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BIOGRAPHY OF: ERIK GUSTAV REDAL
(1885-1953)

Erik Gustav Redal was born on January 1, 1885, on the farmstead of Redal in Vevring Herred, Sogn and Fjordane fylke. He lived on the homestead until he was 19½ years of age. On May 3, 1905, he left Norway for America. He arrived in New York on May 27, 1905. Erik worked on a farm at Mt. Vernon, Washington until the summer of 1907 when he took a trip to Alaska. He returned to Mt. Vernon that Fall and rented a farm together with Ludwig Forland. He farmed in the Mt. Vernon district until 1916 when he went to Tacoma, Washington.

Erik worked for the Sons of Norway selling insurance. He then married Karen Marie Myklebust on July 7, 1923. He had three children:

Guro Marie Redal-born June 18, 1924
Torleif T. Redal-born March 12, 1928
Erik Johan Redal-born July 21, 1934

Erik remained in Tacoma and worked for the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company for many years.

Erik passed away in Tacoma, Washington in 1953 at the age of 68 from heart failure.



Elisabeth,

I received your letter and am sending some information. I hope it is O.K. I wasn't sure what you needed.

I hope it reaches you in time.

Erik



FAR

KRISTOFFER JOHANNES REDAL

(1896-1941) Born- Vevring,
Sunnfjord, Segn og Fjordane.

Immigrated through Canada to U.S. 1924

Worked as a machine operator at
Tacoma Smelter.

Wrote articles and poems for
Norwegian Newspaper "Western
Viking".

Pen name: "Vebjørn"

CHILDREN
ROLF
KATRINE



MOR

GERDA LOVISE HEPSØ (HEPSØE)

(3/31/1904- 4/9/1973) Born
Bodø, Nordland, Norway

Immigrated to U.S. through
Ellis Island, New York.

Arrived on M/S Sta' angerfjord
8/25/1924 from Bergen, Norway

Passage paid for by brothers
Ole and Henrik, Alaskan Fishermen
out of Tacoma, Washington.

Worked as a Nanny while learning
English and adapting to a new land.

Naturalized citizen 12/18/1944.



OLAV REDAL

Born 11/4/82 Redal farmsted, Vevring, Segn og Fjerdane.

He first did office work for Ivar Lind in Florø for many years.

He later went to Iceland to find riches in the fishing industry. Due to a lack of success he migrated further to the United States, settling in (Pastor Redal - Olav's cousin presided) Hendrum, Minnesota.

He attended Concordia College, and (Meerhead - Minnesota) later taught in religion school.

From Minnesota, Olav continued westward to Bettineau, North Dakota where he wrote about Norwegian Immigrant history of the region.

Later, in Stanley, he taught school for four years.

Becoming involved with the Sons of Norway Lodge, he traveled to Minot and Fargo while publishing articles for Norwegian newspapers, such as "Decerah Posten".

On 12/1929 he came to Tacoma, Washington, where he had two brothers, Erik, and Kris.

Olav joined with his brother Erik in Sons of Norway activities, writing for the Western Viking Newspaper, and their own Life Insurance business.

Throughout his life Olav spent a lot of time researching Norwegian immigrants, and writing about them and his cherished homeland.

Olav and his brother Kris were popular writers amongst the readers of the Norwegian Newspaper, "The Western Viking". Olav wrote a variety of articles, and Kris mostly commemorating articles, and poetry.

Wherever Olav traveled, he left an impact on Norwegian Immigrants.

He died of heart failure 9/29/37 at the age of 55. He left his brothers Erik and Kris (Tacoma, Wash.) Anders (Vevring, Norway) sisters Marn (Vevring) Margrete (Indre-Arna,) Norway.

EMIGRATED FROM ICELAND
TO USA IN 1911