



## Valdres Samband – Oldest Bygdelag – Established in 1899

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***Know your family Tree! As part of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1974 the Valdres Samband published a book "Valdres Samband 1899-1974" by Carl T. and Amy Narvestad. This book included 4-generation genealogies of Valdres Samband Members in addition to a history of the Valdres immigration to America along with other Valdres data. This 1974 book was a sequel to the Valdris Book by Veblen which contained similar genealogical material. These two books were a part of a continuing activity to collect, preserve and publish valuable genealogical data as prescribed by the Valdres Samband constitution. It is hoped the membership will continue this work.***

The paragraph above is taken directly off the form that was sent out or given to all members of the Valdres Samband back in the 1970's and 1980's titled Valdres Samband Questionnaire. It is not clear when the routine of sending a questionnaire such as this stopped, but in recent years we know it has not been done. Recently Tom Standal and Russ Elmore were discussing the ways of preserving the Valdres Samband lineage and it was decided we need to get these questionnaires out to all new members and to continuing members either thru the Stevne or when their renewals are due. Tom is the Genealogist using an online data base to keep Valdres lineage updated and accurate and works with members when needed. Russ is a little 'old-school' about preserving artifacts as well as papers to preserve genealogy and the history of the Valdres Samband.

Over the recent years, the Valdres Samband has been collecting handwritten or printed family books with genealogies that are available at the Stevne for any member to look at in our staffed genealogy room. As Carl Narvestad wrote "The Valdres Samband welcomes such additions to its archives hoping to build the biggest collection of Valdres genealogies in America." It has been said that all Valdres people are related. Very likely that is true since there was much intermarriage in the crowded valley due mainly to geographic restrictions in the early days.

If you have NOT recently provided this information please fill in the questionnaire on the reverse side and return it to **Valdres Samband Membership at [sambandsect@gmail.com](mailto:sambandsect@gmail.com)** If you have this information in a database you can share online, or more questions about your family history; please email to our Genealogist: [TJStandal@gmail.com](mailto:TJStandal@gmail.com) If there are items you cannot answer or would prefer not to answer, please feel free to leave them blank. Should you have additional information of interest, please include it, included pertinent pictures you want to share. Changes of given names or surnames, gaard names, immigration data, military or underground service, and pioneer addresses are very important.

Please cooperate with the Valdres Samband in its goal of gathering Valdres genealogical material by filling in this questionnaire and returning it to the above membership address or email if appropriate. When filling in the blanks please include data on the spouse even though he or she is non-Valdres. With this data and technology, we now have, this database will be one of the largest online databases for the Lags and could possibly facilitate further publication of such data.

***Tusen Takk!***

**Valdres Samband Membership Questionnaire**

**Date Completed:**

**Membership #**

1. Your Name (include maiden name if applicable):
2. Address:
3. City, State, Zip Code (Country)
4. Place and Date of Birth:
5. Connection to Valdres, Norway:
6. Your Father's Name with Dates, place of birth:
  - a. Father's Father:
  - b. Father's Mother:
7. Your Mother's Name with dates, place of birth:
  - a. Mother's Father:
  - b. Mother's Mother
8. Notes on farm names, immigration, marriages, divorces, etc. *please use additional pages if necessary.*
  
9. Spouse's Name (Include maiden name if applicable): Date of Marriage:
10. Place and Date of Birth:
11. Connection to Valdres, Norway:
12. Spouse's Father's Name with Dates, place of birth
  - a. Father's Father:
  - b. Father's Mother:
13. Spouse's Mothers Name with dates, place of birth:
  - a. Mother's Father:
  - b. Mother's Mother:

14. Notes on farm names, immigration, marriages, divorces, etc. please use additional pages if necessary.

15. Children's Names, place of birth with dates, marriages, etc. please use additional pages if necessary.

**Provide additional pictures or information that is pertinent to online preservation of Valdres families. Tusen Takk!**