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From the Editor: Millie and I have been working on the schedule for the Aurland Stevne and are planning a bus tour of the area with a stop at Holden Lutheran Church, which was the "mother" church of Urland and many other churches in the area. We plan to have a 30 min stop there to see the cemetery. We will ask to have the church open for those who want to see the inside and for someone from the cemetery association to be there to help find family plots if needed. There is a space to fill in on the registration if you want to go on the tour so we can plan if we need 1 or 2 bus loads. The registration is on an insert in the envelope. Find the schedule on back page.

Deb Nelson Gourley has been busy editing a book that she is publishing. History of the Norwegian Settlements, is a translation of two books by Hjalmar Rued Holand originally published in 1908 and 1930—*De Norske Settlemeters Historie* and *Norwegians in America: The Last Migration*. There will be settlement maps and an index of over 3,500 first names. We have listed the individual chapters so you can see how inclusive the book is. See more on page 2.

Mary Blixrud Sletten from Massachusetts traveled to Norway recently, spending some time in Aurland. Find her story on page 3.

Jackie Ranby conducted classes on genealogy. She sent us some of the information she shared in her class. Some of our fellow genealogists might find some hints for their searching on pages 4-5.

Mayetta Olson from Havre, MT, along with three of her grandchildren, traveled with us in 1999 on the Sognefjord Heritage tour. Find her genealogy and some pictures on pages 6-7.

Millie Ohnstad was a guest panelist at the Grand Forks "Norwegian Heritage Conference" last October. The Cannon Falls Beacon featured her in an article. See it on page 8.

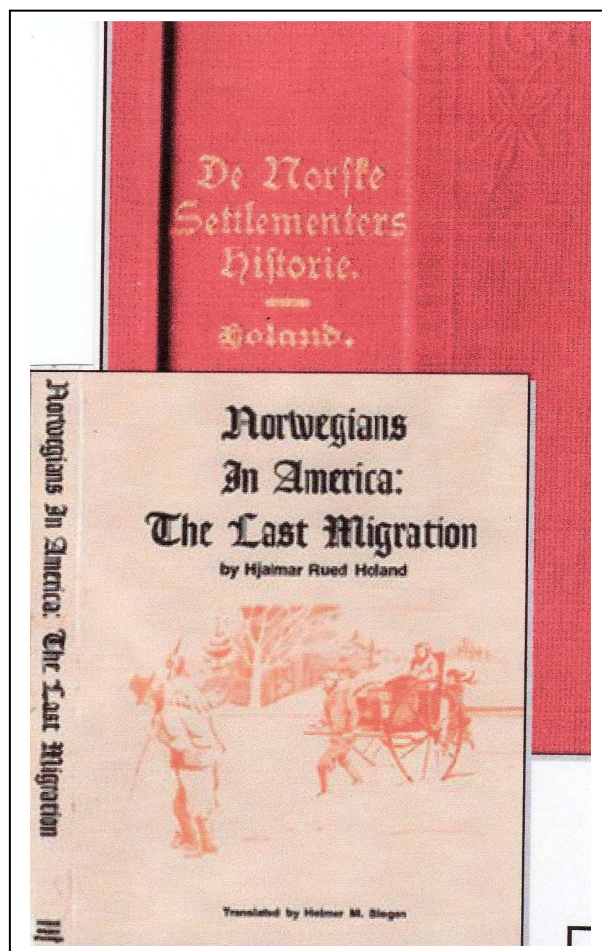
The Askjell Flom family is having a reunion at our Aurland Stevne in July. Millie has printed an ancestor chart of Alfred Julius Nilsen Flom on page 9.

We have continued the Urland Cemetery (Cannon Falls, MN) burial listings for lots 24 -78. Find them on pages 10-15.

There is still room on the Sognefjord/Voss Heritage tour August 1-13. See page 16 for a letter from Jean Marthaler, one of the tour escorts, to the Vossalag members for some information about the tour.

Steinern Hybertson of Norway has made a DVD documentary film called "Aurlandsdalen". Find information to ordering it from Millie on page 16. The Urevig Family Reunion is July 8-9. More information is on page 16 also.

Gordon Eddy has written about the Pioneering Bakke Family that settled in the Washington Prairie area of rural Decorah, IA. He has also written about the "Veum Heritage". Find his article starting on page 17.



Aurland Stevne- July 30, 2006

See back page for schedule, motels and
Directions to find Urland Church