

1857

Our Family History



Laura's Mother



Lauritz Antone Lorentzen
Laura's father

CLARA OLAVA KRISTIANSEN (MIKKELSEN)

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Events in the life of CLARA OLAVA KRISTIANSEN (MIKKELSEN)

Clara Olava Kristiansen Mikkelsen was born the 6th of January, 1857, at Melsomvik, Vestfold, Norway. She was a child of Kristian Mikkelsen and Helle Jorgine Olsen. She married Lauritz Lorentzen of Stokke, Vestfold, Norway and the couple were blessed with two girls--Clara Helena Lorentzen, born 20 November 1879; and Laura Antonie Lorentzen, born 13 November 1880, at Stokke, Vestfold, Norway.

Clara worked at dressmaking and millinery work to supply the necessities of life while she was a widow for sixteen years. Her husband had slipped off an icy deck of the ship 13 days before the birth of Laura, and it was feared he was eaten by a shark. The boat was immediately stopped to search the waters for him, and he wasn't to be found. A shark was seen following the ship.

Clara Olava was a devout Lutheran, and read from the Bible and religious texts. Laura and her sister, Clara, were required to sit quietly and listen to the passages read while other children played noisily outside.

When Laura was 16 years of age, her mother married Anton Olaussen who was kind and considerate and endeared himself to the three members of the family.

From facts told to Laura, she learned that the father she never had the privilege of seeing, was a very efficient ship's carpenter and an artist with the violin. He was gallant, fine looking, dark, curly-haired and full of humor.

When Laura visited with her mother and step-father in the summer of 1928, she found them very happy and anxious to show her and her two and one-half year old son, Harold, the deep love they felt for her and her family. It was a time of rejoicing as they visited with the many aunts, uncles, cousins, and her lovely sister. Grandfather Olaussen would take Harold out fishing in his small boat several days each week.

Laura later learned that her mother had read the Book of Mormon and while she wouldn't consent to baptism, she wouldn't say that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints wasn't true.

She was faithful to send letters to her daughter Laura, across the waters, praising her and her fine husband for the splendid care and guidance they gave to their nine living children.

Clara Olava was a small, ambitious lady. She had an ability to accomplish anything she set out to do. She had a beautiful flower garden. She kept a neat, trim home, built on companionship, love and beauty. She was so particular that she even scrubbed her hog pen and hog. She suffered with ill health for many months before she passed away 15 July, 1945, at the age of 88. Her demise was a great loss to all of us, for she had become precious to us children as mother told us about her, and as we felt her fine influence through her letters and the many lovely things she sent to us. We received beautiful pieces of handwork, pillows, hand-made lace collars, yokes, lovely pieces of silverware with our names engraved on the back, beautiful lockets, watches, finest of China, delicate crystal, beautiful, glittering Christmas cards and then the taster's treat—delicious goat cheese. We all stood around Mother, as she would open the packages, and oooh and aaah about everything. Mother experienced a great loneliness when she was no longer here to correspond with her.

We are grateful that we have been able to perform their ordinances for them in the Temple, and happy to be members of such a fine family.

Additional Photos:



Clara Olava Christiansen



Anton Olaussen



Laura and Clara Lorentzen with their mother - Clara Olava and Step-Father Anton Olaussen



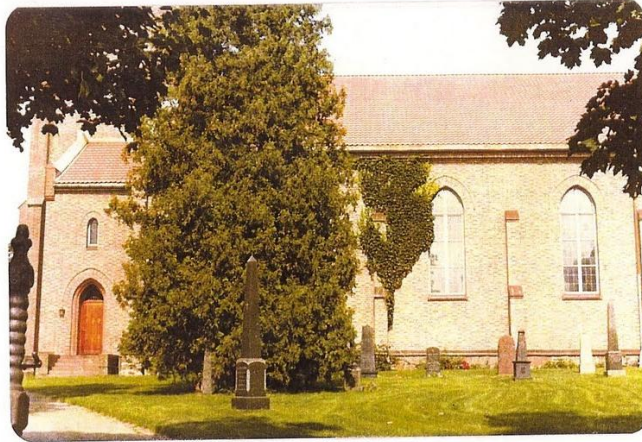
Clara Olava Christiansen - Anton Olaussen



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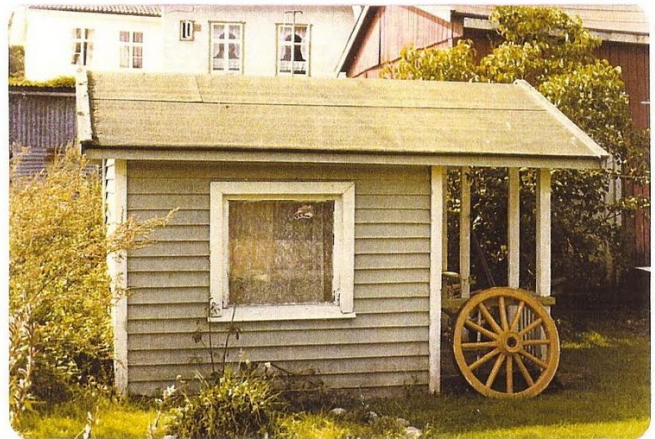
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Church
Oslo, Norway
1979



Tool Shed



Playhouse

in the rear yard of Mother's
girl-hood home.
Oslo Norway ~ Aug 1979~



Laura Lorentzen Christensen's
Gjel-Hod Home - Norway
Picture taken Aug. 1979



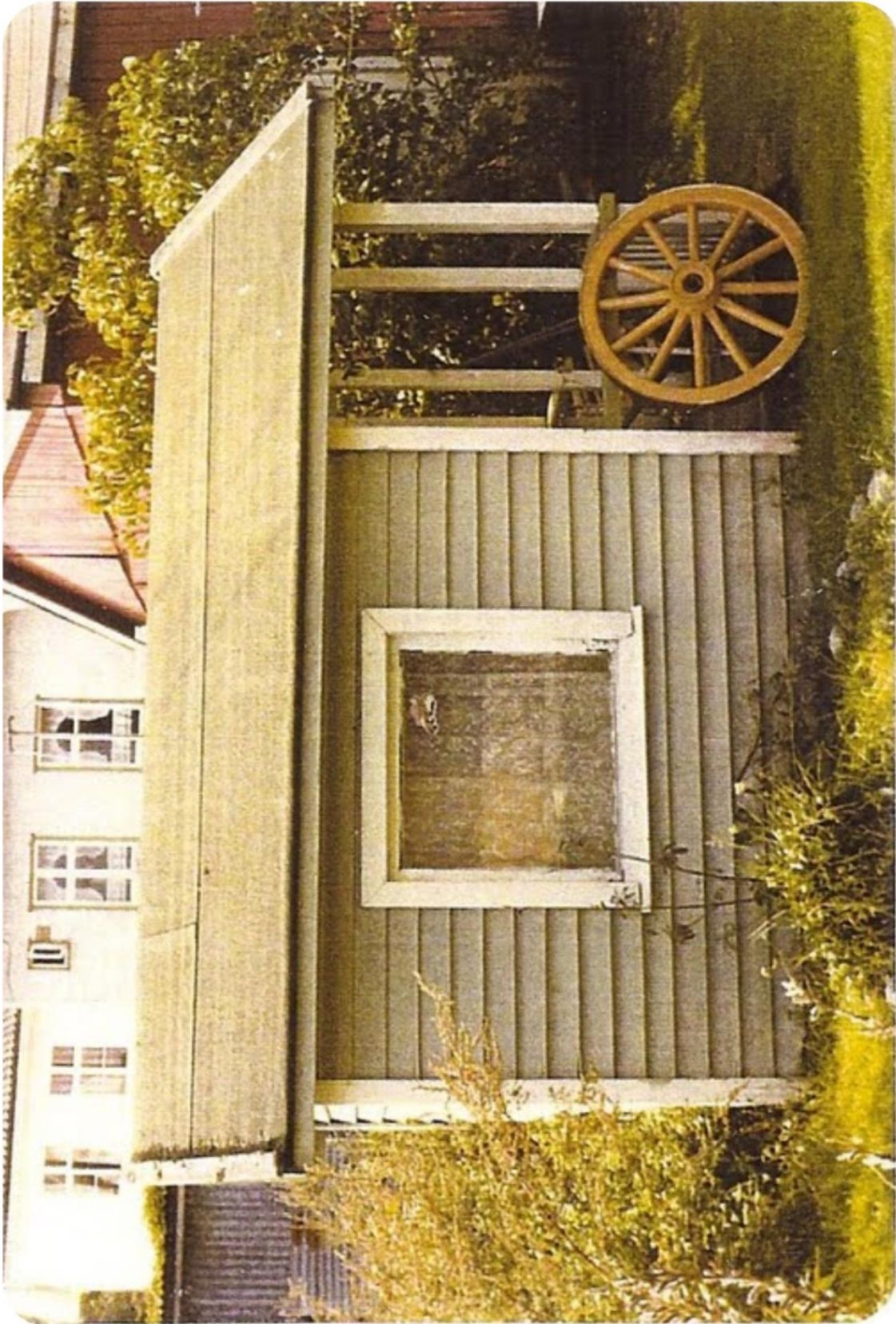
Gavin Kari Kim Lady Sasha Betti
Rear View of Mother's Home owner Carol Collette



Three Generations
Betti Kim Sasha
-1979- Oslo, Norway

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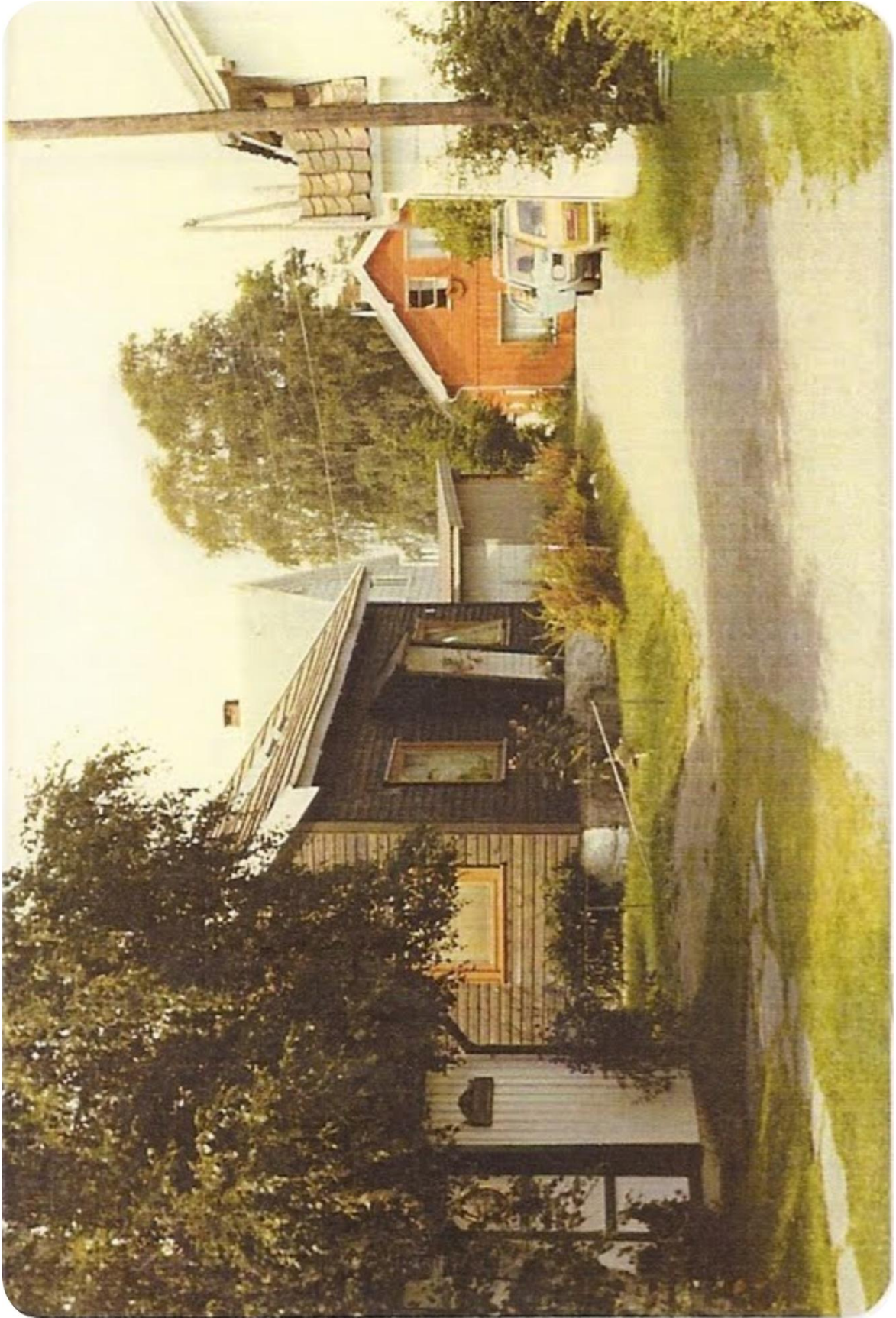
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Playhouse - In the Rear Yard of Laura's Girlhood Home

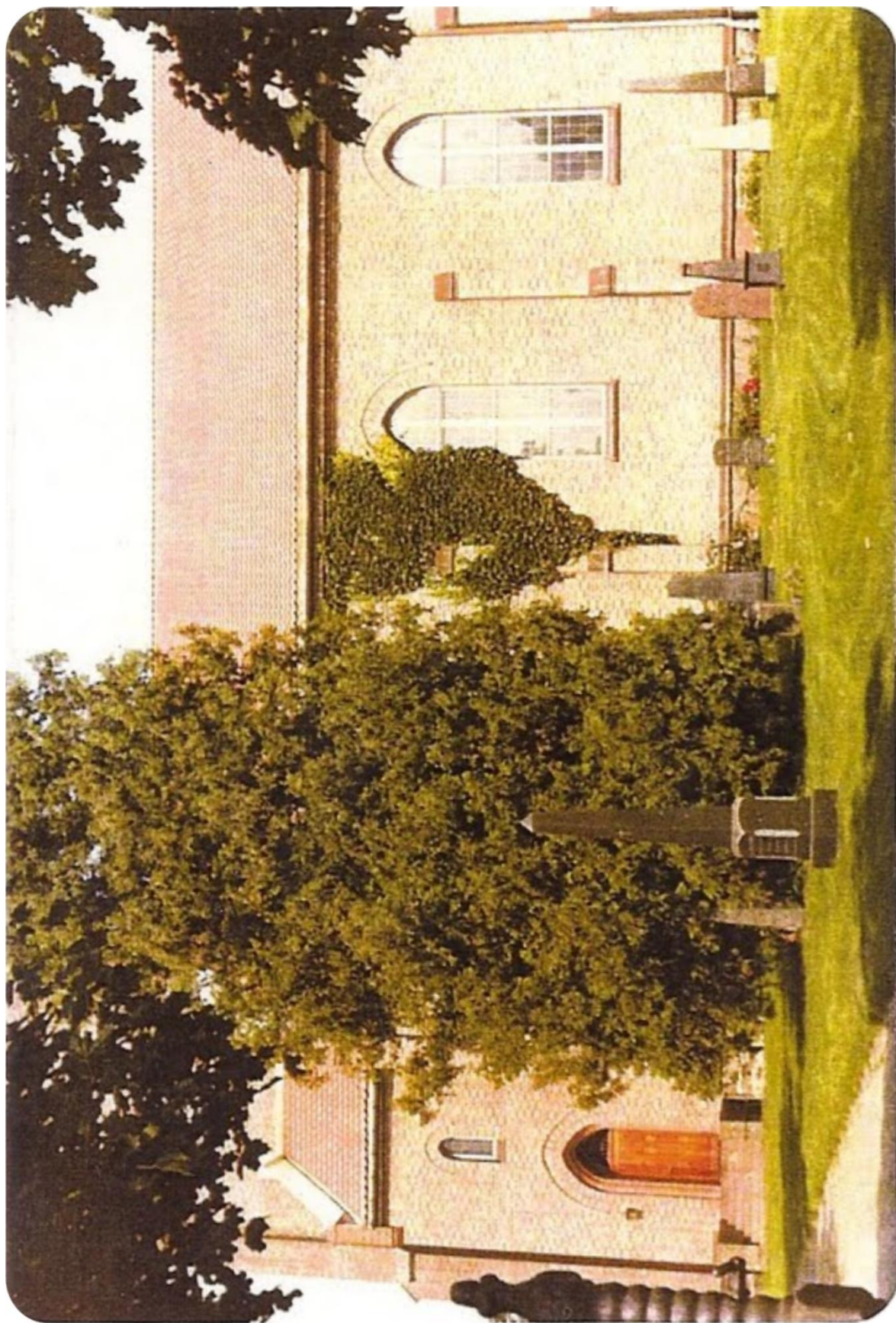
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Tool Shed - In the Rear Yard of Laura's Girlhood Home



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Church - Oslo, Norway 1979
Taken with photos of Laura Lorentsen Christiansen's home



Gavin

Kari, Kim, Lady, Sasha, Betti
Owner Carol

Rear view of Laura's Girlhood Home - 1979 Collette



Three Generations visiting Ancestral Home - Oslo, Norway - 1979
Betti Christiansen Kim Sasha

End of Story

Norwegian Translation

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