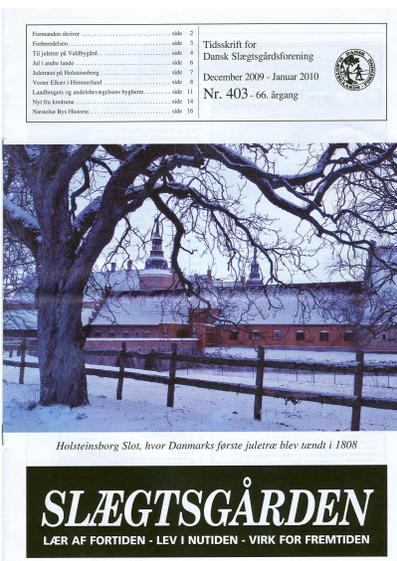


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One of the more interesting, but less accessible sources for genealogists researching their Danish ancestry is the Danish-language website and publication of the Danish Association of Family Farms or *Dansk Slægtsgårdsforeningen*. Beginning in the early 1940s efforts were made by a number of people to collect and preserve as much information as possible on past and present farms that have been held in the same family for at least three generations or 75 years, and an archive was created in Auning in Jutland to preserve this information. Although concrete details on the farms are not yet available online there is a database query form on the association's webpage (www.slaegtsgaardsforeningen.dk) where one can enter the name of a farm, town, parish or district to see what farms there is information on, and, in the case of a positive 'hit,' a link to contacting the association to obtain photographs, maps, and other details for a nominal fee. The organization's publication is comes out six times a year and features several farms in addition to other topics related to family farms and the organization's activities, including an annual tour to one or more interesting farms. The latest issue (above) covers Christmas celebrations at several farms, including Valbygård near Slagelse and Holsteinborg Castle, where the first Christmas tree in Denmark was lit in 1808. (Hans Christian Andersen, who spent the 1869 holidays there, described how the holiday was celebrated among both the gentry and the servants in his story "The Cripple"/" Krøblingen".) The FHGC has become a member of the Danish Association of Family Farms and will keep copies of *Slægtsgården* in its collection.

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