

ATTACHMENT 1 to blogpost published August 2022 on marileewein.com entitled
THOSE FIPLINGKROGEN TALES OF MALI HEMMINGSDATTER

SIVERT HEMMINGSEN and MALI CHRISTENS DATTER in NORWAY

Plus, Hemming Sivertsen and Guru Olsdatter, his parents.

Family Trees, such as those at Ancestry.com well represent Sivert Hemmingsen and his wife, the American immigrant Mali Christensdatter (1805-1875). We gratefully acknowledge their work, especially on U.S. descendants, and hope to elicit comment, to address where our records vary.

Mali Christensdatter was twice widowed when she sailed to the new world with her children in 1866. We will start here, near her emigration time of the 1865 Census in Norway on which the family chose new surnames, and then look back to include Sivert's Norwegian heritage.

SIVERT HEMMINGSEN'S CHILDREN and GRANDS at CENSUS 1865 and ABOARD THE NEPTUNUS in 1866

The census (the graphic's white background) was taken on 31 December 1865; Bark Neptunus departed from Trondheim four months later on May 5. [This PDF is enlargeable for an easier read of the graphic.]

NORWAY CENSUS 1865: CHILDREN and GRANDS of SIVERT HEMMINGSEN (1803-1841) and MALI CHRISTENS DATTER (1805-1875)															
HEMMING SIVERTSEN 1826-<1870 widower*/father at Nedre-Stjordalen: Maehla ovre				ANDERS SIVERTSEN 1829-1911 widower*/father at Strinden: Voldaas				GURINE SIVERTSDTR 1832-1887 wife/mother at Ovre-Stjordalen: Fossum ostre				SIGRID SIVERTSDTR 1836-1917 wife/mother at Ovre-Stjordalen: Svedjan			
Child **	Born	Birth	Place	Child **	Born	Birth	Place	Child **	Born	Birth	Place	Child **	Born	Birth	Place
Sivert	1848		Nedre-Stordalen	Martha	1855		Stjordalen	Rebeka	1865		Ovre-Stjordalen	Peter	1862		Nedre-Stjordalen
Ole Tobias	1852	do		Anna	1857		Strindens	Unnamed	1865	do		Anna	1863		Ovre-Stjordalen
Martin	1857	do		Sigri	1860	do									
Randi	1861	do		Sivert	1862	do									
Gurine	1862	do		and Anders' mother				and Gurine's husband				and Sigrid's husband			
Ribborg	1863	do		***Mali Christensdatter b. 1805				Niels Christophersen b. 1835				Ole Pedersson b. 1827			
** Surname: Hemmings +sen/dtr				** Surname: Anders +sen/dtr				** Surname: Niels +sen/dtr				** Surname: Ols +son/dtr			
Added surname: Maehla/Mahla				Added surnames: Rognaas & Lexvold Wife ¹ died at Rognass; W ² from Ål, Lexvold?				Added surnames: Hembre & Fossum Gurine S. was born at Hembre				Added surname: Kyllø Anna O. was born at Kyllø; by Svedjan			
*Randi Torstensdatter 1822-1860				* Bertine Holgersdatter 1828-1864				*** Mali Christensdatter wed John Jacobsen in 1842. He died in 1845.							
*Kirsten Thomassdatter 1832-≈1865				*Gunild Thorsdatter 1838-1917. Wed in US.				Bereth came in 1843; Serianne, in 1845. They are not otherwise accounted for here							
Census dates and spelling reflect census values, so may be in error. Only relevant household members were extracted.															
Digitalarkivet.no Sources: Trondelag Region 1865 Census Ovre-Stjordal, Nedre-Stjordal, Strinda Parishes. Their Church Books & Ostlandet R's Aal, Flesberg and Rollag P.															
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A happy census for Gurine Sivertsdtr: it showed the birth of a child whose listing, however, came with the note: "born just before Christmas, without name". At that same time -

A sad tale for her brother, Hemming: his second wife, Kirsten Thomassdatter was not in the census, nor in Norway death records, and not listed on the manifest of the Neptunus. Her Kirsten Hemmingsdatter, though, who had been born March 25, 1865 and baptized on April 21, died on December 23. The little one was buried on January 3. It appears that Kirsten Thomassdatter died sometime in 1865.

That said, Martin Hemmingsen was not listed on the *Neptunus*, either. However, a Martin Hemingson born about 1858, was identified in US Census 1870 at Minneola, Goodhue, MN with the Terkelsen family. That made sense in that Hemming's children were dispersed, as he apparently died by 1870. (Although, one might have expected to find Martin as Sivertsen, once in the US.)

If Minneola is correct for Martin in 1870, then everyone captured in the above census detail were aboard the *Neptunus*. As shown in the main post, it arrived in Quebec Canada, on June 9.

Those census surnames aboard the *Neptunus*: Hemming and his children sailed with *Maehla* appended to their surnames; Anders and his children, with *Rognass*; Gurine, *Fossum*; and Sigrid, *Kyllo*.

Anders Sivertsen is buried as Anders Severson Lexvold. Lexvold, along with Mogen, was associated with his second wife, according to Family Trees. Lexvold was a farm name of Aal Parish in Buskerud County of Ostlandet Region; Mogen, of its adjacent Flesberg and Rollag Parishes.

Mali was aboard simply as Kirstensdatter at 60 years old. Her daughter, Serianna Johnsdatter, as well.

In-Laws too: There were 402 passengers listed. Many had added their farm names. There were 21 *Kyllo*, for example, 23 *Evjen/Lilleevjen* and 1 *Hembre*. The farm names helped to picture what really happened, that broad family units moved together. Many were likely in-law to our people as identified by surnames *Torstensen*, *Thomasson*, *Holgersen*, *Nielsen*, *Christophersen*, *Olsen* and *Pedersen*.

Leave Taking: The loss of that many citizens at once must have dealt an emotional blow to their communities. Other impacts would be associated with redistribution of emigrant assets and loss of their tax base. Certainly, arable land would be freed up, as was much needed, but was it months, or years in the making to settle accounts and for the many families to decide who would go, and who would remain? Such anxiety!

A look at just these four sibling families and in this narrow window, hint as to how difficult preparing to leave must have been. Life continued to happen after the decision to go was made. There could be no turning back as they sold off their tools. Here, there were two widowers, one in fresh sorrow, and a new mom. Who, in this foursome, was tasked to make the strategic food supply that could not fail them? Pack and re-pack for efficiency – what to do about those diapers? Norway's boots and muffs for Minnesota's winter. The many Family Bibles that carried their stories. Old letters and keepsakes. What was essential, and what was not?

If only we could surround them, whether goer or stayer, and let them know their decision proved sound.

SIVERT HEMMINGSEN and MALI CHRISTENS DATTER: THEIR LIFE IN NORWAY

The couple wed on April 27, 1826. He was domiciled at *Evjen*, in *Meraker*, a local parish of *Stjordan*, and she, at *Hembre*, in *Hegra*, another of its local parishes. At this point, Church Books began to reference the new family to *Hembre* and show that their children were born there: Hemming 1826, Anders 1829, Gurine 1832 and Sigrid 1836. They also say Sivert died there in 1841, whereas many family trees report his death in 1836.

Sivert Hemmingsen b. 1803-12-12. Church book from *Stjordan* parish 1797-1815 (1714Q) Baptized 1804-01-15. Far Hemming Sivertsen. Mor Guru Olsd. Residence *Evjen*. Parish *Meraker*.

Sivert Hemmingsen d. 1841-08-02. Church book from Stjørdal parish 1833-1844 (1714Q). Buried 1841-08-09. (Reported b. 1801: error of 2 years). Parish Stjørdal. Residence Hembresgjerdet.

We are perplexed to see Family Trees for Sivert Hemmingsen Maehla (1803 to 1836 or 1841). No Church Book shows he ever amplified his name, but had he done so, it would more likely have been with Hembre.

Widow Malie Christensdatter, b 1805 Stjørdalen, of Hembreshaug, whose father was Christen Larsen, wed John Jacobsen of Ovre-Hembre in 1842. They had two children there: Bereth 1843, and Serianna 1844. John Jacobsen b. 1820 Stjørdal, died in 1845, at their home; Hembresgjerdet.

We could not account for Bereth Johnsdatter past baptism, otherwise, the twice-widowed Mali, along with the entirety of her family, emigrated to Minnesota in 1866, aboard the Bark Neptunus. We could not account for Serianna Johnsdatter, past her docking in Quebec, CA.

OUR IN-LAW ANCESTOR, SIVERT HEMMINGSEN

Sivert b. 1803-12-12, was brother to our direct ancestors, Paul b. 1797 and Ole b. 1800, and their sister, Mali b. 1809. They were the adult children of Hemming Sivertsen and Guru Olsdatter, with all born and raised in the Stjørdal and Meraker Parishes of Trondelag Region, Norway.

While many, including the genealogist hired by Dad in the late 1990s, suggest they grew up on Strigsve Farm, the 1801 Census reveals the budding family at Evjen. Indeed, Church Books record the children's births at Evjen. *See analysis at Note A below, "Have Descendants Unwittingly Renamed Ancestors?"*

ADULT SIBLINGS OF SIVERT HEMMINGSEN

Mali Hemmingsdatter (1809-1888) and her husband, Johan Andreas Svendsen, moved to Vefsn Parish in the Nordland County of Northern Norway Region, in the 1840s, to neighbor her brothers, Paul and Ole. Except that Johan died in route, Mali Hemmingsdatter, along with the entirety of her family emigrated from Vefsn to Minnesota in 1868, aboard the Bark Johan. She is subject of the main story on which this PDF is attached.

Brothers Paul and Ole Hemmingsen, along with their Stjørdal-born wives, Marit Olsdatter and Ingrid Arntsdatter, lived the remainder of their years in Hattfjelldal, Nordland. Paul died in 1869 and Ole in 1896. They, of course, underpin the stories on this blog related to our Hemmingsen heritage.

Paul's son, Hemming Paulsen, married Ole's daughter, Gurine Olsdatter. Their first child, Ole Mathias, married Beret Mathisdatter.

In turn, their first son, Mathias Berg Olsen, was our grandfather, Matt Hemmingsen (1876-1967). Henriette, Mathias Berg, Harald, Marie and Einar were born in Hattfjelldal between 1874 and 1882. George followed in Wisconsin in 1887 and Beret passed soon thereafter, of an illness.

Alette Ingebrigtsdtr, also of Hattfjelldal, whose son, Torger, was related to Beret, wed Ole in 1892. Henry, Arthur, Clarence, Mildred, Ole, Grace and Paul were born in Mason, WI, up until 1903, when Ole died.

Unlike their siblings, Sivert and Mali, whose entire progeny emigrated, many of Paul and Ole's chose life in Norway. We seek to honor them as they continued the Norwegian legacy in Norway, of Generation 1:

Hemming Sivertsen and Guru Olsdatter. Again, Paul and Ole's children and grands are addressed, whether they remained in Norway or emigrated, in the PDF that is attached to the blogpost *In The Beginning Again*.

PARENTS HEMMING SIVERTSEN (1762-1820) and GURO OLSDATTER (≈1772-1815): Generation 1.

Hemming Sivertsen and Guru Olsdatter are deemed Generation 1 because there is little doubt from the records, that they parented our direct ancestors, Paul Hemmingsen and his brother, Ole. Records prior to Paul's birth had less detail in the Parish where they lived. Still, educated guesses can be had with what is known, but guesses they are. Perhaps others have documentation to share, that we do not.

Our matriarch – Guru Olsdatter – was described at Census 1801 as 29 years old, which they calculated as born in 1772. She was wife to Hemming Sivertsen b. 1762, with sons Povel, or Paul, b. 1797 and Ole b. 1800. They lived at Evjen in the local Parish of Meraker, itself in the Parish of Stjordal.

The couple was cited in records of their children's life events where she was Guru, Giertrud and Guri. The death registry provided the only other reference to her birth year and was stated as 1771.

Guri Olsdatter, reportedly b. 1771, died 1815-11-05: Church book from Stjørdal parish, Hegra local parish 1815-1819 (1714Q). Burial: 1816-01-14. Residence Evjen.

Their marriage record was not found, but the census noted their marriage was first for each. In fact, that the above death record was rightly attributed to our Guru, seems vindicated in Hemming's remarriage:

October of 1816, "enkemand husmand" (widower) Hemming Sivertsen, b 1761, of Evjen, married Marit Olsdatter b 1788, of Vollan. No issue of this union was found.

PROBABLE BIRTH RECORD of GURI OLSDATTER

Church Books for Stjordal Parish offered but one choice for a birth 1771-1772 (plus or minus 1 year) for a Guru (variations) born to a father named Ole. At that time, the parish gathered minimal information: forename of the father, residence, and the infant's baptismal date.

Guri, daughter of Ole, baptized on 1772-03-02. Residence: Brende. Hegra Church. Church book from Stjørdal Parish 1755-1780 (1714Q).

Another view of the 1801 Census showed our Guru Olsdatter lived with Hemming Sivertsen in:
Census District 005 [Local Parish Meraker Annex] at Rural residence 0025 Evjen. One farm over:
Census District 005 [Local Parish Meraker Annex] at Rural residence 0024 Brænde Neder.

CONJECTURE: Who Was the Father of Guru Olsdatter?

Brende is also coded to Brænde (and our people to Brænde Neder/lower) as interpretation of Church Books at Digitalarkivet. Both must be requested to get full accounting.

There were three Ole at Brænde Neder in 1801, old enough to be Guri's father. Of course, he could have been long passed and/or none of them, but Ole Ingvaldsen, 1746-1825, was interesting. At any rate, he was with his second wife, whom he married in 1794, such that she could not be Guri's mother. These finding suggest he was her father:

1 Paul Hemmingsen's Baptismal record of 1797-04-02 named both his parents, confirming them of Eviensgjerdet. (Evjens Gate) It also gave sponsors – two, Lars and Beret, were of Klokhaugen.

The census showed Klokhaugen was Rural residence 0031, and those sponsors were likely the couple, Lars Larsen and Beret Ingvoldsdatter. She was born in 1741.

2 There were seven households at Evjen in 1801, including that of Rolluf Erichsen and Ingebor Ingvoldsdatter. She was born in 1743. Now there were three Ingvolds all born in the 1740s living in close proximity and quite possibly siblings.

Alas, life events for this Parish at the Digitalarkivet begin with the Church Books from Stjørdal Parish 1755-1780; so Ingvolds siblingship could not be verified. Paul's baptism was the closest hint available, that Beret was Paul's aunt, and Ole Ingvoldsen's sister.

This data is put out there, for another to find provable connections.

Patriarch Hemming Sivertsen: likewise, we have 1761 and 1762 as his recorded birthdate possibilities, so we found:

Hemming Sivertsen b. 1762: Church book from Stjørdal parish 1755-1780 (1714Q) Meraker.
Hemming, son of Sivert, was baptized on June 23. Residence Øyen

Other children of Sivert of Øyen: Ole 1757, Marit 1759, Sivert 1765, Ane 1769, Peder 1774.

The song of Evjen, Øyen, Ytterøen: Øyen as such was not found in the 1801 Census. Similar to Brende/Brænde Neder for Guri, Øyen seemed to default to Ytterøen (Ytter/Outer) for Hemming.

Ytterøen was residence 0021 in 1801 and there were no surname Siverts left there. However, looking much like a family prior, a Hemming was documented there, in 1796, in the role of sponsor. Marite Sivertsdatter was married there in 1783 (with Ole Ingvoldsen of Brænde Neder as trulover) and Ole Sivertsen married Guru Joensdatter there, in 1797.

Three Sivertsen were at Evjen in 1801 which had seven total families and thirty-five persons: Hemming Sivertsen and Guru Olsdatter, Sivert Sivertsen and Beret Joensdatter, Ole Sivertsen and Guru Joensdatter. Plus, Rolluf Erichsen and Ingebor Ingvoldsdatter.

There is not enough information to draw real conclusions, but that picture is intriguing for the potential background of Hemming Sivertsen and Guri Olsdatter.

Hemming Sivertsen, reportedly born 1761, died 1820-11-04: Church book from Stjørdal parish, Hegra local parish 1820-1821 (1714Q). Burial 1821-01-20. Husmand Hemming Sivertsen.
Residence Evjegjerdet.

REFLECTION ON THIS WORK

The closeness of our Norwegian ancestry feels delightfully warm and remarkable. Things must have deteriorated substantially to move away. While we laud those who stretched out for change with courage, it is with great sadness, for what they had together, we seek today.

NOTE A: HAVE DESCENDANTS UNWITTINLY RENAMED ANCESTORS?

Norwegian Censuses were reported by Parish and geographically. In the timeframe of our research, our Parishes were broken into three-digit Census Districts that were further subdivided into four-digit Rural Residences. Rural residences typically bore farm names such as Strigsve, Evjen, Hembre.

Somewhat daunting in reporting on our ancestors is that local parishes like Meraker and Hegre, existed under main parishes such as Stjordal, and often were township names as well. Then, new classifications - Ovre-Stjordal and Nedre-Stjordal - for example, arose in response to population growth. Residential additions (farms) would accompany the changes, and like elsewhere, prompt redistricting.

In any event, Strigsve did not become a census option until 1865, when, for the local Parish of Meraker in the Parish of Ovre-Stjordal, it registered as Rural Residence 0057, in Census District 008. (Evjen was 0055 that year.) The first searchable birth at Digitalarkivet.no for Strigsve was Jonas Ingebrigtsen, in 1843.

Of course, Norwegians surnamed their children by appending sen or datter to their father's forename. Some would later augment their moniker by adding their home – typically a farm name.

We see Hemming Sivertsen Strigsve (1762-1820) at some Ancestry Family trees and our Dad thought him born there – but Hemming predated 1843, and no Church Book shows he ever appended his name, even with Evjen, which is where he is documented to have raised his family and died. We suspect there are unknown factors at play that may explain it, and ask for comment.

Similarly, we see Sivert Hemmingsen Maehla (1803-1836). We found, above, that he died - in 1841 - at Hembre, where he raised his children, so might expect to see Sivert Hemmingsen Hembre, except that, Church Books do not support that he ever increased his surname.

On the other hand, Hemming Sivertsen Maelha (1826-~1870) is appropriate for his son. In fact, his son bore this name, first documented, on the Bark Neptunus in 1866. He came by it honestly as shown in the graphic.

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