

## **Randi Bjørkviks 'Hadeland Families' ca 1700-1880 is now available on DVD**

A bygdebok for Hadeland has never been published, but the material that Randi Bjørkvik gathered and organized for one was given to Randsfjordmuseenes department at Hadeland Folkemuseum in the 1980s and is now being offered for sale on DVD. Randi Bjørkvik (1919-2007) was hired by the local authorities in the 1950s to write the genealogy and farming history for Hadeland. There are around 260 sections of handwritten notes organized for the parishes Gran/Brandbu and Jevnaker/Lunner. These references are the most used in the archives at Hadeland Folkemuseum. They are a short cut to finding earlier generations as well as family information from 1700 to 1880.

Hans Anders Bergsrud worked, as a volunteer, from 2003 to 2009 digitizing Randi Bjørkvik's material. The information is organized mainly by married couples: starting with their marriage, age at time of marriage, place of birth, current residence, and father's names. Then the children, including illegitimate ones, are added in the order of their birth with birth/baptism date, place of birth, possible emigration and year of their marriage. Following this are references to other sources, i.e, census and probate. There is usually a reference to the bride and groom's parents, which enables you to look for their records.

As one would expect, this material is in draft format, written in Norwegian, and may include errors and missing information. We strongly recommend that all the information be verified against the primary sources, for instance the scanned church books at [www.digitalarkivet.no](http://www.digitalarkivet.no). The Digitalarkivet is also the website for the 1801, 1865 and 1900 census and the scanned probates for Hadeland.

The scans in the DVD are in black and white while the original notes have color codes which make them easier to interpret. The DVD includes a 'how to use' guide but, if possible, it would be to your advantage to visit the Museum where you can get help in using the material.

How to use the DVD: If you are, for instance, looking for an Anders Olsen married in Gran parish, you have to search in the Gran files starting with the husband's given name: Anders. Then you search for the Patronymic name (the father's given name + sen). In this case, Anders was the son of Ole = Olsen. No farm names are used in these records as a surname/family name. The patronymic names are then listed by year of marriage, starting with the oldest marriages first, so it is best if you know, at least, the marriage year. Names have been standardized, for example, all first names starting with a "C" will be found under the letter "K".

During your research, you will find references in Randi's notes, which are material found on file at the Hadeland Folkemuseum. It is advisable to make an appointment in advance if you are planning to visit.

Randi Bjørvik made copies of the material before giving the originals to the museum. She added information to the copies making them more complete than the ones that have been digitized on the DVD.

### **Some often used abbreviations:**

G = Gran (parish)

B = Brandbu (parish)

Tg = Tingelstad

L = Lunner (parish)  
J = Jevnaker (parish)  
G/B = reference to church book records for Gran/Brandbu  
J/L = reference to church book records for Jevnaker/Lunner  
g = married  
f = born  
dpt = bap.  
Han s.a. = Son of (referring to the groom at the top of page)  
Hun d.a. = Daughter of (referring to the bride at the top of page)  
gio = farm's name not given  
ft = census (f.i.: ft 1801 G = census 1801, Gran parish)  
kb = church book

It was Randi Bjørvik's wish that the museum complete her work, and in this regard, she suggested we charge for the use of her existing material. The profits from sales of the DVD will be used towards her goal.

If you have any questions about the DVD or the Archive, please contact Hadeland Folkemuseum. Price for the DVD is NOK 450,- + shipping.

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