

**READING GUIDE for POSTS UNDER the “BEFORE MEMORIES” tab at MARILEEWEIN.COM**

- **Purpose:** provide some chronology to these posts of our genealogy that includes a history of logging. They were written over time on various ancestors as free standing pieces, so ended up in overlapping date ranges.
- Central feature: Memoirs of Mathias Hemmingsen (1876-1967) – unpublished work of our grandfather – posts where the roll-out of his work is the focus, are marked in red.
- He was son of Ole Hemmingsen (1851-1903) and Berith Hass Mathisdtr, (1853-1887) all of Vefsn Parish, Norway. Emigrant Matt began working in the Wisconsin woods of Lake Superior at twelve. He migrated west in 1906 to become a notable woods pioneer of Vancouver Island, B.C., CA.

TITLE of POST	URL	DETAILS	Data Range
Early Hemmingsen Ancestry: Circles of Norway	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/11/23/early-hemmingsen-ancestry-circles-of-norway/">https://marileewein.com/2019/11/23/early-hemmingsen-ancestry-circles-of-norway/</a>	Heritage fans & charts. Ole Hemmingsen (1851-1903) and 2 <sup>nd</sup> wife Alette Ingebrigtsdtr. [Our ancestor was 1 <sup>st</sup> wife Berith Hass Mathisdatter]	1600-1860
Hemmingsen-Mathisdatter: Mathisen - Hemmingsdatter	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2018/12/06/hemmingsen-mathisdatter-mathison-hemmingsdatter/">https://marileewein.com/2018/12/06/hemmingsen-mathisdatter-mathison-hemmingsdatter/</a>	Brother and sister of Hemming Paulsen marry those of Mathis Bentsen (or Bendigtsen) and emigrate to America	1865 Norway – 1900 US
Our Anecdotal Jewishness	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/02/08/our-anecdotal-jewishness/">https://marileewein.com/2019/02/08/our-anecdotal-jewishness/</a>	Looking for Jewish roots	1700-1865
Dear Granddad: If Only November Had Been August	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/02/21/dear-granddad-if-only-november-had-been-august/">https://marileewein.com/2019/02/21/dear-granddad-if-only-november-had-been-august/</a>	Devastating separate emigrations: Ole in 1882, wife and 3 children -1886, eldest kids -1887. George b. 1887 US. Wife dies.	1851-1887
If Only November Had Been August: What Came Next	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/03/03/if-only-november-had-been-august-what-came-next/">https://marileewein.com/2019/03/03/if-only-november-had-been-august-what-came-next/</a>	Berith Mathisdtr. and Ole Hemmingsen; from her death in the US, until his.	1887-1903
Hemmingson: TB Was Not On the Draft Card. Was Disaster?	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/03/16/hemmingson-tb-was-not-on-the-draft-card-was-disaster/">https://marileewein.com/2019/03/16/hemmingson-tb-was-not-on-the-draft-card-was-disaster/</a>	Ole Hemmingsen-Alette Ingebrigtsdtr.; Overview of their children.	1892 forward
Hemmingson: One Entrepreneur and One Radical Socialist	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/04/11/hemmingson-one-entrepreneur-and-one-radical-socialist/">https://marileewein.com/2019/04/11/hemmingson-one-entrepreneur-and-one-radical-socialist/</a>	Two of Ole’s extraordinary children; one of Berith, one of Alette	1876-1987
<b>FROM the MEMOIRS OF MATHIAS HEMMINGSEN – VICTORIA, B.C. (1876-1967)</b>			
<i>I - History; Farming. Logging, Road Building. Life.</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/06/13/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-history-farming-logging-road-building-life/">https://marileewein.com/2019/06/13/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-history-farming-logging-road-building-life/</a>	Ole took Civil Engineer to Bayfield WI. Matt’s recall of their farmstead life and Ole’s work in the county.	1876-1890
<i>II- Fighting Forest Fires 1894 to Water Bombers 1970s</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/06/26/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-forest-fires-1894-to-water-bombers-1970s/">https://marileewein.com/2019/06/26/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-forest-fires-1894-to-water-bombers-1970s/</a>	Mid-1890s economic depression. Ole/Matt’s forest fires of 1890s vs John’s of 1970s.	1890s, 1970s
<i>III- Logging; Sleigh Roads, Decking Riverbanks, Humbird and Weyerhaeuser</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/07/12/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-logging-sleigh-roads-decking-riverbanks-humbird-and-weyerhaeuser/">https://marileewein.com/2019/07/12/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-logging-sleigh-roads-decking-riverbanks-humbird-and-weyerhaeuser/</a>	Matt gives a detailed account of logging operations and the life of the young logger.	1895-1898

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<i>IV- Bunkhouse Lice, Boiling Clothes for Freeze Dry and Capitalism.</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/08/01/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-bunkhouse-lice-boiling-clothes-for-freeze-dry-and-capitalism/">https://marileewein.com/2019/08/01/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-bunkhouse-lice-boiling-clothes-for-freeze-dry-and-capitalism/</a>	Matt gives a grueling account of logging camp life.	1895-1898
<i>V- Loading Logs and Logging Horse Welfare</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/08/10/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-loading-logs-and-logging-horse-welfare/">https://marileewein.com/2019/08/10/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-loading-logs-and-logging-horse-welfare/</a>	Life of the logging horse, a recurrent theme for Matt.	1898-1898
<i>VI- "White Water" River Drive and Spanish American War</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/08/13/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-white-water-river-drive-or-spanish-american-war/">https://marileewein.com/2019/08/13/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-white-water-river-drive-or-spanish-american-war/</a>	Matt ventures west and encounters much adventure and learning.	1898-1900
<b>Family Matters From Other Sources– Wedding and Tragedy</b>			
Sister Etta Weds; Photos circa 1900.	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/10/24/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-intermission-etta-weds-photos-ca-1900/">https://marileewein.com/2019/10/24/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-intermission-etta-weds-photos-ca-1900/</a>	Matt's eldest sister weds and youngest full brother George, dies.	1895-1901
<b>FROM the MEMOIRS OF MATHIAS HEMMINGSEN – VICTORIA, B.C. (1876-1967)</b>			
<i>VII Brother Harry; Death by Logging in 1900-Obit in 2019.</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/08/21/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-brother-harry-dead-in-1900-obit-in-2019/">https://marileewein.com/2019/08/21/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-brother-harry-dead-in-1900-obit-in-2019/</a>	Description of beloved brother Harry's logging accident. Harry's biography.	1878-1900
<i>VIII- Healing On a Logging Horse – THUD</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/09/01/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-healing-on-a-logging-horse-thud/">https://marileewein.com/2019/09/01/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-healing-on-a-logging-horse-thud/</a>	As Matt mourns Harry's death by working on a logging horse, his father, Ole, unexpectedly dies.	1901-1903
<i>IX- A Lumbering Bait and Switch.</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/09/04/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-a-lumbering-bait-and-switch/">https://marileewein.com/2019/09/04/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-a-lumbering-bait-and-switch/</a>	Matt weds. They migrate to Canada, only to return to Wisconsin	1903-1906
<b>Family Matters From Other Sources – Matt's Wedding and Family Tragedies</b>			
Granddad and Caroline Dybedal: Wedding Photos 1905 ... her story.	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/04/18/granddad-and-caroline-dybedal-wedding-photos-1905-her-story/">https://marileewein.com/2019/04/18/granddad-and-caroline-dybedal-wedding-photos-1905-her-story/</a>	Matt's wedding to Caroline Dybedal and her death.	1905-1907
Intermission For Updates; From Bad to Worse	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/10/17/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1867-memoirs-intermission-for-updates-from-bad-to-worse/">https://marileewein.com/2019/10/17/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1867-memoirs-intermission-for-updates-from-bad-to-worse/</a>	Six of Matt's thirteen siblings are taken in a series of accidents and tragedies.	1898-1953
The Adoption Witness on Ancestry; Tøger Arneson or Torger Hemmingson, son of Alette Ingebrigtsdtr.	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/10/30/the-adoption-witness-on-ancestry-toger-arneson-or-torger-hemmingson-son-of-alette-ingebrigtsdatter/">https://marileewein.com/2019/10/30/the-adoption-witness-on-ancestry-toger-arneson-or-torger-hemmingson-son-of-alette-ingebrigtsdatter/</a>	Birth findings and biography of Ole's stepson, son of Alette and cousin of Ole's first wife, Berith, ending in tragedy.	1887-1911
<b>FROM the MEMOIRS OF MATHIAS HEMMINGSEN – VICTORIA, B.C. (1876-1967)</b>			
<i>X- Family Leave circa 1907 and Epic Tsolum River Logjam</i>	<a href="http://marileewein.com/2019/10/02/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-family-leave-circa-1907-and-epic-tsolum-river-logjam">http://marileewein.com/2019/10/02/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-family-leave-circa-1907-and-epic-tsolum-river-logjam</a>	Matt returns to the west coast of Canada. Performs amazing logging feat.	1907-1907
<i>XI-MMH Lake Cowichan Float Home; Democrat Wagon for Logging Horse Billie</i>	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/11/16/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-lake-cowichan-olde-democrat-wagon-for-logging-horse-billie/">https://marileewein.com/2019/11/16/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-lake-cowichan-olde-democrat-wagon-for-logging-horse-billie/</a>	Interval between Matt's return to Vancouver Island and marriage to Margaret Naysmith Alexander.	1907-1911

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<i>XII Oil Painting on Maple Burl; Logging 1912, Cowichan Lake</i>	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-V3">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-V3</a>	An artist depicts Matt's logging operations at Lake Cowichan – oil on maple burl. Stunning	About 1912
<i>XIII Matt Hemmingsen: His Innovations in West Coast Logging 1907-1911</i>	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1rl">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1rl</a>	Matt's early spectacular logging achievements in B.C. More under Memories in "From the Logging Camp"	1907-1911
<i>XIV- Comox Valley; Sunny Days Ahead</i>	<a href="http://marileewein.com/2019/12/07/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-comox-valley-sunny-days-ahead/">http://marileewein.com/2019/12/07/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-comox-valley-sunny-days-ahead/</a>	Matt marries Margaret Naysmith Alexander. A picnic with them in lovely Cumberland – Courtenay.	1910
<b>HEMMINGSEN-ALEXANDER: ALEXANDER ANCESTRY</b>			
1 Alexander Ancestry: The Great Wall of Margaret	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2020/01/24/alexander-ancestry-the-great-wall-of-margaret/">https://marileewein.com/2020/01/24/alexander-ancestry-the-great-wall-of-margaret/</a>	From Ireland to Scotland to Canada. 5 generations of Alexander (including Baxter, Naysmith and Taylor). They are miners.	1760-1931
2 So Was Agnes Alexander At the Wedding?	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-24z">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-24z</a>	3 mine disasters define the early life of Margaret, Agnes and Sam Alexander	1891-1980
<b>Family Matters: Matt's Wedding Brings Huge Puzzles on Brother Ed</b>			
<i>XV So was Ed Hemmingsen at the Wedding?</i>	<a href="http://marileewein.com/2020/01/11/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-so-was-ed-hemmingsen-at-the-wedding/">http://marileewein.com/2020/01/11/matt-hemmingsen-1876-1967-memoirs-so-was-ed-hemmingsen-at-the-wedding/</a>	Ed: another extraordinary child of Ole and Berith. Identifying his formidable wife Anna Thompson aka Danielsdtr or Tobiassen	1882-1911
The Baroness of Skog-Vefsn Emigrates to Lake Cowichan	<a href="http://marileewein.com/2020/01/25/the-adoption-witness-on-ancestry-the-baroness-of-skog-vefsn-dorthea-at-lake-cowichan/">http://marileewein.com/2020/01/25/the-adoption-witness-on-ancestry-the-baroness-of-skog-vefsn-dorthea-at-lake-cowichan/</a>	Farical communication between ancestors leads to identifying Ed & Anna's daughter who emigrates from "Skog-Vefsn" Norway	1876-1926
The Adoption Witness: Tales from Skog-Vefsn Before Lake Cowichan	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1zP">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1zP</a>	Americanizing a surname. Old family portrait from Mosjoen unlocks a puzzle or two. Skog and Danielsen aka Tobiassen aka Thompson.	1800-1926
The Adoption Witness: Those Peripatetic Skog-Vefsn Folk at Lake Cowichan	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1CT">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-1CT</a>	Independently, Anna and siblings patriate and repatriate among Norway, US and Canada.	1860-1930
The Adoption Witness: Rare Postcard to Skog-Vefsn; Revealing What?	<a href="http://marileewein.com/2020/09/26/the-adoption-witness-rare-postcard-to-skog-vefsn-revealing-what">http://marileewein.com/2020/09/26/the-adoption-witness-rare-postcard-to-skog-vefsn-revealing-what</a>	Rare old postcard unlocks part of the Skog-Vefsn mystery.	

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<i>XVI – Memoirs of Matt Hemmingsen – His Postcard</i>	Pending	1911 – First child. Big promotion. HQ move down island to Chemainus.	1911-1911
Hemmingson Homestead Photos 1880s WI vs 1914 BC	<a href="https://marileewein.com/2019/05/30/hemmingson-homestead-photos-1880s-wi-us-vs-1914-bc-ca/">https://marileewein.com/2019/05/30/hemmingson-homestead-photos-1880s-wi-us-vs-1914-bc-ca/</a>	Ole’s homestead in Wisconsin and Matt’s in British Columbia.	1887-1914
<b>Family Matters: A Child of Ole Graduates From College</b>			
Mildred Dybedal (Hemmingson) Sole College Grad Among 14 Siblings	<a href="https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-19">https://wp.me/p9ORWJ-19</a>	Life of Mildred Dybedal born Hemmingson. Another extraordinary child of Ole and Alette	1897-1987

Additional stories will be added with time.

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