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Genealogy.

Dear Mr. Tastad.

We have searched as far as our sources are apt for us to come up with positive answers within a reasonable use of working hours. Due to the lack of emigration files because they were destroyed in a fire at the policestation in the 1920s we are not able to supply you with information on this topic. We do possess a reconstructed file. This is very much incomplete.

Please also note that wills only are recorded in public records now and then so they very rarely are to be found in our archives. Some of the death dates you ask for will be a search for the famous needle. If You really do want us to pursue this -with the exception for Marie Olsdatter which we did find- please ask us specifically and we shall have to do it by charging for ordinary working hours.

EXhibit one:

WE did find birth record of Gustav Levin born Febr.9. 1879 being bapt. in Stavanger Cathedral (enclosed copy)
He is not mentioned in Stavanger cnesus 1900.

Exh.2.

John's name was Johan Mandius. His birth record is enclosed;date July 12.1877.
Bapt. in Stavanger Cathedral.

Exh.3.

Niels Peder was a ship's carpenter. At the time he was unmarried and staywed with his two brotehrs in address Bekkegate 4., Stavanger. His listed birthplace was Hetland parish. We do not find him in Stavanger in his later years. Enclosed is his marriage record. He married in Skudenes Nov.4.1876. He was born in Hetland June 20.1849.

Exh.4.

Samuel was born in Hetland SEpt.23.1851; bapt.record enclosed. He is listed as a learner of fprniture making in 1875. In 1900 census he is found on address Nedre Dalgate 7w2 in Stavanger. Wife's name; Nelie. They had no children.

Exh.5

Johan Mandius was born Dec.17.1854 and bapt. in Hetland parish; birth record enclosed

Exh.6

Ole Gabriel was born Aug.28.1855! and he was bapt. in Hetland parish; birth record enclosed. He stayed with Niels Peder and Samuel in 1900. I do not find him in later censuses in Stavanger or Hetland (1885,1900)

Exh.7.

Johannes Naversen was a peasant and a farmowner. Enclosed is the deed showing that he bought his land in 1843 from the brothers Tore Trulsen and Ole Trulsen. WE do not know any connection between these two and Maria Olsdatter. We do not find Johannes and Maria married in Stavanger, Hetland or Sauda,- so her origin still is uncertain. Enclosed is a copy from Sauda bygdebook; Rød farm page 343; you will see the Navar Pålson family (children and parents/grandparents; the family were farmers on part 3 of the Rød farm. Johannes' brother Torger Naversen in 1885 is recorded a plumber in Stavanger (no other Naversen's is recorded at the time or in 1900 census with this occupation). Johannes' wife Marie Olsdatter died April 13.1865, encl. Exh.8; cfr. above.

We also enclose 1865 census of Johannes Naversen family on Tastad farm.

Exh.9.

We have found his birth record although he is not recorded in the Skudenes bygdebook. He was christened Ludvig Gunvald Gunnarsen and he was born Oct.30.1868 bapt. in Skudenes parish (enclosed copy). There is no census between 1875 and 1900 available to search for his occupation.

Exh.10.

Your information too scarce to identify this male person.

Exh.11

We have no more information than given in the Skudenes bygdebook; pages on him and his wife and children before emigration and his ancestry enclosed. (Skudenes page 393 ff)

Exh.12.

For identification of Ludvig, cfr. above. We have no other information than already printed in Skudenes bygdebook on him, family occupation and ancestry. He was himself a merchant, trading with herring. His father was a farmer on Odland (Aadland) Bygdebook pages enclosed.

Exh.13-17: we have no other information than the following birth/baptism records enclosed:

Lovise born April 20.1882 (Hetland)
 Samuel Nicolai b. Dec.19.1888 (Hetland)
 Olga Mathilde Nov.21.1889 (Hetland)
 Josefine Amalia (Your "Josie") Oct.30.1893
 Lauritz March 4. 1891.

Yours sincerely

Gun Hidle