

Amundsen's Youth

- * Born July 16, 1872 in Borge, Norway
~50 miles south of Oslo.
- * 4th son in a family of relatively affluent
shipowners and captains.
- * Father died when he was 14.
- * Mother wanted him to be doctor.
- * Mother died when he was 21, freeing
him to pursue life as explorer.
- * Loved outdoors and skiing.
- * Driven to be exceptionally
physically fit. Trained in army.



Borge is near Fredrikstad



Amundsen as a young boy