

Roots of the Roots

Nis Hansen Tingleff was born in 1630. He came from a good family. As the Family Register states his maternal grandfather was a renowned skipper and merchant in Flensburg who was married to a daughter of the Vicar in Tinglev Jacob Nielsen. Nis tells us that his paternal grandfather was a Freeman and that his progenitor Mads Vippel was buried in the white dress of the Cistercienser monk order. A procedure that was *regarded as the fairest way of depart from this life*, as further described in my book Tingleff Navnebogen.

In the little situation story on page 7 Søren asks his mother Grethe to tell him about Old Nis. He wouldn't ask for a story of the Hack Family as he and his family probably didn't know of them.

The Hack Family was from the side of Grethe's grandmother Margrethe, whose mother Catharine Fostermoder (i.e. Midwife) was married to Nis Hansen Tingleff's grandson Niels in 1731. Catharine and Niels took over a farm in Vonsild from Catharine's father Mads Hack.

Mads Hack's paternal grandfather of the same name was a Sandemand (i.e. a Truth Man) and married to Elsebe whose father as well as his paternal grandfather and his great grandfather were vicars in Tyrstrup. Elsebe's maternal grandfather was Baltzathar Brun, Mayor of the City of Haderslev in 1598-1605.

Sandemand Mads Hack was a grandson of Mads Hack, a Freeman who in the year 1577 is mentioned as District Bailiff of Tyrstrup District.

Freeman Mads Hack was supposedly a great grandson of Morten Hack, who in 1491 was

mentioned as an Esquire of Bjerndrupgård near Haderslev. Morten Hack was of a noble family from Slesvig and married to a daughter of the noble family Smalsted. This family can be followed ten generations back to Herderus Smalenstede who was mentioned in 1220 and in 1221. The family came from the estate and town of Schmalstede in Bordeholm Parish, Holstein.

Three knights named Thomas, Jacobum and Emmeke Hack are mentioned in Slesvig in the early 1300-years as well as a knight Emmeke Hack in 1267.

As for the Hack Family it is a fact that although the noble families of Slesvig were still remembered in the 1600-years nearly all of them had lost their nobility superseded by the mighty Holstein noble families. Their descendants fall to ordinary farmers in the following centuries and their past was forgotten.

So a decline in our family line seems to have happened from the Middle Ages to more recent times. When reading the following three tables, however, one must consider that the question marks indicate *possible* not *documented* family connections. Neither is proof known to verify if our ancestors used the Hack Family coat of arms shown on the last page. That is why this part of the family history is exiled to an appendix.

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The next pages consist genealogy tables for the roots of the Roots.

As roots come from below the tables start with the descendants and end with the oldest roots.

Tables

Søren's brother **Niels** had 11 children, from whom I have counted 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 17 GG-children, 17 GGG grandchildren and 6 GGGG grandchildren but there are many more. Today there are probably more than 75 descendants from him, partly in USA.

Søren's descendants are the main subject of this book. In the Family Register are listed more than 10 children, 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 45 GG grandchildren and 38 GGG grandchildren





