


Family Group Record for Hans Knutson FOSSEN

Husband	Hans Knutson FOSSEN-[10317]		
Born	28 Mar 1892	Fossen, Jostedal, Sogn, NOR ¹	
Christened	Mar 1892	Jostedal kyrkje, Luster, Sogn, NOR	
Died	7 May 1972	Madison, Dane, WI ²	
Cause of Death	Heart attack		
Buried	May 1972	Forest Hill, Madison, Dane, WI	
Father	Knut Olson FOSSØEN-[7612] (1851-1922) ³ [MRIN:3182]		
Mother	Eli Johnsdotter FOSSØY-[7611] (1848-1934) ⁴		
Marriage	26 Sep 1925	Rockford, , Winnebago, IL [MRIN:3195] ^{5, 6}	

Events

1 Emigrated to America: 1911, Stoughton, , Dane, WI.

Wife **Marie Frances Rosella WOLLWAGE-[10361] ⁷**

Born	13 Jan 1905	Alta Vista, Washington Twp, Chickasaw, IA
Christened	1907	Zion, , Chickasaw, IA
Died	26 May 1992	Stoughton, , Dane, WI ⁸
Buried	28 May 1992	Forest Hill, Madison, Dane, WI ⁹
Father	Otto Carl Johann WOLLWAGE-[18453] (1879-1957) [MRIN:6451]	
Mother	Anna Maria DAHLEN-[6551] (1884-1975) ¹⁰	

Children

1	F	Eleanor Ann FOSSEN-[14385]	
AKA		SMITH	
Born	14 May 1926	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	After 1992	Madison, Dane, WI	
Buried			
Spouse	Wilbert Albert ALT-[10689] (1916-1960)	2 Jul 1955 - Dubuque, Dubuque, IA [MRIN:3218] ⁵	
Spouse	Albert WIELAND-[10725] (1918-)	8 Oct 1964 - Chicago, Cook, IL [MRIN:3224] ⁵	
2	F	Helen Mae FOSSEN-[14386] ⁵	
Born	16 Mar 1927	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	After 1992	Madison, Dane, WI	
Buried			
Spouse		Never Married	
3	F	Lois Ione FOSSEN-[14387]	
Born	5 Aug 1928	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	After 1992	Waupaca, , , WI	
Buried			
Spouse	Rev Cecil James WELS-[10796] (1931-)	6 Oct 1952 - Clinton, , , WI [MRIN:3287] ⁵	

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Children (cont.)			
4	F	Avis Marie FOSSEN -[14388]	
Born	24 Oct 1931	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	After 1992	Beloit, , Rock, WI	
Buried			
Spouse	Richard Ralph FAVOUR-[10858] (1926-)	26 Sep 1964 - , , Dane, WI [MRIN:3363] 5	
5	M	Kermit Odin FOSSEN -[14389]	
Born	6 Mar 1937	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	2 Feb 1999	Cambridge, , Dane, WI	
Buried			
Spouse	Ruth Ann JOHNSON-[10897] (1940-)	22 Nov 1958 - , , Dane, WI [MRIN:3469] 5	
6	M	Harve Eugene FOSSEN -[14390]	
Born	24 Aug 1940	, Porter Twp, Rock, WI	
Christened			
Died	After 2007	Onalaska, , La Crosse, WI	
Buried			
Spouse	Marjorie Ann THOMPSON-[10911] (1940-)	8 Sep 1960 - , , Dane, WI [MRIN:3540] 5	

General Notes (Husband)

The name of the Fossen farm comes from Foss the Norwegian word for waterfall. Next to the Fossen farm we find the only real waterfall in the Jostedal Valley.

The Fossen farm is bordered by the Myklemyr farm to the west, and the Sperle farm to the north. Fossen has a shore on the Jostedal River of about 1.5 miles. The Ormberg and Åsen farm are across the river. The main courtyard is located close to the Fossagelet ravine, about 570 feet above sea level. The distance to the Jostedal Church is about 3¾ miles.

Fossen and Fossøy are typical names connected with this farm in Norway.
The Americans who descend from this farm either Fossen or Fossøyane section of the farm mostly use Foss as a family name.

Prior to 1805, there was only one farm unit at Fossen. There have been several divisions since then. Croft at Fossøyane were cleared in 1761, 1820, 1840, and 1915; Fossehaugen in the 1770's; while Hesetflaten croft was cleared in the 1830's and abandoned in 1840's. The Dalen croft was cleared in 1840's, and Uri in 1880's.

Many of the houses at the Fossen farm have been erected after 1890. There is one residential house, probably built in the later part of the 18th century, as a smoke house. It has since been moved and enlarged. There is one other residential farm house that was built in the 1820's.

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OBITUARY: Hans Fossen.

Hans Fossen, 80, of 1022 Blaine Dr., was dead on arrival at a hospital Sunday (May 7, 1972) after an apparent heart attack at home. He was born in Norway and came to Stoughton in 1909. He married Marie Woolwage in 1925, and they farmed in the Stoughton area until moving to Madison in 1960.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Stoughton, and a veteran of World War I

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Helen Fossen, 1022 Blaine Dr.; Mrs. Al Weiland, 1806 Northwestern Ave.; Mrs. C. James Weis, Baraboo; and Mrs. Richard FaVour, Rockford, Ill.; two sons Kermim, Cambmridge; and Harvey, Onalaska; a brother, Andrew;; a sister in Norway; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Holzhtuter Funeral Home, Stoughton.

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Hans became a naturalized Citizen on 20 October 1909. Hans was discharged from the US Army on 24 March 1919. Hans was a mechanic.

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General Notes (Husband)(cont.)

Eleanor Ann Weiland, 549 Waxwing La., Madison, WI 53704
Helen Mae Fossen, 1110 N. Sherman Ave., Madison, WI
Lois Ione Weis,
Avis Marie Favour,
Kermit Odin Fossen, Hwy A, Cambridge, WI 53523
Harvey Eugene Fossen, Onalaska, WI

General Notes (Wife)

OBITUARY: MADISON/STOUGHTON - Marie F. Fossen, age 85, of Madison, died on Tuesday, May 26, 1992, in the Stoughton Hospital. She was the former Marie Wollwage and was born in Alta Vista, Iowa, on January 13, 1907 the daughter of Otto and Annie (Dahlen) Wollwage. She married Hans Fossen on September 26, 1924, and together they farmed in the Stoughton area for many years until retiring and moving to Madison. She was a member of Bethel Lutheran church, Madison. She is survived by her children, Eleanor Wieland and Helen Fossen both of Madison, Lois (Rev. C. James) Weis of Waupaca, Avis (Richard) Favour of Beloit; Kermit (Ruth) of -Cambridge, Harvey (Marge) of Onalaska; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Lea of Broton, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 1972 and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 28, 1992, at 1:30 p.m. at the SKALDS HOME CHAPEL in Thought. Reverend, Walter Larson will officiate. Burial will be In Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison. Friends may call at the funeral home in Stoughton, from 6:00 p.m., until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, May 27, 1992.

General Notes for Child Kermit Odin FOSSEN-[14389]

Kermit Odin Fossen, Rt 1, Cambridge, WI 53523

General Notes for Child Harve Eugene FOSSEN-[14390]

Harvey is an assistant Director of a computer center.

Harvey Fossen, 1109 Hickory St., Onalaska, WI 54650

Source Citations

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