

# Inga Amanda Treland Nakkerud Oral History Interview, 1981

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Nakkerud, Inga Amanda Treland
<b>Title</b>	Inga Amanda Treland Nakkerud Oral History Interview
<b>Dates</b>	1981 (inclusive) 1901 1901
<b>Quantity</b>	2 file folders 1 sound cassette 2 compact discs
<b>Collection Number</b>	t058
<b>Summary</b>	An oral history interview with Inga Amanda Treland Nakkerud, a Norwegian immigrant.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Pacific Lutheran University, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Pacific Lutheran University 12180 Park Avenue South Tacoma, Washington 98447 Telephone: 253-535-7586 Fax: 253-535-7315 <a href="mailto:archives@plu.edu">archives@plu.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The oral history collection is open to all users.
<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Amanda Nakkerud was born Inga Amanda Treland on January 1, 1899 in Lyngdal, Norway. Her parents were Elias Treland and Katrina Olsen, and she had six siblings: Salve, Ola, Gunhild, Johanna, Abraham, and Amanda. Elias was a farmer, and the family lived on a medium-sized farm. Amanda thought there were too many mountains in Norway, and when her brother, who lived in Minnesota, came to visit, Amanda decided to return to America with him. She lived in New York for a year and a half, where she cooked and served in several restaurants, and then moved to Seattle, Washington. Amanda had a sister in Seattle and obtained a housekeeping job through an employment office. She later went on to do hotel rooms, mainly at the Piedmont Hotel. Amanda married Trygve Nakkerud and had three children: Elise, Gladys, and Arnold. They owned a motel and lived there while they ran it. Norwegian Christmas traditions and foods were maintained in the household, and Amanda is a member of the Sons of Norway. She has returned to Norway eight times, but is glad she lives in the United States.

## Lineage

Full Name: Inga Amanda Nakkerud. Maiden Name: Inga Amanda Treland. Father: Elias Treland. Mother: Katrina Olsen. Brothers and Sisters: Salve Treland, Ola Treland, Gunhild Treland, Johanna Treland, Abraham Treland, Amanda Treland. Spouse: Trygve Bloch Nakkerud. Children: Elise Katherine Nakkerud, Gladys Irine Nakkerud, Arnold Olav Nakkerud.

## Content Description

The interview was conducted with Amanda Nakkerud on May 27, 1981 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. It contains information about family background, emigration, work, marriage and family, and Norwegian heritage. The interview also contains an article on Amanda and her husband Trygve from the Western Viking (September 10, 1982). Also see Trygve Nakkerud, t57. This interview was conducted in English.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

There are no restrictions on use.

## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

The Oral History collection project was started during an experimental course on Scandinavian Women in the Pacific Northwest. Students in the course were encouraged to interview women and learn about their experiences as immigrants to the United States. The project was continued and expanded with support from the president's office and by grants from the L.J. Skaggs and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation, from the Joel E. Ferris Foundation and the Norwegian Emigration Fund of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project was directed by Dr. Janet E. Rasmussen. The collection was transferred to the Archives and Special Collections Department.

### Acquisition Information

### Related Materials

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### Processing Note

The interview was conducted by Morrene Nesvig using a cassette recorder. A research copy was also prepared from the original. To further preserve the content of the interview, it is now being transferred to compact disc. We deliberately did not transcribe the entire interview because we want the researchers to listen to the interviewee's own voice. The transcription index highlights important aspects of the interview and the tape counter numbers noted on the Partial Interview Transcription are

meant as approximate finding guides and refer to the location of a subject on the cassette/CD. The recording quality is good

The collection was transcribed by Mary Sue Gee, Julie Peterson and Becky Husby.

## Bibliography

Rasmussen, Janet Elaine. *New Land New Lives: Scandinavian Immigrants to the Pacific Northwest* Tacoma, Washington University of Washington Press 1993

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The partial interview transcription highlights important aspects of the interview. Numbers may be used as guides to important subjects. Two numbers separated by a slash indicate that the first number is for cassette and the second for CD.

Container(s)	Description
<b>Cassette</b>	
58, side 1	006/09: PERSONAL BACKGROUND Inga "Amanda" Treland. Born on January 1, 1899 in Lyngdal, Norway, which is in the southern part of Norway.
58, side 1	024: PARENTS Elias Treland, a farmer and Katrina Olsen Treland. They had a medium sized farm.
58, side 1	034: BROTHERS AND SISTERS (See lineage) There were seven children.
58, side 1	042: GRANDPARENTS & NAME How the name Treland came about.
58, side 1	051/10: Arrived in the U.S. in August 1922, at the age of 22.
58, side 1	056: LIFE ON THE FARM IN NORWAY Fishing with bare hands. Why she came to the U.S., there were too many mountains in Norway. (See counter I-080)
58, side 1	066: SCHOOL IN NORWAY Skied in the winter to get there. Went to grade school and was confirmed.
58, side 1	073: LIFE ON THE FARM AFTER SCHOOL DAYS Father died when she was 11. Her mother ran the farm.

Container(s)	Description
58, side 1	080: WHY SHE CAME TO THE U.S. Brother lived in Minnesota, came to visit, and she went back with him (see counter I-056). Family disapproved.
58, side 1	096: Lived in the New York area for one and a half years. Sister lived in the Seattle area, so she came out here.
58, side 1	099: Crossed the Atlantic on a Norwegian ship, the Stavangerfjord. Went by ship from Lyngdal to Oslo then on the Stavangerfjord. She was sick for four days.
58, side 1	108/11: FEELINGS ABOUT LEAVING NORWAY Sad, but left anyway.
58, side 1	115: FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF NEW YORK Wonderful, all the lights.
58, side 1	119: SETTLING IN NEW YORK Went to an employment office. Worked cooking and serving. Her first job was in Hackensack, New Jersey, second in Brooklyn, and then onto Seattle alone.
58, side 1	135: ENGLISH LANGUAGE Spoke little English, but learned fast. Started to take some English lessons, but it was hard to get to.
58, side 1	146: ARRIVED IN SEATTLE ABOUT AUGUST 1923 Did cooking, etc. for employment. Train trip to Seattle to meet her sister. Got a job through an employment office.
58, side 1	/12: Lived at the places where she worked.
58, side 1	192: WORKING IN A HOTEL Making up rooms. Had the afternoons off. (See counter I-219)
58, side 1	204: AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP Five years later.
58, side 1	213: HOTEL WORK Mainly at the Piedmont Hotel (See counter I-192).
58, side 1	225: TRIPS BACK TO NORWAY (see counter I-108, I-294)

Container(s)	Description
58, side 1	234/13,1: SETTLING IN THE U.S. Not hard, felt at home right away.
58, side 1	244: CHILDREN'S NAMES (See lineage) Daughters maintain the Norwegian heritage. They have six grandchildren.
58, side 1	258: CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS Norwegian Christmas and Norwegian foods (krumkaker, spritz, fattigmand, and doughnuts).
58, side 1	288: MOTEL Family business and life while they ran it.
58, side 1	294: RECENT TRIP TO NORWAY Can't live there anymore (see counter I-108. I-225). Went on a tour with Normanns-Forbundet.
58, side 1	305: IMPORTANCE OF NORWEGIAN HERITAGE Wouldn't like to stay there. Changes, prices are up.
58, side 1	320: Norwegian relatives visit the U.S. She only speaks Norwegian when visiting Norway.
58, side 1	341/01: Member of the Sons of Norway and the 17th of May Committee. Her hobby is needlework.
58, side 1	355: Glad she came to the U.S. She likes this country very much.

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Emigration and immigration  
 Family--Norway  
 Naturalization  
 Norway--Social conditions--1945-  
 Norwegian-Americans--Ethnic identity  
 Norwegian-Americans--Northwest, Pacific--Interviews  
 Norwegian-Americans--Social life and customs

### Personal Names :

Nakkerud, Inga Amanda--Interviews  
 (creator)

Nakkerud, Trygve  
Olsen, Katrina  
Nakkerud, Arnold  
Nakkerud, Elise  
Nakkerud, Gladys  
Treland, Elias  
Treland, Inga Amanda

**Corporate Names :**

Piedmont Hotel (Seattle, Wash.)  
Sons of Norway (U.S.) Leif Erikson Lodge No. 1 (Seattle, Wash.)  
Stavangerfjord (Steamship)

**Family Names :**

Nakkerud family  
Olsen family  
Treland family

**Geographical Names :**

Lyngdal (Norway)  
New York (N.Y.)  
Seattle (Wash.)

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Oral histories

**Occupations :**

Domestics  
Farmers

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