

61st ANNUAL SLOOPER MEETING

The 61st Annual Slooper Society of America meeting was held Sunday Oct. 12, 1986 at the Norway Community Building with 85 in attendance.

Pastor Maynard Halvorson led in Norwegian grace followed by a delicious potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m.

Charles Mies, president called the meeting to order. Each one introduced themselves with Rosdails having 29, Hougas had 6, Nelsons 19, Johnsons had 2 and Olsons had 1.

The following recognitions were made, to the oldest descendant of a Slooper present, which was Florence Hougsted of Kankakee, Ill. The person that came the farthest was Dale Hougas of Ada, Oklahoma and the youngest descendant was Kristen Kabinsky from Ottawa, Ill.

The secretarys report was read and approved.

The Treasurers report was read and approved with a balance of \$1571.86 Collection was taken for a total of \$87.50

Rachel Southcombe has 55 Slooper Books available at \$23.00 each. Hiram Varness made a motion to send a Slooper Book to Archives State of Illinois, Springfield. Mildred Hanley seconded the motion. Carried.

Erma Fruland has Slooper pins available at \$7.00 each.

We were then entertained by the "Sonshine Quartet" from Saunemin, Ill.

Erma Fruland made motion the same officers will be in charge for another year. President-Charles Mies, Vice President-Rev. Wesley Hougsted, Secretary-Mary Jane Nelson and Treasurer-Silas Peterson. The Kitchen Committee for 1987 are June Peterson, Edith Mies, Erma Fruland and Gerry Mies.

The 1987 meeting will be Oct. 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Ill.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and everyone was welcome to stay and visit, with refreshments left.

Mary Jane Nelson

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Secretary Slooper Society of America

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October 21, 1986

Mr. Charles Mies
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Dear Mr. Mies:

Thank you for the copy of The Sloopers: Their Ancestry and Posterity which Mrs. Clarence Mies delivered to the Archives last week. It is an interesting account of a portion of history unfamiliar to many people.

The book will be placed in the Illinois State Historical Library, Old State Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lowell M. Volkel

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Illinois State Archives

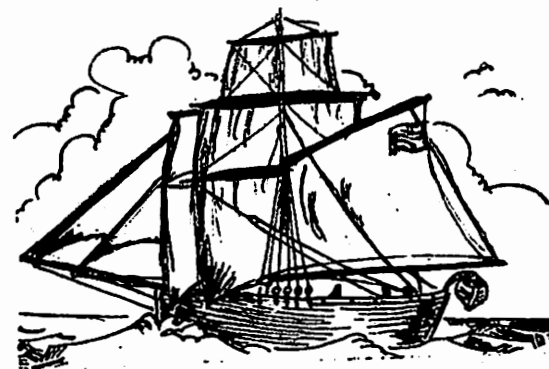
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cc: Mrs. Clarence Mies

The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People
Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

September 3, 1986

Dear Sloopers & interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 61st Annual Sloop Meeting, Sunday, October 12, 1986 at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Ill. on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:00 P.M. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

You are cordially invited to attend Church Services in the area Oct. 12th.
Fox River Lutheran Church 9:30 A.M.
One mile east of Norway
Norway Methodist Church 11:00 A.M.
East side of Norway

The Norsk Museum will be open all day for your enjoyment. The Norway Store will be open until 1:00 P.M. Come enjoy the attractive Norwegian Motif in the end of the Norway Community Building; the J. Hart Rosdail Memorial and the Cleng Peerson Cabin. The National Norwegian American Memorial and the Nelson Cemetery are just a mile south of Norway on Route 71 (Cleng Peerson Memorial Highway).

The "Sonshine Quartet" from Saunemin, Ill. will be our entertainment. It will be an afternoon you will not want to miss.

If you know of someone that should be on our mailing list, please let one of the officers know, also if names should be taken off the list.

"The Sloopers Their Ancestry and Posterity" (only a few books left) and Sloopers Pins will be for sale.

Come early and plan to stay late as we have a full day for you in Norway, Oct. 12, 1986.

Sincerely,
Mary Jane Nelson
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Secretary
Sloopers Society of America

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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"