberta in 1901

They Were:
Albert, Erik and Knut Lyseng
Henry and Gunder Hendrickson
Elling, John and Ole Olson
Lars Hong



The purpose of our celebrations this year (1976) is to remember our ancestors who located in Central Alberta in 1901.

At the turn of the century, many large families from Minnesota felt the need for more and less expensive land in order that their sons could continue farming. Consequently, in the summer of 1901, the three Lyseng brothers, Albert, Erik and Knut, their brothers-in-law, Gunder and Henry Hendrickson, Lars Hong, and their cousins Elling, John and Ole Olson, set out to find some new land in Canada. They came by train to Wetaskiwin, N.W.T., and were met there by a very efficient land guide who took them to several favorable districts. After stopping over Sunday in the Armena district, and attending a service held in the old Thordenskjold school and conducted by the venerable Pastor B. Anderson, they were so impressed by the service, that they decided this district would be a desirable place to raise their families. Knut Lyseng and the Gunder Hendrickson family moved to their homesteads that same fall and the rest of the relations followed them in the spring of 1902.

ALBERT AND RAGNHILD LYSENG

Albert was born in Valdres, Norway, in 1853. He was the oldest of eight children. He left Norway with his parents, brothers and sisters, in April 1868, to reside near Clinton, Minnesota. He married Ragnhild Braaten and had nine children born to them. In 1901 Ragnhild passed away, so in April 1902, Albert left for Camrose, Alberta, with the nine children and other relatives. He settled nine miles north of Camrose. He died in 1931.

Their children are: Mary, who married Olaf Pederson; Anna, unmarried; Carl E., who married Carrie Rosendahl; Edwin, who married Nettie Ditmonson; Emil E., who married Martha Ditmonson; Alfred E., unmarried; and Ludwig, unmarried.

ERIK AND BERIT LYSENG

Erik was born in 1855 in Valdres, Norway and passed away in 1923. He left Norway in 1868 with his parents, sisters and brothers, to reside near Clinton, Minnesota. There he married Berit Brekke (1863-1952). In 1901 they moved to the Armena district. Erik helped to found the Camrose Lutheran College in 1909.

Their children are: Mathilda, unmarried; Clara, who married Peder Pederson; Nellie, who married Goodman Norwick; Edward, who married Johannah Berg; Abel M., who married Cora Rasmusson; Martin B., who married Dagny Lofgren; and Ernest, who married Lila Craig.

KNUT AND ANNE LYSENG

Knut Lyseng was born in 1856 in Valdres, Norway, and passed away in 1932. He emigrated to Minnesota in 1868 with his parents, later moving to the Armena district, in the Province of Alberta, in order to procure free homestead land for his family. He was married to Anne Brekke, sister of Mrs. Erik Lyseng. Their family is as follows: Nels, who married Oline Broen; Martha, who married Eilert Knudtson; Mina, married to Rev. A. Solheim, then remarried to Davick; Carl K., married to Ragna Foss; Edward, who married Mina Lomnes; Anders, who married Bertha Sware; Alma, who married Edward Hoyme; Ole, who died overseas in World War I; George, who married Gertie Lomnes; Alice, who married Richard Thompson; Edna, who married Thomas Thomas; Robert, who married Dorothy Deverell.

RANDINE AND LARS HONG

Lars Hong (1958), married Randine Lyseng (1862-1948). He was a well-read man and helped many sufferers with medical and dental problems in the pioneer days. He lived several places in Minnesota, had a sawmill at Weblin, N.D. and a flourmill at Summit, N.D. Later he

moved to Norge, Va., where he employed negro laborers in his sawmill and engaged in the building of houses.

In 1910 Lars and sons Ed and Robert homesteaded at Maple Creek, Sask. Difficult times followed. Of their 9 children, 5 died young. The other 4 lived in Alberta and B.C.

MARTINA AND GUNDER HENDRICKSON

Their children are: Henry, who married Edith Engstrom; Carrie, who married Enock Scotvold; Edward, who married Josephine Jones; Mary, who married H. Rustand; George, who married Magda Anderson; Anne, who married B. Anderson; Mabel, who married J. Walker; Helmer, who married Gunhild Moen; Martha, who married R. Hardy; and Ella, who married W. Sylski.

MATHEA AND HENDRIK HENDRICKSON

Their children are: Jorgine, unmarried; Oscar, who married Martha Norenberg; Carl, who was married to Florence Hicks and later to Edith Mahoney; Martin, who was married three times to Marie Klucken, Margaret Skaret and Hattie Vikse; Marie, unmarried; George, who married Alma Hagge; Olianna, who married E. Hong; Emma, who married E. Ewald; Inga, who married N. Teig; Thea, who married R. Young; Elmer, who married Marie Voelker; Raymond, unmarried; and Lawrence, who married Olga Lede.

ENGBRET AND ANNA OLSON

The sons of Engebret and Anna Olson (Braaten), are as follows:

ELLING AND AMELIA OLSON

Elling E. Olson was born in 1865 in Norway and passed away in 1945. He married in 1896 in the U.S.A. to Amelia Tanberg. Amelia was a sister of John Tanberg, President of Camrose Lutheran College. Four of their children died as infants and the others are as follows: Myrtle (1900-1936), who married Herman Hanson; Alice, who married James Findlater (1966), Ervin (1904-1966), who married Elaine Struthers; Walter, who married Violet Skog; and Nora, who married George Skog.

JOHN AND VALBORG OLSON

John Olson was born March 27, 1872, in a covered wagon in Goodhue County, Minnesota. He later lived in Chippewa County and eventually moved to the Bittern Lake District. He married Valborg O. Ellingson and their children are as follows: Elmer S., who married Ceceila Carlson; Alexander, who married Margit Fremstad; Judith, who married Glen Johnston; Marguerite, who married Magnus Sigurdson; Bernice, unmarried; Rev. Raymond Olson, who married Esther Magneson; Luther, who married Florence Magneson; Dorothy, who married Harold Otteson; and Grace, who married Dr. Lloyd Urdahl.

OLE AND GERTRUDE OLSON

Ole E. Olson was born March 27, 1872, in Goodhue County. He came to Canada in 1902. Elling and Ole homesteaded in the Lake Demay area, later known as the E. B. George property. Ole later settled in the Pretty Hill area. He married Gertrude Moe on December 5, 1906, of Bittern Lake, at the John Olson residence. The marriage ceremony was performed by T. T. Carlson. Their children are: Julius, who married Iva Harber; Anton (1909-1963), who married Norma Olson; Alpha, who married Torkel Osness (1971); Rudolph (1914-1965), unmarried; Rev. Palmer Olson, who married Greta Skretting; Geneva, who married Roy Kinnee; Chester (1922-1964), unmarried; and Ivor (1975), who married Nora Molvik.

EVENTS OF THE REUNION

Friday

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. — Registration and Coffee

Saturday

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. — Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon — Come and visit around coffee at Convocation Center.
Sports in the gym for the young at heart.
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. — Buffet Lunch for all
1:30 p.m. - — Old Time Contests
4:00 p.m. — Choir Practice for Sunday Morning Service
6:00 p.m. — Smorgasbord at Dining Hall
8:30 p.m. — Old Time Program

Sunday

7:30 a.m. — Breakfast
9:00 a.m. — Morning Worship — R. O. Olson (Choir will sing)
10:30 a.m. — Tour to Armena Church and Cemeteries.
Memorial Service
12:30 p.m. — Dinner
2:00 p.m. — Visitors' Day — Special Music, Picture Taking

YOUR REUNION COMMITTEE

President Doug Lyseng
Vice-President Malcolm Lyseng
Secretary Dorothy Lyseng
Treasurer Lynn Lyseng
Registrar Joyce Chant

Other Hard Working Committee Members

Lyle and Diane Nisi, Martin and Hattie Hendrickson, Margaret Lyseng,
Elmer and Celia Olson, Wilbert Lyseng, and Mildred Bjorgum