

## CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- 1857 *May 28.* Albert Waldemar Hansteen born Christiania, Norway.
- 1867 Wilhelm A. Thams establishes the Thams sawmill near Trondheim, Norway.
- 1867 *September 9.* Christian Marius Thams born, Trondheim, Norway.
- 1869 Thams sawmill expanded to become planing mill and crate factory.
- 1872 Fire destroys Thams sawmill. The company is expanded and ownership transferred to Maurenthius Thams, under the name M. Thams & Co.
- 1883 *February 1.* Isak James Dahle born, Mount Vernon, Wisconsin.
- 1884 Architect Waldemar Hansteen participates in the Gol Stave Church restoration project, Christiania.
- 1888 An earthquake at Nice and Menton inspires Christian Thams to build portable houses at his father's factory.
- 1889 Paris World's Fair. M. Thams & Co. submits a Clock Tower Pavilion.
- 1890 *February 24.* Chicago chosen as site of the 1893 World's Fair.
- 1890 C.K.G. Billings elected to Board of Directors of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago.
- 1890 *July 2.* Lakeshore site chosen for the World's Fair.
- 1891 *January.* Department of Publicity and Promotion organized to publicize the World's Fair.
- 1892 *May.* Norway establishes a committee to plan exhibits for the Fair.
- 1892 C.K.G. Billings purchases property at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, naming it "Green Gables."
- 1892 *November.* M. Thams & Co. contracts with the Norwegian Committee to build the Norway Building. Construction begins immediately.
- 1893 *March 15.* Norway Building leaves Christiansund, Norway, on board the steamship *Hekla*.
- 1893 *March 24.* *Hekla's* axle breaks, delaying the arrival of the Norway Building in New York.
- 1893 *April 8.* Norway Building arrives in New York.
- 1893 *Late April.* Construction of the Norway Building begins at the Chicago Fair site.
- 1893 *May 1.* World's Columbian Exposition opens.
- 1893 *May 17.* Norway's National Day at the World's Fair.
- 1893 *October 29.* (Sunday) World's Fair closes two days earlier than originally planned. Flags are lowered to half-staff to mourn the assassination of Chicago's mayor, Carter Harrison, the previous evening.
- 1893 *November 30.* *Chicago Tribune* reports that the Norway Building is sold to C.K.G. Billings for \$1,500.
- 1894 *Winter.* Norway Building arrives at Lake Geneva.
- 1897 Stockholm Exposition. M. Thams & Co. submits a pavilion building of similar design to the Norway Building.
- 1904 Isak Dahle graduates from the University of Wisconsin.
- 1907 C.K.G. Billings sells "Green Gables" to William H. Mitchell.

- 1908 Trondheim Exposition. M. Thams & Co. participates.
- 1910 William H. Mitchell dies; "Green Gables" is purchased by William Wrigley Jr.
- 1911 Wrigley family begins renovation of "Green Gables."
- 1914 Oslo Exposition. M. Thams & Co. participates.
- 1917 Philip Wrigley modifies the Norway Building into a motion picture studio.
- 1921 *May 4.* Waldemar Hansteen dies.
- 1926 *January.* Isak Dahle and his mother, Anne, tour Europe and Norway.
- 1927 *January 1.* Isak Dahle and his brother, Otto, inspect the Austin Olson Hougan farm, rural Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. Isak later purchases the property and begins developing Little Norway.
- 1928 Isak Dahle's friend makes a collecting trip to Norway, searching for Norwegian antiques.
- 1929 *January.* Antiques from Norway exhibited in windows of the Dahle family store, Mount Horeb.
- 1932 William Wrigley Jr. dies.
- 1933 *July.* Isak Dahle meets with Philip Wrigley to negotiate the acquisition of the Norway Building.
- 1935 *July.* Norway Building moved to Little Norway.
- 1936 *August 1.* Dedication ceremony opens Little Norway to the public.
- 1937 *November 24.* Isak Dahle dies.
- 1939 Crown Prince Olav of Norway tours Little Norway.
- 1948 *May 22.* Christian Thams dies.
- 1951 Anne Dahle dies.
- 1953 Professor Asher Hobson retires from his university position and becomes full-time manager of Little Norway.
- 1965 *October 3.* Crown Prince Harald of Norway visits Little Norway.
- 1982 Scott Winner, grand-nephew of Isak Dahle, takes on management role of Little Norway.
- 1992 *February 29.* Professor Asher Hobson, age 102, passes away at his home at Little Norway.
- 1992 *Winter.* Norway Building restored to 1893 appearance.
- 1993 Norway Building Centennial.