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Robert Olsen has been a member of the Danish American Heritage Society (DAHS) since the earliest days. His Master of Church Music thesis was entitled "The Hymnody of Denmark—A Historical Study." As he stated in one letter "I had always thought of Danes as Lutherans, so I was amazed at what I found!" The publication of the translation of Max Henius' book *The Danish Born Americans* last year prompted his article on the non-Lutherans among the Danish Americans.

Anton Gravesen's narrative of his trip to Denmark in 1928 was first published in *Ugebladet* in 1928. It gives us another view of what it is to be Danish American. The article was translated by a granddaughter, Barbara Robertson.

Zizanie Bodene-Yost graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2011 with a degree in German Studies and Scandinavian Languages "with a passion for all things Scandinavian." Her comparison of the folk high schools in the US and the success of Highlander provides some more food for thought about Danish Americans and others.

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