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President's Letter 🛣

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In my jobs as librarian and George's "other dog", I am usually helping others with their genealogical searches. Last year I was fortunate enough to discover something about my own family.

The local Arts Center hosted the exhibit, Snow Country Prison, about World War II detainees at Fort Lincoln in Bismarck. The installation included white banners containing full-size photographs of some of the prisoners. I entered the gallery and came face-to-face with my father as a young man, around the time he had been a detainee.

I hope that when the exhibit finishes its out-of-state run that I will be able to obtain my father's banner. I also plan to get a copy of the picture from the Minnesota State Historical Society.

Discovering the picture was almost like having my father back again for a little while. It made me even more aware of the importance of saving and organizing historical and genealogical resources.

By a happy coincidence, the speaker at our March program is Sharon Silengo, Photo Archivist at the Heritage Center. Sharon will discuss handling photographs and the collections at the SHSND.

Daphne Drewello

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 1:00 PM in the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds. The meeting this year falls on St. Patrick's Day!

All genealogy societies in North Dakota paid membership dues in the NDSGS in 2005. We encourage you to send your society's representative as we work toward our common mission. Your members as well as your designated representative are always welcome.

Thanks to all who submitted notes of interest for the newsletter





South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

We are making progress on the Stark County Cemeteries. Hope to finish with all rechecks this summer and possibly complete the database this year. Our meeting topics for Oct. and Nov. were various early maps of ND and WWI Draft Registrations. In January we discussed the price increase for renting microfilm from the LDS church, digital imaging and early Physicians in ND. For our February meeting we are visiting the Price Murphy Funeral Home in Dickinson. They have records from 1983 to the present.

The Dickinson Public Library has now moved into their new addition. The older part of the library will now be remodeled and eventually the microfilm and historical books will have a new location in the older part of the library. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month at the Dickinson Public Library at 7 PM.

Election of officers for 2006 has not been held yet.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by Marlene Ripplinger

Sunday, April 30, is the tentative date for having Shirley Wegner Nitschke, Jamestown author, talk about her book, Heimat: Steppes of Russia, My Country, My Home. Her presentation will be in the Centennial Room at the Harvey Public Library. Members of the Central North Dakota Genealogy Society will serve refreshments.



Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do; May your purse always hold a coin or two; May the sun always shine on your window pane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain: May the hand of a friend always be near; May your heart be filled with gladness and cheer.











Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Gloria Johnson

The sale of our cemetery book continues very well. Our book is now listed on RootsWeb.com.

Our Obituary Project continues as time allows. We hope to have an obituary for most of the burials listed in our cemetery book. These obituaries are on file in our local library.

The book "Bannon Murders" by Attorney Dennis E. Johnson is for sale for \$5.00 + postage at the Watford City Museum, Watford City, ND.

Election of Officers:

President - Gloria Johnson,

Vice President - Marvin Baarstad.

Secretary - Alvinna Martel,

Treasurer - Adrienne Stepanek.

The new North Dakota death index website link was shared with all.

Gloria has a Colorado Marriage Index CD which she is willing to share and do lookups for our group if doing Colorado research.

A presentation was given on "The Orphan Trains". This covered info on orphans from the Eastern USA who were shipped by train to the Midwest to new homes and families. Some transitions were successful and others were not. A very interesting part of our missing heritages.

January we met at Ginger's Cafe for an informal meeting and brunch. Time was spent visiting and sharing family history projects.

We do get emails from around the country ordering our book and requesting genealogy info. The last request was from Valparaiso, Indiana.

Our group will participate in "Scandinavian Days" at the New Armory displaying our genealogy information and selling our cemetery book which has been very well received.

We will meet in March at the Mormon Church Family History Center where members can do microfilm research and use the internet if they have no computer at home.

What is the luck of the Irish?

To a genealogist it is finding those illusive ancestors!







James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by George Barron,

While our club does not meet again until April 4, members are busy doing genealogy and working on winter projects. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, usually at the Northern Plains Electric Coop in Carrington, April through November. Our officers are the same. Details of our contact people, club internet page showing services and books for sale can be found on the North Dakota State Genealogical Society internet page. Links to these can be found on the ndgenweb home page.

At our October meeting, we had the pleasure to hear Jamestown author, Shirley Wegner Nitschke on how she wrote her book, and about her book, "Heimat:Steppes of Russia", an epic novel based on stories of her ancestors. The members couldn't stop asking questions, and book sales were brisk. She and her husband, have also written jubilee history books about their home town of Alfred, ND.

At the November meeting, Leah, Daphne, Mary, and I gave reports on some of the sections we attended at the Moorhead Family History Workshop. The program at our next meeting in April will feature show and tell on some of the winter projects of members.

Our searching experts continue to help client searchers from a distance looking for family in this area. We are busy furnishing copies of various publications which are indexed and up on our usgenweb county pages. The indexs to our latest books, "Cemeteries of Southern LaMoure County, ND" and "Cemeteries of Northern LaMoure County, ND" are now on the Stutsman usgenweb page and also on the ndgenweb archives page.

A new feature up on our Stutsman usgenweb page lists all of the photographers, who ever populated Jamestown, their dates and places of operation. It has been getting a fair amount of play by people trying to date old Jamestown photos.

The indexing of Eddy County pre 1925 marriages, and resolving death records with funeral home, cemetery, and obits for Foster County still continues.

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James River Genealogy Club

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Members of our cemetery crew have volunteered to be of help with Jamestown's 125th anniversary in 2008 by helping those visitors to the jubilee find their buried ancestors. With that in mind, we have been working for a couple months full speed by expanding our Highland Home Cemetery database to include details of where each burial is located. We photocopied all of the cemetery file cards, seems like about 12,000 of them, and have been trying to match them to database forms. We hope to check them out next summer against the actual rows, blocks, and lot burials. With this project, we are into the newly posted North Dakota State Death Index about every five minutes. Thanks to all you who made that on line index possible! It is often has the final say as to which Smith was buried in January of 1903!

We have been busy with a number of general searches for everything we can find on a specific family. Our search customers range across the world, although most are for people in other states of this country.

Members of our club continue to try to help raise funds for a project to install a microfilm reader/copier in the Carrington Library. Our club has purchased quite a number of newspaper microfilms but need a way of producing photocopies from them. The machine would also be of great use to Carrington area library patrons as well. (February 2006)

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society Submitted by Clara Bliss

It has been a quiet winter with very little activity of any kind. One of the gals that has been very active in the historical end of our society discovered Ancestry.com over Christmas and she had been researching her father's grandmother's family. She said that she didn't know that Genealogy could be so much fun and so interesting. Another one hooked! It has been fun seeing what new aspect that she has found in her family. So far she has found some royalty in Europe so we have been kidding her about having to call her Queen Cris. We are all happy for her that she has found this new interest and she will get some of the rest of us going again.

Look forward to seeing all of you in March is the weather cooperates with us.





Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by John Mogren

We continue to meet monthly on the first Saturday at 1:00 in the Minot Public Library. Visitors are always welcome!

Our 2006 officers are:

President: Betty Schlichting Vice President: Terry Marcotte Treasurer: Sheila Guvakosky Secretary: Betty Haykel

Newsletter: Lillian Vannett & John Mogren NDSGS Representative: John Mogren

We toured the Ward County Historical Society Research library in October. In November we had our ethnic dinner and progressive auction. Lots of genealogical books and materials went to the highest bidders. We had an interesting program by Joan Peterson on "Don't ever give up." She diligently searched and found a connection on the ROOTS Boards. John took us step by step through using the (free) census sites on the internet.

We have a few members who spend countless hours doing free research for people out of the area.

Our website is: http://www.mrlgs-nd.org/

Minnkota Genealogical Society

Submitted by George Freeman

January Meeting: A Presentation of Computer Scrapbooking.

February meeting: Research was done individually at Special Collections at UND.

Upcoming Meetings: We meet the 2nd Tuesday at the East Grand Forks Campbell Library at 7 p.m. 2006 Project: Work is continuing on the East Grand

Forks Cemetery index.

2006 Officers:

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Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by Jackie Marler

RRVGS has mounted a "new" webpage at: http://www.redrivergenealogy.com Our number (701) 293-4129.

We have added new features to our site. In addition to the online searchable funeral home indexes which were part of the old page we now have a shelf list of the books and resources we have in the brick-and-mortar library. We are also offering additional research services in census, naturalizations, and obituaries. We are also offering PayPal (c). It is RRVGS' hope that the new webpage and additional features will make our web presence more accessible, functional and useful.

The workshop held in October in conjunction with the DAR was fairly well attended and we hope to engage in more cooperative events such as this in the future.

The new North Dakota State Death Records Index online has been well-received and is a useful addition to North Dakota researchers.

2006 Officers are:

Alice Ellingsberg- President John Beving-Vice President John Cruden-Recording Secretary Karen Sutter-Corresponding Secretary Maxine Workman-Treasurer.

Librarian: Linda Zeutschel Newsletter: Jackie Marler

At the fall meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society, Clara Bliss expressed appreciation to the genealogists and genealogical societies in North Dakota for their ongoing dedication and assistance to others doing family history research. Clara made a good point... we do this because we have the passion for genealogy. It isn't about making money because more times than not we get the queries without any financial contributions. So we echo her sentiment. Thanks for all you do!





Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Susan Dingle

PRESIDENT - SUSAN DINGLE

PRESIDENT ELECT - MEREDITH GROSS

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REPOSITORY - DON SMITH

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TRUSTEES - VALBORG ZANDER, KAREN WILLIAMS, DORIS HANSEN

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP SAT., 29 APRIL 2006

EXPLORING YOUR HERITAGE - EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

If you don't have the genealogy workshop marked on your calendar for April 29, 2006, you will want to do that right now! Henry Z. (Hank) Jones, San Diego, and Margarita Choquette, LDS Family History Center, Salt Lake City, are the headliners for the Genealogy Workshop 2006, Exploring Your Heritage-Expanding Your Horizons. All the other presenters are from within our own state borders, and we can't thank these excellent instructors enough for their willingness to share their knowledge. We are also very excited about the grant awarded to the workshop by the State Historical Society of North Dakota! This grant will cover most of the expenses for the out-of-state speakers. Not all speakers have been confirmed.

Invitations have gone out to over 100 potential exhibitors. This list includes ethnic organizations, genealogical societies, historical societies, and businesses that offer products or services pertaining to genealogy. We expect many of these exhibitors will want to participate, and their participation will offer another avenue of expertise, products, and/or services to the genealogists attending.

The registration packets will be mailed out early in March, so if you don't receive yours by mid-March, please contact Don Smith at dearlsmith2019@msn.com or Meredith Gross at mlgross@bis.midco.net.

The planned programs for our regular monthly meetings are as follows. Many of the speakers have not confirmed, so this could change. If you happen to be in the area, you are more than welcome to join us. March 9 – This will be a surprise because our planned speaker is going to Norfolk, VA, to meet his son's ship, which is returning from Iraq.

April 13 - Workshop preparation

May 11 - Workshop follow-up

June 8 - After Lewis & Clark, Kevin Kirkey, Lewis and Clark Foundation

July – no meeting

August 10 - Potluck picnic, Burlington Northern Park, Mandan, Followed by music

at the bandshell

September 14 - Germans From Russia Heritage Society - What's New?, speaker

to be determined

October 12 - Oscar Will Seed Company, Bob Barr

November 9 - North Dakota Railroads, Frank Vyzralek

December 14 – Ethnic Christmas Foods, coordinated by Marcia Hansen

Submitted by Linda Hippen, Member of the Program Committee



State Historical Society of North Dakota



Books received since the previous newsletter, list provided by Rachel White Submitted by Greg Wysk

Local history/genealogy

Seventy-fifth anniversary, Bethel Evangelical Free Church (1966)

Celebrating 50 years of service to youth: International Music Camp 1956-2005 (2005)

100th anniversary, Turtle Lake, North Dakota, 1905-2005 (2005)

Our heritage, 1905-2005, Nekoma Centennial book (2005)

My war: from Bismarck to Britain and back, the letters of Ruth Register, a Red Cross worker in World War II and the diary of Edith Christianson (2005)

Tolley, North Dakota and surrounding area, forever remembered: centennial, 1905-2005 (2005)

Garrison centennial history book: through the years, 1905-2005 (2005)

The descendants of Kristinn Olaffson, the son of Olafur Jonsson and Adalbjorg Olafsdottir and Katrina Gudmundsson and Porkatla Torfadottir (2005)

The family history and photo album of Jens and Olga Jensen, 1875-2005 (2005)

Edward Johnson, 1882-1961 (2005)

Cemeteries of Northern LaMoure County North Dakota (2005)

Cemeteries of Southern LaMoure County North Dakota (2005)

Lisbon, North Dakota, 1880-2005 (2005)

George and Mathilda Dempsey Pratt scrapbook (2005)

Backman family history: ancestors & descendants of North Dakota pioneers, 1600s-2005 (2005)

Les Richard et d'autre / The Richards and others (1968)

Eidsvold, Starbuck, and Sergius Townships, 1900-1930s, Bottineau County, North Dakota (1976)

Men of Minnesota: a collection of the portraits of men prominent in business and professional life in Minnesota (1902)

Pioneers: the Busch and Berning families of LaMoure County, North Dakota (2005)

Chaseley: a North Dakota town history (2005)

Descendants and biographies of Patrick Hayden and Ann Brett (2004)

Myron's story: the years 1929-1957 by Myron T. Dammen (2005)

Norway to America (covers Rudd, Njoten families among others) (1990s)

Harvey High School alumni reunion, July 10-12, 1970 (1970)

As it happened by Allen E. Saunders (2003)

One to remember: the relentless blizzard of March 1966 (2004)

Coyote Warrior: one man, three tribes, and the trial that forged a nation (2004)

The Pearson girls: a family memoir of the Dakota plains (1998)

Volumes 19 and 20 of Italians to America, covering April 1902-Oct. 1902

Sheheke: Mandan Indian diplomat: the story of White Coyote, Thomas Jefferson, and Lewis and Clark (2003)

General history

Woman Walking Ahead: in search of Catherine Weldon and Sitting Bull (2002)

Women of the Northern Plains: gender and settlement on the homestead frontier, 1870-1930

Women in waiting in the westward movement: life on the home frontier (1994)

Women of the earth lodges: tribal life on the Plains (2000)

So much to be done: women settlers on the mining and ranching frontier (1998)

Frontier soldier: an enlisted man's journal of the Sioux and Nez Perce campaigns, 1877 (1998)



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



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President Clara Bliss called the meeting to order at 1:00 on September 16, 2005. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

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

PROGRAM

John Mogren introduced Vince Gillette. Topic Native Americans: culture and genealogy. There were two handouts with one being a map of North Dakota showing the location of the various tribes and reservations and also detailing the extended family relationships. The other was a pedigree chart with names and blood percentages. There are 556 federally recognized Tribes in the United States. The Turtle Mountain Tribe is the third largest tribe in the US with 30,000 enrolled members but with the smallest land area. The Dawes Act of 1887 stipulated that every full blooded head of household be given 160 acres of land. Single people received 80 acres of land. This was later changed so that Indians with a 1/4 blood quantum could receive land. To belong to a tribe in North Dakota you have to prove the percent of your blood and direct descent which is the reason lineages are documented. The enrollment information for the Dawes Act was compiled by missionaries as no one else could speak the Indian languages. Because of this there are a lot of mistakes in the interpretation of the relationships used to compile the lineages. The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 stated that every reservation is a sovereign nation and can have their own government and can dictate who can be a member of the tribe. The standard constitution stated that anyone living on the reservation could be enrolled. But each tribe has made changes to this over the years. In North Dakota you must have 1/4 Indian blood to be enrolled. Fort Berthold counts all blood not just their tribe. Many Indian children were adopted and these adoption records are closed so they are unable to prove their Indian blood. Surnames do not carry from one generation to the next. Every agency has an enrollment officer and every person has a unique enrollment number. The enrollment numbers and allotment numbers are the same. Native Americans can apply for an enrollment card that will have all of their information on it to prove their Indian blood.

BUSINESS MEETING

John Mogren made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Ashley that the minutes of the June 17, 2005 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by John Mogren and seconded by George Barron to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There are still technical problems with the ND Death Index website. We have been given the date of October 1st, 2005 for it to be online. If this does not occur then John Mogren, Don Smith and Beth Bauman will meet with Darin Meschke to obtain more details about the delay. Daphne Drewello made a motion to have this committee also meet with someone from the Governors Office if there are no results from the meeting with Darin; seconded by Pat Ashley. Motion carried.

John Mogren made a motion to have the secretary send a letter to Valborg Zander encouraging her to donate a copy of her father's journals to the State Historical Society of ND. The NDSGS would be willing to pay duplication costs if necessary; seconded by Beth Bauman. Motion carried.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



ELECTIONS: Two year terms. 2006-2007

President: Daphne Drewello Vice President: Susan Dingle

Treasurer: Don Smith Secretary: Patrice Hartman

SOCIETY REPORTS:

SHSND: The groundbreaking for the archives expansion was September 7th. Construction will begin in March 2006. There may be some disruption in access to the collections later in the construction phase. Greg handed out an announcement of the speakers for genealogy programs at the SHSND in September and October.

<u>BCHGS</u>: The Bowman County Genealogical Society has received a \$500.00 donation to cover the expense of researching and replying to genealogy requests so that they can offer this service for free.

MGS: Working on Grand Forks Cemetery project. JRGS: Working on LaMoure County Cemetery book.

See the newsletter for additional information.

The Next Meeting is Friday March 17, 2006 at 1:00. The speaker will be announced later. 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 DEATH INDEX NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE INTERNET

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

BISMARCK – Family researchers in North Dakota and beyond are now able to also access the state's death index online, thanks to the worldwide reach of the Internet. Prior to its online launch earlier this month, the state's death index was only available at the State Archives and Historical Research Library (SAHRL) at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

The index supplies the individual's full name, date of birth (if known), date of death, county of residence and county of death. It supplements the publication, *North Dakota Necrology*, 1920-1926, and the obituary and death notices found in the newspaper abstract file in the SAHRL at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

The time period covered in the death index is January 1, 1881 through October 31, 2005, with monthly updates. The website is maintained by the North Dakota Department of Health's Division of Vital Statistics. Many early deaths were not recorded, and there are very few deaths listed in the index prior to 1900. The death index website's address is https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm. The website is the result of an 18-month project by a committee composed of staff from the State Historical Society of North Dakota, the North Dakota State Genealogical Society (NDSGS) and the North Dakota Department of Health's Division of Vital Statistics.

The website was made possible by funding and support provided by the NDSGS, which received an initial grant of \$1000 from the North Dakota Community Foundation. The NDSGS was then able to raise more than \$2000 in matching funds/donations from other genealogical societies and genealogists from North Dakota and other states. Additional information about the NDSGS is available by visiting their website at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndsgs/index.html

or more information about the State Historical Society of North Dakota, visit its website at: http://www.nd.gov/hist or call the North Dakota Heritage Center at (701) 328-2666.



FAMILY EXPRESSIONS AND EXPOSTULATIONS

Their meaning and derivation by George Barron, 2005

Families and acquaintances have vocal expressions that are picked up and recalled and spoken in a sort of vocal shorthand. Often each has been derived from some family experience or remembered from some historical story of ancestral usage. What follows here is an attempt at listing some of these expressions and the stories that generated them.

Expression: "Ya gotta expect that when you're huntin' skunks!"

Meaning: When you take on some undertaking you have to be prepared for associated consequences.

Derivation:

Glenn Berner was visiting one of his farmer friends back in the 1930's depression era. There was little crop to harvest and the family was just hanging on, looking for anything that might generate a few dollars. He had been catching skunks during the summer waiting for the fur season later in the fall. He asked Glenn,"Do you want to see my skunks?"

The farmer opened the walk in door on one of his empty steel grain bins and there in the dim light were quite a bunch of skunks. He told Glenn," You see that big one over there by the water dish-- I just got him on Saturday."

Glen asked" How did you catch him?"

Farmer," The wife and I had been to the dance on Saturday night. We were on our way home, and I saw him go into the culvert under the road. I stopped and plugged up one end of the culvert, then crawled in after him."

Glenn," Well didn't he fire at you in the culvert"

Farmer" Yeah, he did--But you gotta expect that when you're huntin' skunks!"

Glenn said he could always picture that guy, all dressed up for the dance in his Sunday Suit, crawling into the culvert after that skunk. He reasoned that the fifty cents or a dollar that he would get for the skunk was worth at least one whole day's pay.

So it became a family expression, used when ever someone would start to tell some sad story about diversity in something they had tried to do. I recall one time as a teacher, our Superintendent's little feisty secretary, Bertha Ebel, complaining to me about some trouble she had had with something she had tried to do. Without even thinking, out came the expression, "Ya gotta expect that when you're huntin' skunks" I still remember the expression on her face with eyes awide and mouth agape. I had to tell her the story of the origin of the expression.

Expression: "We can do that any time"

Meaning: We'll probably never get around to doing that.

Derivation: Arnie Swanson recalled as a kid, working with his grandfather, Carl Swanson. They would get the fence pretty well fixed and then Grandpa would say "We can fix the rest of that anytime". Arnie always said that meant we aren't ever going to fix it!

Expression: "Nice shot, George!" Meaning: Damned poor shot, George

Derivation: One of the old guys who used to hunt with us, Ted, expected that we would always be successful at getting game. At least he was, or thought he was, the kind of a hunter who never missed a shot. We were hunting pheasants in the winter and a big rooster jumped up about ten feet in front of me. I found I couldn't get my finger into the trigger guard with my glove on. By the time I took the glove off and was able to pull the trigger, the rooster had gotten out of range, but I fired anyway, missing the bird. Ted was a few yards to my left and yelled out the expression.

I took the glove off and put it in my pocket. Within a minute or two another big rooster jumped up again a few feet ahead of me. This time, I just missed for no particular reason, and Ted yelled over "Another nice shot, George!"

FAMILY EXPRESSIONS AND EXPOSTULATIONS

Their meaning and derivation by George Barron, 2005

Expression: "Worst day of my life!" Meaning: I didn't have any fun at all.

Derivation: Recited again by Ted, and repeated again and again by our hunting gang any time we were not having the best day. We had gone hunting on a very rainy Saturday, and we didn't do much but ride around in the car. It was always too wet to get out. Ted mostly slept in the back seat as usual. Some one asked him when we got back how the hunting went. "Worst day of my life", was his retort.

Experession: "There's more than one way to skin a puddy!"

Meaning: If this fails, there are other ways to get the job done.

Derivation. Jewel Berner Barron expression, a variatin on "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

Expression: "The time to shoot a bear is when you see one."

Meaning: As long as you have things out and are thinking about it, you might as well do the job.

Derivation: An expression of Glenn Berner's. It may not have been original, but its history is unknown.

Expression: "Cow's ass?"

Meaning: A play on words used for "How's that?"

Derivation: A favorite expression of Al Smith of the Smith Flying Service, Jamestown.

Expression: "There ain't no money in that!" **Meaning:** I'm not interested in doing that.

Derivation: A favorite expression of my brother, Marion, if he didn't want to do something.

Expression: "You know--the time to shoot a bear is when you see one!", usually shortened to just "You know--the time to shoot a bear--"

Meaning: As long as you are thinking about doing some task--you might just as well do it right now. **Derivation:** I don't know if it was original with Glenn Berner, or not, but one of his favorite pieces of ad-

vice.

The children of the head of a prominent Scottish American family decided to give him a book of their family history

The genealogist they hired was warned of one problem...

Uncle Angus, the 'black sheep' of the family had gone to the Sing Sing electric chair for murder.

The genealogist promised to handle the situation with tact and diplomacy.....

I'll just say that Uncle Angus occupied a chair of applied electronics at one of our nation's leading institutions. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a true and sudden shock.

Submitted by Al Ohrt

The Inventory of the Loyalist Collection
may be accessed on the World Wide Web at:
http://www.lib.unb.ca/collections/loyalist/

Submitted by Helen Fritchie

Ogden Nash - Crossing the Border Senescence begins And middle age ends The day your descendants Outnumber your friends. Submitted by Al Ohrt



Miscellaneous notes of interest

Watch for the annual SHSND used book and poster sale in <u>June</u>. The date will be published on the Archives website. http://state.nd.us/hist/sal.htm

This is an interesting website called "The American Memory Collection at the Library of Congress".

You can search by topic or do a general search. http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/





Submitted by Patrice Hartman

North Dakota Marriages

ND Marriages pre July 1925

I am in the process of compiling a list of the counties in ND that have indexes to the pre July 1925 marriages and which records are at the State Historical Society of ND. I will also include which counties have records online. If you have information about this or are in the process of compiling an index please contact me at: patrice@ndsupernet.com

Patrice Hartman, Hartsearch Genealogy

Where to go to find which States have on-line death indexes?

John: This is the website that I use for other states: http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html

It seems to be the most up to date. This page has death links but at the bottom it has a link for marriage and birth indexes. Patrice

John: Would this be of interest to the ND State Genealogical Society?

Note the library will be eligible for National Historic Register. Patrice

Dickinson Library reopens Monday ~ Web Posted Sunday, February 12, 2006

HTTP://www.thedickinsonpress.com/main.asp?SectionID=3&SubSectionID=83&ArticleID=12699

Greetings from the New England Historic Genealogical Society!

Cook Memorial Library, Illinois_ (http://cooklib.org/Research/Genealogy.htm)

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Spotlight: Obituary Indexes

The Cook Memorial Library is located in Libertyville, Illinois, which is north of Chicago in Lake County, not far from the shores of Lake Michigan. While the library has a number of online resources available to cardholders only, the genealogy holdings include an obituary index, which may be accessed by everyone. The creation of the obituary index is an ongoing project. Currently, the alphabetical database indexes death notices published in the Lake County Independent and Waukegan Weekly Sun 1894 – 1920. The information provided includes the name of the deceased, including maiden name, if known, the date of the obituary, and page location in the newspaper. Symbols indicate additional information, such as veteran status or death as a result of the influenza epidemic.

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

Patrice writes: Minnesota Birth Index
http://people.mnhs.org/bci/
Minnesota Death Index
http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm

Joan Peterson provides us with a link to *Illinois State Archives* http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html

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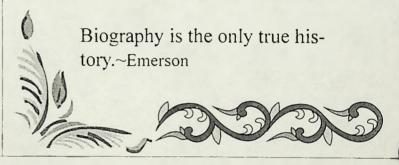
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A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remebered with pride by remote generations. ~Macaulay



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