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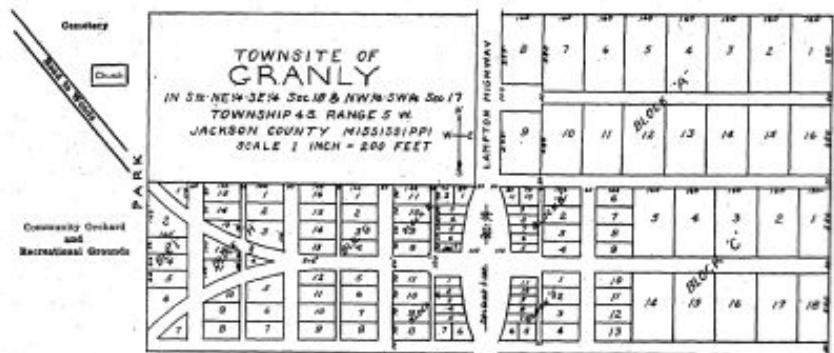


Granly History: The Proposed Granly Town Site

In the previous newsletter we printed a letter from Alma Holst to Dagmar Pedersen in which she made reference to a soon to be published map of the plans for a Granly township. The advertisement and map from the January 21, 1931 issue of Dannevirke are

reprinted below. In the map, Lampton Highway is the present day Highway 613 and the church and cemetery are also shown. As the Holst letter acknowledged, the plans were evolving with input from Pedersen and other early colonists. Translation is provided on page 3.

**Granly,
Miss.**



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Miss.**

GRANLY! Ja, saadan sér planen altsaa ud, og vi Granlyanere synes, den kan blive meget smuk; det er i alt fald vort faste forsaet at gøre alt, vi kan, dertil.

Sé lidt paa forretningsbyen. Lampton Road er en stats landevej, som bliver „paved“ næste aar. Hvor den udvides til 200 fod, er det meningen, der skal plantes buskads, træer og blomster, saa at det danner en lille park midt i byen. Lodderne her bliver kun 25 fod i stedet for 37, som kortet angiver. De store lodder forbeholdes foreløbig, men er nogen interesseret i dem, bedes de skrive til os om det.

Øst for forretningsgrundene ligger der en del 1 acre byggegrunde, som vi tror vil blive meget eftertragtede. Jorden er her af bedste kvalitet, jævnt liggende, med god dræning. En lille familie kan tildels leve af og paa en saadan acre: Et lille hønseri, grønsager, bær, nogle enkelte frugttræer. Ferskner og vin bærer andet aar, appelsiner, „grapefruit“, søbler tredje aar, o. s. v. Et pænt lille fire—fem værelses hus kan bygges for ca. \$1,000 til \$1200.

Vest for forretningsbyen ligger saa de almindelige byggegrunde, og som de er udlågt, med veje, der fører til kirken og festpladsen, kan det ikke andet end blive haade hyggeligt og smukt med tiden. Gaderne her bliver 60 fod brede i stedet for 50, som angivet paa kortet.

Priserne paa forretningslodderne er \$200 med undtagelse af de fire hjørnelodder, der er \$300.

De store 1 acre grunde koster \$300 til \$600 efter beliggenhed. Gaden mellem block A og C bliver kun en „alley“. Lod nr. 10 og 6 block A er solgt. Ogsaa nr. 5 block C.

Lodderne vest for byen \$200 til \$400. Nr. 1 og 6 block I og nr. 11 og 5 block H solgt. Nr. 4 og 11 i block G solgt.

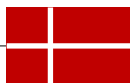
Som vi udbød kolonilandet til en meget billig pris de første maaneder, saa vil vi paa samme maade tilbyde disse grunde en kort tid til de laveste priser. Dette gør vi af to grunde. Dels for at folk, der gerne vil have en lod, men ikke har saa rigelig med penge, ogsaa kan være med. Dels for at vi der- ved venter at faa midler, hvormed vi kan anlægge veje, plante træer og helt igennem forskønne byen og festpladsen.

Altsaa indtil 1. Marts udbyder vi disse smukke byggegrunde til halv pris. Efter den 1. Marts gælder ovenstaaende priser.

Hvis nogen ønsker at købe paa maanedlig afbetaling — som vi tænker os, at mange gerne vil — saa kan det ogsaa ordnes, men saa maa man lægge 10 pCt. til købesummen. Afbetalingsvilkårene kan ordnes, eftersom køberen ønsker det. Mange vil have glæde af at være med paa denne maade. Saa kan de om et aars tid tage sig en vinterferie og køre ned at besøge ejendommen, maa- ske plante nogle frugttræer og nøddetræer, der senere kan give godt udbytte.

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Please send your old (and new) family photos, current news and your comments and suggestions to the editor.

We want to see photos from all Granly descendants – trips to Denmark, Reunions, Holiday traditions, recipes, etc.

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Granly Town Site Ad Translation

GRANLY! Yes, this is how the plan looks, and we Granlyians think it can be very beautiful; At least it is our firm intention to do everything we can.

Take a look at the business town. Lampton Road is a state highway that will be paved next year. Where it is extended to 200 feet, it is intended to plant shrubs, trees, and flowers so that it forms a small park in the middle of the town. The lots here will be only 25 feet instead of 37, as the map indicates. The big lots are reserved for the time being, but if anyone is interested in them, please write to us about it.

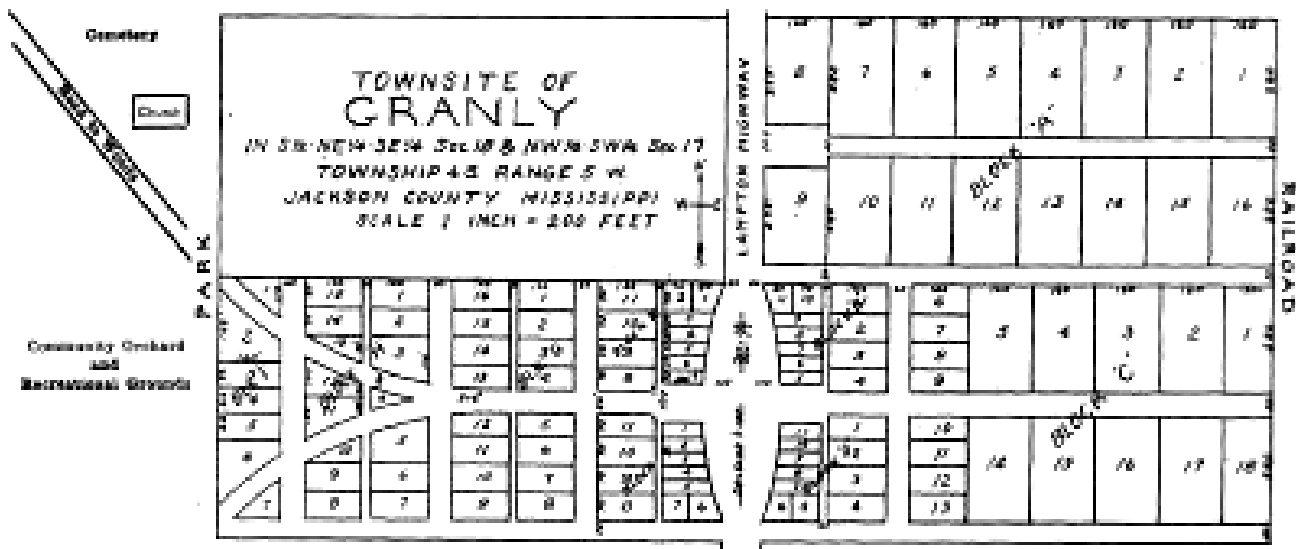
To the east of the business plots are a number of 1

The large 1-acre plots cost \$300 to \$600 depending on location. The street between blocks A and C will only be an alley. Lots number 10 and 6 block A have been sold. Also, number 5 block C.

The lots west of town are \$200 to \$400. Numbers 1 and 6 block I and numbers 11 and 5 block H are sold. Numbers 4 and 11 in block G are sold.

As we offered the colony land at a very cheap price in the first months, we will in the same way offer these plots a short time at the lowest prices. We do this for two reasons. Partly because people who want a lot, but do not have enough money, can also participate. Partly because we thereby expect to get funds with which we can build roads, plant trees, and completely beautify the city and the *festpladsen*.

So, until March 1, we offer these beautiful building plots



-acre building plots, which we believe will be highly sought after. The soil here is of the best quality, evenly lying, with good drainage. A small family can partly live off such an acre: a small chicken farm, vegetables, berries, a few fruit trees. Peaches and wine bear in the second year, oranges, grapefruit, apples the third year, etc. A nice little four- or five-bedroom house can be built for approx. \$1,000 to \$1200.

To the west of the business town are the ordinary building plots, and as they are laid out, with roads leading to the church and the *festpladsen* (literally, party place), it can only become both cozy and beautiful with time. The streets here will be 60 feet wide instead of 50, as indicated on the map.

The prices of the business lots are \$200 with the exception of the four corner lots which are \$300.

at half price. After March 1, the above prices apply.

If someone wants to buy in monthly installments — as we think many would like — then it can also be arranged, but then you have to put 10 percent to the purchase price. The installment terms can be arranged as the buyer so desires. Many will benefit from participating in this way. Then, in a year's time, they can take a winter vacation and drive down to visit the property, and perhaps plant some fruit trees and nut trees that can later give good yields.

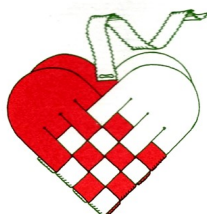
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Glaedelig Jul! Granly Christmas celebrated once again

The forsamlingshus welcomed families for the annual Christmas gathering on December 26 after a one-year hiatus. More than two dozen Granly descendants shared food and memories and finished the night off with the traditional dancing around the Christmas tree to the tune of “Nu har vi jul igen”.

The Nygaard, Hedegaard, Mortensen, Outzen and Brinkman families were among those represented.



Multiple generations were represented at the Granly Christmas celebration. Else (Nygaard) Martin and Margaret (Brinkman) Roberts reminisce while four-year old Colbi Ryann Kirkland inspects the Danish ornaments. Colbi is the daughter of Ariel (Outzen) Kirkland and great-granddaughter of Svend and Beatrice Outzen.



Holding hands and ready to dance around the tree ... “Nu har vi jul igen, Nu har vi jul igen ...”

The Story of Kristus

One of the highlights of the Granly Christmas celebration was a brief, but eye-opening, presentation from Else Martin on the history of Granly’s statue of Christ on the altar. The statue, called “Kristus” is a copy of the one-of-a-kind creation of famed Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen.

Martin, relying on her memories and extensive knowledge of Granly history gathered additional facts from the book *Definitely Danish* by Julie Jensen McDonald. As McDonald’s book explained the original figure of Christ with outstretched arms was completed by Thorvaldsen in Rome in 1821 and now resides in the Church of our Lady (*Vor Fruekirke*) in Copenhagen.

Christ’s pose in “Kristus” sets it apart from traditional sculptures and it has a deeper meaning to its creator. In 1819, it was said, Thorvaldsen was determined to



develop a likeness that differed from the well-known depictions of the time. Legend has it that he was unsatisfied with his first attempts and left the clay model — with arms raised — overnight. In the morning he was surprised to see that the soft clay had settled and the arms dropped with hands opened up in this new pose. Other recollections of the statue's origin credit the sculptor's own creativity and his intention to create a noble, subdued and timeless pose that led to the figure we see today. Regardless, it is a creation of Danish origin that spread among Danish churches in America.

In *Definitely Danish* McDonald writes that in the twentieth century a mold was made of Thorvaldsen's Kristus and copies were reproduced in a size suitable for churches. This is undoubtedly how Granly's version of the statue came to be.

Granly's Kristus

After describing the fascinating history behind the sculpture, Martin then proceeded to relay her memories of our statue:

"When we recovered the Granly property and Forsamlingshus in 1984, deeded to the Granly Danish Historical Foundation, Inc. by the Lutheran Church of America, the building was a mess and the beloved statue of Christ was missing. A few of us spent many hours re-



As many Granly families moved away and the forsamlingshus languished mostly unused, the statue and other precious artifacts were moved elsewhere for safekeeping. Kristus was returned to its place on the altar in the 1980s.

storing the interior, benches and kitchen. The altar rail was under the building and had to be completely restored, the silver candelabra, communion set, Kristus statue and other valuable items were missing. The Granly Record books were also missing. We visited Mrs. Dagmar Pedersen and asked if she knew if the items had been saved by someone and where they might be. She

said that three Church books were in the safe at the Christ Lutheran Church in Pascagoula but the Kristus statue was given away to the Ocean Springs Lutheran Church. I went to the OS Church Board meeting and requested that the statue be returned to Granly. They did not really want to give it to



Early photo in the forsamlingshus with Kristus on the altar — Easter Sunday 1945.

me, but finally relented and I was able to bring it back to the Forsamlingshus. The fingers had been chipped, so Travis and Sonja took it and had it repaired and now it has been at home in the Forsamlingshus since 1985."

Gift to Granly in 1936

Some searching through the *Dannevirke* archives uncovered the specific source of the colony's statue. From the December 2, 1936 issue, translated from Danish:

"To Bethany Congregation [Granly], the congregation in Cedar Falls, Iowa, had sent two beautiful silver candlesticks. From Dr. and Mrs. Skands Hansen's estate sent Pastor O. Jørgensen an approx. 30 inch high reproduction of Thorvaldsen's Christ statue. Past. O. Jacobsen's widow, Troy, N.Y. had previously bestowed upon them their seven-armed candlestick."



Danish-American Newspaper Collections from the Museum of Danish America

While searching for some background on Granly founders Hans Madsen, wife Johanne Madsen and daughter Alma Holst I came across the Danish Immigrant Museum's website (danishmuseum.org) and its huge archive of Danish-American newspapers. The archive is at: <https://box2.nmtvault.com/DanishIM/>.

The collections include *Dannevirke*, published in Iowa, *Bien* published in California, and *Danskeren* and *Den Danske Pioneer* from Nebraska. *Dannevirke*, of course, was owned by Alma's husband Martin Holst and the Holsts and Madsens used it extensively to promote Granly.

The Granly Township advertisement and map on the cover of this issue were discovered there as well as the story of the donation of the Kristus statue. There are potentially a lot more stories from Granly's past hidden in those pages and we will continue to report on them whenever we can.

In addition to the Granly angle, the publications can be a valuable source of family history. In my

searches I also came across an extended remembrance of my great grandfather, Hans Nygaard, published in *Dannevirke* shortly after his death in 1935.

Dannevirke was published weekly from 1880 to 1959, so you can imagine the enormous amount of history available if you're willing to do a little searching and a lot of translating. The other papers were similarly prolific and each reported often on the various Danish colonies. The papers were published in Danish, of course, and for most of us it can be difficult to piece together a translation. For the Nygaard story I used Google translate and would transcribe a paragraph at a time.

This method is not perfect, since it does miss some figures of speech and older Danish sayings that require more than a direct word for word translation, but it does give you a good base and you should be able to interpret the context from there. I've heard that the Danish museum has translators available to help, but have not confirmed.



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Granly History

The passage below is from Chapter IX of Drommen om Amerika: The Dream of America. A Chronicle of the Lives of Nielsine Margrethe Johansen and Jens Clausen Brinkman. The chapter describes the Brinkman family's first visit to Granly in 1931 and their stay at the colony in the winter of 1933-34 as guests of Hans Nygaard. Two of Sine's letters to family from that winter are also included. Additional passages from "Drommen om Amerika" will be published in future issues. Reprinted with permission of author Carol Stacy Brinkman.

A New Colony

In 1930, more than twenty years after the move to Montana, *Den Danske Pioneer* and *Dannevirke*, still the lifeline of Danish communities, brought news of a new Danish settlement in Mississippi. The Dagmar Colony in Montana had originated with Pastor Plambeck's desire to protect the religious and cultural welfare of Danish immigrants while helping them to acquire property. Conversely, this new Mississippi venture seems to have been more secular and commercial in origin.

Granly

Granly — *shelter of evergreen* — was aptly named in the beginning. Else Nygaard Martin [daughter of Hans Nygaard and Herdis Laursen Hedegaard] has researched the history, especially the Danish history, of this small area of the southeast corner of the state of Mississippi. As she explains it, the area was heavily forested in pine trees, and supplying timber for the lumber industry brought prosperity to the area in the early part of the twentieth century. The small communities that populate Jackson and George Counties were created by the railroad companies or came about as people settled near the railroad spurs that had been built to provide service between the lumber mills and the shipyards in Pascagoula. In 1916, a tornado leveled many trees and by the early thirties,

the lumber companies had exhausted the forest supply. This, in conjunction with the economic depression, brought about the demise of the lumber industry of the area.

Though most of the pine trees were gone, Alma Holst and the other developers of the Granly Colony shrewdly chose a name that would resonate with Danish immigrants. The talk among many Danish farmers struggling against the elements in Montana was that in Mississippi one would never have to be concerned about drought — rainfall was plentiful. The soil was rich and deep — no rocks to be carried from the fields and stacked at the fence corners as one plowed. The growing season was long — the winters were mild.

In the summer of 1931, Jens, Carl, and friend Art Jonassen traveled to Mississippi to look into the possibilities and promises of this new colony. Astrid, with Lloyd and Jeanne, went along as far as Minneapolis to visit Astrid's sister Herdis Laursen Hedegaard. What the men found when they reached Granly Colony was something much different from what they knew in Montana. The average temperature for June through August 1931 was 79 degrees. The rainfall average for that same three-month period was more than 15 inches. It is little wonder that Jens and Carl were favorably impressed.

Sine, back home in Dagmar, received a telegram from Jens shortly after his arrival in Mississippi. The telegram instructed her to take all her money from the bank. Somehow, Jens had learned that banks in Sheridan County were in imminent danger of closing. Elna and Rigmor, accompanied by their uncle Niels Jessen, withdrew the money and took it home to Sine. Sine was grateful that their money was not lost in a bank closing, but now she worried that it might be stolen.

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A New Colony cont.

Her solution was to place the money in a fruit jar and bury it in the potato bin. Carl and Astrid were not so fortunate; neither was there to make the withdrawal, and they lost all their money when the bank did indeed fail as had been rumored.

Jens and Carl returned to Montana and were persevering in their efforts to grow and harvest enough to feed their families. The drought and depression had not abated, and each new day brought another round of struggle as they continued to farm from 1931 through most of 1933. Sine, too, was struggling, but hers was a struggle with heartache when she learned of her father Christen Johansen's death that year. Sine's longing to see her family had not lessened; surely it had grown with each passing year. There is no doubt that the day Sine learned of her father's death was one of the saddest days of her adult life. Three sisters in Denmark were now her closest connection to the life she had left behind.

South for the Winter

In October of 1933, Jens decided that the new colony in Mississippi was worth a try. He arranged for a place to stay in Granly for the winter of 1933-34. Chris and Rigmor had been working in California, but they returned to Dagmar to drive Jens and Sine to Mississippi. Elna was teaching school at this time and living with Carl and Astrid, and these three remained in Dagmar. Carl continued to work the homestead, and renters were found for Jens and Sine's house. The long journey was an opportunity to visit and see the sights along the way. In Minneapolis, they picked up Marie's daughter Sigrid and continued on to Chicago where they attended the World's Fair. Rigmor remembers,

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"Mama, Sigrid and I didn't venture very far — we sat and listened to the music. But Papa and Chris saw the whole fair in one day!"

Very possibly this was Jens' second visit to a world's fair. Rigmor remembers Jens telling her when she was a very young girl about seeing Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show. In 1893, Chicago hosted a fair officially known as the World's Columbia Exposition

to celebrate the 400-year anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Jens and Peter Westergaard's arrival in New York in June 1893 coincides with the dates of that fair. More than a thousand trains a day were arriving and departing Chicago, and the young men undoubtedly passed through Chicago on their way to Iowa.

Erik Larson wrote about this fair in the *Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America*. According to Larson, when William Cody was denied permission to be a part of the Fair he set up his Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show on

fifteen adjacent acres. He filled his 18,000-seat arena at every show.

Jens and Peter must have been among those who saw the cowboys and Indians and sharpshooters. And, just across the way, the Exposition itself offered spectacles that included the Midway Plaisance where the most exotic attractions from around the world were exhibited.. This "Midway" is probably where Jens saw the "man walk down stairs on his head" that he told Rigmor about. Maybe Jens and Peter even took a ride on the big wheel that a Mr. Ferris designed especially for the fair. Two young men, almost literally just off



the boat as they say, must have been incredulous at the wonders they saw.

After the visit to the fair, the five drove south toward Mississippi. Rigmor remembers several things that enlivened this leg of their journey. It was “The Depression” and that sometimes caused desperate people to do desperate things. In addition to that there were the notorious Chicago mobsters whose criminal exploits filled the newspapers daily. Call it paranoia or common sense caution, Jens hid his money behind the car door paneling. Then when Jens noticed that a car had been following them for miles and miles, since leaving Chicago in fact, he could only imagine the worst possibilities. He instructed Chris to turn off the narrow highway to park behind a large building until the suspicious car was well past. He would be sure to say, no doubt, “better safe than sorry” and further take the opportunity to caution the young folks who would be traveling on to California from Mississippi.

Then there was the morning they stopped for breakfast at a roadside café somewhere in Kentucky or Tennessee. All ordered the bacon and eggs, but none of the five Danes by-way-of-Iowa-and-Montana recognized the “white cereal” on their plates beside the bacon and eggs. This was their introduction to the particularly southern dish called grits. Imagine having cereal on your plate rather than in a bowl with milk and sugar.

In Granly, Jens and Sine would be boarding with Hans Nygaard, a bachelor and one of the earliest Danes to purchase land in the new colony. Hans’ house was large and each bedroom had a fireplace, but the house was old and in need of repairs. The rooms were damp and cold; the oven didn’t work. Despite these inconveniences, the home of this affable Dane was a comfortable place for Jens and

Sine while they considered the possibilities of Granly colony. A special friendship grew — it was a bond that was to last Sine’s life time. During the sojourn with Hans, Sine cooked and kept house, and Jens helped Hans with the farm work.

Then, just before Thanksgiving, Chris, Rigmor, and Sigrid left for California to once again find work and lodging among the other young Danes. The Danish immigrant community was a “community” that ex-

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tended almost border to border across the continent. Most Danes had friends, or knew friends of friends, in every Danish settlement. As in Iowa and Montana before, the Brinkmans found in this new colony acquaintances from other times and places. Jens and Nielsine spent their time learning about the farming practices in the area and socializing with the friendly Danes of the Granly community as well as getting acquainted with those other neighbors, the long-time Southerners with the somewhat strange language and foods. One memorable experience was the first time

they were served cornmeal-fried fish with the heads and tails intact.

Others came from Dagmar that winter. Harvey Anderson was one, and he, too, roomed at Hans Nygaard’s. Harvey didn’t stay long in Mississippi. He went to California, eventually returned to Dagmar, and less than two years later, he reappears in this story when he marries Elna Kjaerstine Brinkman.

From Sine’s two letters, written during that winter stay in Granly, it seems that the new colony was a comfortable fit almost immediately.

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A New Colony cont.

**Fredag, 12 January 1934,
Granly, near Harleston, Mississippi**

Kaere Christian!

Thank you for the letter we received the other day. We are thinking about where you might be now ... Father is out plowing. He was late getting out so I don't know if he will be finished before lunch. Hans has a day's worth of plowing left at Chris S.'s, but I don't think he has gone there yet ... Last night it rained and everyone had to gather at Evald Buck's and from there go on to Albert Clausen's who came back Monday night with his young wife Agnes Lund from Askov [Minnesota]. She is 18 or 19 so there is some difference in ages. He is 34. Chris S. drove Mortensens down first and then came back after us. Axel Buck took us home. Today there will be a loadful of land seekers from Askov. Albert didn't know for sure who was coming because there would be more people than could fit in one car. In a month there will be a family in a truck who will rent land down here, also from Askov ... It doesn't seem like you are going to be lucky enough to get work ... You know that we would love to have you back home, but you also know that we would never want you to come home for our sake ... I was visited by Mrs. Mortensen and children again Monday evening. They are playing cards next Thursday ... at Chris S.'s house so I will go to Mrs. Mortensen's. I like her, and not less do I like her children, especially the boys ...

Hils Harvey og de kaeligste Hilsener til Jer Alle fra
Foder og Moder (Say Hello to Harvey and loving
greetings to you all from Foder and Moder)

**Lordag morgen, 27 January 1934,
Granly, Near Harleston, Mississippi**

Kaere Christian!

We have been waiting for several days for a letter from you, but since it is not here yet I couldn't wait any longer. I wanted to write you now so you would have a letter this week. We heard from Rigmor Tuesday and the home [meaning Elna, Carl, and Astrid in Dagmar] on Wednesday ...

It's been wonderful weather this first part of January — hope it will stay that way. The lovely weather has been a little rain this week. When I went to Knudsen's this afternoon, it was very pleasant summer weather. Tonight there is a card party at Larsen's, and I have been asked to go to Mrs. Petersen's because we like to sew together, and we talk well together. Papa is doing my dishes so I can write and have time to clean floors before dinner ...

Today Chris S.'s chickens are coming so he probably won't have time to play cards that late at night. I have been so lucky that I haven't had to play now that they are playing M.W., and they only need three for that. I have to go and see his chicken place when he has it going. Monday we went to Outzen's. They were so unlucky that their mule got sick and died. They always have bad luck with animals. Papa also went to see Coleman, but he didn't find him there. He wanted to get the address of the man who owns the forty acres east of Axel P. Axel has the address, but it looks like he doesn't want to give it to Pa-



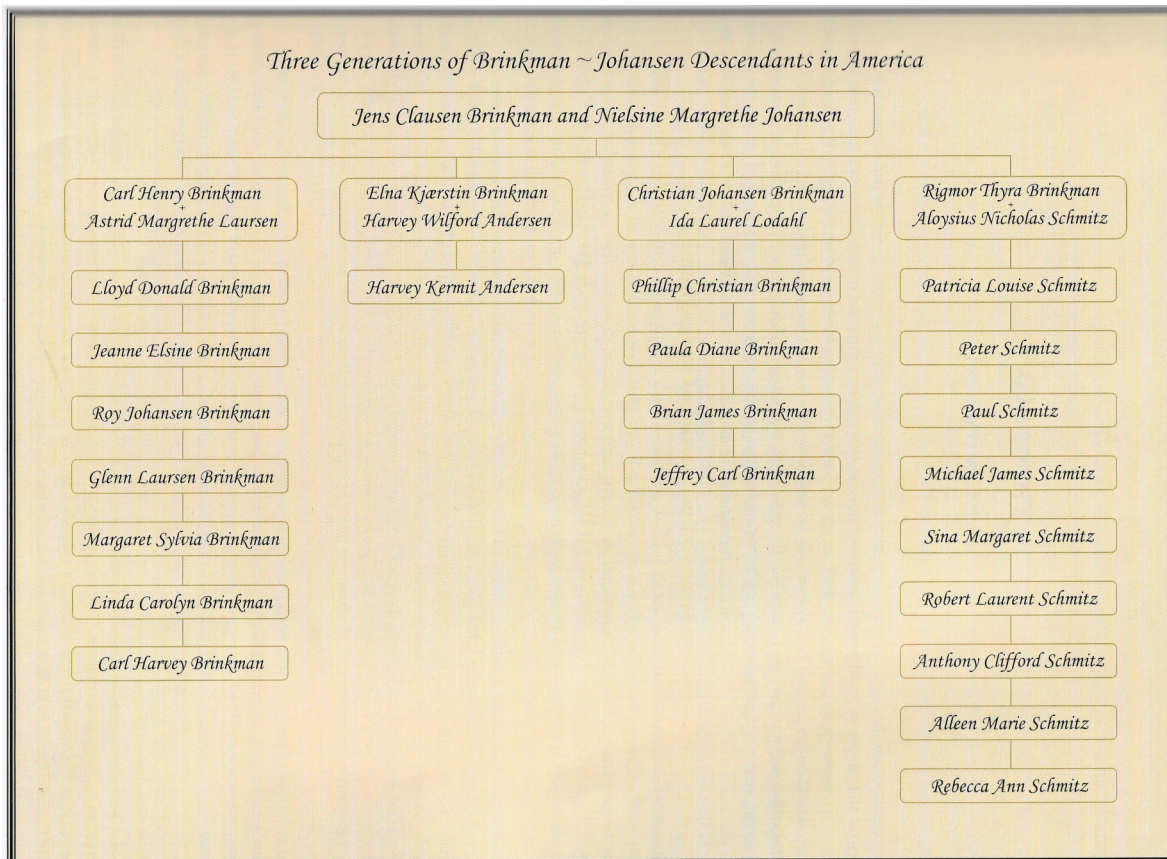
pa. Therefore, I think he would like to make a little money on selling it. We are doing good with Chris. He drives to Mobile once a week. He will bring Bert, and last time he brought Hans. Eggs are 25 cents, and butter we pay 25 cents. The cow hasn't given birth yet, but the chickens are laying eggs so we are doing fine. Hans is clearing. He wants to plant sugar cane. He also has to plow for Florence P. I think he does that every year ... Papa is playing solitaire now. He wants to help Chris when he has to fix the fence.

Kaelig Hilsen fra Far and Mor

Jens and Sine had quickly become active participants in the community and in the daily routines of life on a small farm, even though in this instance it is Hans' farm. And, Sine's comments in this last letter would lead one to think that the decision to move to Mississippi was a foregone conclusion.

Jens must have been seriously considering purchasing land — if Axel P. would cooperate, that is.

In the next issue of *Granly News* we will reprint Chapter X, of *Drommen om Amerika*, describing the Brinkman family move from Dagmar, Montana to Mississippi.





Obituaries

Jeanne Elsiné Brinkman

December 18, 1930 - October 16, 2021

Jeanne Elsiné Brinkman was lifted into Heaven to be with her Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus on Saturday morning October 16, 2021. Her amazing perseverance through many decades of physical pain and suffering is now over.

She was born on December 18, 1930 in North Dakota and two days later traveled home to Montana with her mother Astrid Brinkman in a sleigh to be with her father Carl Brinkman and infant brother Lloyd Brinkman. They soon migrated south to Mississippi during the Great Depression along with other Danish friends and relatives and established a community there anchored by a Church, which is called Granly. The Brinkman family grew to 7 siblings (Lloyd, Jeanne, Roy, Glenn, Margaret, Carolyn and Harvey).

She was a beautiful person inside and out. She had incredible artistic abilities that she put to use with her design of needlepoint and other arts and crafts endeavors. In the late 70's, she moved to Dallas to go to work for her brother Lloyd at LD Brinkman Corp. as Vice President of Product Development. She was later appointed to the prestigious International Color Marketing Group.

In the early 80's, she was diagnosed with Addison's Disease and was told by her physicians that her life would be shortened. Her indomitable positive attitude, spirit, faith

and hope kept her alive for another 4 decades.

Her life is best defined in the following scriptures:

(Corinthians 13:13) "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." She always told her friends and family "Love you more" and they knew she really meant it.

(Timothy 4:7-8) "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in

store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

She is preceded in death by her Father Carl Brinkman and Mother Astrid Brinkman and Brother Lloyd Brinkman. De-

voted to her family, she is survived by her Son, Blake Rogers. Sisters - Margaret Roberts, Carolyn Gordon and her husband Wendell. Brothers - Lloyd's daughter Pam Stone and son Don Brinkman, Roy and his wife Jean, Glenn and his wife Carolyn, Harvey and his wife Carol and their children and grandchildren (her beloved nieces and nephews).

Also noted is she is survived by her Cousins Else Martin and Patty King and her close friends Gloria Borrello and Mary Jo Smith. Her family and friends, while heartbroken, are rejoicing knowing that she now is pain free in Heaven.





Remembrances

My loving sister followed my mother in her desire and willingness to step up as the matriarch of our family. Her's was always the first birthday card received, the first Christmas gift, always brightening your day because she remembered you. Love you sis — Harvey.

Jeanne, My entire life was Blessed beyond measure with all the love I received from you. You were the most giving person, always gifting someone. What I miss most are our daily phone calls. I sometimes feel you watching over me now. Not only are you my big sister, but also my very best friend. Rest in peace, precious Jeanne. — Carolyn.

Jeanne had the gift of friendship-many loyal girlfriends who stayed true to each other throughout their lives. She was my hero. — Glenn and Carolyn

She was much more than a beauty pageant winner. She was my sister. She had an indomitable spirit. Throughout all her physical trials, she managed to laugh and always had a smile. I miss her spirit. She encouraged me to try veterinarian school, when I had not decided what I was going to do. She deserved a rest in the embrace of our Lord. — Roy

Jeanne. One of the greatest blessings of my life as Sister, Role Model, and Friend!! I admired her beauty, lifetime friendships and closeness. In the latter years, we spent precious time together on the phone talking about memories. These conversations gave us both joy! One of the best things we shared is our love for our Lord Jesus! Good night my precious Jeanne! I love you so! — Margaret

Jeanne, you were with me from the beginning and always there for me. Through thick (I had a lot of that) and thin you guided me. My journey through life would have Never been complete without you. — Pam



Jeanne. She was someone to look up to and to have as an example of being the best a girl could be. When I was twelve, we received a phone call saying that we had to be at the Eleventh Street Auditorium for the PHS Hi Jinks Carnival Ball. Why? Someone special was going to be queen. Wow! That had to be my Jeanne! We got all dressed up, Daddy, Mama, Raymond and me, and headed to the Carnival Ball. I had never been to a ball, and it was so exciting to imagine Jeanne with an evening gown and being crowned Queen. We sat up above the auditorium and the music was wonderful. They played

“Lavender Blue, Dilly, Dilly”. My song forever for Jeanne. She was a beautiful queen and we had a great family gathering on Buena Vista Street after the ball.

Special event number two was on the 4th of July 1950. My family was at the Moss Point Boat Races and suddenly horns were blowing and a parade of cars came through. Everyone backed out of the way and wondered what the parade was about. Daddy came



rushing to me and Mama and said, JEANNE is Miss Pascagoula! Oh my, oh my, what a wonderful surprise. There she sat with a crown and flowers, on the seat of the convertible! She waved and threw us a kiss.

There are many more special moments with Jeanne, loaning me an evening gown so I could be a Duchess in the MPHS Carnival Ball; seeing her become a stewardess with Delta Airlines; watching her create beautiful needlework, receiving the many cards and letters from her. Jeanne, you are forever an extra special lady to admire and love. Thank you for being the spirit of beauty, love and kindness. Forever, Else

A Memorial for Jeanne is set for
Thursday, May 12, 2 pm at Granly.

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