

The Haugan Family History

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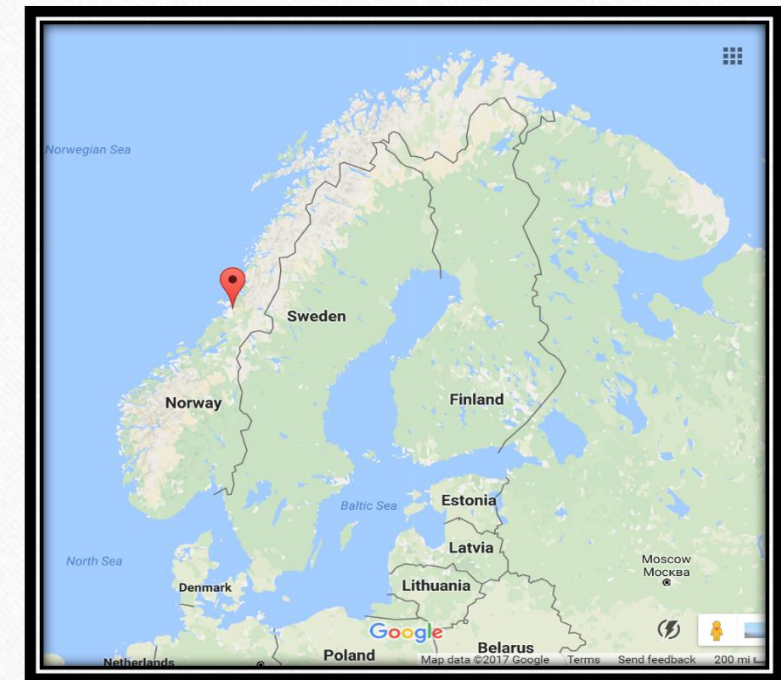
**Your family history can be traced
back to 1837 on
Nana Kudabeck's side of the family. That's over 180 Years ago!**

**There is YOU
Your Mother or Father
Nana Kudabeck
Great Grandmother Holub
Great, Great Grandfather Jens Andreas Haugan
Great, Great, Great Grandfather Nils Martin Haugan &
Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather Lorentz Daniel Haugan**

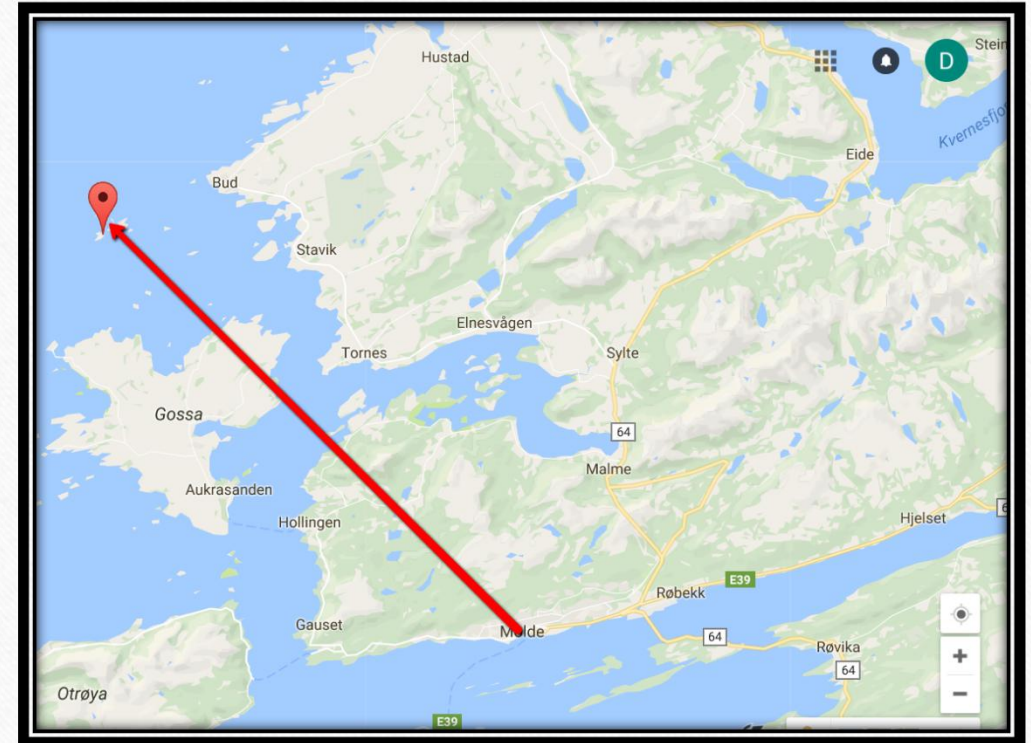
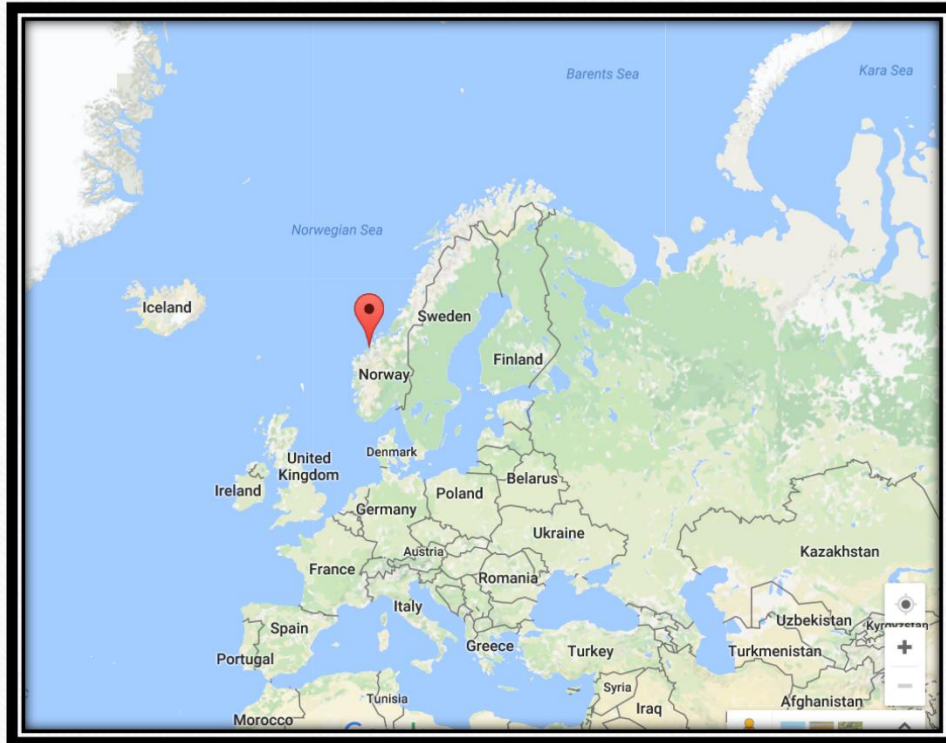
Many years ago in a small town called Fosnaes, way across the Atlantic Ocean in the country of Norway over 4000 miles away from where you live now, Lorentz Daniel and Mette Kjerstine Haugan had a baby boy on September 3, 1837.

Lorentz and Mette were your great, great, great, great grandparents. This was 180 years ago. They named him Nils Martin. Little Nils had several bothers and sisters: Peder Edvin, Hanna Petrine, Elias Beier, Lina Margrethe, Andreas Justin, and 4 others.
Nils Martin Haugan is your great, great, great grandfather!

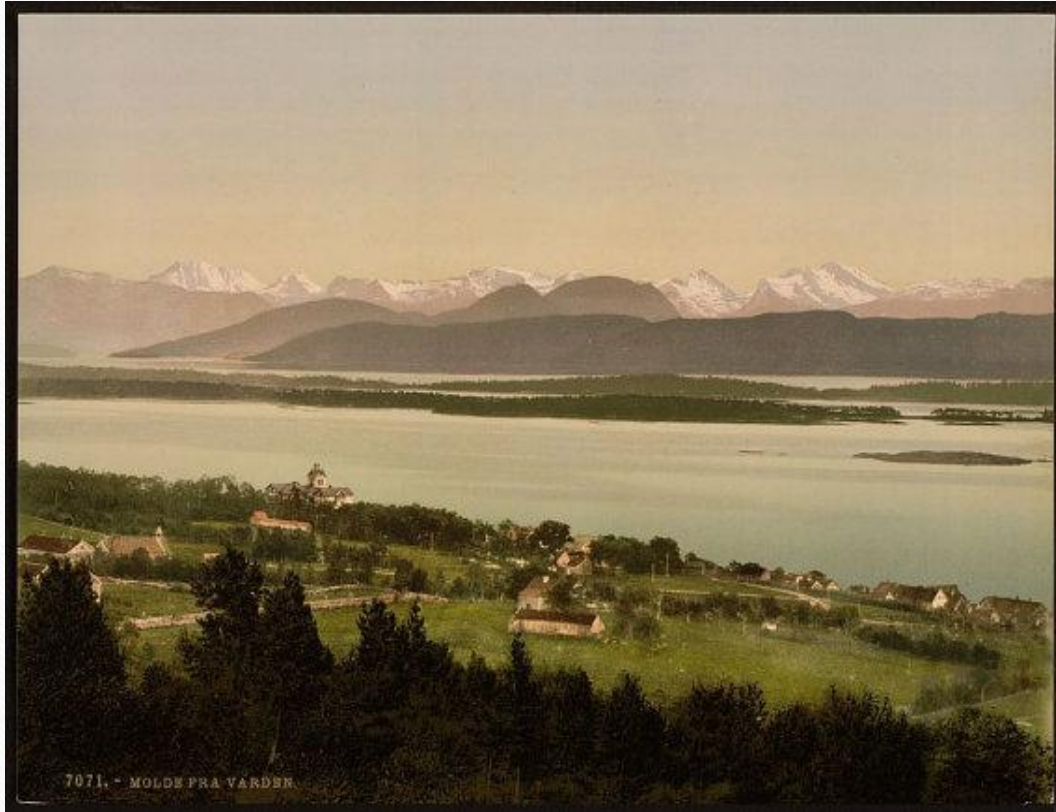
Fosnaes, Norway



Your great, great, great grandfather was a ship's captain of foreign voyages for several years, and, also, the co-owner and executive of a trading company in Molde, Norway. The first map below shows where Molde is by the red marker. The trading company was called "Loennechen & Co." His home and offices were in Molde, but the ships were off the island of Bjørnsund which the second photo shows.



**The photo on the left is a picture of Molde, Norway, in 1890.
The photo on the right is the island Bjørnsund where his ships were located.
The photo shows the island as it is now.**





This is another photo of the island of Bjørnsund where the company had its ships, and an old photo of a group of boats and ships as it would have been like in 1870.

Below is a ship that would be like one of those that Great, Great, Great, Grandfather Nils would have been captain and that the company would have owned. Those ships traveled far to buy and transport goods from many different countries.



In the Census of 1885, that is when they count all the people living in a country, your great, great, great grandfather, Nils Martin Haugan is found living with his wife, Dame Marie Charlotte Haugan who was born in Ahus, Sweden, in 1847, and their 7 sons in Molde, Norway. The map shows the location of Ahus, Sweden, where your great, great, great grandmother was born.

Your great, great grandfather Jens Andreas was born in Molde, Norway, in 1877. His brother's names were Ludvig Martin, Adolf Waldemar, Gustav Hjalmar, Victor Herman, Carl Axel, and Oscar Fredrik.



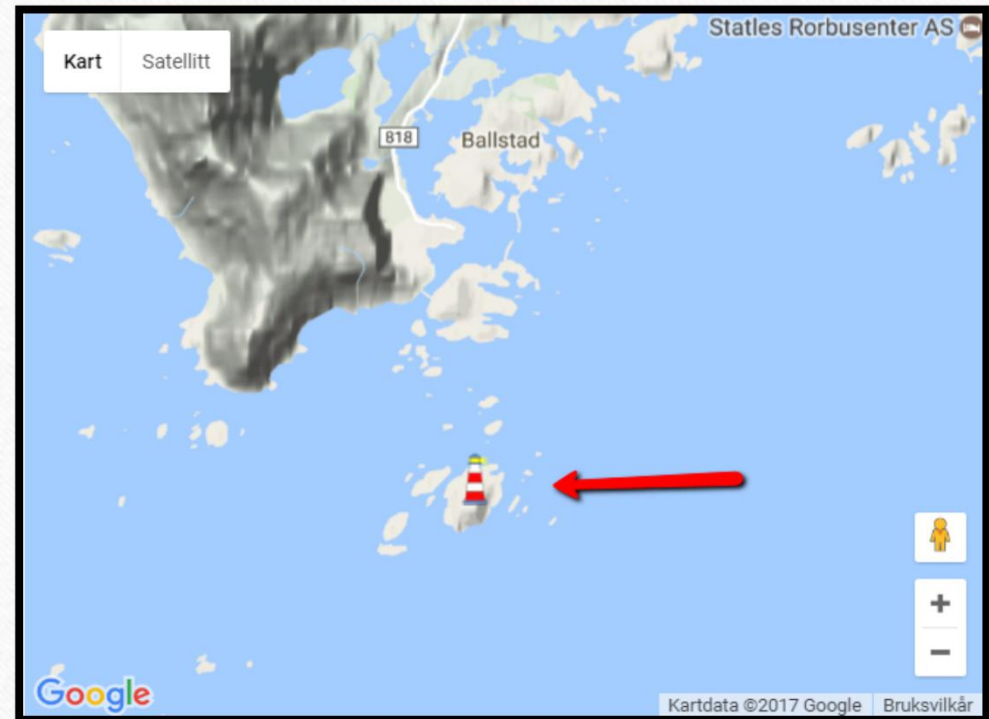
When Nils Martin retired from the shipping company after many years, he became a lighthouse keeper in 1893. There were and are many lighthouses in Norway. Norway has so many fiords, inlets, irregular coastlines, and large boulders in the water. Lighthouses are needed so ships stay safe and away from harm at night. They are very important to captains and sailors. Your great, great, great grandfather knew that well since he had been a captain of ships himself.



As I mentioned, there are so many lighthouses in Norway. The map below of Norway shows all of lighthouses and where the lighthouse was where our family lived.



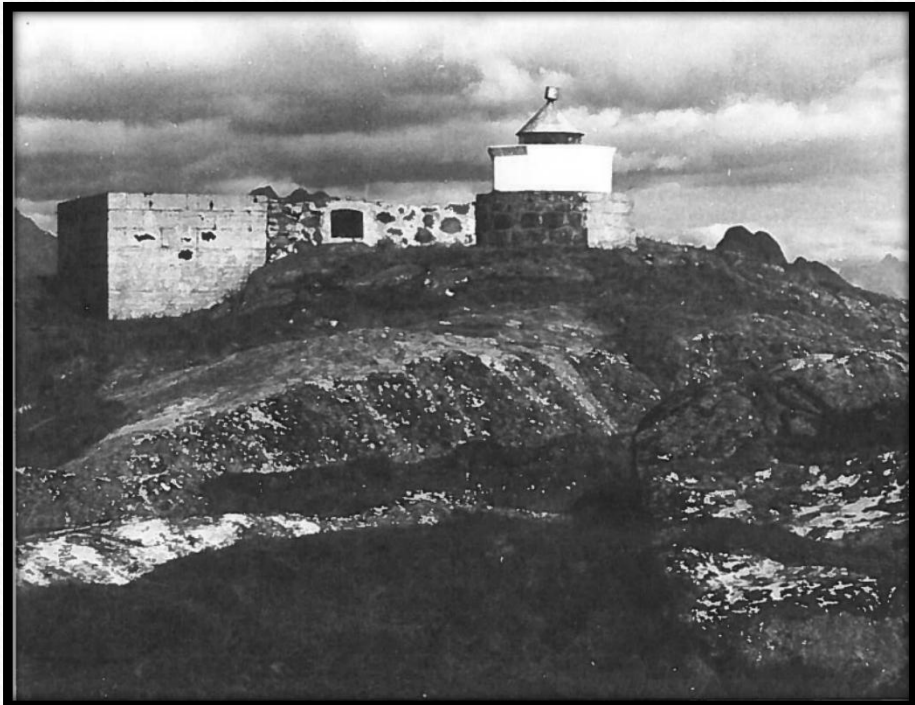
The lighthouse to which the family moved was located above the Arctic Circle. That is in the uppermost region of the Earth. The lighthouse was on an island in the Lofoten Islands off the coast of Northern Norway. Do you see the little red lighthouse on the map on the left below? That is where Grandfather Nils moved his family. The lighthouse was near Ballstad, Norway, south of Kabelvag. That little island is shown on the map on the right.



This is a picture of the lighthouse where the Haugan family lived from 1893 to 1897. The Lighthouse was built in 1857.



The first photo below was taken in 1937. It is a picture of the island without the house. It shows how rocky the island is where the Haugan family lived. The second photo shows the city of Ballstad which is the nearest city to that little island. It, too, sits on an island. Ballstad is a village in Nordland County, Norway. Ballstad is located on a small island off the tip of the island of Vestvågøya in the Lofoten Islands which is one of the largest fishing villages in those islands.



Your great, great grandfather Jens Andreas moved to the lighthouse when he was 16. Soon thereafter, he went to work on a whaling ship for a short while.



Grandfather Nils Haugan died in 1897. All 7 sons decided to come to America in the early 1900's. They all went through **Ellis Island** in **New York City**, New York, when they arrived in America. From there, they traveled to Illinois and settled in the city of **Chicago** around 1907.



Jens Andreas Haugan met Jonette Paulina Bjerke from Dahl Station in Eidsvoll, Norway, at a Norwegian Fellowship Hall dance in Chicago. She was born June 6, 1887. Her parents were Ludwig and Karen Larson Bjerke. Jens and Jonette were married in Chicago on July 2, 1910, at Bethel Lutheran Church.



“Your Great, Great Grandparent’s Wedding Pictures”

They had two children. Henry was born in 1911, and Lillian Margaret was born in 1914.

Lillian Margaret is your great grandmother and Nana’s mother.

When the Haugan brothers came to Chicago, they got jobs as bricklayers and specialized in big chimneys. Your great, great grandfather went down to Panama in Central America for a while and worked on the building of the Panama Canal. That is a canal that connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean saving ships thousands of miles from their voyages. Previously, ships had to go all the way down to the very bottom of South America to get to the opposite side of North America which was a long and dangerous journey. Your great, great grandfather contracted malaria while working in the jungles of Panama.

Early 1900's



Now



There is more family history to come.

I hope that you know how loved you all are.
You are all so special and have greatness
within you!

We send you all our love and big hugs,



Nana & Papa

