

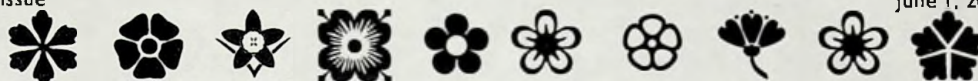
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NDSGS President's Letter ~ Clara Bliss

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Earlier in the year we had received word that a granddaughter of Marmaduke Betts was coming to visit and that she would like very much to see the Ft Dils site as well as the route that the wagon train had taken. They arrived in Bowman the afternoon before we got the only big snow of the winter. All of the locals appreciated the snow but it did put a damper on seeing the Fort and there was no way they could see the route taken by the wagon train or the wagon ruts that they wished to see. Merle Clark took them out to the fort in the afternoon of May 12th so they did get to see the grave site of their great grandfather. One of the ladies was 86 and was the granddaughter of Marmaduke and the other lady was the great great granddaughter. Merle said that it is always a very emotional time as these folks connect with their long lost grandparent. They hate to leave the place and feel deep emotions on having to leave without their loved one.

This had gotten me to thinking about my Norwegian Grandmother, who at the age of 21, left behind family, friends and the home land that she loved. She came to America to seek her fortune and future. Here she raised her family of 5 children in several different towns and areas of Minnesota, North and South Dakota. In all of her 84 years she never lost her wander lust and even into her old age she was wanting to go and see new and different things. Her greatest joy was traveling. Even a car ride into the country side was an adventure for her. She would look at all of the land before her and exclaim "Ah! the panorama of the vista" signaling that it was good and that she was happy with her world. I know each of you have stories quite like mine that could and should be retold to our children. I would urge you to do so if you haven't. Too much of our history is being lost with the deaths of the old generations. Keep in mind that we are fast becoming the older generation.

Next Meeting!

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 1:00 PM in the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds.

All genealogy societies in North Dakota are paid members of the NDSGS and we encourage you to send your society's representative as we work toward our common mission. Your members as well as your representative are always welcome to join us.

Our program for the June 17th meeting will be Valborg Zander on the Diary of her father who was a Lutheran pastor in Burke and Divide Counties in North Dakota. The diary has been translated and indexed and covers the years from 1905 to 1935.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Clara Bliss called the meeting to order at 1:00 on April 1, 2005. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Clara Bliss, BCHGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Beth Bauman and Don Smith, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, State Historical Society of North Dakota; Iona Loken and John Mogren, MRLGS; George Freeman, MGS.

Merv Paaverud, Director of the State Historical Society of North Dakota made a brief presentation. He conveyed his thanks to the society for their letters of support to the legislators regarding SB2023, the Archives Expansion Bill. The next step will be a conference committee to work out the differences between the Senate and House versions of this bill.

Program

Clara Bliss welcomed Larry Wegleitner from the ND Veteran's History Project. The Veteran's History Project was instituted by the Library of Congress in 2000. The project in ND began in 2003 with national funding. Funding will continue for this project until January 2006. It is estimated that 1000 WWII veterans die every day. The project goal is to complete about 1200 interviews. So far 705 interviews have been completed. Civilians who served in the Red Cross, USO and factory workers are also included. Some high school and college students are conducting interviews through Project Classroom. The AARP and RSVP are also working on this project. The State Historical Society of North Dakota will continue to accept interviews after the project funding ends, but there will no longer be staff devoted specifically to this project. The audio and videotapes of the interviews will be kept at the archives and the documents will be in files. The biographical information is entered into a database which is then sent to the Library of Congress and placed in their database. The project helps to bridge the generation gap and strengthens family relationships. May 3, 2005 has been designated as the Veteran's History Project Appreciation Day. There will be a workshop on WWI memorabilia and a panel of veterans sharing their military experiences.

Business meeting

Don Smith made a motion, which was seconded by John Mogren that the minutes of the September 17, 2004 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by John Mogren and seconded by Beth Bauman to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Transfer the 1000.00 from the death index project to the special projects fund.

Old Business

Funding for the ND Death Index was discussed. It appears that with the grant and contributions we will have enough to cover the cost of this project. Total cost is suppose to be \$3149.00. The death index is suppose to be online May 2, 2005. Patrice shared a proposed News Release about the ND Death Index.

New Business

John Mogren offered to get a presenter on (North Dakota) Indian Genealogy and the society members indicated an interest. John will get a speaker for the September meeting on this topic.

Society Reports

MRLGS: A volunteer has entered many graves on the Find A Grave website.

BCHGS: Hoping to have a genealogy workshop sometime this year.

JRGS: See the newsletter.

BMHGS: Planning a workshop for April of 2006.

SWNDGS: Working on the Stark County Cemeteries. Patrice is also working on Slope County Cemeteries.

MGS: See the newsletter.

SHSND: A photo image database is in progress and can be searched by town or subject.

The Next Meeting is Friday June 17, 2005 at 1:00. Patrice Hartman contacted Valborg Zander who will speak about the diary of her father who was a Lutheran pastor in Burke and Divide Counties in North Dakota. The diary has been translated and indexed and covers the years from 1905 to 1935.

It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.
Patrice Hartman, Secretary



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by *George Barron*

(5-17-2005)

2005 June James River Genealogy Club Report

Our James River Genealogy Club held the first meeting of 2005 on April 5 at the Northern Plains Electric Cooperative in Carrington. We had a fair turnout. The program was members reporting on their winter projects and samples of things they compiled. We had correspondence from David DeFord of Omaha, NE who is attempting to write a book, "Chicken Soup for the Genealogist's Soul", and was soliciting articles. We decided that would be a good topic for the program at the May meeting. Almost everyone came with an oral or written story, and several were sent in by some of our members from a distance. Our president, Cathy Paulson, decided to submit them all to the author.

Our June meeting will feature marriage as a program topic. Members are to bring wedding dresses, pictures, and stories of their own or ancestor marriages. Cathy thought Mavis should model her wedding dress, but Mavis admitted it was no longer her size!

At our July meeting, member Lea Dell, a retired Registered Nurse, will speak on inherited illnesses and how to search out family medical records as a part of family history.

Our August meeting will be at the Jamestown LDS Family History Center.

Member Jerry Richter, who is also one of the Center librarians, is planning a presentation and demonstrations to show the myriad of information available from the Jamestown branch of the LDS library.

Our cemetery crew is at work on collecting data from LaMoure County cemeteries with the plan to complete the book, "Cemeteries of LaMoure County, North Dakota" such that it will be available by fall.

Several of our members are planning summer genealogy trips and visiting family and school reunions.

No report submitted for this issue:

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Jackie Marler, reporter

Minnkota Genealogical Society

George Freeman, reporter

Hope to hear from you for the September issue!

South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

(5-20-2005)

The Southwestern ND Genealogical Society meets the third Monday of each month except December at the Dickinson Public Library in Dickinson, ND at 7 PM (Mountain Time). The March meeting covered the Godfrey Memorial Library online resources, April meeting discussed organization of research, May meeting covered census mortality schedules.

Work continues on the Stark County Cemeteries. We now have a map of most of the cemetery locations in Stark County. Patrice is compiling information on the Slope County Cemeteries.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by *John Mogren*

(5-20-2005)

In March we had James Glasoe who resides in Minnesota come to our meeting and speak on his book, *THE IMMIGRANT'S TREASURE*. The book is based on the actual diary of Mr. Glasoe's grandfather, Michael Glasoe. These writings were in the Norwegian language and had to be translated before the story could be written. The writings had laid for over sixty years in a cousin's trunk in Washington. The story begins in Norway in 1865 and continues until Michael's death in 1940 at Noonan, ND. One of the Norwegian sayings that caught our attention as genealogists was "*Ingen er barn of idag, du er barn av dei tusen ar.*" Not (merely) a child of today, you are a child of a thousand years.

At the April meeting, our President Betty Schlichting involved us in discussion of the use of family group sheets and pedigree charts. Members shared how they group their sheets or compile them so that a family member's specific sheet is easiest to locate. John demonstrated how genograms help those who are visual learners understand family relationships.

At the May meeting, Dallas Knudson gave an interesting presentation on Planning a Family Reunion "Building Memories." A basic premise of having a successful family reunion is ensuring everyone feels involved and connected. She showed some of the charts and banners used at their reunions and provided an interesting and informative hand-out for reunion planning. Enjoy your summer!



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Marcia Hansen & Linda Hippen*
(5-20-2005)

The Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society is spearheading a genealogy workshop April 29, 2006 at the Horizons Middle School in Bismarck, North Dakota. This is a new location for us, and we are looking for new ideas and request your assistance in making this workshop a success. It is our wish to make it a community event, and by community we mean North Dakota and surrounding areas.

Plans are underway, and we invite your organization's participation with presenters, planners, and workers. There will be a featured presenter, whom we expect to be a big draw, but there are many knowledgeable persons in our own corner of the country that are capable of giving excellent presentations in their area of expertise. If such a person belongs to your organization, please encourage them to contact us...or let us know who they are so we can contact them.

There are many ethnic and heritage organizations throughout the area, and we'd like to offer classes or presentations specific to as many groups as possible. It is our hope that you will be able to help us identify these presentations and help us with other ideas that will make the workshop a success in your eyes.

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees, we have a list of committees and the responsibilities of each. If there is no chairman for the committee, you may wish to consider that position.

Another first for us is the opportunity for vendors to market and sell their products. The vendor area would be a great venue to get information out to interested persons about your organization or business and may well result in expanding your group's membership or customer base.

There will be a brainstorming/planning session at the Bismarck Library on June 4, 2005 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. We're very excited about this new adventure, and we hope you will want to jump on board and be part of our team!

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Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Gloria Johnson* (5-22-2005)

Sales of our cemetery book "Gateway To The Past", Rural Cemeteries of Williams County, continue to do well. The City of Williston has been approached to see if a book can be put together on the Riverview Cemetery and Hillside Memorial Gardens of Williston, ND. No answer as of yet.

At our April meeting research forms were made available to members doing family research. Sharing time was held from members. Information was shared on graves still falling into the Red River from old cemeteries in Fargo, ND.

Our May meeting was spent sharing research information.

Our next meeting will be held September 10th, 2005 with a presentation on the Bannon Murders in McKenzie County.

We will not meet during the summer months of June, July or August.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Arlene Cable* (5-22-2005)

The CNDGS meets the third Thursday of each month with the time being changed to 7 PM for the summer. (June, July & August).

A request for information on Honorable August J Peterson and his wife, Bertha is being worked on. Much information has been found and will soon be sent on to the one who requested it. He was a very prominent businessman in Harvey, ND in the early 1900's.

We continue to work on the Hertz funeral records.

Summer road trips are being planned. Suggested places are the Heritage Center in Bismarck, The Abby at Richardson, & the Cross Ranch for the Bluegrass festival.

Our next meeting will be June 16, 2005 at 7 PM at the Harvey Public Library.

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

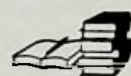
Submitted by *Clara Bliss* (5-26-2005)

We are looking forward to a busy summer with the visitors to the museum and the others that are looking for family and friends that lived in this area.

In addition the city of Bowman will be celebrating its 100th birthday in 2007 and the town is working on various activities for it. The Genealogy department has taken on the monumental task of tracking the businesses from the inception of Bowman to the present day. Once we have the data compiled it will all have to be put onto maps of the city. The Local History department is collecting photographs that will accompany the maps. The plan is to do this in 10 year increments. We have our work cut out for us.



State Historical Society of North Dakota Report



State Historical Society of North Dakota

Submitted by *Greg Wysk*

(5-17-2005)

Here are some new book titles for the NDSGS newsletter, sent to me by Rachel White. Rachel says there are some others that are in but she's been spending most of her time with the book sale, which is scheduled for June 7-9.

SCANDINAVIAN TRADITIONS (2002)

(A VHS tape from Prairie Public)

125TH BIRTHDAY, 1878-2003, TAPPEN, NORTH DAKOTA

HANNAFORD AREA HISTORY, 1989

MARION, NORTH DAKOTA CENTENNIAL, 1900-2000

USSATIS FAMILY, 1833-1991

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SANBORN, NORTH DAKOTA, 1884-2000

MERCER MEMORIES (Mercer County History) (2004)

HERE BY THE GRACE OF GOD! ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, WISHEK, N.D. (2005)

THE ORAL HISTORY MANUAL (2002)

by Barbara W. Sommer and Mary Kay Quinlan

RESEARCH LIBRARY IS OPEN THE 2nd SATURDAY

Remember the Research library is open the second Saturday of the month. Hours are 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation

Submitted by *Virginia Nelson*

(5-19-2005)

BISMARCK -- The State Historical Society of North Dakota's 12th annual sale will take place Tuesday, June 7 through Thursday, June 9 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. Items for sale include unique books, posters and magazines, dating from the 1850s to the present.

Some of the publications will be individually priced while others will be sold by silent auction. Among the items that will be sold by silent auction are posters selected from World War I; a collection of annual reports and bulletins published by the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of American Ethnology; a copy of W.B. Hennessy's *History of North Dakota*; and a limited number of other unique and rare books.

Available will be six volumes of the *Collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota*, edited by Orin G. Libby and dated from 1906 to 1925.

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Also available will be some rare published histories of the state, including a complete three-volume set of Clement A. Lounsberry's *North Dakota History and People*, and a *Polk's Bismarck and Mandan City Directory* from 1884.

The World War I poster collection of the State Historical Society was gathered in 1917 and 1918 by then-Curator Melvin R. Gilmore. The collection consists of 667 poster images, including some from foreign nations. Of these, 31 duplicates will be offered for sale. All posters are originals, not modern reproductions.

All items are duplicates from the State Historical Society of North Dakota's collections, items that do not fit the collection guidelines of the state's history agency or items donated specifically for sale, according to Rachel White, sale coordinator and head of technical services for the State Historical Society.

The sale takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 7-9. All bids for the silent auction must be received by 4 p.m. Thursday, June 9.

Current high bids and bidders for each auction item will be posted on the State Historical Society's website at the end of each day, and the final, successful bids will be posted at the end of the sale Thursday. That website address is DiscoverND.com/hist. Successful bidders will be able to pick up their purchases Friday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the North Dakota Heritage Center. After that date, successful bid items can be claimed in the Reading Room of the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) at the Heritage Center.

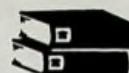
Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase needed items for the collections of the State Historical Society.

A complete list of silent auction items is available in the Reading Room of the SAHRL at the North Dakota Heritage Center or on the agency's website at: DiscoverND.com/hist.

The Reading Room is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and the second Saturday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



NOTES OF INTEREST



North Dakota State Archives Expansion To Become a Reality!

Submitted by Virginia Nelsen

(5-12-2005)

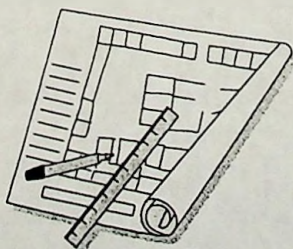
Please forgive our jubilation! At 6:30 pm Saturday, April 23, 2005 the final votes in the House were taken on SB 2023 for the expansion of the State Archives and other bonding projects. The first order of business was to accept the Conference Committee report and that passed 45 to 44. The final bill then was presented to the House and it passed 56 to 33—a very nice level of support. Just prior to the House vote the Senate supported SB 2023 unanimously.

In the House, Representative Eliot Glassheim was the key leader for support. He carried the message for passage and detailed the needs, the vision, the construction specifications for an archive, and he provided facts about planning, services, functions of an archive. He was the man of the month, the week and the hour in this Conference Committee process and finally in the House floor vote. Senator Kringstad, Krauter and Grindberg lead the support in the Senate and held the line in the Conference Committee hearings. Lead by Kringstad, this Senate team was the group that kept this bill alive. They were tenacious and firm in their support. There are dozens more who could be mentioned, but for certain we would miss a few.

Please take time to let your legislators know you appreciated their support of the Society bills.

Contact Virginia Nelsen or Merl Paaverud if you need further information on this bill. Also check DiscoverND.com for additional information on the Legislative website.

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April 26, 2005

To: Merl E. Paaverud, Virginia Nelsen & Gerald Newborg
Merl, Virginia & Gerry:

On behalf of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society, I would like to thank you not only for the hard work that you did personally to promote the expansion project but also all the time you took to "rally the troops" statewide. I would suspect that while your days were filled pursuing this project there were even some restless nights that you dreamed of Senate Bill 2023.

You are our heroes for this cause... right to the very last minute... when the votes were called for.... you stuck with it.

Heroism consists of hanging on one minute longer.
Norwegian Proverb

John Mogren
Executive Board Member
North Dakota State Genealogical Society



North Dakota State Genealogical Society:

The State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation send our thank you to you and your members who supported the expansion of the North Dakota State Archives. Your letters, calls, visits with state legislators did make a difference. Even though the final votes were close, we did win the support needed. We hope to break ground later this fall. All of North Dakota benefits when we treat our history with respect.

We send along a file with the image of the Thank You Card that is being mailed to many friends and associates. As we do not have each of your addresses, we hope that John will send this greeting along to each and everyone of you.

Thank you for being part of a winning team!

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NOTES OF INTEREST



North Dakota Century Code 58-07-05.

Destruction of township records.

After the same have first been offered to the state archivist for preservation as archival resources, the township clerk shall destroy by any suitable means as determined by the board of township supervisors any of the following books, forms, or blanks after the same have become ten years old:

1. Election poll-books.
2. Election registration books.
3. Petitions of candidates.
4. All election forms, blanks, books, and records of every kind and description except abstracts of votes.
5. Assessment slips.
6. Township board of equalization records.
7. Claims vouchers which have been audited and paid.
8. Certificates of officials' bonds.
9. Insurance policies which have become obsolete.

Township Records turned over to SHSND

On May 19, 2005, John Mogren delivered the Kandiyohi Township (Burke County) record books to the SHSND for preservation and safekeeping. This is the second time, Mogren has obtained township records to be turned over to the SHSND. Previously he obtained the Elmdale Township (Ward County) books and transported them to the SHSND.

Each of the Kandiyohi books is entitled TOWNSHIP RECORD BOOKS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, for recording the proceedings of the board of supervisors and all township orders issued, the annual reports of the treasurer and board of auditors, the supervisors, Annual accounts, the minutes of township meetings, establishing of road districts.

The books start with the organizational meeting of Kandiyohi Township (which was in Ward County and later part of Burke County) on April 25, 1904. There are 17 of these books and go to the 1980's. Each book records the proceedings of the township meetings and other information occurring in the township. These hard-bound books are 8 1/2" wide by 14" long and about 3/4" thick. They will be available for public viewing after being catalogued by the State Archivist.

John stated, he hopes other historians and genealogists will ask about early township books and encourage twp. officers to place them with SHSND.

DONATING ITEMS TO THE SHSND

Before bringing anything for donation to the State Historical Society of North Dakota, please remember to contact them in advance to ensure the item is something that will be accepted. You may contact Deputy State Archivist, Lotte Bailey in advance.

What might you find in the Township clerks records books? Probably the single more valuable piece in each township clerk's book is the name of an ancestor and the dates they lived in the township. What a valuable resource for establishing the residency of your ancestor. For me reading the early day township records, I learned about pioneer and early resident history of this township. When the roads were to be built in the township each resident was expect to work on the road or pay for someone to work in his/her place. Women homesteaders were not excluded from this requirement, regardless of age.

Some of the township books also contain vital statistics such as birth and death occurring in the township.

Vital Records Death Index Update

Submitted by Darin J. Meschke

As part of a joint effort between the ND Department of Health and the ND State Genealogical Society, the genealogists of our great state will soon have the ability to search the ND death index via the Internet. The new online death index is part of a Vital Records project to rework our web ordering system so that it more closely integrates with our back office software that is used for receipting and indexing vital events. We are excited about the new system changes and know that your society is excited to be able to search for this information from home, rather than being forced to travel to Bismarck or other locations. The death index portion of the project has been completed, but because it was only part of the larger project it can not be released until the rest of the project is ready to go. The new system currently has a tentative release of July 1, 2005.

Links from Patrice:

The US Census Bureau has placed the 1790 US census online for viewing and downloading in PDF format. The page is here:

<http://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/1790.htm>

From October 1831 through October 1921, the Boston *Pilot* newspaper printed a "Missing Friends" column with advertisements from people looking for "lost" friends and relatives who had emigrated from Ireland to the United States. This extraordinary collection of more than 31,438 records is available here as a searchable online database, which contains a text record for each ad that appeared in the *Pilot*.

Website: <http://infowanted.bc.edu/>

Tennessee State Library and Archives: Indexes: includes a death index for 1908-1912 and some beyond this date

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/intro.htm#indexes>



NORTH DAKOTA MATERNITY HOMES



Submitted by Patrice Hartman

At one time maternity homes, usually operated by a nurse or midwife, were very common in North Dakota. Ransom County had 5 maternity hospitals in the early 1900's. Most maternity homes evolved into small community hospitals such as the ones at Wishek and Bowman.



The definition of a Maternity Home as listed in the ND Century Code.

"Maternity home for unmarried mothers" means any hospital, home, or other premises, operating especially to provide social services and maternity care to unmarried mothers and their infants, which receives more than one unmarried woman during any period of six months for shelter, care, or treatment during pregnancy, or delivery, or within sixty days after delivery. It does not include any hospital, home, or other premises owned or operated by state or federal governments. ND Century Code, Chapter 50-19, Maternity Homes. 50-19-01.

Florence Crittenton Home in Fargo, ND.

In 1895, a home was established in the nation's capital that soon became national headquarters for the Florence Crittenton Mission and a model for other homes throughout the nation. Charles Crittenton was president and Dr. Barrett was the vice-president. The homes offered shelter and medical care for unwed mothers who helped care for the home. Births were usually in the Home (under medical supervision). The homes also offered adoption services.



In 1893, a building, accommodating twelve to fifteen young women, was created at 711 South 13th Street [now University Drive] in Fargo, with the help of a \$ 1,000 contribution from Charles Crittenton. The land was donated by Hannah E. Briggs. The Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U) of North Dakota had responsibility of maintaining the home, which served unwed mothers. In 1908, the Florence Crittenton Mission took over the work of the W.C.T.U. home. The main building site was completed in 1911. In 1971 the name was changed to Fraser Hall and the purpose was changed to serving the developmentally disabled.

The above information is from the Institute for Regional Studies at North Dakota State University website on the history of Fargo, ND. Additional information about the home is online at: <http://www.fargo-history.com/hospitals/crittenton.htm>

Gress Maternity Home in Mott, ND.



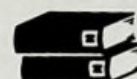
Mrs. Barbara Gress operated the Gress Maternity Home for 24 years until it closed in 1971. It was operated out of the Gress family residence in Mott and was the state's only licensed maternity home in the late 1960's. Mrs. Gress delivered 189 babies in the 24 years the home was open. When the Gress Maternity Home went into business expectant mothers, who came from all over the Mott-New England-Elgin-Hettinger area, would be there for a seven day stay and the cost was \$35.00. In later years most expectant mothers stayed only four days for a cost of \$100.00.

The above information is from the book:
"Mott, North Dakota, The first 75 Years, 1907-1982."





CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE GENEALOGISTS



By Jim Anderson and submitted by George Barron

Researching the Anderson Family from Norway to America

I wanted to provide a little background into what is contained in this book. In searching for my ancestors on my father's side, I didn't have too much trouble finding people who could tell me where my grandfather Arthur Anderson was born in Audubon Minnesota. From there, finding his father Martin and his father Carl followed easily enough since Carl and his wife Karen immigrated to Minnesota from Norway with one of their sons, 14 year old Martin, in 1881. The whole family appears in the 1885 State census in Audubon. The records there show Martin marrying Annie Rose Miller, and the births of the four children, including my grandfather Arthur. This was all fairly routine research through public records and old newspapers.

What is much more interesting is the series of fortunate events and just good luck that enabled me to find exactly where Carl came from in Norway, his ancestors back several hundred years, and the families of three of his brothers and sisters who also immigrated to America. I have now met with descendants of all of those other three, and gathered more information on them.

While I was looking for anything I could find out about Carl and Martin, I met another person named Kathy Ginter who was also looking for her Anderson ancestors around Audubon Minnesota. She had been posting messages on genealogy websites on the Internet like I was. We compared information but nothing matched at first. I had learned that Martin and Annie had moved to Florida around 1902, and then moved back to the Willmar and Atwater area of Minnesota. I didn't know if Carl went with them. The family of Martin and Annie with the children shows up on the 1900 census in Audubon and Carl is listed as living by himself in the house next door at that time. I was under the impression that Carl had lived in Audubon until he died, so I was only looking around there for his death record.

Kathy's great great grandfather Christian Anderson had also lived in Audubon. He was one of the first settlers in that area in 1869. She mentioned to me that she had seen a newspaper story of how Christian's brother Carl, came from Atwater, to attend his funeral in 1906, and wondered if there could be any connection to my Carl?

Carl Anderson, of Atwater and Hans Anderson of Wem-
belton, N.D. came down Friday to attend the funeral of
their brother Christian Anderson

I then checked for a death record for Carl in Atwater instead, and found the record and obituary for him. That information listed his actual place of birth as Loken, Askim in Norway. This information didn't help a lot until I saw a man listed on a genealogy website as someone who volunteered to look up people in Norway. I sent an email to him with the information about Carl and his birthplace. I was very surprised when he answered with information on Carl and all of his brothers and sisters and ancestors going back several centuries. It turned out that this man's wife was a descendant of one of Carl's aunts, and he had done a lot of research on that family. The other thing that surprised me was that this information also proved that Carl did have a brother named Kristen (Christian) born the same date as Kathy's relative.

After finding that Carl and Christian were brothers, we started comparing more information on the families in Audubon. A woman in Detroit Lakes does genealogy research for us, and she mentioned that the names of a woman named Maren Sophie Berger and her children kept showing up in the old newspaper articles at the same places as Christian and Martin's families. Then we suspected that this could be the Maren Sophie who was Karl & Kristen's youngest sister born in 1842.

Obituary

Carl Anderson, the aged father of M. Anderson, passed away at the home of his son last Tuesday morning, shortly after five o'clock. Death was due to infirmities consequent of old age, the deceased having reached the age of 80 years and 11 months. He had been confined to his bed since last Friday.

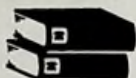
The aged gentleman had made his home with his son since the death of his wife, who passed away in 1896. He was a native of Norway, his birthplace being Loken, Askim, Prestegjeld, Norway, where he was born November 6, 1827. He emigrated to America in 1881 and settled in Becker County, Minn. where he engaged in the blacksmith trade and was one of the business men of Audubon.

Page from the Bygdebok showing the families who lived on the farm Løken, Askim

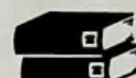
Sønner Anders fikk skjøte på gården i 1824 for 900 spdl.

Anders Trulsen f. 1803 d. 1858 g.m. Tore Halvorsdr. søndre Rom f. 1801 d. 1872.

Barn: 1. Karl f. 1826 d.s.å. 2. Karl f. 1827 g.m. Karen Brynhildsdr fra Vesle-Mørkved. 3. Anne Marie f. 1829 g.m. Ole Halvorsen Moen. 4. Torer f. 1832. 5. Kristen f. 1825. 6. Anton f. 1837. 7. Hans f. 1840 8. Maren Sofie f. 1842 g.m. Kristian Pedersen fra Hurdal. 9. Martin f. 1847.



CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE GENEALOGISTS



Researching the Anderson Family from Norway to America *continued....*

Peter C. Berger

In June 1882, Peter C. Berger and his wife Sofia and three daughters, Lena, later to become Mrs. John Hendrickson; Thora who became Mrs. Brenden; Anna who married Oscar Elton; arrived in Audubon Township from Christiania, Norway. They stayed with a brother Christian Anderson, who lived in Section 8, until their home was completed. Another daughter, Clara who was to become Mrs. Martin Johnson, was born to the family.

A little more research found that an article in a book on Audubon said that a woman named Sofia and her husband Peter Christian Berger had lived with a brother Christian Anderson when they first came to America. Peter was the man listed as married to Maren Sofie in the old Norwegian family records and was originally named Kristian Pedersen. This led to the discovery of a whole new line of cousins in Minnesota. We met with Mildred, the widow of Maren's grandson Lawrence Hendrickson and her great-grandson Dean who still lives in Audubon. They even have a rocking chair that Christian brought from Norway.

The last brother was the hardest to find, and probably resulted from the most luck. We knew from the Norwegian record that there was a brother named Hans, and the newspaper article about Christian's death also mentioned a brother Hans who had come from Wimbledon ND to attend the funeral. Once again Kathy came up with the first clue. She told me that Christian's daughter Anna Knain had told the family how her parents had lived with her uncle Hans when they first arrived in Minnesota in 1868. Hans was running a hotel in Owatonna in Steele County at that time. This seemed like it would be easy to find Hans knowing that he started out in Owatonna and later was living in Wimbledon ND around 1900.

When I started looking at 1870 census records in Owatonna, there was no Hans Anderson listed at all. There was no Hans listed for 1880, or 1900 in either Owatonna or Wimbledon. There was however a John Anderson from Norway, born in 1840, who was listed as a hotelkeeper in Owatonna in 1870. There was also a family in 1900 Wimbledon with the same names and ages. I suspected this John could be Hans but had no way to prove it. The genealogy website I subscribe to, Ancestry.com, has message boards organized by State and counties. For some reason I never thought to check Steele County in Minnesota to see if anyone else was looking for our Andersons. When I looked at it in March of 2003, the first thing I saw was a reply that someone posted a few weeks earlier to a message concerning Hans that Kathy Ginter had left on the board three years ago. Kathy had since changed her email address. I immediately contacted the author of the message, Nannette Anderson, and found that her great grandfather Hans did go by the name John and he did move on to Wimbledon ND. He married Mary Barbara Joos. He is the other brother of Christian, Carl, and Maren.

Hans Anderson Hotel Owner 1860's

Author: Kathy (Anderson) Ginter **Date:** 5 January 2000 12:00 P.M.

Surname: Hans Anderson **Classification:** Query

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I'm looking for information on Hans Anderson who lived in Owatonna, Steele County, MN in the 1860's. He and his wife owned a Hotel that my great great grandfather Christen Anderson and his wife Maren Sofie lived at for a short time after they were married. They lived there for one year before going to Audubon to settle. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Kathy Ginter kbbj@juno.com

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RE: Hans Anderson Hotel Owner 1860's

Author: Nannette Anderson **Date:** 16 February 2003 12:12 A.M.

Classification: Query

Hi Kathy,

My great grandparents Hans and Mary B. Anderson were married at Owatonna in December 1867. On the 1870 census he is listed as "hotel keeper" and she as "land lady." Does this coincide with your information? Looking forward to hearing from you. Nan Anderson

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RE: Hans Anderson Hotel Owner 1860's

Author: Jim Anderson **Date:** 7 March 2003 2:35 P.M.

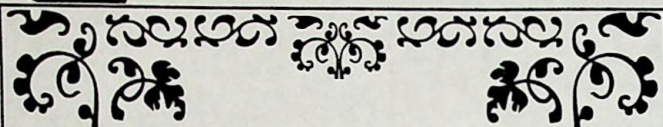
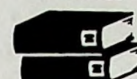
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Nan, This is Jim Anderson, Kathy and I have been looking for Hans and Mary B. Anderson listed in the 1870 census. We think he is a brother to our ancestors Carl and Christen Anderson.

It took a lot of work, help from others, and luck to put this family information together. Now I am working with someone in Norway who lives near Askim to try to find out more about the relatives who didn't come to America and about the area in Norway where they lived. Jim Anderson



CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE GENEALOGISTS



April 10, 2005

Hi George,

When your news report arrived I read the request for "stories", thought about it and promptly forgot until you asked if I were going to send something. Well here goes. If you think this is what the guy is looking for, you can submit it. If not just delete it.

In August of 2000 my sister Susan and I flew from San Diego, California to Heathrow Airport, England and took a train to Aberdeen, Scotland. I drove a rental car from there to Banffshire on the north coast to the conservation village of Fordyce.

Fordyce no longer has any commercial establishments, only charming vintage homes clustered around the village church and cemetery. It was the registers from this church that had recorded my ancestors for two hundred years on a tenement farm called Slogmahole.

We stopped at the "joiner's shop" for tourists to inquire about the location of Slogmahole. The attendant said that he was from Canada but that just down the way there was a house with a blue Mercedes parked in front and the guy who lived there knew a lot about this place. So off we went.

There was the house with the car. Holding my plastic covered pedigree chart I knocked on the door. A very tall, gray haired man with a very pronounced brogue answered the door. I held up the chart asking if he knew where my great great grandparents Alexander Clark and Charlotte Gordon had lived at Slogmahole.

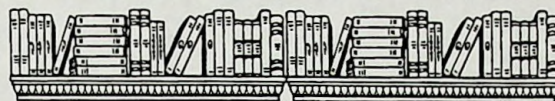
George Christie motioned us to come in and then disappeared. Susan and I entered the house full of expectation. George returned with his pedigree chart. His great great grandparents were Alexander Clark and Charlotte Gordon at Slogmahole, too.

His wife Mary so gracious and just as excited kept talking about Davie Mitchel and that he was on his way. Within minutes Davie arrived with his pedigree chart. Same gggrandparents at Slogmahole! What were the chances of cousins from three siblings of Alexander Clark and Charlotte Gordon finding each other?

All that is left of Slogmahole is a pile of stones under a copse of trees. All we cousins had our pictures taken there and have remained in contact ever since.

OK George! That's it.

Nannette



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CEMETERIES OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA On-Line Now

Submitted by Patrice Harman

I just found out about this online database for the Dickinson Cemeteries. It includes all the cemeteries in Dickinson: St. Patrick's, St. Wenceslaus, St. Joseph's, Dickinson City in pdf. This does not include any of the information we have gathered by walking the cemeteries. If the link does not work go to this website and then e government.

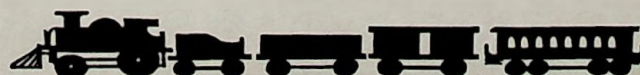
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RAILROAD RESEARCH?

Link submitted by Helen Fritchie

Good information if you are doing some railroad research:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gmdhtml/rrhtml/rrhome.html>



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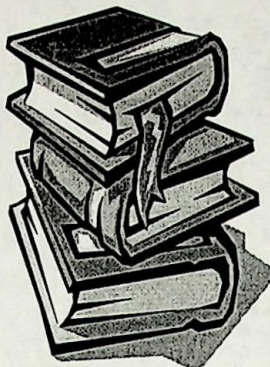
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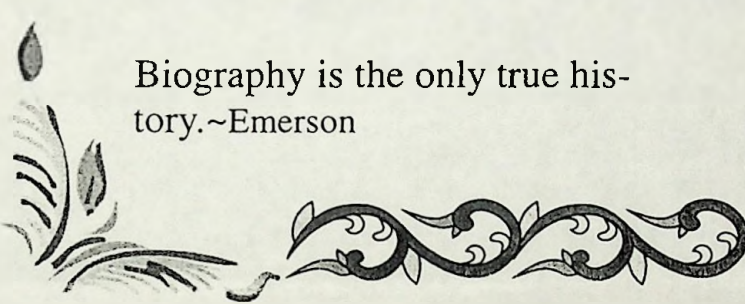
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