

Guri and Tønnes Andreas (Tony) - Canada

Guri was born on November 6th 1884 at the Homme farm in Fjotland, Agder county as the youngest of 5 siblings. 5 other siblings were already dead when Guri was born. At the age of 3 her mother Ida Tobine dies at the age of 42. Guri was baptized in Fjotland church January 4th 1885.

The 1891 census shows that Guri, is living with her father and her 4 older siblings at the Homme farm.

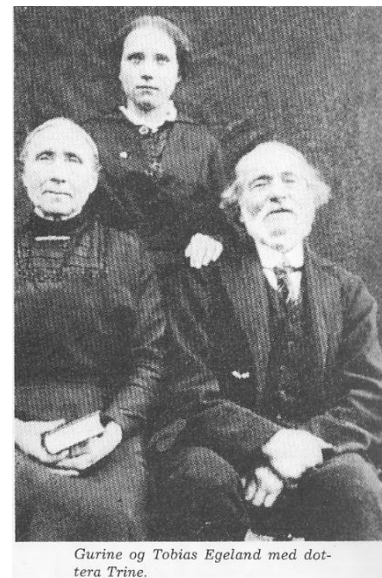
<https://urn.digitalarkivet.no/URN:NBN:no-a1450-ft10061102182870.jpg>**Guris** confirmation was held in Fjotland church October 1st 1899 with the grade "Good".

The 1910 census shows that Guri and her 10 year older brother Lars Andreas are part of the household of their older sister Anna and her husband Tønnes at Kvinlog. Tønnes Kvinlog is listed as a country merchant and Anna as a country merchant wife. Lars Andreas works as a cargo trader while Guri, who is 25 years old, is employed as a maid.



Tønnes Andreas was born on Egeland in Fjotland 22.2.1881 as the oldest child of his parents Gurine and Tobias.

He was baptized in Fjotland church 20.3. 1881. The census for 1891 shows that Tønnes lives with his parents and siblings Anna Malene, Karen Tonetta and Tobias on the farm Egeland «Der borte».



Gurine og Tobias Egeland med dottera Trine.

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The farm was bought by Gurine and Tobias in 1880 from a family who emigrated to America.

Tønnes Andreas was confirmed in Fjotland church 16.10.1895 with the grade «n.m.g» (almost very good).

The census for 1900 shows that Tønnes Andreas does not live at home with his parents at Egeland farm in Fjotland. The household consists of parents Tobias and Gurine, and the children Anna Malene (1884), Karen Tonetta (1887), Lise Tobine (1893) Anna (1897) and Tobias (1891). Tønnes Andreas, who is the eldest son and 19 years old, must stay somewhere else. He is not found in the census, and may already have been hired as a sailor or doing his military service.

Tønnes Andreas bought the farm from his parents in 1907.

Tønnes Andreas, 29 years old, is not listed in this census in 1910, so it can most likely be assumed that he already sailed as a seaman.



Guri and Tønnes Andreas married in Fjotland church on 16 June 1915. "Best men" were Guri's brothers Lars Andreas and Tønnes. Their only child, Tobias (Tillman) was born on Eigeland Sep.13.1916.

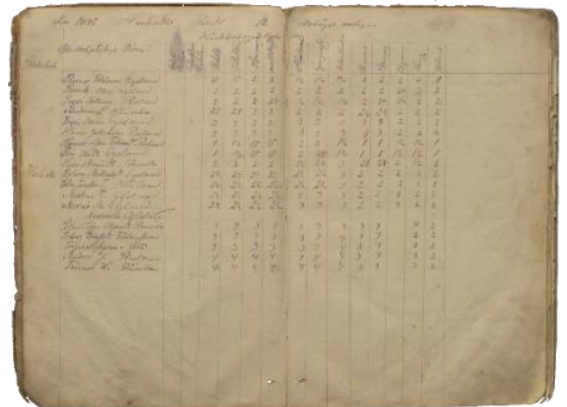
Millionaire Morland

Tønnes Andreas was a close friend of "millionaire Morland" who was a shipowner. Who this well situated friend might have been, is a mystery. There are not many current candidates. The most likely has to be Arnt J. Mørland from Arendal with roots in Austre Moland. He was born in 1888. In 1916 he started «Agdesidens Rederi», together with John Wilson. He was a member of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting) for the Christian Democratic party (KrF), active in the resistance during the war and a leader in Christian work in Arendal.



The museum in Arendal has some crew lists for Mørlands shipping company. They didn't find the name of Tønnes in any of them. The lists are not complete for the years before 1930, it's still a possibility that Tønnes were a crew member of some of Mørland's ships. The museum suggests further investigations in seamens enrollments: <https://www.digitalarkivet.no/search/sources>

Due to harsh times a lot of children from western part of Agder spent summers in the eastern part working on farms, mainly as shepards or housekeeping. The population in western parts doubled from 1800 – 1860, and the farms were divided into smaller farms. To have bread on the table during the winter, parents sent their children from the age of seven to work, mainly on farms in the area from Kristiansand to Arendal. These children were often absent from school for longer periods, and often they had their church confirmation in churches in the area where they worked. I had a suspicion that maybe Tønnes could have been one of the kids walking the long distance to the east getting to know Arnt Mørland as a shepard on their farm near Arendal.



The only protocol showing the name of Tønnes points in the direction that this seems not to be true. His grades are above average, and no signs that he might have been dropping out.

Sale of the farm

Tønnes Andreas first travelled to Canada, while 13-year-old Guri and Tobias were to come along and take the money with them after the sale of the farm. The farm was Eigeland, farm no. 31 use no. 7 in Fjotland municipality. In the current Kvinesdal municipality, this corresponds to Eikeland farm no. 200. Farm number 7 no longer exists, it was merged with farm no. 4 in 1940. The farm on Egeland "Der borte" was sold to Torvald Olsen Førlandås.

The farm was finally sold June 25.1936. <https://urn.digitalarkivet.no/URN:NBN:no-a1450-tl20080611651244.jpg>

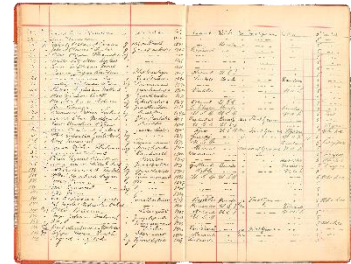
In September 1936 Tønnes paid his debt of NOK 1 031,58 to Anna's husband Tønnes P. Kvinlog and Jacob T. Kvinlaug. Money lent from his brother-in-law and the husband of Anna and Tønnes'

daughter Tomine was probably in the amount Tobias/Tillman had in his money belt, possibly together with other loans. <https://urn.digitalarkivet.no/URN:NBN:no-a1450-tl20080610681008.jpg>

Going to Canada

Tønnes Andreas Tobiassen Egeland emigrated to Canada via Kristiansand harbour 23.3.1929. Reason for departure: "To earn more". Tønnes Andreas arrived in St. John, New Brunswick on April 5, 1929 aboard the "Duchess of Bedford" from the shipping company "Canadian Pacific Line".

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Lloyd is sharing: "Grandpa came over earlier. Grandma and Dad came later after the farm was sold. They brought the money for the

sale of the land and a money belt around dad's waist when he was 13 years old". It was "millionaire Morland" who advised to have the money in the money belt ..



Guri and Tobias (Tillman) emigrated from Stavanger on October 17th, 1929. They were passengers on D/S Bergensfjord who arrived in Halifax on October 27. They arrived in Warner, Alberta, Canada on October 29th.

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Info showing their arrival in Canada: [https://www.bac-](https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists-border-entry-1925-1935/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=260392&#shr-pg-pnlShareMain)

[lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists-border-entry-1925-1935/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=260392&#shr-pg-pnlShareMain](https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/immigration-records/passenger-lists-border-entry-1925-1935/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=260392&#shr-pg-pnlShareMain) Tobias is registered as 10 years old!

Item: Guri Egeland	
Given Name(s):	Guri
Surname:	Egeland
Age:	45
Gender:	F
Nationality:	Nor
Ship:	BERGENSFJORD
Port of Arrival:	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Date of Arrival:	1929-10-27
Year of Arrival:	1929
Volume Number:	15
Page Number:	130
Series:	C-1-b
Microfilm Reel Number:	T-14822
Reference:	RG 76
Item Number:	260390



Tillman and Bernice Thompson have written the following about the family: *Thompson, Tony and Guri (Homme) By Tillman and Bernice Thompson:*

Tony (1881-1967) was born in Norway on a farm that has records showing the names of the people living there in 1192. The house in which he was born is a historical site, having been built in the early 1500's. Tony and Guri (Homme) (1885-1972) were wed on June 15, 1915 and they had one son, Tillman, born September 13, 1916.

Tony crossed the Atlantic Ocean 13 times from Norway to North America in the early 1900's. He had a friend, known as Millionaire Morland, who was a ship dispatcher. And it was through him that Tony was able to work on the ship, paying for his passage. The taxes on the farms in Norway had become so high that people had to find other work to keep up.

Tony was the dynamite foreman on the Great Northern Railroad, which went through Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. He scraped floors in the Empire State Building and also worked as a cabinet maker. Tony filed a homestead in Minot, North Dakota, but let this go. He brought three sisters and one brother to this continent on three of his trips over there.

On his 13th trip, this time to Southern Alberta in 1928, he came to Warner, where he made his home until 1945 when he and Guri moved to Lethbridge. In 1929, he bought section 26-5-16 from Hudson Bay Company, but lived with his brother, Thomas Egeland, six miles north of Warner until 1940 when he built on his own land.

On October 29, 1929, Guri Thompson and son, Tillman, arrived by train in Warner, a day early and there was no one to meet them. Neither could speak a word of English. A stranger was asked to come over to see if he could help. He was dressed the like of which neither had ever seen, huge cowboy hat, angora chaps, cowboy boots complete with spurs and, of all things, spoke Norwegian to them. This man, Leo Movold, later became Tillmans's father-in-law. He sent them to wait at the hotel where two fine ladies asked Guri and Tillman to join them for dinner. These two were Mrs. Paus Kuschel and Mrs. Lee M. Grant. Tillman says he has never forgotten their kindness. October 29 1929 was also the official date beginning "the great depression" of the 1930's.

Tillman went to Warner School, beginning in grade one at 13 years of age. He had finished grade seven in Norway and now had to try to learn English. Russell Dannatt, to this day, always asks Tillman why he didn't wait for him. Tillman started in January 1930, and in three months went into grade two. In September of 1930, he started in grade three and by Christmas was advanced into grade four, finishing grade five by June of 1932. In 1935, he had to quit school just before exam time to help with the farm, and all but finished grad nine.

The Thompsons were members of the Lutheran Church. Some of their neighbours were Lonsdales, Muellers, Pete Doenzs, Myrrays, Moes, Trockstads, Nelsons and Rosses. Guri Thompson won prizes at the Lethbridge Exhibition with her crocheted bedspread. She was a member of the Hope Community Club.

On may 15, 1945, Tillman married Bernice Movold and they took up residence on the farm. Tony and Guri then moved to Lethbridge where they owned several houses. The last few years of their lives were spent at the Green Acres Lodge. Tony passed away in January 1967, at the age of 87 and Guri passed away March 39, 1972, at the age of 85. They are both interred in Archmount Cemetery in Lethbridge.



Guri and Tony



Guri and Tillman



Tony, Lloyd and Guri



Tony, Lloyd, Guri, Glenda and Bernice

