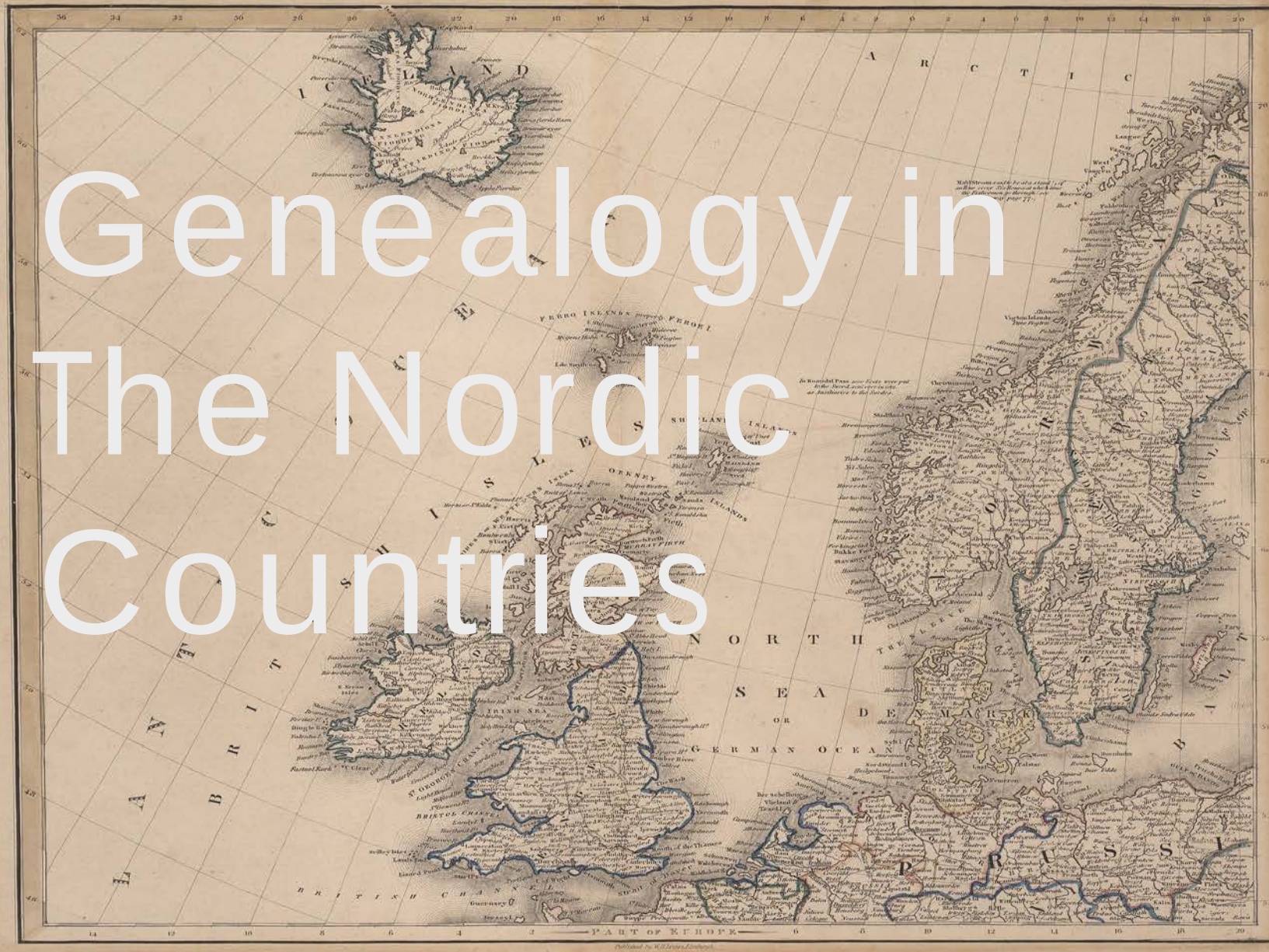


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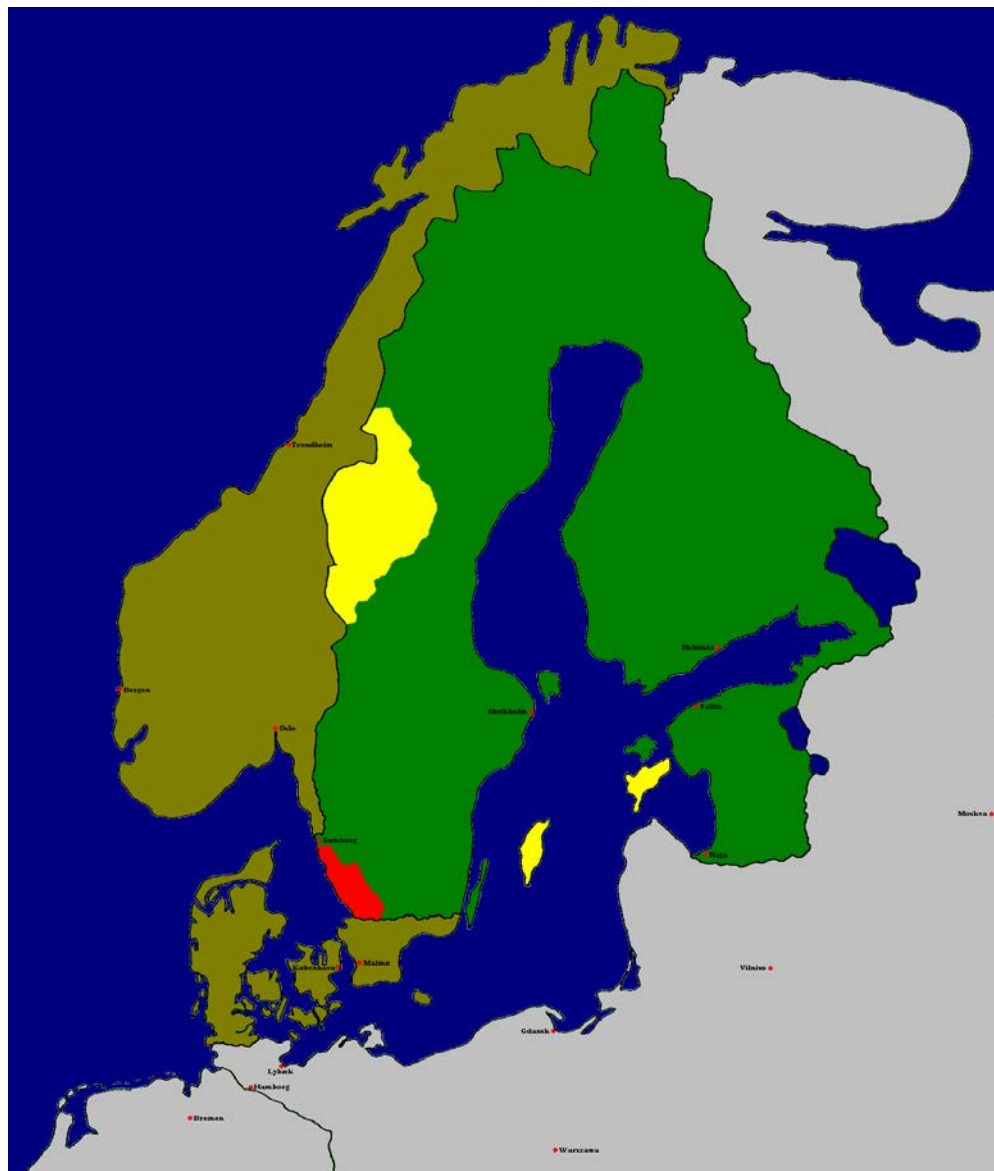
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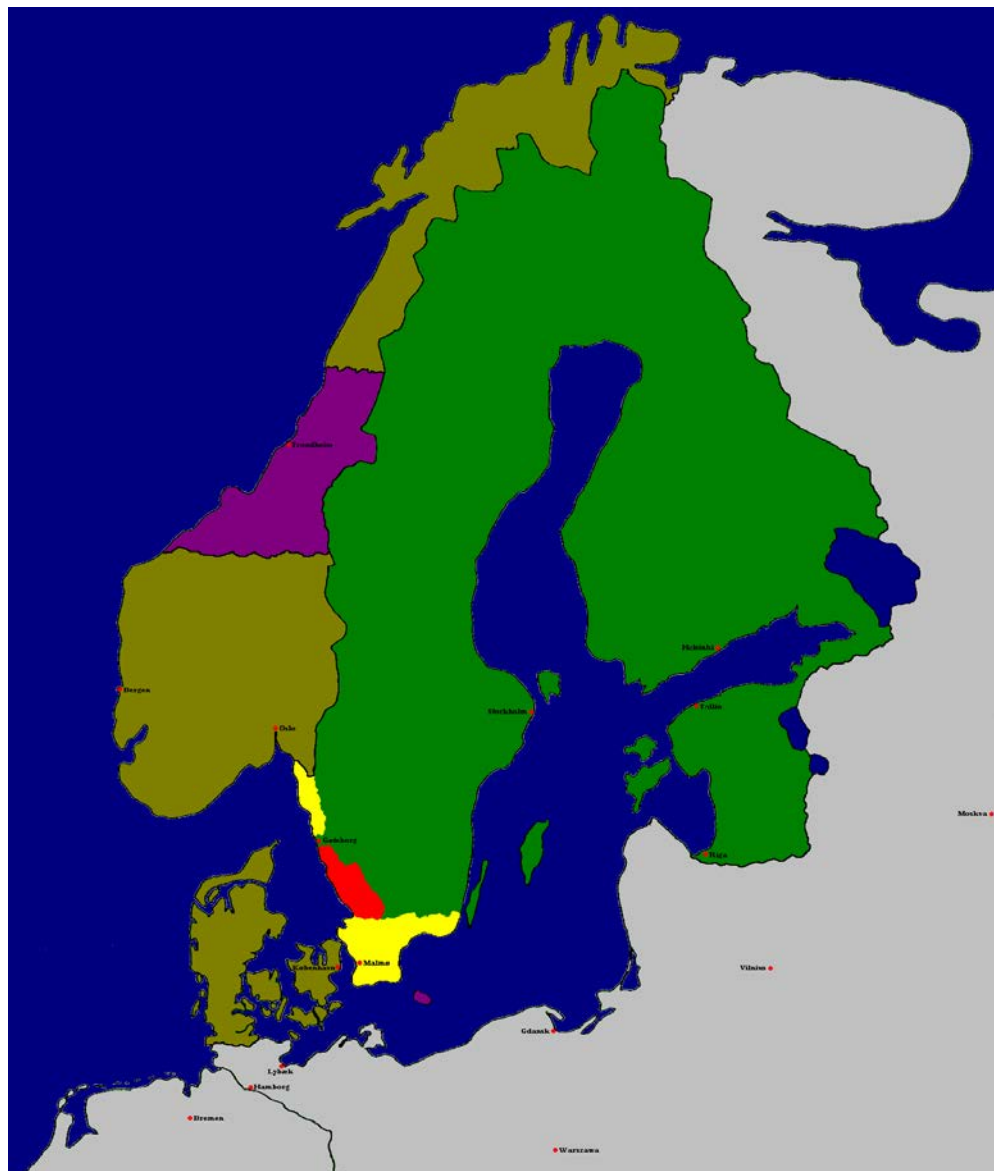
- ▶ 1262 Iceland makes an agreement with Norway
- ▶ 1397 Kalmar Union between Danmark, Sweden and Norway with Iceland
- ▶ 1523 Kalmar union ends and Denmark, Norway and Iceland ruled by a common Danish King
- ▶ 1814 Norway gets its constitution, but ends up in union with Sweden
- ▶ 1905 Norway independent
- ▶ 1907 Iceland independent, but with Danish king
- ▶ 1944 Iceland total independence with President

Border changes that might influence our research

- ▶ Norway – Sweden
- ▶ Denmark – Sweden
- ▶ Denmark - Germany









Denmark Germany 1864

The archives

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Prince-archives
(Fyrstedømmenes arkiver)
at National Archive in
Copenhagen

Ordinary archives like
church records at
Landsarkivet in Aabenraa

Some documents specially
for the southern part of
Slesvig are at the archive
in Slesvig

Laws

- ▶ Early laws
 - ▶ Norway:
 - ▶ Frostating, Gulating and Eidsivating regional Laws
 - ▶ 1274 King Magnus made common laws for Norway
 - ▶ Denmark:
 - ▶ Jyske law, Skånske law and Sjællands law
 - ▶ Iceland:
 - ▶ 930 (written 1117) Graagaas
 - ▶ 1264 Jarnsida
 - ▶ 1281 Jonsbok

Jonsbok

einn namn. ok allt þ er þu mætt er. ok
 m h att. þa at þ se unnt telgdr. hnt
 sem þ kalt m lð m; likum eða aðru
 m. Þó eigandi þ uagrek úduetta huez
 sem reka a. En sa er m iadnu hnt skal
 þ allt þæra m plædar mali. ok ga m
 tðe dnu. En sa þra þæri lð til kku sem
 hnt kemz utd. ok hafi ap þenn til þs
 kastuadnar slkt sem þp. Sa er m iadnu
 hnt. Þ abvrgaz þett ey ap þs uantreka
 sltr m. Vagrek lla urda m. skgnlan
 m. Sðan þ lðe dnu hapa þ er medz
 spellum hnt. edz seha odrum. ey hnt
 ok úduetta sem ltr þe. ok abvrgaz þ
 þa æ. Ey sa m kemr til uagreks er re
 nar heimilt þukt m eiga. ok heft
 þs skaltik unnt. edz sltr þ til lynt eid
 hnt sem þ er arpr m eða aðru m. þa
 þ h þ h sem þ kallat til. en uð þ hnt
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 er rekt. h þ s iaguan laut lata sem
 eigendz koma til. aþ hnt þe edz veð
 En þ sem engi uð eigandi til þa eig
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 na uagrek. edz þe odrum m; en nu u
 talt. þa þ h gualda meenm gualdum
 er eigandi kemr til. ok er þ þo sekr m

folnu

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vin kg. En ey h leyni. þm þe. a
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Christian V Danish and Norwegian law

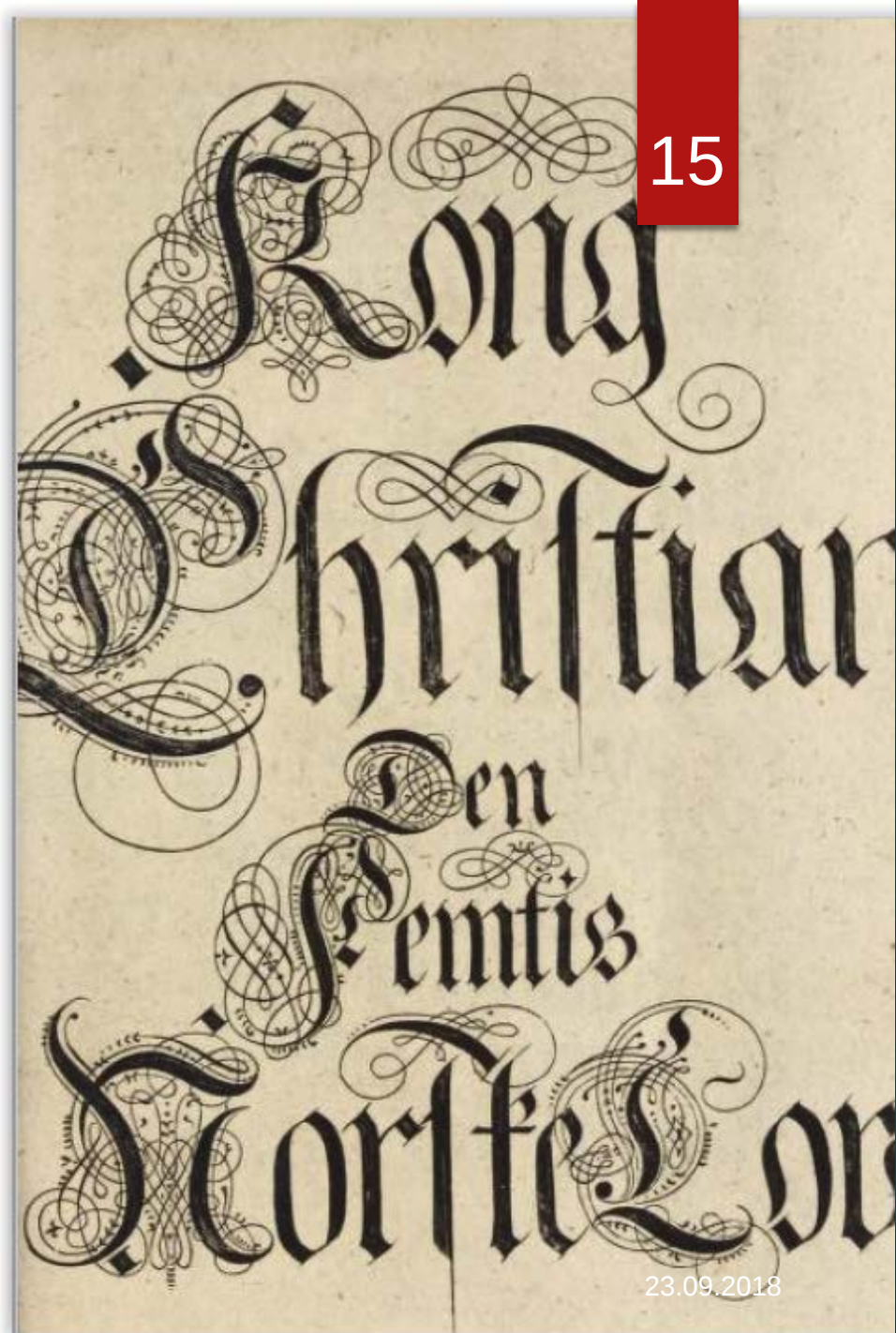
1683 Danish law

1687 Norwegian
law

Iceland part of the
Norwegian law

Some parts Danish
still valid

Version 1723



Constitutions

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1660 Sovereignty Act



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1665 Law for the kings

1814 Norwegian Constitution

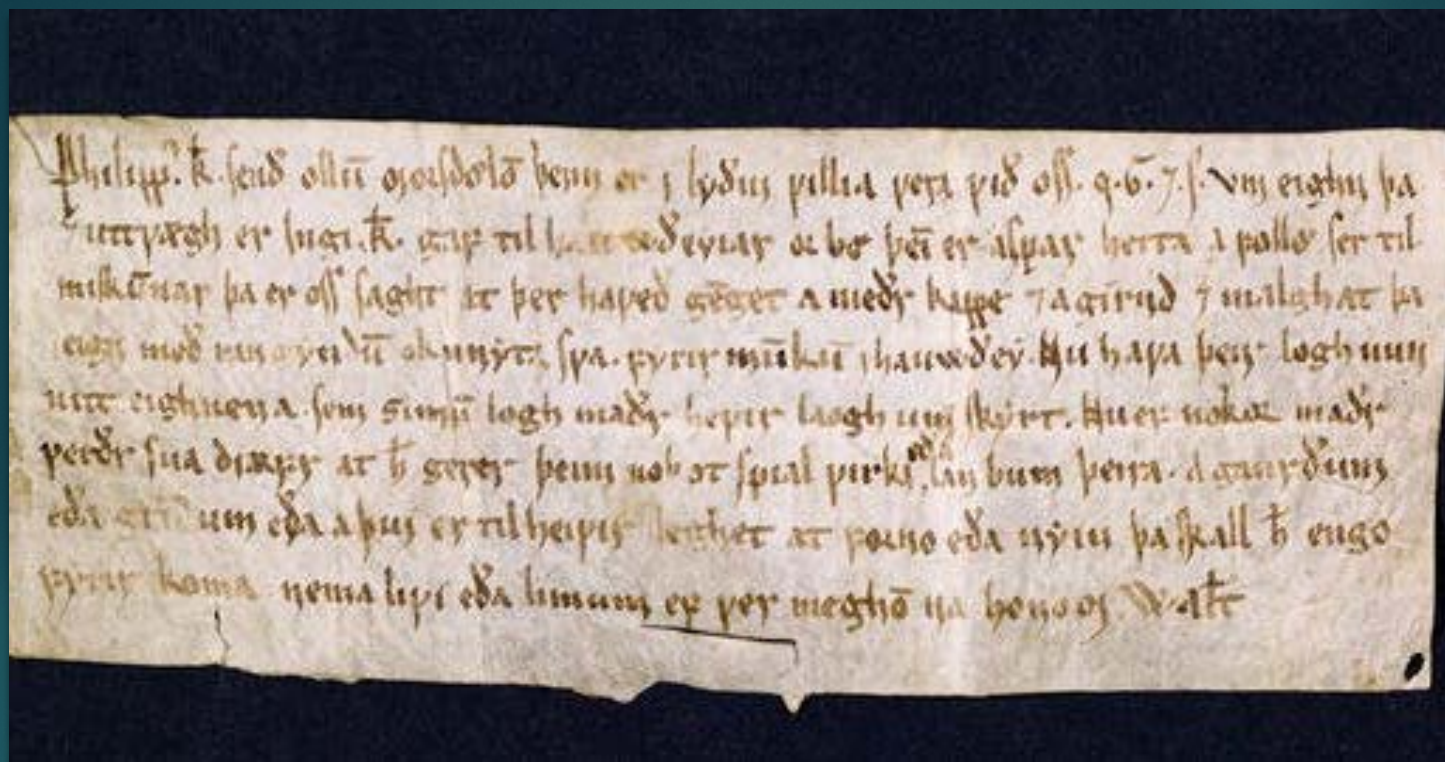
1849 Danish Constitution

1874 Icelandic law with constitutional issues

Language and Writing

Norrønt language

- ▶ Almáttigr guð skapaði himin ok
jorð ok alla þá hluti er þeim fylgja,
ok síðarst menn tvá er ættir eru frá
komnar, Adam ok Evu, ok
fjölgaðisk þeira kynslóð ok dreifðisk
um heim allan.
- ▶ Almighty God created heaven
and earth and all the things which
belong to them, and finally two
people from whom races
descended, Adam and Eve, and
their progeny multiplied and
dispersed across all the land.



Oldest letter in Norwegian 1207-1217

Language

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Iceland

- Icelandic, closest to the old Norrønt
- Á á Æ æ É é Í Í Ð ð Ó ó Ö ö Ú ú Ý ý Þ þ

Denmark

- Danish
- Æ æ Ø ø Å å (also Norwegian)

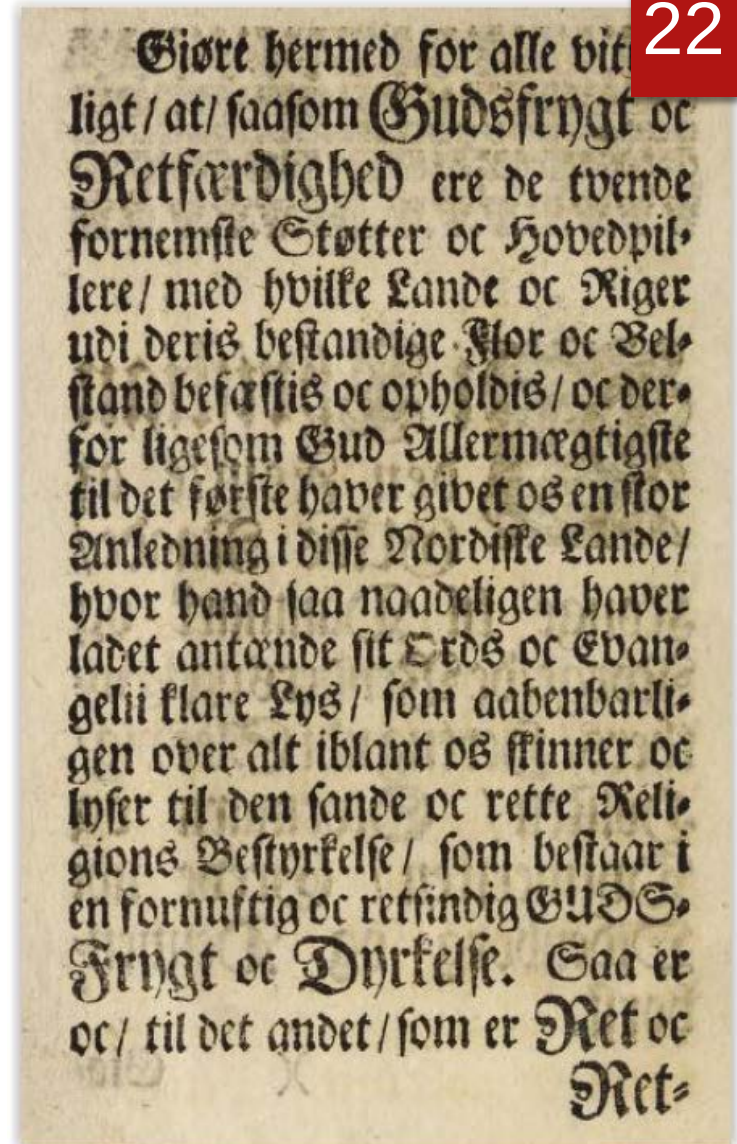
Norway

- Riksmål/Bokmål
- Landsmål/Nynorsk
- Samisk

Gothic print

►Chr V Norwegian Law, 2nd page

►Gjøre hermed for alle vitterligt / at / saasom Gudsfrøgt oc Retfærdighed er de tvende fornemste Støtter oc Hovedpillere / med hvilke Lande og Riger udi deris bestandige Flor oc Velstand befæstis oc opholdis / oc derfor ligesom Gud Allermægtigste til det første haver givet os en stor Anledning i disse Nordiske Lande / hvor hand saa naadeligen have ladet antænde sit Ords oc Evangelii klare Lys / som aabenbarligen over alt iblant os skinner oc lyser til den sande oc rette Religions Bestyrelse / som bestaar i en fornuftig oc retsindig GUDS Frygt oc Dyrkelse. Saa er oc / til det andet / some er Ret oc



Gothic handwriting

A	À Á Â Ã Ä Å Æ	O	Ō Ŏ
B	Ḃ Ḅ Ḇ Ḉ Ṁ Ṃ	P	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
C	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	Q	Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
D	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	R	Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
E	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	S	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
F	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	T	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
G	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	U	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
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I	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	W	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
J	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	X	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
K	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	Y	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
L	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	Z	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
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g	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	v	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
h	Ḑ Ḓ Ḕ Ḗ Ḙ Ḛ	w	Ṗ Ṙ Ṛ Ṝ Ṟ
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**Course 9: Gothic Script and Fraktur: Reading Records
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Czech Republic, plus German-American Church Books
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Gothic Handwriting

See the tutorials in the FamilySearch Learning Center on "[Reading Scandinavian Gothic Handwritten Records](#)".

Gothic handwriting was not called such until the last half of the 1800's. Earlier it was customary to call it Danish or Norwegian script. But when the modern handwriting, Latin script, became the national script then the old script had to be called something else.

The word Gothic was originally a belittling expression which means barbaric. It comes from the humanists of the Italian renaissance. Their fondness for the antique had its counterpart in that they did not like the slender, pointed forms which had predominated in architecture, fine arts, and literary works up to their time.

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Gothic Script – an introduction

When you want to read old Danish texts you will come across Gothic script. The Gothic alphabet was the official script in Denmark and its dependencies and colonies until 1875. Gothic script is also called Old German Script because it was originally developed and used in German-speaking countries. The Gothic alphabet can be found both in printed and handwritten records. It can be a challenge to read, even for people who can read Danish, but you can learn to read it with a little patience.

Why learn to read Gothic script

If you want to read handwritten records in Danish that are older than 1875, you will need to learn how to read Gothic script. This applies to genealogists, local historians, students and researchers alike.

Arkivalieronline – see original documents on the internet

[See the digital version of the records here.](#)

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App from Norwegian National Archive



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 II/370 igengive
 II/371 igenholden
 II/372 igenkræve
 II/373 igenlægge(je)
 II/374 igennembløde
 II/375 igennemhugge
 II/376 igennemstikke
 II/377 igensat
 II/378 igenstappe
 II/379 igentæppe
 II/380 ihjelslæt
 II/381 ihvort
 II/382 ild
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 II/396 indermere (inderst)
 II/397 indfrange (få)
 II/398 indflugt
 II/399 indfrom
 II/400 indførelse
 II/401 indgangspen(nin)ge
 II/402 indgemt
 II/403 indgrib
 II/404 indholdelse

Indermere (inderst), se u. ind.

Inderdel, no. indre; ald min inderdeel sig røre med ald tak for nattely. Kingo, Sjungek. I. 12.

Inde(r)st, no. indsidder; hvor flere bønder ere boendes paa een gaard, da skal hovedmanden, den beste, udi gaarden boer, skrives for heelt og de andre for indester (1608). N. D. Mag. II. 182; hand haffde kun først 6 boel iord oc 7 indester. Hvitf. I. 103; (1638). D. Saml. 2 R. IV. 113; indester oc tienestedrenge (1681). Hist. Tdskr. IV. 538; ingen ledig karl eller inderste, som sider til huse paa landsbyen. Chr. V. D. L. 3-19-4, 7; huusmænd og indester og ikke iord-drotter eller selfeyere har Gud dog gjort os. Kingo, Ligpr. o. J. Birkerød. 205. — haud har en ond indest oc indvortes syge. Moth. Jvfr. indmand ndf. Smlgn. husindest ovf. — **Indestemand**, no. — indest; the eller thierres folk ok indesthmen skølle ey tiske j capittels fiskery (1461). Dipl. Viberg. 46, 47; indestemend och peperswennæ (1525). N. D. Mag. V. 104; indest mand, som er i huse hoss anden, inquilious. Colding, Dict. Herlov. (Nucl. latinit. 652: ind-erst).

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Calendars

Julian and Gregorian Calendars

- ▶ Julian Calendar
 - ▶ Proposed by Julius Caesar in 46 BC
 - ▶ Replaced Ancient Roman Calendar
- ▶ Gregorian Calendar
 - ▶ Proposed by Pope Gregory XIII
 - ▶ Corrected errors with leap-year

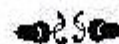
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Papal Bull: Inter Gravissimas

CALENDARIUM GREGORIANVM PERPETVVM.

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Orbi Christiano vniuerso à GREGORIO XIII. P. M. pro-
positum. Anno M. D. LXXXII.



GREGORIUS EPISCOPVS
SERVVS SERVORVM DEI
AD PERPETVAM REI MEMORIAM.

INTER gravissimas Pastoralis officij nostri curas, ea postrema non est, ut quæ à sa-
cro Tridentino Concilio Sædè Apostolicæ reservata sunt, illa ad finem optatum, Deo
adiutore perducantur. Sane eiusdem Concilij Patres, cum ad reliquam cogitatio-
nem Brevarij quæque curam adtingerent, tempore tamen exclusi rem totam ex
ipsis Concilij decreto ad auctoritatem & iudicium Romani Pontificis reuulerunt.
Duo autem Brevarijs præcipue continentur; quarum unum preces, laudesque diui-
nes festis, profectisque diebus persolvendis complectitur, alterum pertinet ad annuos
Pasche, festorumque exco pendendum recursus, Solis, & Lune motum metiendos: Atque illud quidem
felicitis recordationis Pius V. prædecessor noster absolvendum curavit, atque edidit. Hoc vero, quod ni-
mirum exigit legitimam Calendarij restitutionem, iamdudum à Romanis Pontificibus prædecessoribus no-
stris, & sæpius tentatum est, verum absolvi, & ad exitum perducere ad hoc usque tempus non potuit, quod
rationes emendandi Calendarij, quæ a calæstium motuum peritis proponebantur, propter magnas, &
fere inextricabiles difficultates, quas huiusmodi commendatio semper habuit, neque perennes erant, neque
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itaque nos quoque credit nobis, licet indignis, à Deo dispensatione freti, in hac cogitatione, curaque
versaremur, altius est nobis liber à dilecto filio Antonio Lilio arrium, & medicina doctore, quem quon-
dam Aloysius eius germanus frater conscripserat, in quo per novum quendam Epactarum Cyclum ab eo
excogitatum, & ad certam ipsius auri numeri normam directum, atque ad quamcunque anni solaris
magnitudinem accommodatum, omnia, quæ in Calendario collapsa sunt, constanti ratione, & seculis o-

Adoption of Gregorian Calendar

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Adoption of Gregorian Calendar

1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
1582: Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Catholic Low Countries, Luxemburg, and colonies	1610: Prussia	1700: 'Germany', Swiss Cantons, Protestant Low Countries, Norway, Denmark	1873: Japan	1912: China, Albania
1584: Kingdom of Bohemia	1648: Alsace	1752: Great Britain and colonies	1875: Egypt	1915: Latvia, Lithuania
	1682: Strasbourg	1753: Sweden and Finland		1916: Bulgaria
				1918: USSR, Estonia
				1919: Romania, Yugoslavia
				1923: Greece
				1926: Turkey

Church year

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Cycle of Liturgical Seasons in the Christian Church

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graph TD; A[Cycle of Liturgical Seasons in the Christian Church] --> B[Fixed and moveable feast days]; B --> C[Rules the same in all of Scandinavia, a little difference in names]; C --> D[Names part Latin, part local language];
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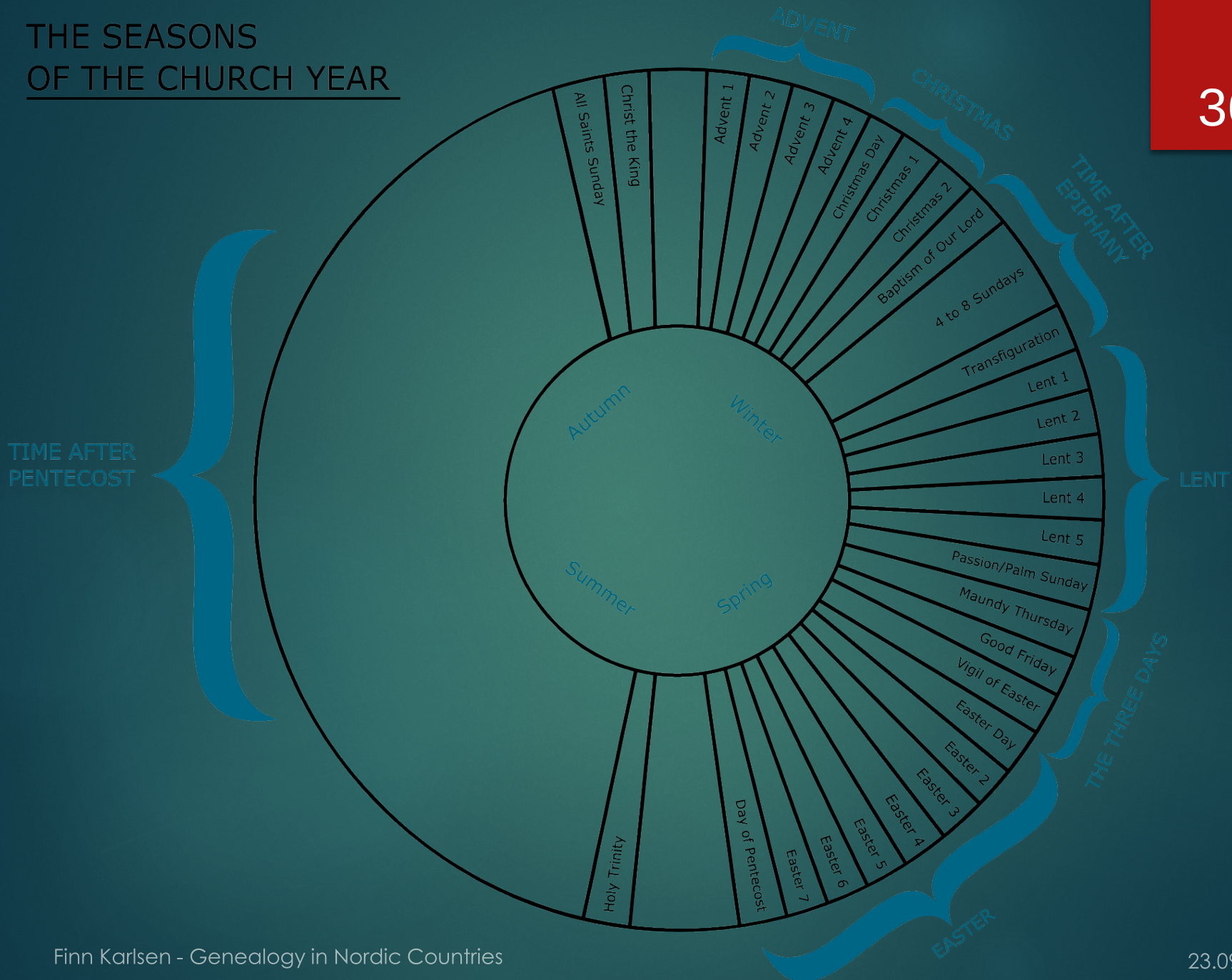
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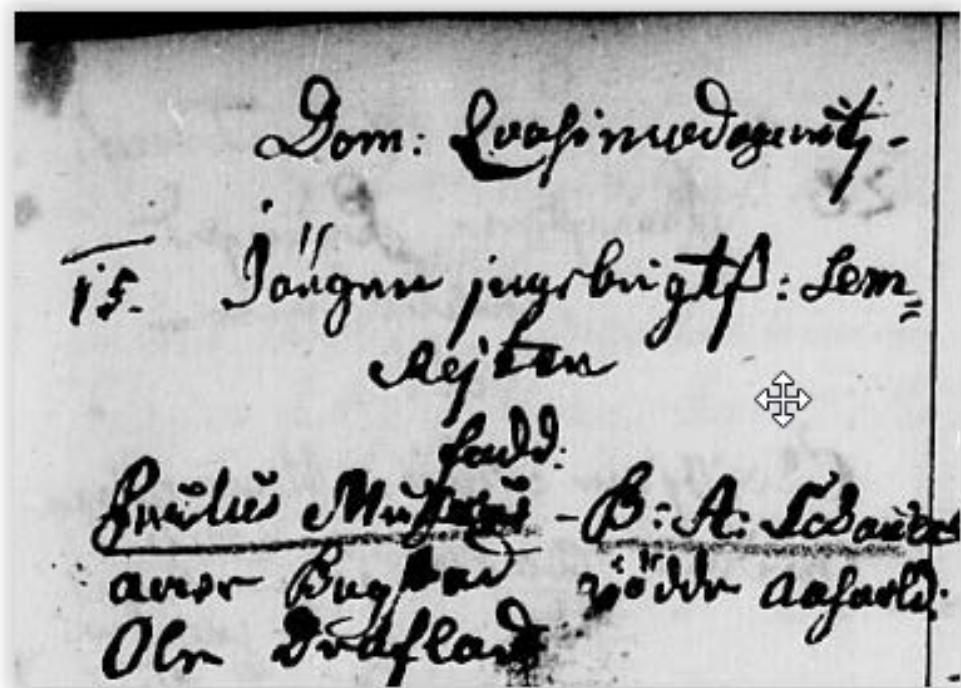
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THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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- 1.-4. søndag i [advent](#): De fire søndagene før 1. juledag.
- [1. juledag](#), *Festum Nativitas Christi*: 25. desember.
- [2. juledag](#), *Stefanusdagen*: 26. desember.
- [Nyttårsdag](#), *Festum Circumcisio, Festo Novum Annum*, «Herrens omskjærelse»:
- [Hellig tre konger](#), *Epiphania Christi, Epiphania Domini*, «Kristi Åpenbarelse», Maria renselsesdag, [Kyndelsmesse](#), *Festum Purificatio Mariæ*: [2. februar](#).
- [Maria Budskapsdag](#), «Marimesse om våren», *Annuntiatio Beatæ Mariæ Virginis*: [25. mars](#).
- [Septuagesima](#): 2. søndag før fastelavn.
- *Sexagesima*: Søndag før fastelavn.
- *Quinquagesima, Dominica Esto mihi*: Fastelavnssøndag.
- *Dominica Invocavit*: 1. søndag i fasten.
- *Dominica Reminiscere*: 2. søndag i fasten.
- *Dominica Oculi*: 3. søndag i fasten.
- *Dominica Lætare*: 4. søndag i fasten.
- *Dominica Judica*: 5. søndag i fasten.
- *Dominica Palmarum*: Palmesøndag.
- *Dies Viridium, Coena*: Skjærtorsdag.
- *Dies Parasceves, Dies Soter*: Langfredag.
- *1ma Pascas*: Første påskedag.
- *2nda Pascas*: Annen påskedag.
- *3tia Pascas*: Tredje Påskedag. Dagen ble avskaffet som helligdag ved [festdagsreduksjonen](#) av [1770](#).
- *Dominica Quasimodogenisis*: 1. søndag etter påske.
- *Dominica Misericordia*: 2. søndag etter påske.
- *Dominica Jubilate (Omnis Terra)*: 3. søndag etter påske.
- [Bods- og bededag](#): 4. fredag etter påske eller 26 dager etter påske. Innført ved forordning av [27. mars 1686](#). Helligdagen var spesiell for Norge og Danmark.
- *Dominica Cantate*: 4. søndag etter påske.
- *Dominica Rogate*: 5. søndag etter påske.
- *Festum Ascensio Christi*: Kristi Himmelfart, 2. torsdag før pinse.
- *Dominica Exaudi*: 6. søndag etter påske.
- *Pentecost*: Pinsedagen.
- *2nda Pentecost*: 2. pinsedag.
- *3tia Pentecost*: Tredje Pinsedag. Dagen ble avskaffet som helligdag ved [festdagsreduksjonen](#) av [1770](#).
- *Festum Trinitatis*, Trefoldighetsdagen: Søndag etter pinse.
- [St. Hans](#), *Festum Bapt. Johanni*: [24. juni](#). [Døperen Johannes](#) fødsel.
- [Maria Besøkelsesdag](#), «Frue dagen», *Festum Visitatio Mariæ*: [2. juli](#).
- [Mikkelsmesse](#), *Festum Archangeli Michaelis*: [29. september](#).
- [Allehelgensdag](#), *Festum Omnium Sanctorum*: [1. november](#).



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Norway Feast Day Calendars

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Many times in the Norwegian Church Records, a minister recorded the date of an event by the name of the Fixed or Moveable Feast Date which is based on the liturgical year (the church year) rather than the Julian or Gregorian date that we would recognize. To convert a Moveable Feast Day that you see in a record to a Julian or Gregorian date, choose the year that you are working in from the table below.

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Programmet er frit opbygget efter orlogsdirektør R. W. Bauers bog fra 1868 med titlen:
Bauers Calender for Aarene 601 - 2200 efter Christi Fødsel

Klik først på det århundrede du vil se:

7. århundrede	8. århundrede	9. århundrede	10. århundrede
11. århundrede	12. århundrede	13. århundrede	14. århundrede
15. århundrede	16. århundrede	17. århundrede	18. århundrede
19. århundrede	20. århundrede	21. århundrede	22. århundrede

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