



Nord Øst

Danish Archive North East
September 2015

Hello!

In addition to the President's Letter, we have articles on the Danish community in New Jersey in 1912, photos from DANE on the Danish Children's Home in Perth Amboy, and Smith's Market in Perth Amboy.

If you are in the New Jersey area, join us for the Harvest Festival on September 20 and for the DANE fall programs (schedule at the end of this newsletter). Please visit our website (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njdane/index.html>) to see what we are up to – we have had 28,177 visitors to date!

Enjoy!

DANE President's Message

Dear Friends of DANE,
(Kære Venner af DANE)

DANE members have been very busy as always. There is much research and archiving being done. At our recent meeting in July, teams worked inventorying a set of B & G Blue Plates donated by Carl B S Pedersen. Another team organized our research books so they can be cataloged for easy reference.



Team 3 put unnamed photos in archival sleeves and arranged them on a table in the East Wing gallery room. We are hoping that our visitors can identify some of the folks in the pictures. Please take a look on your next visit and write in info on the post-its attached to the photos.

As always Wendy Hudson has worked her genealogical talents. She has taken boxes and boxes of paperwork from the attic of the Danish Home Croton NY. She compiled, indexed and re-boxed them alphabetically . Wendy then created a visual program. Erik Andersen, the Home's Director, asked Wendy to present the program to the residents of the Home as well as Home Board members. There are some very interesting people who once resided in the Home when it was originally located in Brooklyn NY. They would be an interesting topic for one of our next newsletters.

Speaking of topics and stories. DANE & our newsletter are always looking for stories and subjects for our issues. Please put your pen to paper or your fingers to computer and send us some interesting history about people, places and stories that you know about.

I could not let this issue go without sharing with you all the loss of our President Emeritus, Carl B S Pedersen who died in July 2015 at the age of 94 years. Carl was one of the 4 founding members of DANE. It was Carl who penned DANE...Danish Archive North East. His life was filled with much love of his Scandinavian roots and involvement in many organizations. He will be truly missed.



**Carl B S Pedersen
1921 - 2015**

Med Venlig Hilsen,

Agnes Jespersen Hagmueller

DANE President

DEN DANSKFØDTE AMERIKANER (The Danish born Americans)

Whatever happened to all those Danes? By Agnes Jespersen Hagmueller

These excerpts are taken from a book written by Danish author Max Henius and translated by Jim Iversen for "The Bridge" in the Journal of the Danish American Heritage Society dated 2012.

Zeroing in on the State of New Jersey, Information by Henius was published in 1912 and data was taken from the 1900 & 1910 U.S. Census. The listings and numbers are by city, town or area.

NEWARK AREA

Bethesda Danish Lutheran Church

Danish Brotherhood (DBIA) Lodge#116 had 71 members.

Danish Sisterhood (DSIA) Lodge #84 had 22 members. Lodge #84 is still active with a small membership.

OXFORD

St Ansgar Danish Lutheran Church. No other information was recorded.

PERTH AMBOY



St Stephen Danish Evang. Lutheran Church located on Broad St.

The Danish Temperance Society

"Fremtid" was founded in 1909 and had 47 members.

United Danish Societies #13 "Dana"

founded 1894 had 353 members in 1910.

The Danish Singing Society "Fremad" was founded in 1900 and had 60 members.

Health Aid Society "Fremad" was founded in 1906 with 84 members.

The Health Aid Society "Norden" was founded in 1911 with 25 members.

The United Danish Youth

"Ungdomsforening" was founded in 1890 had 35 members in 1910.

Danish Odd Fellows Lodge #275

"Valhalla" was founded in 1907 and had 140 members.

**Perth Amboy Sisterhood (DSIA)
Lodge #36 Freja** had 165 members

**Perth Amboy Brotherhood (DBIA)
Lodge #46 Thor** had 364 members.

Both Lodges are still in existence and hold their meetings at the Danish Home Cultural & Heritage Center in Edison NJ



Freja Lodge #36 October 12, 1946

PLAINFIELD

Danish Lutheran Church. No further information.

SAYREVILLE

Danish Brotherhood (DBIA) Lodge #241 had 43 members.

Danish Sisterhood (DSIA) Lodge 110 had 24 members.

SOUTH AMBOY

Danish Brotherhood (DBIA) Lodge #86 had 36 members.

Danish Sisterhood (DSIA) Lodge #71 had 33 members.

TRENTON

Danish Brotherhood (DBIA) Lodge #201 had 25members.

PORT READING

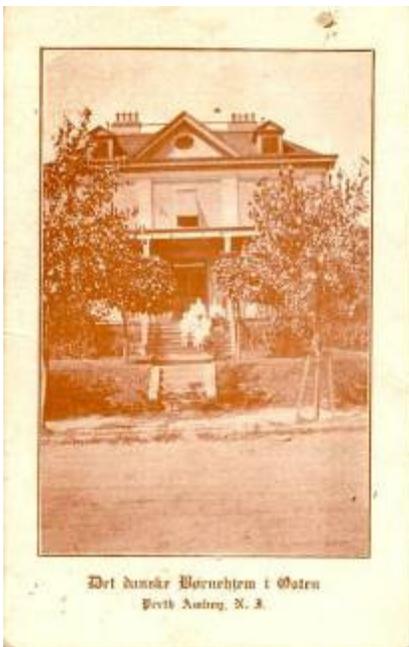


Missing from the list is Danish Brotherhood (DBIA) Lodge #90 "DAN" of Port Reading. It too was dissolved like most of the others.

So many Danish organizations have long been dissolved. What happen to all their records? DANE is recording as much History as is available. If you know about these Organizations and Lodges, please share them with us. We are always looking for records, photos and memorabilia to add to the Archive and Museum. You can call 732-287-6445, e-mail: danenj@aol.com or visit our website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njdane/index

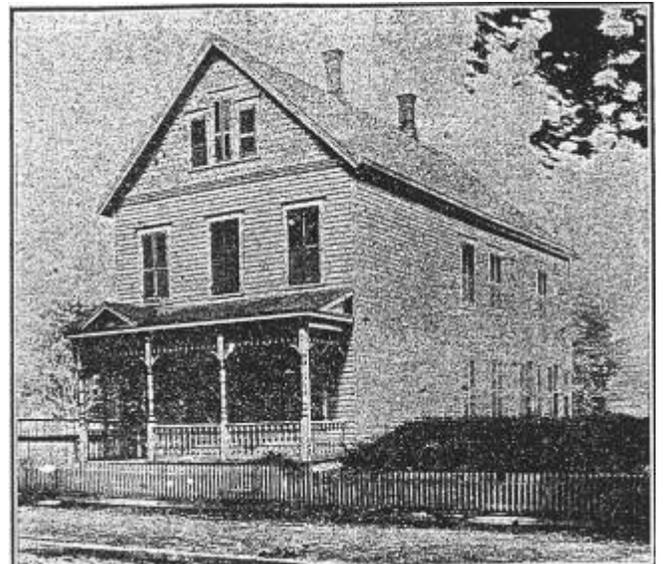
Photos from DANE Museum Danish Children's Home, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

*Photos by Janice Grace
Text by Wendy Hudson*



(This article is one of a series of articles highlighting the exhibits and information in the DANE museum in Edison, New Jersey)

The Danish Children's Home was dedicated 7 September 1908 and was located at 56 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey. In 1916 it was moved to 414 Compton Avenue, Perth Amboy. It was in operation until about 1929.

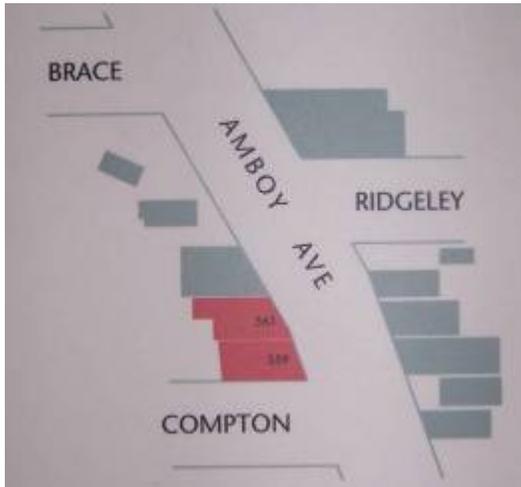


JOHN A JESPERSEN
1903 - 1999

Where could you buy Danish food? *Hvor kan man købe Dansk mad ?*

At Smitty's Market of Course!

By Agnes Jespersen Hagmueller



Louis Smith had a butcher and food market which was located at 881 Amboy Ave. in Perth Amboy. He and his wife had no children. One child died two months after birth. When his niece Evelyn married Walter Leuka, Smitty, as he was known to all, brought them into the business. Evelyn worked as a cashier and was in charge of the bills. She had a little cubicle where she rang up the sales on a rather huge old fashion cash register.

Danes from Perth Amboy, Metuchen, Keasbey, Ford and the surrounding communities knew just where to go for Medisterpølse, fancy cuts of pork roast (Flæskesteg) or a Goose (Gås) for their Holiday dinner. There was always lots of good imported cheeses, fresh vegetables and fruit. The store was stocked with a variety of can goods as well. Coffee was freshly ground and there was White Rose tea on the shelves. And ! you could dip into a large wooden barrel and pick out three dill pickles for the price of 10 cents.



Louis "Smitty" Smith

Customers could call in their order and have it delivered to them. Governor Morgan F Larson always had his order delivered to his home on High Street. Mrs Snedecker, whose husband was affiliated with the Perth Amboy Dry Dock loved freshly made sauerkraut in the Winter months.

One call was from Hans Knudsen of Hans' Beer Garden. Mrs Knudsen made Danish smørrebrød and needed another delivery of 15 pounds of top sirloin. His Great Dane (he had two Great Danes) had devoured the first 15 pounds of beef.



In 1940 Louis Smith died at his summer home in Florida. Smith's Market was then run by Walter and Evelyn Leuka. The store continued to prosper even though many Danes had moved. They would still travel or order to get the special Danish foods and meats which were a part of their Cultural traditions.



l to r: Customer, Walter & Evelyn Leuka, Kevin Langan & Customer

In 1999 the Leukas retired and left the market to Kevin Langan who had worked as a store clerk for many years. In about 2004, the store finally closed its' doors when Kevin had a heart attack.

Photos by Janice Grace

from the exhibit "Storefronts & Smokestacks" at the Danish Home Cultural & Heritage Museum, Edison NJ.

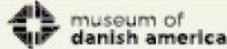


Skål!

Scandinavian Spirits

presented by
Aalborg and Linie Aquavits

*A national traveling exhibition organized
by the Museum of Danish America*



September 20 - October 14, 2015
Danish Home of Edison, NJ
A Cultural & Heritage Center
855 New Durham Road, Edison, NJ 08817

On view Sept. 20, 1:30-4pm,
Sept. 26 & 27, 2-5pm
Oct. 3 & 4, 2-5pm,
Oct. 10, 2-5pm

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DANE
855 New Durham Road
Edison, NJ 08817

DANE meetings:

- Sep 20 - Harvest Fest
 - Oct 18 - Danish movie about the Danish Home for the Aged in Croton, NY
 - Nov 15 - Danish pastry making
 - Dec 5 - Julemarked (Holiday sale)
 - Dec 20 - Julefest (Christmas party)
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