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Granly and USM to collaborate to preserve colony history

The Granly Danish Historical Foundation and the University of Southern Mississippi have initiated a project to preserve the history of the colony for future generations. Representatives from Granly met with the Director of the USM Center for Digital Humanities, Andrew P. Haley and his colleagues at the Hattiesburg campus on November 16.

The meeting was productive and the USM team left feeling very enthusiastic about the project, eager to work with the Granly community to preserve its unique story.

USM Cooperation

Director Haley summarized the meeting thusly: "The story of the Granly Danish community is the story of America. It highlights the hardships of the Great Depression, the value of education, the persistence of immigrant traditions, and the value of preserving our history, while reminding us that Mississippi's history is more diverse than we might imagine."

"As the Director of the Center for Digital Humanities at Southern Miss, I'm looking forward to working with the Granly community to help preserve the community's history. It is my hope that Southern Miss' archives will become the official home of Granly's records, that the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage will soon begin to collect the stories of Granly's sons and daughters, and that the Center for Digital Humanities can help to provide Granly with a robust online archive."

"It was a pleasure meeting Else and Larry Martin and hearing the remarkable story of Granly and the community's efforts to preserve its history. It is the start of what I hope will be a fruitful collaboration."

Next Steps for the Granly-USM Project

It was agreed by all that the two highest priorities would be to work with university archivists to protect Granly's important historic items and to conduct oral history interviews with the colony's most senior members. The archiving project would require support from Granly volunteers to collect and organize items for preservation, hand them over to the archive to be scanned and documented and, importantly, help provide context about the items and their relevance to the Granly story. The original journals, documents, record books, letters and photos would be stored permanently at the university archive in a safe, secure environment. The digital copies of those artifacts would be made available through the archive for use by Granly for its own online collections and for researchers around the world. A second priority, the oral history

project, is a tremendous opportunity to tell the Granly story from the people who lived it. The center would work with the community to establish interview times and locations.

How can you participate?

Over the years many have donated original photos, letters and other items to Else Martin for our Granly history collection and we will be donating those items to the archive so that they are protected and preserved. We are also seeking additional original items to add to this collection.

The archiving and oral histories are targeted to begin in early 2024. If you have items to donate to the archive, wish to volunteer or wish to take part in the oral history project please contact Else Martin at elsejensinemartin@gmail.com or call 228-324-3628.



Director Andrew P. Haley from the USM Center for Digital Humanities (far left) and colleagues meet with Granly representatives Else and Larry Martin in November.



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October 26, 2024 at 9am

2024 Annual Workday
October 25, 2024

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Granly History: Brinkman Letters from 1937

Editor's Note: The passage below is from Chapter XI of Drommen om Amerika: The Dream of America. A Chronicle of the Lives of Nielsine Margrethe Jobansen and Jens Clausen Brinkman. This portion describes daily life at Granly in 1937 in letters from Sine Brinkman to son Christian, daughter Elna and to family in Denmark. Reprinted with permission of author Carol Stacy Brinkman.

Onsdag, 26 May 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian!

Thank you with all my heart for your letter I received about a week ago. Time flies, and it doesn't appear that I am keeping up with it. Lilly had written that you were in Martinez and that you were going to work with the others. So you are probably at Jemmy's yet, but I wanted to send this to Santa Maria like you said. I heard from Dagny that you had not come back so you must have gotten a job in Solvang.

Solvang is a Danish community that became a popular meeting place for the young second-generation Danes who had gone to California seeking jobs. Many looked forward to living the American dream; some were consciously seeking assimilation. Regardless of what their ambitions might be, in Solvang there was the comfort of the familiar Danish culture. There they could meet and exchange the latest news of friends and family back home.

Saturday there was an Alfred Jensen from Solvang who came to C. Sørensen's ... They were here for dinner on Sunday ... Chris told him that Lampton wanted to sell Chris Nielsen's for \$200. Looks like he might like to buy it. He is on his way to Denmark. He is from Bilum, around Varde, and he wanted to talk to us before he went home so we will probably see him before he leaves ...

Papa is out harvesting his first crop of wheat. The second is not even done yet, and it doesn't look very good. There is nothing to brag about around here. I felt so sick when I was out there last night trying to tie a couple of bundles of wheat. What an extreme amount of work and how are we going to have it processed? We don't have any machinery to do it with. I told Papa that I thought he should rent something, but he doesn't think it is worth it.

We are warm and dry here these days. Right now it is very pleasant ... I wonder if they got any rain in Dagmar. Elna's last letter says there was dust all week after the little rain they had. If it continues, we will probably see them down here soon. Last Sunday we went with Ed Jensen for a club meeting at Dog River with Hans', Al's, and Carl's [families]. We had supper down there, and it was wonderful moonlight and a beautiful evening ...

13 June, Wilhelm Nielsens is having a twenty-five anniversary. They are having it in the home so everyone can be a part of it, and it is

probably best for Mrs. N. She is such a poor woman. She can't even move ... And then we were surprised to get a card from Omaha sent by Carl. That's Big Carl that I hope you remember from Denmark. He worked for us in Maple Hill. He was on a journey here in the States, and he was going to California. He wanted to come to see us down here, but was afraid it was too far ... It's about time to feed. We have not gotten rid of our rooster and chickens yet, but we have to one of these days. They look so bad ... The eggs are not very good in price, and the feed is going up, but that is always how it is for us farmers. Last we heard yesterday, pig prices were up. Al went to AL [Alabama] with pigs and two head of cattle and one bull ... We got \$20 for the bull after everything was paid -- \$2 more than we gave three months ago. I hope Rigmor will write to tell you about herself and the kids. Carl and Astrid were with the feed man and his wife in New Orleans one Saturday ...

Kærlig Hilsen, Fader and Moder



Dog River Trip. Perhaps this photo is from the same trip mentioned in Sine's letter from May 1937. Cooling off in the river are pictured from left: Harvey Hedegaard, Lloyd Brinkman, Jeanne Brinkman, Herdis Nygaard, Roy Brinkman, Hans and Else Nygaard and Allen Hedegaard.

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Brinkman Letters from 1937 cont.

Mandag, 14 June 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian,

Thank you for the letter. I sent one to Santa Maria just before it came – the same time as one for Big Carl. I haven't heard from him yet ... Elna wrote ... Everything is OK out there – just wind and dust all the time. Harvey talked and talked about going west. What are they waiting for? Why don't they just get it over with and leave?

... The potato harvest is over now. It did not go that well ... Sometimes I wish Papa would lease out the land. There is enough work taking care of the chickens and cows. Papa is running around in bare feet. He really could use your rubber boots. And his shirt is flying in the wind – if he is wearing one. He's feeding wheat to the chickens right now, and I wonder if they will eat it. It looks like they might. The straw looks black after all the rain. There's thundering again, and now it is raining, too. It was wonderful weather yesterday likely because the whole colony went to a 25th wedding anniversary at Wilhelm Nielsen's last night till midnight. They danced, and it was full, and they had a lot of fun.

Tuesday – I couldn't write anymore. Yesterday I could have written, but I got to sit in the park for the first time this summer. Weather was wonderful, but there is not fun in sitting alone. There is no one to wait for coming home in the evening. Today Lloyd and Roy came. They would like to work for roosters. One wants three and the other wants two. We sold 130 and ate 10 so there is not a whole lot of roosters left even though they were plentiful this year. Eggs have been all the way down to 7 cents ... Carl can sell what butter we have – about seven pounds a week. He pays 30 cents ... Last week I went to Mobile with Al and Rigmor in the back of Ejnar and Alfred Jensen's pickup truck. Ejnar has electric wire fencing around his land, but it doesn't keep the pigs out. Even the goats will step into it. So it doesn't help anything ... So your plan about becoming a pilot never happened. I am not excited about that kind of sport. They say it is as safe as driving a car – maybe, but I don't think so.

Wednesday morning – I better get this letter off today. I just made some bread dough and started some Snegle [literally, snails; a type of sticky buns]. I am cooking a chicken for dinner tonight. I promised the boys yesterday. They are tending the chicks and hens

when they are here. Lloyd should be able to make sure all the chickens are fine. Papa is planning velvet beans in the cornfield. He is late, and they don't look like they are going to make it right now. The potatoes are getting ready to be put in, but there is much grass in the rows ... I wonder when we will see you down here again. It is almost something I dreamt that you were here last summer. It is such a long time ago, but as long as you are feeling good where you are and you are paid well for your work, everything is fine.

Kærlig Hilsen, Fader and Moder og de to Dreng leger på Landet for Tiden [and the two boys who are playing here in the country these days]

Mandag, 5 July 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian,

Thank you so much for the letter. It is always such a pleasure to hear from you even though it is way too far between letters. Now I have all afternoon by myself, and I wish I could go for a drive around with you in the truck. I went with Carl yesterday. There were so many on the truck, and it was full. Astrid, Rigmor, and four kids were in Borgensen's car though. Hans was driving himself. The rest were with Carl. ... We went to Cedar Creek. We drove from the store at about 11 am and were home by 5 pm. Everyone thought they had a great day. The kids had great fun in the water. A nice place to have a picnic. It should have just been a little easier and closer. But it was a nice drive, good road except for the last mile in the low land. And that wasn't even that bad. Wood trucks drive there every day. The majority had never been there so what we saw was new to us. There was a lot of good food. We made a big table. We brought it ourselves. We made coffee and ice cream. We had gotten an old freezer, and we froze it full twice so everyone had enough to eat ... The rain is over and the sun is shining again, and so I have to go

and sow a few flower seeds that Mrs. Larsen gave me the other day. I need to get the grass mowed, especially behind the house ... What an incredible amount of rain that is now pouring down. I had thought it was just a little shower, but it is pouring and the wind is blowing as well. Papa is out. He is going to get soaked. Well, perhaps he made it into the barn. He was about to plow his wheat field and take care of the chicks. It doesn't take very long I think before he is trying again.

Thursday afternoon – It is about time that I continue. I know



Sine writes: "It was wonderful weather yesterday likely because the whole colony went to a 25th wedding anniversary at Wilhelm Nielsen's last night till midnight. They danced, and it was full, and they had a lot of fun. Pictured are Wilhelm and Christine from that special day with children Nellie, Rose and Harold surrounded by homemade decorations.



that Rigmor has written you so you have heard from down there. I wonder if Harvey and Elna are going from Dagmar. Last letter it sounded like it wasn't going to be very long ... Population in Volmer is drastically thinning out ... Tuesday night Al's [family] came and we went to a goodbye party for Big Niels ... There was a dance at their [Hans and Herdis'] house on the 4 July evening. They had homemade beer and lemonade ...

Friday morning – Didn't get any further yesterday ... We are wondering how Han's little Else [Else Nygaard] is doing. She swallowed an open safety pin yesterday. Took her to the doctor, but it must have been too long ago because he couldn't get it. She has to eat crackers for five days, and if it hasn't come out they have to go back to the doctor ... I can imagine how they feel ... Hope everything is going well. If you were close, you could spend some of your spare time at home. If Elna moves out there to live, you will have a place to go or maybe you could live with them. Perhaps there will be some work down here for you in time. They talked about last night that there was so much that was going to happen in Mobile. Pascagoula could be a good city, but there are some people sitting there who are doing very well, and they control everything. They are afraid of losing if the city gets too big ... Carl just left with eggs ... He said that Else had slept good last night. You asked what Al was playing. He plays the harmonica the same as does Borgesen, and Astrid piano. It sounds good and is wonderful to dance with ...

Kærlig Hilsen, Fader and Moder

Tirsdag, 3 August 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian,

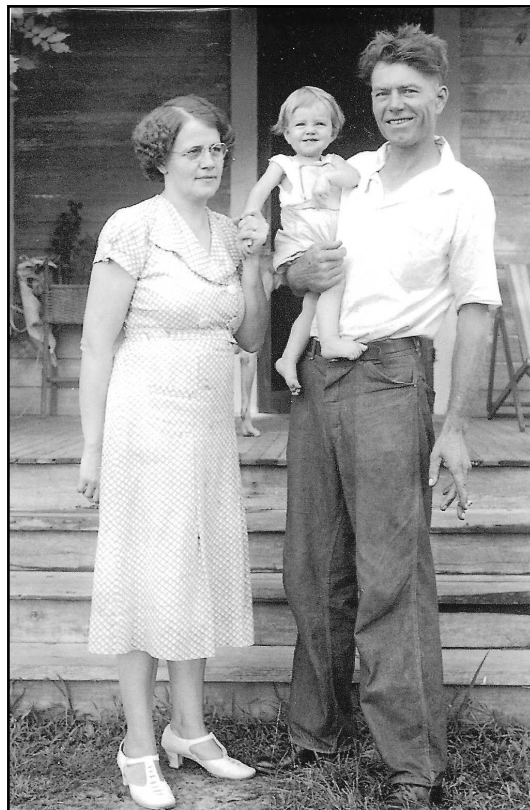
Thank you for your letter that came last week. We had begun to look for it – that and the one letter from Tante. Hers came yesterday. Last week we heard about everyone from Harriet. It was written while they were on vacation. They and Fred were together. They had a wonderful trip. Same thing with Tante. She had been with Bob and Florence to Big Bear Lake for 4 and 5 July. She was so thankful. She thought it was beautiful by the lake and the drive was wonderful ... I would wish that we could come ... Papa is discing on what used to be his

wheat field. What he is going to put there, I don't know. He is expecting to plant some potatoes soon, and I hope he will this year because they are usually a good price, and they stay fresh through the whole winter. Chickens are laying a lot of eggs, and they were 23 cents last week. The feed man was here to check the chickens. We got rid of about thirty, but they don't bring anything. \$12 – and they were some really nice, fat chickens with one exception. Jerome [Al Schmitz's brother] and Lloyd were here to help us catch them. I asked Lloyd if

that was something he was good at. The answer was yes. Jeanne was here from Thursday to Saturday evening, and you should have heard her admire her room. Astrid had painted it (and the boy's room) and made new curtains and made everything look pretty in there. So she was so excited, and she loves her new room. Roy got a wagon from all them up there. Same kind as Lloyd's – only bigger. He had already skinned his knee before evening. There were many here for coffee and some stayed for supper. You know it is easier here to put food on the table with some bread and butter and everyone can just help themselves. So that is how we do supper here.

Wednesday afternoon – I have got to get this finished to take with me to-night. We are eating supper and ice cream under Borgesen's trees at 6 pm. We bring the food with us and what we need for ice cream. If we get that much out of these get-togethers, I don't know, but we have to do something. We can't go driving and look at things because not enough people have cars, and if they do they can't go very far. The ice man was just here. I am happy that we have this refrigerator. I wish we had had one last summer.

They have started the clubhouse. [Here Sine is referring to a community clubhouse rather than the Granly for-samlingshus that she and Jens had opposed in the beginning.] I'm thinking they don't have the roof on yet. Borgesen was with Carl to town today. He is responsible for building the clubhouse. I figured they were going to buy windows. Carl's and Al's were at Pete Jensen's one Sunday, and they were out to sail on the Gulf in their boat, but they did not go to the island. One day later Carl was asked



Herdis and Hans Nygaard with little Else. In a letter to Chris in July 1937 Sine frets about the health of "little Else" who had swallowed an open safety pin the day before. It all worked out just fine as Else would celebrate her first birthday a few weeks later.

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to go on a fishing trip with a salesman, and they were out there perhaps longer. Last time Al was in New Orleans, Rigmor was with him. They left at 10 pm and came home at 6 pm the next day. Perhaps they are going to do that again.

I don't experience much around here. I probably wrote that last time as well. One day is like another. Last week, Friday, I didn't get very far, and then came Mrs. Larsen. It is for me impossible to think what it was I wanted to tell you ... Now I know what it was last week, that I wanted to tell you. The law came out and bought whiskey from different people. They caught ten people this way. One of them was Wiley and Sam Hinton and one, two, three Colemans. Old one was one of them. First time he has been caught.

... Patty still calls her daddy Far. She stood in the park yesterday with other little ones shouting Far Far and laughing loud. Far, Bedstefar, Bedstemor is all the Danish that they can say. Glenn is a little bigger now, and he is calling me Bedstemor. They are both better at talking now. Al is also learning a little bit of Danish ... There was a letter from Elna today, and she had written to you. It sounds like they are thinking of going out there at the end of the month. I don't think Harvey can find any more to do than just hibernating all winter [in Montana]. It can be tiring and living costs can be expensive even though it is cheaper than living in town ... We heard from Aunt Merret [Jens' sister in Jylland], and she sent the 1500 kroner that Papa loaned her to pay down her house. Now she has sold it. She was afraid for the last two years that she would not get it sold. She was suffering from high blood pressure and was afraid that she was going to die. Now she has paid all the money off and she feels better. Papa had not expected that she could pay the money back. She wrote us that she probably couldn't pay all the money until she got some retirement benefit. If everyone was as honest as she is, the world would be different ... Friday is Hans' Else's birthday. She is tall but thin and healthy and a good little girl. Strange that she is not spoiled. There are so many to do it. Hans and Herdis are also well as far as I know ... Now there is no more for this letter. Hope that you will write me soon. We are always looking forward to your letters ...

Kærlig Hilsen fra os alle ved din Moder

Sondag, 5 September 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian,

Sincere congratulations on your birthday. I hope the new year may bring you all the good that I wish you. Thank you very, very much for the letter which came the other day. Hope it is a good job you are having now and that it will last one year because at that time you ought to come home to see us again. You know you are welcome any time. Now it is more than one year since Elna left, and in a few days it is also one year since you left. I think it is a very, very long time since you left. I wish it was not farther away than we could see you at least once a month.

It does not look like Harvey wants to leave Montana. We have often talked about it ... When Elna wrote, it was hot. Rigmor heard from Ellen N., and she wrote the same thing. Also that she was prepared to turn around when she came to Culbertson. She did not think that it could look worse than when she left [Dagmar] and could not understand how they had been able to endure it out there ... This is where I got this morning after Al, Ejnar M., Glenn and Patty left ... The children were a little [way] down at the road in the water so they had to take off their clothes and have them dried. After all, they are only wearing a sun suit. In the meanwhile,

they ran around in the nude. Glenn is sweet when he laughs, and you should see Patty when Rigmor says, 'Say Bedstemor.' She does not even want to try, just laughs and says 'Far.' The eyes are sparkling, and you can see how this amuses her to be teasing. They were on the road to the water twice in their Adamskustume [Can you guess? Birthday suits!] The three others were at Sunday school. Tomorrow Lloyd and Jeanne are going to school. Lloyd went along to the doctor again. He is suffering from earache. The doctor said it is going to take about one month to cure it. Astrid says her ear has recovered.

The Outzgens were here this afternoon. It was nice to have company. They are good at keeping the conversation going. Yesterday evening there was a meeting in the village hall to form a farmers union. When we arrived there were two things [on the agenda]. The other one was a dairy. The county has \$10,000, which we can get to build some kind of enterprise ... Rigmor has written, so she has probably told how we celebrated Carl's birthday. Everybody seemed to have a



good time, and the music was good ... Papa has not talked about a hog ranch for a long time. However he has talked about a pasture for the cattle, if it could be bought for a song. Once he talked about renting out the farm land, but does not say anything about it anymore. I wish he did. He has his hands full taking care of hens and cattle. He does not want to milk more than he used to this summer. It would also give him more time to smarten up around the square. It looks fine at present. It is raining again this evening. A whole day with dry weather is a rare thing. It is not good for the cotton, it suffers damage from all that rain, and they cannot pick it. Papa is threshing corn. We have white corn. They say it is not as good as the yellow corn for hens, but it is neither as good as the early corn we had last year. With this we send you our love and wishes for everything good.

Fra Fader og Moder

Lordag, 9 September 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Christian,

A sincere thank you for the letter. I had started looking for it, but I had thought that it would arrive at my birthday. I heard from Elna, all of Uncle's, and Hanne – not all of them on the actual day. From Dagny and Florence it was a card and greetings. The rest were letters. Aunt had sent you a birthday card, but it was returned because it did not have the box number.

Here things take their usual course – first someone is taking offense, then another one is. The Borgensens did not participate in the meeting last night if it was not to give an opportunity to talk about their silver wedding anniversary, or perhaps they were disgruntled because they had not been invited for the Farmers Union meeting the other day.

... You should listen to Patty and Glenn, now they are beginning to talk and say everything. Patty is still calling us Far. Yesterday morning she said to Al when he was about to leave, "Me – me go along." She achieved to get to the hall last evening. She could not fall asleep and could hear the children over there. Glenn slept at home, so did Else. Last evening was Al's evening, next month Carl's, it goes by first letters. I had sewing meeting last Thursday. Carl is the one starting it [the farmers co-op or perhaps a political organization?] and some of those down here do not like it.

... Wonder where Harvey and Elna are now and if he found a job, otherwise you will probably

meet them in Martinez. Do you not think it would be nice, if they would come to see you, but the work does not seem to be stable there. I am going to write to Hanne as soon as possible, otherwise we might not hear from there. Wonder if Walter has come home again. You will have to settle for this at this time, the mailman will be here soon. Jeanne and Lloyd are making progress in school, Astrid says. Jerome [Al Schmitz' brother] is teaching them at home every evening. If they do not learn at home, it will be too little.

Kære Hilsen fra Foder og Moder

Elna and Harvey finally did leave Montana, and they went West just as Sine predicted – not to Mississippi as she had hoped. It was there, in California, that Elna and Harvey's son, Harvey Kermit Andersen, was born on 17 November 1937. This next letter is written to Elna, just after Kermit's

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Granly Photo Archives



Potato Diggers 1939-40. One of the most memorable photos from the early Granly years is this group of tough Harleston "potato diggers", ready to go to the field to dig potatoes for Carl Brinkman's grocery store. Sonja Outzen Adkison was working in the store and took the photo. She gave them the candy cigarettes and asked them to look like they "mean business". From left to right, Raymond Outzen, Lamar Randall, Verner Larsen, Van Ely, Lloyd Brinkman, Jerome Schmitz, Leo Mathiasen - front, Davis Mortensen, unknown, and Roy Brinkman.



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birth, and once again, Sine cannot resist the impulse to offer some motherly advice. In this instance, Sine rather pointedly expresses her opinion concerning the baby's baptism. Sine's faith was strong, and the church was important to her, and she wished that for her children and grandchildren.

Tirsdag, 30 November 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Kære Elna,

A sincere thank you for the letter in which you tell about the little boy and yourself. Now I hope that you come home to your own apartment. We are grateful, and I know you are too, that you made it. I wonder which name Harvey will find that is good enough. I hope that you not just give him a name, but that he will be baptized before he becomes rather old.

It is nice that Lily will be there when you get home, but I do not quite understand it. Has she given up the job she was preparing herself for because I understand it was in Hayward? ... I wonder if Christian moves in with you. I hope so.

... I am alone this evening. Papa and Lykke went up to Albert's. They were to go to the store to talk about a Brahma bull ... They stopped here to talk about that bull, but Papa could not make up his mind right away. (They are going to hold it until tomorrow so if they decide this evening that they want it, they are to send a telegram tomorrow.) He thought it was too much for him alone ...

... You are probably at the hospital. I suppose they do not let anyone go before ten days. We had a fine [Thanksgiving] dinner at Herdis'. They had the table from the hall laid in the sitting room. There was just room for all of us. The dinner consisted of two kinds of meat, veal and pork, two kinds of potatoes, the sweet ones were baked, gravy, dressing, peas with carrots, dill pickles, cranberry jelly (bought in the store), soft rolls and rye bread, wine and coffee. I do not remember if there was more. There was not much drunk of the wine. It was probably red wine with sugar in it.

I did not get any further that evening, now it is Thursday morning. What I was busy doing yesterday morning, I almost do not know.

"We had a fine [Thanksgiving] dinner at Herdis'. They had the table from the hall laid in the sitting room. There was just room for all of us ... We have been invited to Chris Jensen's for dinner on Christmas Day. The same ones that were at Hans' so it is going to be a big crowd."

Now I am waiting for Papa to come and eat pancakes. It takes quite some time to feed and milk. I go about feeding the young ones with mash and collect eggs. Yesterday he made it so that they can no longer get under the house ... They did not buy the bull. They were only two of them and Hans said they should have been four, at least.

We have been invited to Chris Jensen's for dinner on Christmas Day. The same ones that were at Hans' so it is going to be a big crowd. Can just eat and do the dishes and then home to feed the hens. I ought to stay home, if Papa would let me ... Chris Jensens came with Alberts to the box supper in the hall. He sold them. They were sold for 25 cents to \$1. Jerome got the highest. It was Ruth who raised the bidding for Leo. It was the last one to be sold. Foolish children, last winter Ruth became infatuated with Leo. This year it

is Jerome, and the boys are no wiser either. Rigmor does not like it, but do not say anything about it because I do not want them to know that I am telling every little thing, and it is something that is none of my business. But Astrid said it made Al mad to see them sitting there against each other. Mrs. Jensen laughs and teases Ruth like she thinks it is something beautiful. I was to make coffee, but it was no success. Al had lighted the fire, and when we arrived Mrs. Borgensen had put on the water but had not measured it out. So there was not enough; I had to make more in the middle of the meal so I did not get to see how the little ones were doing ... In this way, it was no fun ... I would have liked to watch the small ones when they opened the boxes.

Now you will not get any more this time. Well, there is one thing. I had a letter from Tante. She was with Clara.

They were well. Florence lives with Dagny these days. Clara also wrote a little.

Kæligste Hilsen til jer alle fire [four] fra Foder og Moder

Postscript: We wonder if there will be no allotments this year. We might have used them for paying tax. It is unpleasant to use money for tax when there is no harvest at all.

Torsdag, 9 December 1937, Harleston, Mississippi

Dear Everyone!

Now it is your turn to hear how we live in the South. We don't feel



it very much now. [Does she mean that they have adjusted to their new life in the South? It has been more than three years now.] We have had more frost and cold weather this autumn than we had last winter. It seems like it is going to freeze when it is not raining. But we hope we will get nice Christmas weather. The bad weather might be gone by then. Jens is always busy, if not in the field then with the hens and cattle. Hens pay the best here. Our old ones lose their feathers and have done so for a long time. We ought to have sold them but they were so cheap we kept them. The young ones did well. They have laid eggs since they were 5 1/2 months old. We have eleven cows and four small calves! Two of them are to be slaughtered before Christmas. I make butter as long as Carl can sell it. But if he gets more than he can sell, we will sell the cream. He pays 35 cents and probably sells it for the same amount. Eggs get us 29 cents per dozen. The prices have not been so high this year. Al drives to Moss Point and Pascagoula every Friday with eggs. He sells them in the stores there. I don't remember when I wrote last if I told you about the harvest. It was as it used to be. We didn't have so much maize so it might not cover our needs until the next harvest. We had more acreage in hay, but we will use it all. The potatoes were good this spring, but not the price. Sweet potatoes grow well here, but we don't have a house to dry them so they will keep. We were talking about building a co-op one as well as a dairy. But that went down the drain. I don't think it would have worked — only a few have more milk than they use themselves. Many have not even that much. The Danes have come so far that they have enough. A few have even a bit to sell. I think I have told you that the cows are small and don't give much milk. Jens thinks they can be fed up to be better milkers. Last time Al and one of the neighbors were in New Orleans, they came here on their way back because they wanted to talk about a brahma bull which would do so well on the grass we have here. We don't expect to milk more than three or four cows. We didn't buy the bull. We needed four partners and we only had three. Everything is as it used to be. We never go to the forsamlingshus. If the congregation is involved, we don't go. It doesn't mean we don't go to church, but we can't forget our disagreement about how they built it. I still go to kram [sewing club]. Sometimes I go only twice a month. Astrid is the leader, but we have no rules, and we don't pay dues. The meetings are held in homes alphabetically. The men have their club, but the women are also usually

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with the men so you can say it is a men's club. Rigmor is secretary/treasurer of the men's club. As you can see we have enough meetings, but how much we get out of them there are different opinions about. At our meetings we have someone reading from a small article to learn from.

You must read one another's letters. I have tried not to repeat the same things. (I must say when I speak about the harvest it is the harvest here. In Dagmar it all went wrong.) As a rule we sing in both Danish and English. I do hope we will hear from all of you for Christmas so we can know what you are doing. You don't have all of your children at home any more. Some have their own homes, but perhaps they will spend at least a day in their parents' homes. I think Marie will be with her family Christmas Eve. They used to do it. They are

all in the same town, but the husbands work different hours. Harvey and Christian work the same hours. But, Harvey's day off is Friday and Christian's is Sunday.

I have often written to you about Chris Jensen who built for us. He went to Denmark to visit his mother. He was away two months and a week but was only at home three weeks. He went on a ship from Mobile to Bremen, Germany. It took twenty-three days. There were fourteen passengers on that cargo ship. He wanted to visit you and South Jylland, but he had a message that the ship was to leave three days early. He got a boat from Esbjerg to Belgium, but his ship didn't leave three days early and he had to wait there. He was irritated. You would have loved his visit. He is a lively man and easy to get to know. He talks a

lot. So you would have learned a lot in twenty-four hours. The ship he went back on was even smaller and had only two passengers. It took even more time to get back. He went ashore in Panama City, Florida. Carl had promised Mrs. Jensen to drive her down to meet him. Jens was to go with him, but Chris Jensen came back before they left. Now I must write Jens' sister and Maren's parents. Kindest regards, and I wish all a happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Fra os alle, Søster Sine

Postscript: I nearly forgot. I would like to have some wooden shoes which would be good when I feed the hens if you have a chance to send them.



Granly History: 1940 Census of Granly Families

The data is extracted from Beat 1 and Beat 2 of the Jackson County Census and Beat 1 of George County Census. Enumeration took place in April and May 1940. Compiled by Else J. Nygaard Martin

Summary of the Granly Community in 1940

The total population for the community was 111 in 1940 with 31 households. The households consisted of 24 married couples, two widows, three widowers and two bachelors. Of the 31 families, 23 had farms and 19 listed farmer as their primary occupation. Carl Brinkman, Chris Jensen, Axel Pedersen and Svend Larsen were the exceptions as each owned a farm, but had other occupations — Brinkman owned the grocery store and the others were carpenters and builders.

All 24 wives had housework as their primary occupation. Of the working age women only three earned wages — Sonja Outzen as Saleswoman at the Brinkman grocery and Astrid and Else Larsen as Machine Operators at the Moss Point Woolen Mill. Other occupations include Salesman for Retail Grocery, Feed Mill Manager, Road Construction Laborer and Farm Laborer. Twenty-three of the households indicated that they earned other income outside of their stated occupation.

Most families lived on or near Highway 63 (called Highway 613 now) in the Hurley and Harleston communities in the general vicinity of the forsamlingshus. There were 24 families and 86 individuals in this area. Madnus Madsen and Harold Jensen owned poultry farms just to the south in Big Point. Others, all carpenters and builders by trade, lived outside of the Granly area nearer to work. Rasmus Larsen, Hans Rasmussen and Hans Pelle settled in Moss Point, Andrew Nelson in Escatawpa and Chris Jensen in George County. In all, 28 families owned their home and 3 rented.

The average age was 30 with the oldest 72 and the youngest 7 months. One-third were born in Denmark, two in Germany and one in Canada. Of the 37 Danish born residents 22 had become naturalized citizens, 5 had applied for citizenship and 10 remained in non-citizen, alien status. The most common birthplaces of the US born residents was Minnesota (18), Mississippi (12), Iowa (9), Nebraska (6), Wisconsin (5) and 4 each from California, Montana and Illinois.

The census included the question “In what place did this person live on April 1, 1935?” and most residents, 84

of the 105 that were born by that time, were living in the same house or place. Newcomers to Granly in that five-year period were the Jacobsens having moved from Chicago, the Christiansens from Michigan, the Lanthers from Huntsville, Texas, Mrs. Alhoff from Nebraska, and Christian Brinkman and his new wife Ida from California and Iowa respectively. The census indicates the Larsen family had lived in Hurley in 1935 before moving to Moss Point where Rasmus worked as a finisher in housing construction.

There were a lot more daughters than sons at Granly — 32 in all — compared to 20 sons along with two stepsons and a nephew. Overall there were more women than men (59 to 52). Thirty-two residents attended school or college during this time.

Notes and corrections regarding the census data.

- Christiansen family was incorrectly listed as living in Chicago, Cook Co., Michigan in 1935. This is corrected to show that they were in Macomb Co., Michigan.
- Hans Pelle's occupation was blank. This was updated to show he was a carpenter.
- Jens Brinkman was incorrectly listed as living in California in 1935 and this was changed to “same house”.
- Each entry begins with the location and date of enumeration, followed by the entry number in the census book. Consecutive entry numbers (ex., no. 250, no. 251, etc.) would indicate neighbors.

(GW) Government Wages

(NP) Not paid — usually family farm or family business

(PW) Private Wages

(OA) Earns on Own Account

(U) Unable to work

(x) Person who gave information

[Corrections and additions are shown in brackets.]

Highway 63, [Big Point] April 27, 1940

No. 198, owns farm, \$250 value

MADSEN, Madnus P.,

head, wm, 54, married, grade 8, b Denmark, Naturalized. Family lived in same “house” April 1, 1935; No. 75 Farm Schedule. Worked 50 hrs week of Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, Poultry Farm**; (OA). Income of \$50 or more from other source.

MADSEN, Olive (x),

wife, wf, 45, married, grade 8, b Denmark, Alien, **Housework**



WHITE, James,
nephew, wm 1, b Miss. [Jimmy Madsen]

Local Road, [Big Point] April 27, 1940

No. 206, owns farm, \$400 value

JENSEN, Harold L. (x)

head, wm, 60 widowed, comp. grade 8, b Denmark. Both lived in same "house" on April 1, 1935, Naturalized. Worked 50 hours, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, Poultry Farm** (OA). Income of \$50 or more from other source; No. 81 Farm Schedule.

JENSEN, Edna L.,

dau, wf 14, completed grade 8, born Minnesota

Highway 63 – Hurley [listed next to Gavin M. Hamilton], May 2, 1940

No. 246 – rents farm, \$10 value rent

LANTHER, Holger C.,

head wm, 44, married, comp. 4 yrs high school, b Denmark, Naturalized. Lived in Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas April 1, 1935; No. 98 Farm Schedule. Works 40 hrs week, farmer, **Poultry Farm, Worker Class**, (GW). Worked 52 weeks 1939; earned \$100, no other income

LANTHER, Gertrude (x),

wife, wf, 38, married, completed grade 8, b Penn. Lived in Huntsville, Walker Co., Texas Apr 1, 1935. **Housework**

LANTHER, Dorthy J.,

dau, wf 13, attends school, grade 7, b Texas

LANTHER, Petch J. L.,

son, wm 10, attends school, grade 4, b Miss.

LANTHER, John H. L.,

son, wm 8, attends school, grade 2, b Miss.

Highway 63 – Hurley, May 2, 1940

No. 250, owns farm \$200 value

KNUDSEN, Gunnar (x)

head, wm 54 married, comp. 2 yrs high school, b Denmark. Naturalized; Family lived in same "house" April 1, 1935; No. 101 Farm Schedule. Worked 48 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more, from other source.

KNUDSEN, Grete,

wife, wf, 36, comp. 2 yrs high school, b Germany, [Alien], **Housework**

KNUDSEN, Helen,

dau, wf, 11, attends school, grade 4, born California

KNUDSEN, Elsie,

dau, wf, 7, attends school, grade 2, born California

Highway 63 – Hurley, May 2, 1940

No. 251, owns farm, \$150 value

PEDERSEN, Christian (x)

head, wm, 58, single, completed grade 8, b Denmark. Naturalized; Lived in same "house", April 1, 1935. Worked 48 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940; Income \$50 or more, from other source; **Farmer, own Farm** (OA); parents b Denmark. Naturalized, Enrolled in Social Security 1 year.

Highway 63 – north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 252, owns farm, \$600 value

LYKKE, Einer (x),

head, wm 40, married, comp. grade 11, b Denmark; Naturalized. Family lived in same "house", April 1, 1935; No. 103 Farm Schedule. Worked 44 hrs Mar wr-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939, Income \$50 or more, other source.

LYKKE, Alfrieden,

wife, wf 48, comp. 4 yrs college, b Germany. Naturalized; **Housework**

LYKKE [Ramberg], Erik,

son, wm, 17, attended school, grade 11, b Denmark, Naturalized

Highway 63 – north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 253, owns farm, \$500 value

LARSEN, Svend,

head, wm 47, married, comp. grade 9, b Denmark; Naturalized. Family lived in same "house", April 1, 1935; No. 104 Farm Schedule. Worked 32 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940, **Carpenter, Building Construction**. Enrolled in Social Security, both parents b Denmark. Worked 30 weeks, 1939; earned \$350, Income \$50 or more, other source.

LARSEN, Karria [Karen],

wife, wf, 49, comp. grade 9, b Denmark, Alien, **Housework**

LARSEN, Ida,

dau, wf, 17, attended school, grade 11, b Minnesota

LARSEN, Ester,

dau, wf 16, attended school, grade 10, b Minnesota

LARSEN, Verner,

son, wm 12, attended school, grade 7, b Minnesota

LARSEN, Ellen,

dau, wf 7, attended school, grade 2, b Minnesota

LARSEN, Agnes,

dau, wf 7, attended school, grade 2, b Minnesota

Highway 63 – north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 254, owns farm, \$300 value

SMIDT, Enevald (x),

head, wm 55, married, comp. grade 9, b Denmark. Filed first papers for citizenship, No. 105 Farm Schedule. Family lived in same "house" April 1, 1935. Worked 42 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (GW). Worked 23 weeks 1939; earned \$150; Income \$50 or more, other source.

SMIDT, Thekla,

wife, wf 55, married, completed grade 10, b Denmark. Filed first papers for citizenship; **Housework**

SMIDT, Borge W.,

son, wm 21, single, comp. 3 yrs high school, b Canada. Filed first papers for citizenship; Listed as student

Highway 63 – north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 255, owns farm, \$500 value

PEDERSEN, Axel C.,

head, wm 48, married, comp. grade 10, b Denmark. Family lived in same "house" April 1, 1935. Naturalized; No. 106 Farm Schedule. Worked 42



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hrs Mar 24-30, 1935, **Carpenter, Shipyard** (PW). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$1500, Income \$50 or more, other source.

PEDERSEN, Dagmar N. (x),

wife wf, 43 comp. 2 yrs college, b Illinois, **Housework**

PEDERSEN, Paul E.,

son, wm, 18, single, attended school, grade 11, b Iowa

Highway 63, north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 256, owns farm, \$800 value

BRINKMAN, Jens (x),

head, wm, 65, widowed, comp. grade 8, b Denmark, Naturalized. [Lived in same house April 1, 1935]; No. 107 Farm Schedule. Worked 40 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 45 weeks, 1939; Income of \$50 or more, other source

BRINKMAN, Christian,

son, wm, 33, married, completed grade 8, b Iowa. Lived on farm in California April 1, 1935. Worked 42 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farm Laborer** (PW). Worked 26 weeks, 1939; earned \$390, no other income

BRINKMAN, Ida (x),

dau-in-law, wf, 24, completed grade 9, b Montana. Lived in Des Moines, Iowa, April 1, 1935

Highway 63, north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 257, owns farm, \$300 value

JACOBSEN, Jacob,

head, wm, 55, married, completed grade 8, b Denmark, Naturalized. Family lived in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, April 1, 1935. Naturalized; No. 108 Farm Schedule. Worked 35 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, own farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks 1939; Income \$50 or more, other source

JACOBSEN, Alma (x), wife, wf, 52, completed grade 12, b Iowa

Lived in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, April 1, 1935, **Housework**

JACOBSEN, Ruth, dau, wf 10, attended school, grade 6, born Illinois Lived in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, April 1, 1935

JACOBSEN, Paul, son, wm 8, attended school, grade 2, born Illinois Lived in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, April 1, 1935

Highway 63, north of Hurley [Granly], May 2, 1940

No. 258, owns home, \$800 value

KNUDSEN, Marie, head, wf, 65, widow, comp. grade 10, b Denmark Alien; Lived in same "house" April 1, 1935

Income of \$50 or more, from other source; **Housework**

Highway 63, north of Hurley [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 259, owns farm, \$500 value

CHRISTENSEN, Axel (x),

head, wm, 48, married, comp. grade 8, b Denmark. Citizenship applied for; No. 109 Farm Schedule. Both lived in [Shelby, Macomb Co.], Michigan, April 1, 1935. Worked March 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA).

CHRISTENSEN, Alma,

wife wf, 47, comp. grade 8, born Denmark. Alien; **Housework**

Highway 63, north of Hurley [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 260, owns farm, \$500 value

BUCK, Axel R. (x),

head, wm 53 married, comp. grade 7, b Nebraska. Family lived in same "house" April 1, 1935; No. 110 Farm Schedule. Worked Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$65; Income \$50 or more other source.

BUCK, Ella M.,

wife, wf, 48, completed grade 6, b Minnesota, **Housework**

BUCK, Alvin J.,

son, wm, 21, single, completed grade 10, b Minnesota. Worked 42 hrs., Mar 24-30, 1940; **Laborer, Road Construction, WPA** (GW). Worked 6 wks, 1939; earned \$75, no other income

BUCK, Alice,

dau, wf, 16, attended high school, grade 11, b Minnesota

Highway 63, between Hurley and Harleston [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 263, owns farm, \$200 value

JENSEN, Edward,

head, wm, 63, married, born Denmark. Naturalization applied for. Family lived in same "house" April 1, 1935; No 112 Farm Schedule. Worked 42 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, own Farm** (OA). Worked 50 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more from other source

JENSEN, Petra,

wife wf, 60, born Denmark, Alien, **Housework**

JENSEN, Edna,

dau, wf, 16, attended high school, grade 10, b Illinois

Local road, between Hurley and Harleston [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 264, owns farm, \$400 value

NIELSEN, Wilhelm (x),

head, wm, 50, married, born Denmark, Alien. Family lived in same "house", April 1, 1935; No 113 Farm Schedule. Worked 45 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, own Farm** (OA). Worked 50 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more from other source.

NIELSEN, Christine,

wife, wf, 50, b Denmark, Alien, **Housework**

NIELSEN, Nellie,

dau, wf, 20, single, comp. grade 9, b Minnesota, **Housework**

NIELSEN, Rose,

dau, wf, 13, grade 7, born Minnesota

Local road, between Hurley and Harleston [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 265, owns farm, \$600 value

OUTZEN, Andrew (x),

head, wm, 48, married, comp. grade 8, b Denmark, Alien. Family lived in same "house", April 1, 1935; No 114 Farm Schedule. Worked 44 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (GW). Worked 52 weeks, 1939;



Income \$50 or more from other source.

OUTZEN, Johanne,

wife, wf, 49, comp. grade 8, b Denmark, Alien, **Housework**

OUTZEN, Sonja,

dau, wf, 20, single, completed grade 12, born Minnesota. Worked 44 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940, **Saleswoman in a Retail Grocery** (PW). Worked 12 weeks, 1939; earned \$80.

OUTZEN, Svend,

son, wm, 18, completed grade 8, born Minnesota. Worked 38 hrs Mar 24-30, 1940, farm labor (NP)

OUTZEN, Raymond,

son, wm, 13, attended school, grade 7, born Minnesota

Highway 63, Harleston [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 266, owns farm, \$350 value

JOHANSEN, Pettar [Peter] (x),

head, wm, 48, married, comp. grade 8, b Minnesota. Family lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935; No 115 Farm Schedule. Worked 45 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (GW). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$140; Income \$50 or more from other source

JOHANSEN, Dagmar,

wife, wf, 45, completed grade 7, b Wisconsin, **Housework**

JOHANSEN, Ellen,

dau, wf, 13, attended school, grade 8, born Minnesota

Highway 63, between Harleston [Granly], May 3, 1940

No. 268, owns farm, \$200 value

MATHIASSEN, William (x),

head, wm, 48, married, comp. grade 9, b Denmark, Naturalized. Lived same "place" on April 1, 1935; No 116 Farm Schedule. Worked 45 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more from other source.

MATHIASSEN, Augusta,

wife, wf, 33, comp. grade 10, b Denmark, Naturalized; **Housework**

MATHIASSEN, Ellen,

dau, wf, 13, attended school, grade 8, born Iowa

MATHIASSEN, Leo,

son, wm, 12, attended school, grade 6, born Iowa

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 395, owns farm, \$1000 value

BRINKMAN, Carl (x),

head, wm, 36, married, comp grade 12, born Iowa. Family lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935; No. 199, Farm Schedule. Worked 50 hrs week of Apr 24-30, 1940, **Proprietor of Retail Grocery** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more, other source

BRINKMAN, Astrid,

wife, wf, 34, completed grade 12, b Wisconsin, **Housework**

BRINKMAN, Lloyd,

son, wm, 10, attended school, grade 4, born Montana

BRINKMAN, Jean,

dau, wf, 9, attended school, grade 3, born North Dakota

BRINKMAN, Roy,

son, wm, 8, attended school, grade 1, born Montana

BRINKMAN, Glenn,

son, wm, 5, born Minnesota

BRINKMAN, Margaret,

dau, wf, 9/12 months, born Alabama

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 396, owns house, \$350 value

MORTENSEN, Ejner (x), head, wm, 29, married, comp. grade 12, b Minnesota. Family lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935. Worked 42 hrs week of Apr 24-30, 1940, **Manager of Feed Mill** (PW). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$350; no other income.

MORTENSEN, Marie,

wife, wf, 28, completed grade 12, b Wisconsin, **Housework**

MORTENSEN, Davis,

son, wm, 8, attended school, grade 2, born Iowa

MORTENSEN, Dallas,

dau, wf, 7, attended school, grade 1, born Miss

MORTENSEN, Joy,

dau, wf, 2, born Miss

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 401, rents house, \$5 rent value

SCHMITZ, Aloysius [Al] (x),

head, wm, 29, married, comp. grade 8, b North Dakota. Family lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935. Worked 42 hrs week of Mar 24-30, 1940, **Salesman, Retail Grocery** (PW). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$600, no other income.

SCHMITZ, Rigmor,

wife, wf, 29, completed grade 12, b Montana, **Housework**. Lived in same house, Apr 1, 1935

SCHMITZ, Patricia, dau, wf, 4, born California

SCHMITZ, Michael, son, wm, 2, born Mississippi

SCHMITZ, Sine, dau, wf, 7/12 months, born Alabama

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 402, owns farm, \$900 value

NYGAARD, Hans (x),

head, wm, 47, married, completed grade 8, b California. Family lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935; No 200 Farm Schedule. Worked 45 hrs week of Mar 24-30, 1940, **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939, earned \$85, Income \$50 or more, other source.

NYGAARD, Herdis,

wife, wf, 45, completed grade 7, b Wisconsin, **Housework**

NYGAARD, Elsie [Else],

dau, wf, 3, b Miss

NYGAARD, Raymond,

son, wm, 1, b Miss

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HEDEGAARD, Allen,

step-son, wm, 19, comp. grade 12, b North Dakota

HEDEGAARD, Harvey,

step-son, wm, 17, attended school, grade 11, b Wisconsin

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 403, owns farm, \$500 value

BORGESSEN, Ernest (x),

head, wm, 50, married, comp. grade 8, b Denmark. Both lived in same "house", Apr 1, 1935; Naturalized; No. 201 Farm Schedule. Worked 44 hrs week of Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; earned \$200, Income \$50 or more, other source.

BORGESSEN, Hulda,

wife, wf, 52, completed grade 8, b Denmark, **Housework**. Naturalized

Highway 63, Harleston, May 9, 1940

No. 404, owns farm, \$600 value

SORENSEN, Otto C. [Chris] (x), head, wm, 48, single, comp grade 8, b Denmark. Lived in same house, April 1, 1935; Naturalized; No. 202 Farm Schedule. Worked 45 hrs week of Mar 24-30, 1940; **Farmer, Own Farm** (OA). Worked 52 weeks, 1939; Income \$50 or more, other source

Hurley, Hwy 63, Beat 1, May 10, 1940

No. 416, owns house, \$200 value

ALHOFF, Einar (Mrs.) (x) head, wf, 38, widow, comp. grade 8, b Denmark. Family lived on farm in Nebraska, April 1, 1935; Naturalized. Seeking work; unemployed, worked 12 wks, 1939, **Restaurant Waitress**

MOSS POINT

Dantzler Road, Moss Point, April 5, 1940

No. 45, Owns home, \$1500 value

RASMUSSEN, Hans,

head, wm, 62, married, comp. grade 8, born Denmark. Lived in same "house" on April 1, 1935; Naturalized. Worked 41 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940, **Carpenter, Paper Mill** (PW). Worked 52 weeks in 1939; earned \$1560, no other income

RASMUSSEN, Kirstine (x)

wife, wf, 47, completed grade 8, born Denmark. Naturalized, **Housework**

RASMUSSEN, Mildred,

dau, wf, 14, attended school, grade 7, born Miss.

RASMUSSEN, Winnie,

dau, wf, 10, attended school, grade 4, born Miss

RASMUSSEN, Esther,

dau, wf, 5, born Miss

Griffin Street, Moss Point, April 8, 1940

No. 103, Rents home, \$8 rent value

PELLE, Hans, head wm, 50, married, completed grade 12, b Denmark. Family lived in same "place" on April 1, 1935. Worked 48 hrs, Mar 24-

30, 1940; occupation not listed [**Carpenter**]. Worked 48 weeks in 1939; earned \$956, no other income

PELLE, Sadie, wife, wf, 45, comp. grade 9, born Kansas, **Housework**

PELLE, Edward, son, wm, 20, single, completed grade 9, b Nebraska.

New worker, seeking work, unemployed 3 weeks.

Welch/Payne St. Moss Point, April 10, 1940

No. 119, Owns home \$800 value

LARSEN, Rasmus,

head, wm, 50, married, completed grade 8, b Denmark, Naturalization applied for. Family lived in Hurley, Jackson Co, Miss, April 1, 1935.

Worked 42 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Finisher, House Construction** (PW).

Worked 44 weeks, 1939; earned \$1100, no other income.

LARSEN, Anna (x)

wife, wf, 50, comp. grade 8, b Denmark, Alien, **Housework**

LARSEN, Astrid,

dau, wf, 23, single, comp. grade 8, b Nebraska. Worked 42 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Machine Operator, Woolen Mill** (PW). Worked 50 weeks, 1939; earned \$625, no other income.

LARSEN, Dagny,

dau, wf, 21, single, comp. grade 6, b Nebraska

LARSEN, Else,

dau, wf, 19, single, comp. grade 12, b Nebraska. Worked 42 hrs, Mar 24-30, 1940; **Machine Operator, Woolen Mill** (PW). Worked 20 weeks, 1939; earned \$280, no other income.

LARSEN, Dora,

dau, wf, 16, attended school, grade 9, b Nebraska

LARSEN, Betty, dau, wf, 5, born Miss

ESCATAWPA

Griffin Road, April 4, 1940

No. 136, Owns home \$275 value

NELSON, Andrew (x),

head, wm, 72, widowed, completed grade 8, b Denmark. Lived in same house in 1935; Naturalized. **Carpenter, Wood Factories** (PW). Classified as Wage or Salary Worker in Private Work, Unable to Work.

Worked 0 weeks, 1939; no income

GEORGE COUNTY

Highway 63, April 29, 1940

No. 197, Owns home \$4000 value

JENSEN, Chris (x),

head, wm, 49, married, completed grade 8, b Denmark. Family lived at same location on April 1, 1935, No. 147 Farm Schedule; Naturalized.

Worked prior week 55 hrs, **Carpenter, Building** (OA). Worked 52 weeks 1939, income from other sources

JENSEN, Helen,

wife, wf, 42, completed grade 8, b Kansas, **Housework**

JENSEN, Miller,

son, wm, 17, completed high school 4 years, in school, b Iowa

JENSEN, Ruth,

dau, wf, 13, completed grade 8, b Iowa.



Granly 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

The Granly Annual Meeting on October 28, 2023 was called to order at 9:00 am by President Lee Shepherd, with 14 members present.

President Shepherd gave a brief welcome and report, commending Barbara Nygaard for the yard maintenance and to Crystal Goldman for the upkeep of the interior of the buildings.

The minutes were read by Rita Shepherd, substituting for absent Lynda Wood, and approved by the membership. Jerold Shepherd gave a report of the work completed at Granly since the 2022 meeting:

- HVAC installed and serviced once.
- New double pane windows and door installed. It was voted to leave the window screens off the windows, as they do no open.
- Toilet in ladies room was rebuilt.
- Water well pump was refurbished with new point.
- Interior of Forsamlingshus was painted. Kitchen will be painted in November.
- New Granly sign was installed by Lee Hedegaard.
- New mulch was spread in the front of the building.
- The exterior of the 3 buildings were washed on the October 2023 workday.

Lee Hedegaard gave a report on the cemetery survey by Moody and Associates. The plan is complete and ready for markers. The membership approved additional funds to have markers placed at the corners of each plot.

Kevin Martin gave the treasurer's report, which is attached to minutes. He also reported that Lemon Mohler has dropped us for insurance, and we are now with Coastal

Select.

President Shepherd read Article 5 of the Trust Agreement before discussing the disbursement of funds. It was approved by the membership to add \$20,000 to the bank account for projects and routine expenses for 2023-2024. It was approved by the membership to send \$50,000 to Lutheran World Relief.

It was approved by the membership to give Mike Philips \$500 for his painting of the interior of Granly in March and October.

It was approved by the membership for Jerold to have the south side of fence professionally mulched as was done last year on the other sides.

It was approved by the membership to pay for Lee H. and Jeremy Hedegaard to rent a smaller mulcher to clear the walking trail.

It was approved by the membership to replace the hot water heater in the restroom building with a smaller one.

It was approved by the membership for Larry Martin to meet with the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Digital Humanities for assistance in preserving Granly's history.

Next year's meeting was set on October 26, 2024 at 9:00am before the meeting was adjourned.

Granly Danish Historical Foundation	
Financial Report	
Current Status as of October 28, 2023 Board Meeting	
Checking Account Balance 30 September 2022 (last meeting)	\$ 21,266.87
Expenses:	
Utilities	\$ 1,149.60
Postage/Checks	\$ 593.11
Newsletter/Printing/Envelopes	\$ 1,151.32
Repairs	\$ 33,021.33
Insurance	\$ 852.13
Total Expenses	\$ 36,767.49
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 1,130.00
Bank Interest	\$ 16.15
Contributions	\$ 5,385.00
Trust Fund Withdrawal	\$ 40,000.00
Total Receipts	\$ 46,531.15
Checking Account Balance 30 September 2023	\$ 31,030.53
Trust Fund Balance as of 30 September 2023	\$ 844,735.14



You're invited!

GRANLY CHRISTMAS

December 26 at 6pm



Granly Christmas 1952

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