



Aurland Newsletter

Past and Present

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From the editor: Well here we are at a new beginning in our lives—writing a newsletter for people of Aurland Heritage. We have had many people express interest in this as shown by the growth in attendance at the Aurland Reunion since 1995 when we had our first get-together at Edgewood Restaurant in Cannon Falls. We feel there is a need for some kind of communication on a regular basis as the discussion went the last couple years. This project will be challenging for us and very exciting also.

If you received the introductory issue in Arne's promotional materials, you may remember some of the things we want to include in the newsletter: translations from Aurland's monthly newsletter, stories from Norway, upcoming events including reunion announcements, and obituaries. Dick Fretheim has a project for collecting names of people from Aurland who have settled in Montana. Millie is collecting material that expands this to other Midwest states. We would like emigrants' family history and old photos. Church membership lists would be welcome. Asmund Ohnstad has compiled a list of emigrants and their children from Aurland that we plan to include some day for people to use for reference purposes. We would like more

information about 1st and 2nd generations born to these emigrants. Some one has offered to give a Norwegian language lesson. Gordon Eddy will send us news of Spring Grove in "Out on the Black Hammer". We will repeat things periodically to remind you about certain projects or things happening here in America or in Norway. We are also open to other suggestions.

We hope you will send us notices of family reunions, family history and charts for "connecting cousins", inquiries, or anything else that you think interesting to other people of Aurland Heritage. We have several people who have consented to helping us with articles or by editing. I am so grateful for everyone is helping out including Harriet and Kenneth Roberts who are printing the paper for us. Without this help, this newsletter would not be possible.

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