

1972 Postal Guide

Norway “How to” Guide, Beginner Level: Instruction

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OBJECTIVE

This guide will teach you how to identify the parish and county of a given farm.

INTRODUCTION

Norwegian family history research is primarily done using parish registers. In order to identify the appropriate parish registers for your research you will need to know the name of the parish and county to which your ancestors' farm belonged. Therefore, *Norsk stedsfortegnelse*, referred to here as the 1972 postal guide, is a valuable reference. This gazetteer is used in Norwegian research to identify the parish and county of a farm.

INSTRUCTION

Please read the following article about gazetteers used in Norwegian family history research.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Norway_Gazetteers

When using this gazetteer, please remember that some names are used by multiple farms, and each farm will be listed with its parish. When this is the case, you may have to search more than one parish to find your ancestor. Keep in mind that the standard spelling used in this gazetteer may differ slightly from the spelling used in the records of your ancestors.

The 1972 postal guide lists the name of the town or farm, followed by the name of the parish and then the postal code or abbreviation for the county. A list of the counties followed by their codes or abbreviations can be found on the first page of the postal guide.

The 1972 postal guide is available online via the following link:

<http://da2.uib.no/cgi-win/WebBok.exe?slag=lesbok&bokid=nsf>

The following steps will help you navigate the website:

- Select “Vis Innholdslista” (table of contents) at the top of the homepage.
- This will take you to the alphabetical drop down boxes. The Norwegian letters Æ, Ø, Å, are at the end of the alphabet. Choose the first letter of the farm name.

- The following example is of the farm Kaltrø. Notice the farm **Kaltrø**, in bold, at the top left. It indicates that Kaltrø is a farm (gd) in **Aukra** Parish, **MR** (Møre og Romsdal) County. Disregard everything following the county name in bold.



1. Go to the website for the 1972 Postal Guide by typing in or clicking on this link:
<http://da2.uib.no/cqi-win/WebBok.exe?slag=lesbok&bokid=nsf>
2. Select “Vis innhaldslista” at the top of the page.

3. Open the drop down box for the letter "O".
4. Select "Side 580-581 Orekasa".
5. Find "Ormbrekk".
6. After "Ormbrekk" the unbolded portion of the entry reads "gd Tokke Te". This tells us that the parish was Tokke, and the county code is Te.
7. To determine the name of the county, select "Framsida" at the top left of the page.
8. Next select "Første side" from the top right. This will take you to the abbreviations page.
9. The abbreviations page states that Te is the county code for Telemark, and that the abbreviation "gd" which follows Ormbrekk indicates that it is a *gard*, or farm.