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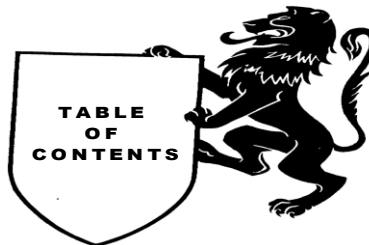
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Suggestions?

We are always glad to hear from you! What materials do you want included in the newsletter? Do you have any family stories you wish to publish? Any and all suggestions and additions for this newsletter are appreciated. Send your suggestions to the Editor or any of the Officers.

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MEETINGS

Society General meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month at Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S Last Chance Gulch at 6pm.

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You may contact any officer through this address or if you have any research needs for Helena and the local area.

You may also see more information about our society at our **NEW** website: www.lccgsmt.org

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Montana State Genealogical Society (MSGGS)
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mymontanalibrary.com

President Message

Welcome to all of the longtime and new members of Lewis and Clark County Genealogy Society! March starts our new enrollment year and we're excited about the programs we have planned this year.

First Friday

The first Friday of each month we gather to work on personal genealogy projects. It's a great time to get help from others or help others with your special expertise. Or to just gather in community to work on your own projects. Watch our emails for dates and times.

Finding Montana

At our April program we're welcoming Montana author Ednor Therriault, also known as Bob Wire who will share stories he's gathered all across Montana while researching and writing his *Montana Curiosities* book series. His presentation is visual, oral, and musical! This will be a fun program which is sponsored by Humanities Montana.

Save the Date

The 2025 Montana State Genealogical Society Conference is September 18 - 20th in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn. The date was changed slightly from the first announcement so be sure you have it on your calendar.

Julie Walker
President

Norwegian Place Names

Submitted by Gary Wulf

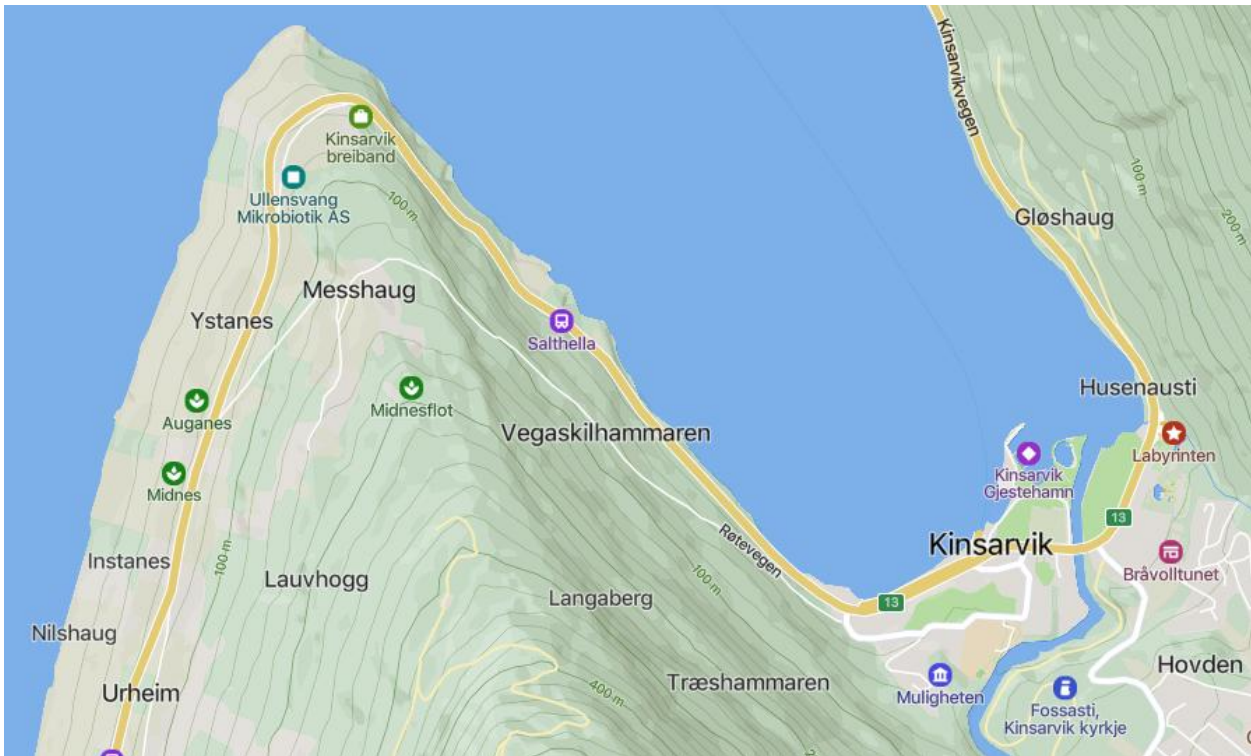
On my trip to Norway last year, I was looking for the area where my great-grandfather Lars Olafson Olson Instenes had lived. A map of the area showed a point of land on the west side of Kinsarvik bay. Near the point was “Ystanes” and a bit south was “Instanes”. A librarian in Kinsarvik’s library said that Ystanes meant outer cape and Instanes meant inner cape. I did not press him for further details and embarked on a drive of the area, which has several other place names ending in “nes”. It did not register at the time that it was very similar to “nese”, meaning nose

Looking in my Norwegian/English dictionary, I found that “nes” can mean headland or promontory. In my English/Norwegian dictionary “cape” translated to “nes”. “Inst” means inner or innermost. Combining the two words results in Instnes, similar to the Instanes found on the map and the place-name part of my great grandfather’s surname.

Since other relatives had Ystnes as part of their surnames, I tried to find “yst” in the dictionary. The closest I could find was “ytre” meaning outer. Plugging “yst” into Google translate on my phone produced “yuck” when translating from Norwegian to English. Thinking it might be older Norsk, I tried Icelandic and got “far”, which corresponds closely to “outer cape” the librarian had told me. So ... some of my relatives lived on the outer cape (Ystanes) and others on the inner cape (Instanes.)

One other language note: vik, as at the end of Kinsarvik, means small bay. It also starts the word Viking.

The old aerial photo is an area of fruit orchards where my great-grandfather lived. His farm is somewhere in the picture.



Nesstrond (Dale, Urheim, Instanes, Midnes, Auganes, Røte og Ystanes), sedd frå sør. Luftfoto 1960. (Widerøe)

A Timeline of US Public Land Acts

Sales, Military Bounty, Preemptions, Donations and the Homestead Act

Extracted from the article written by Kimberly Powell June 25, 2024 and found at:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/timeline-of-us-public-land-acts-1422108>

Updated on December 11, 2019

Beginning with the Congressional Act of 16 September 1776 and the Land Ordinance of 1785, a wide variety of Congressional acts governed the distribution of federal land in the thirty [public land states](#). Various acts opened up new territories, established the practice of offering land as compensation for military service, and extended preemption rights to squatters. These acts each resulted in the first transfer of land from the federal government to individuals.

This list is not exhaustive, and does not include acts that temporarily extended the provisions of earlier acts, or private acts that were passed for the benefit of individuals.

Timeline of U.S. Public Land Acts

[16 September 1776](#): This Congressional Act established guidelines for granting lands of 100 to 500 acres, termed "bounty land," for those who enlisted in the Continental Army to fight in the American Revolution.

[20 May 1785](#): Congress enacted the first law to manage the Public Lands that resulted from the thirteen newly independent states agreeing to relinquish their western land claims and allow the land to become the joint property ...

[10 May 1800](#): The **Land Act of 1800**, also known as the Harrison Land Act for its author William Henry Harrison ...

[3 March 1801](#): Passage of the **1801 Act** was the first of many laws passed by Congress giving **preemption** or preference rights to settlers in the Northwest Territory ...

[3 March 1807](#): Congress passed a law granting **preemption** rights to certain settlers in Michigan Territory ...

[3 March 1807](#): The **Intrusion Act of 1807** attempted to discourage squatters ...

[5 February 1813](#): The **Illinois Preemption Act**

[24 April 1820](#): The **Land Act of 1820**, also referred to as the **1820 Sale Act**, reduced the price of federal land (at the time this applied to land in the Northwest Territory and Missouri Territory) to \$1.25 acre, with a minimum purchase of 80 acres and a down payment of only \$100. Further ...

[4 September 1841](#): Following several early preemption acts, a permanent preemption law went into effect with the passage of the **Preemption Act of 1841**.

[27 September 1850](#): The **Donation Land Claim Act of 1850**, also called the **Donation Land Act**, provided free land to all white or mixed-blood Indigenous settlers who arrived in Oregon Territory ...

[3 March 1855](#): – The **Bounty Land Act of 1855** entitled U.S. military veterans or their survivors to receive a warrant or certificate which could then be redeemed in person at any federal land office for 160 acres of federally owned land.

[20 May 1862](#): Probably the best recognized of all land acts in the United States, the **Homestead Act** was [signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln](#) on 20 May 1862.

PINTEREST SAYINGS

5 GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

- #1** Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
- #2** Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a documents importance.
- #3** The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- #4** The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- #5** Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

WHEN I DIE,
I GIVE MY FRIENDS
PERMISSION TO
CHANGE MY
FACEBOOK
STATUS TO
"IS VISITING
WITH ANCESTORS"

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I sent that 'Ancestry' site
some information on my
Family Tree.

They sent me back a pack
of Seeds,
and suggested that I
just start Over.

MSA

We are the chosen. In each
family, there is one who seems
called to find the ancestors. To
put flesh on their bones and
make them live again, to tell the
family story and to feel that
somehow they know and
approve. Doing genealogy is not
a cold gathering of facts, but
instead, breathing life into all
who have gone before. We are
the storytellers of the tribe.

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Membership Application

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2. The Society has a library located at the Lewis & Clark Library which is open any time the library is open. Volunteers from the society are there Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM to help if needed.
3. Members can at no cost have Queries published in the society's quarterly newsletter.
4. The membership dues are \$20.00 individual and \$25.00 family per year. Membership starts in March and payments received after August will begin the next year. Make checks payable to Lewis and Clark County Genealogical Society, or LCCGS.

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Membership type: Individual Family

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