

**USEFULNESS:** This ship's construction gives great stability. Machinery aft makes it easier to handle than other historic ships. Large hold, high hatch and bulwark, open decks and enclosed forecandle give ample and safe space on board. Two men were enough to handle the ship on a day to day basis during its last twenty years of active duty.



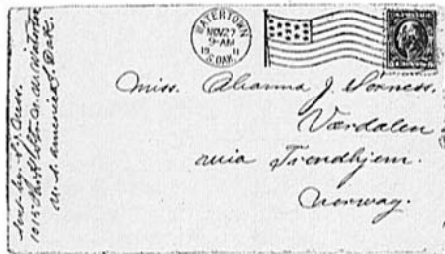
**FINANCING:** Since 1981, \$500,000 has been used to restore this ship. It can be made steaming for half of this amount, and fully restored for less than one million. Previous work has been done through private effort and in connection with government financed work training programs for youths. Teenagers have actually riveted the repaired superstructure.



Today the ship is original, apart from rigging and bridge house.

**NEXT PHASE** will be to secure funding and finish work on the hull and decks and assemble the machinery to produce a seaworthy historic vessel with mostly original parts. The work will be conducted in much the same manner as a hundred years ago. Saving this ship will

**TRADITION:** The irony is that this only industrial ship saved was built in steel and iron the same year the iron workers organized and founded a labor union in Norway. At the same time, the world's first sailors' union was established by men on similar steam schooners in San Francisco. The leader, Andrew Furuseth, came from Norway.



Mail carried on the "VærdaLEN" included many "America-letters" like this one from Watertown, SD. Departing letters produced "pr. VÆRDALEN" and given the ship's canceling stamp are considered a highly valued philatelists' rarity.

**SAILING:** It is obvious that the "VærdaLEN" fills an important gap in maritime history. Its long history under steam makes it an excellent memorial of the industrial advance from its early years until today. The ship will be a memorial vessel, a sea cadet ship with certificates for world wide use in training, education and research.



"VÆRDALEN" will be steaming as a living memory of industry, communication and historical tradition. This steam schooner is the last legend of the fjords.

**SAVE MARITIME HISTORY - SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE "VÆRDALEN"**

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