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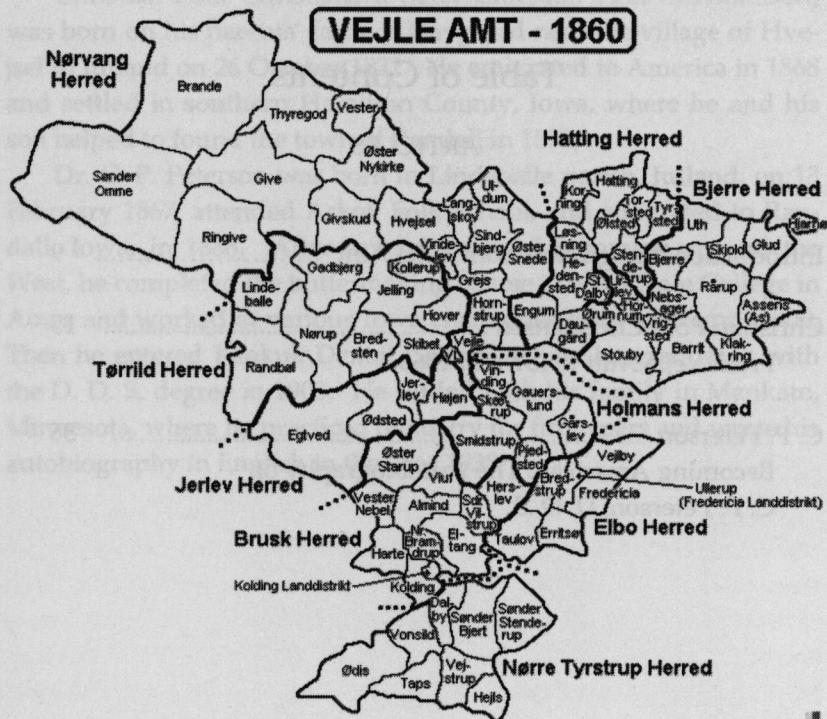
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Kristian Hvidt was the first scholar to show which regions of Denmark produced the highest volume of emigration.¹ He was able to do so because he pioneered the application of computerized data analysis to migration studies, and his data allowed him to see where the emigrants were coming from on a regional basis.

However, Hvidt's database covered the period 1868-1914, so he had relatively little to say about the beginnings of Danish emigration in the 1840's and 1850's. Moreover, his primary sources came from Copenhagen, and this created problems with respect to Vejle Amt, because many emigrants from the Vejle area preferred to depart for the new world via the port of Ålborg in northern Jutland. Hvidt tried to find ways to include these "Vejle" emigrants in his database but had to admit that he was only partially successful.

The result is that we still do not know the full extent of emigration from Vejle Amt. We do know that it was very heavy. Hvidt thought that Vejle Amt may have had the highest emigration rate of



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