# NDSGS Newsletter



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The Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society has had the privilege of hosting, with Bowman Public School, the Snow Country Prison Interned in North Dakota for the past four weeks. This has brought several school groups into the museum as well as individuals. We have heard many interesting stories about some of the internees or their families. Just a few examples are as follows.

A lady came into to see the display and she tells that her husband had not gotten his naturalization papers before the war and when he tried to get them he was sent out to the prison. His parents, her parents and she were all present and waiting while the process was carried on. She said that he was behind the wire so long that they weren't sure if he had been detained or what had happened. Finally he came out with papers in hand.

A gentleman tells the story of a Japanese/American couple that met while being interned. They later married and had a family. They lived in Wyoming.

The third story is about a man from Hettinger that was interned during the war. After the war he ran a very popular steak house in the city.

These stories have pointed out just how close to home this incident came. We have enjoyed hearing the stories and hosting the display. Not only is it an excellent lesson in history but also a good genealogy lesson as well.

Clara Bliss PO Box 911, Bowman, ND 58623 or blissrc@pop.ctctel.com



The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet on Friday, March 18, 2005 at 1:00 PM in the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capitol rounds.

All genealogy societies in North Dakota paid membership dues in the NDSGS in 2004 and if your group has not sent your dues for 2005, we hope you will consider doing so. 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.

Thank you to everyone for getting your society reports in BEFORE deadline this month. The newsletter is a big undertaking but you made it easier for me. Also thanks to all who submitted notes of interest for the newsletter







Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Susan Dingle, Program Chair BMHGS Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society confirmed their 2005 slate of officers at the January 2005 meeting. Officers are: Gary Zentz, President;

Nadine Sheets, secretary;

Don Smith, treasurer;

Dolores Green, corresponding secretary;

Mike Knudson, Program Committee Chair,

Marcia Hansen, Linda Hippen, and Glenn Herdebu, Program Committee;

Don Smith, Repository;

Betty Neuhardt, Historian;

Sandy Denis, Calling Tree Chair;

Publications Committee members Don Smith, Amy

Schauer Nelson, Pat Herdebu, Glenn Herdebu.

Trustees are Vern Hansen, Valborg Zander, and Karen Williams.

Nominating Committee members were Dolores Green, Don Smith, and Gary Zentz.

Beth Bauman, NDSGS representative

Bismarck Mandan Genealogical Society meets the second Thursday of every month but July [generally there is no meeting in July because so many people are on vacation] in the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, Meeting Room B. Exceptions are times the group has a field trip to another location, which so far includes the April and June 2005 meetings. Every year, the January meeting is a meal on your own at a local buffet restaurant to meet the new officers and discuss plans for the coming year.

The new program committee has been hard at work, and plans for programs through June include the following. ~ February 10--discuss change to Society bylaws to change name to Bismarck Mandan Genealogical Society [drop Historical and from the name] to allow the new Bismarck Historical Society and new Mandan Historical Society to submit their bylaws to the Secretary of State for incorporation as a nonprofit society. The genealogical society understands that the secretary of state is reluctant or unwilling to incorporate two or more societies in one county with "historical" in their name. ~ March 10--Bryen Birkholz, Mandan Historical Society, will tell about this group, and Tim Atkinson from Bismarck Historical Society will tell about that group. Mandan Historical Society has formed, is holding meetings, and has out a membership brochure. They have published two or more newsletter issues. Bismarck Historical Society is in the planning stages and has a planning committee that is working on mission and constitution and bylaws.

~ April 14-tour of the Mandan Public Library at 7:00 pm. It also happens to be National Library Week. ~ May 12--Cathy Langemo to discuss the book she did on historical photos of Bismarck and to discuss planning, budgeting, and related considerations for publishing your own book, such as the book she and JoAnne Winistorfer did on genealogical research for North and South Dakota roots.

~ June 9--Tour of Buckstop Junction at 7 PM. There is a \$2.00 fee per person, so everyone will need to bring a couple of bucks.

Meetings are free and open to all who are interested in genealogy and/or the topic of the meeting.

Publications are best ordered by mail or by calling Don Smith, the treasurer (701-223-6273). If Don knows in advance that a person would like to buy one or more of the publications, he may be able to bring them with him to the meeting. Generally, however, we do not bring the publications to the meeting. There are just too many and they're just too heavy. Best idea: give Don a call or send in your order with payment to the society PO Box and you can arrange to get the publications you need.

The latest publication is Pre-1925 Abstracts of Marriage Records of Burleigh County, North Dakota. Records are arranged chronologically, as filed with the county. There is a brides index and a grooms index.

The society website is: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndbmhgs. The website lists all publications currently avaliable and has a membership form that you can print out, fill in, and send by U.S. post to join or renew your membership. Membership is for the calendar year. If you haven't paid for 2005 yet, please do. The treasurer also is glad to take checks or cash for membership at any of the society's meetings.

To get in touch with the society by mail, here is the address:

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society PO Box 485, Bismarck ND 58502-0485

PLANNING AHEAD: Bismarck Mandan Genealogical Society is planning its genealogy workshop for spring 2006.

The Fargo-Moorhead Heritage Education Commission Genealogy Workshop, the XXXieth, will be held October 1, 2005, at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. The keynote speaker is Barry Moreno from Ellis Island. Stay tuned to their website:

http://www.mnstate.edu/heritage/workshop.htm for information as plans for this workshop develop. Reported by Susan Dingle





Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Dorothy Pearson

There will be two workshops at Pioneer Trails Regional Museum in the Frontier Room on March 11 and 12, 2005.

There will be a Grant Writing Workshop on Friday, March 11, 2005 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM (MST). Lunch is on your own. Key speakers are Cher Hersrud (Resource Center) and Tammy Simnioniw (RC&D). Space is limited. Cost is \$10.00. Pre-registration appreciated by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Co-Sponsored by Pioneer Trails Regional Museum and the Bowman / Slope Soil Conservation District. Open to all museums and the public.

On Saturday, March 12, 2005 there will be a Museum Development, Operations and Display Enhancement workshop from 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM. It will include organization bylaws and museum policy development; loans, donations, museum records and legal consequences; budgets, fundraisers, and grants; collections development, tours and management; display development, lighting arrangements and enhancements; economic development, advertising and local programs. This workshop is for established museums and those just starting. There is a cost of \$20 to cover the handout material in a three ring binder. Lunch is on your own. Pre-registration appreciated by March 8, 2005.

You may attend both workshops or only one; whichever you choose.

Pioneer Trails Regional Museum will again host Paleontology field Schools this summer. The first weekend field school will be July 24, 25 & 26. The second weekend field school will be July 9 & 10. The third weekend field school will be August 6, 7 & 8. The full week of field school will be July 25-30.

The cost will be \$400 per person for the full week of field school and \$200 per person for the first and third weekend field schools. The July 9 & 10 field school will cost \$135 per person. All children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. The fixed cost includes breakfast and lunch in the field and transportation to the site. Evening meals and lodging are the responsibility of the participants.

Day field tours with advance notice and a deposit are required. The cost is \$75 per adults, students (ages 12-18) is \$50 per student and \$25 per child. Family day tour rate is \$200. E-mail paleo@ptrm.org or phone 701-523-3625 for any assistance.

A genealogical workshop is planned for latter in the pring or early summer.

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Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society 2005 Officers:

Dean Pearson, President
Merle Clark, Vice President
Dorothy Pearson, Secretary
Debra Bucholz, Treasurer
Clara Bliss, Museum Administrator
Dorothy Pearson, representative to NDSGS Board

#### Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by Arlene Cable

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society meets the third Thursday of each month at 4 PM. Meetings are held at the Harvey Public Library Centennial Room.

Election of officers was held in November with all officers being re-elected.

Marge Irons, President;

Sharon Haugen, Vice-President;

Marlene Ripplinger, Secretary/Treasurer.

Arlene Cable, NDSGS representative

We are presently working on an obituary listing of the Hertz Funeral Home in Harvey, ND.

Genealogical requests are answered as they come in.

The North Dakota Pottery Collector's held a "Road Show" at the Harvey Public Library recently and the Central ND Genealogical Society served refreshments.

The society is planning to attend a workshop in Minot sponsored by the Thor Lodge of Minot Sons of Norway on February 26.







#### James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by George Barron.

While our club does not meet again until April 5, 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 September meeting all of the members brought pictures, and oral descriptions of "Harvest Memories", with cook cars, shocking, feeding the threshing crews recalled. In October we all brought stories and historical information on the derivation of our surnames. In November they brought descriptions and recipes for family home remedies. In addition, Cathy, Daphne, 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 page copies of various publications which are indexed and up on our usgenweb county pages. The index to our latest book, "Cemeteries of Sioux County, ND" is now up on the Sioux County page and also on the ndgenweb archives page. One new index up there is that to a new Jamestown history book "Writers Block", and "Index to the School Census 1941 of Stutsman County", even though there has been a rhubarb that a few birth dates of living people are included. Stutsman County school censuses have now been indexed from 1901 through 1945. The indexing of Eddy County pre 1925 marriages, and resolving death records with funeral home, cemetery, and obits for Foster County still continues.

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.

#### James River Genealogy Club

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At the time of writing, in February, we are looking forward to using the North Dakota state death index, that is soon to be up on the ND Vital Records internet page. Our cemetery crew is in the planning stages of working another county this summer for the purpose of compiling another new cemetery book. As soon as you say cemetery, my dog, Jasper, is ready to head for the car!

#### 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 welcome!

Our 2005 officers are: President: Betty Schlichting Vice President: Terry Marcotte Treasurer: Sheila Guvakosky Secretary: Betty Haykel

NDSGS Representative: John Mogren

In October, Terry Marcotte did a presentation on writing family a newsletter. He shared copies of the Marcotte Family Newsletter and offered suggestions on gathering information and publishing it. This was well received.

In November we had our ethnic dinner and progressive auction. Several County history books and other genealogical resources were put up for auction as well as other collectable items. This is the only fund raiser our society undertakes and we set a record for fund raising this year.

In December, Terry Marcotte brought a video from the Minot Public Library entitled: Finding your Family History in the Attic. Everyone enjoyed the video. A good reminder to look carefully at the genealogical resources we have at our fingertips

The year started out slowly as we did not meet in January since our meeting date was on New Years Day. Our membership is about half of what it was last year but we are hopeful that people will renew their membership. In February we had election of officers. We are excited to see people that have never held office in our society agree to serve! Our query committee still stays very busy and we get research requests both in our post office box and in via email.

Lillian Vannett has completed an index of obituaries from the Minot Daily News covering 01 January 2004 to 31 December 2004. There are 65 pages and total of 2,162 names. The fields in the index are: Name, Birth Date, Death Date, Town of Burial, Spouse, Parents. This index is available for sale. The index is helpful as periodically deaths of previous North Dakota residents are listed in the local obituary section.





#### Minnkota Genealogical Society

Submitted by *George Freeman* 2005 Officers:

President - Rick Audette, raudette@gfkairport.com Vice President - Marge Burnstad,

Marge Burnstad, mburnstad@gra.midco.net
Secretary – Linda Bedard, bedard@wiktel.com
Treasurer – Eugene Nielson, ejnrey@yahoo.com
Membership is \$10.00 per year and we meet the second Tuesday of each month.

- ~ Open House September 18, 2004 was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Forks. Speaker was Duane Swanson, Archivist for the Minnesota State Historical Society. He explained the holdings of the Minnesota State Historical Society in St. Paul. Minnesota birth records are available at: <a href="http://people.mnhs.org/bci/">http://people.mnhs.org/bci/</a>
- ~ The October & November meetings were filled with revising the By-Laws and Constitution of the Minnkota Genealogy Society. A video of Family Tree Maker 2005 was shown in the November meeting.
- ~ The *December* meeting was a supper party at the Blue Moose Restaurant in East Grand Forks.

The January meeting featured the following:

Come One – Come All

Let's have a FREE FOR ALL

Bring yourself first

Bring your curiosity too!!!

Then if you have a laptop and have a wireless card or Ethernet connection bring that. We will provide wireless or wired computer connections and a printer. Bring your research questions for searching on Ancestry or the internet.

- ~ ND Heritage Funding Legislative Issue George Freeman showed a short informative video. Projects for 2005 will be completing the cemetery records for Memorial Cemetery and Sunnywood Cemetery in Grand Forks.
- ~ The February meeting of the Minnkota Genealogical Society was held at 7:00 P.M. Feb. 8, 2005 at the Campbell Library, East Grand Forks, MN. Charlotte Helgason reported that the trial period at the library for Pro Quest has been slow. Only 12 log on out of the 700 allowed. Only 4 more days to try Library version of Ancestry.com. Charlotte will try to get an extension so please try to come try it out. The cost for the Library Ancestory.com is \$1,500. Charlotte would like feed back on the library version compared to the personal version. Heritage will be available through the ate library system so in the near future this will be available at the library.

Chamber – Charlotte shared that the Chamber of East Grand Forks has several boxes of photos and she asked if they would allow MGS to have access to the pictures to try to identify people in the photos. The Chamber is to be dropping the pictures off at the library for MGS to work at identifying the photos.

Program - "Canadian Records" by Bill Graveline

- Have to know history to do research.
  - Before 1850 information @ St. Paul, Minnesota
  - Before 1830 information @ Madison, Wisconsin
- Important to know statehood dates.
- Study about the nationality of the group of people you are researching.
- Know the history of the people you are searching. Will make a difference on how you trace your family.
- In Canada immigrants came to Quebec (search church records) and Ontario (search civil records)
- People immigrated with family or people they were familiar with.
- · Know where family left from.
- Study maps ones that are from the time period you are searching. Names of towns can change.
- French Canada (Society French Canada, Montreal) records kept by church not government.
- Important to know parish (if parish no longer exists then may try the dioceses)

Check to see if there is a book from that parish with all the records.

Grand Forks County Marriage Licenses index: The *Department of Special Collections* is happy to announce that a searchable index to the Grand Forks County Marriage Licenses has been created. This index, in the form of an Oracle database, was created by Special Collections staff using the actual paper licenses and original index ledgers. The index dates from November 1875-August 1904, although the Department will continue to index all marriage licenses until 1915. The database can be searched here:

http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/searchMarriageLic.jsp

Minnkota Genealogical Society Next meeting *March* 8, 2005

Program: Family Tree Maker advanced – 40 minute video Respectively submitted,

George A Freeman

MGS representative to NDGS





#### South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

At our October meeting we shared wedding pictures of ourselves and our parents. In November they discussed the situation with the restriction of the Stark County recent marriage records. No meeting in December. In January we each shared a death certificate of our ancestors and discussed medical pedigrees. Also discussed the new addition, upcoming move and renovation of the older part of the Dickinson Public Library. Patrice will be teaching a genealogy class for CommUniversity in February. We continue to work on the Stark County Cemetery Records.

NDSGS representative is Partrice Hartman

#### Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Gloria Johnson

Our group meets the second Saturday of each month at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Williston, ND, at 9:30 AM. We meet September thru May of each year leaving the summer to do traveling and researching our family histories.

Officers for 2005 --President: Gloria Johnson, Vice President: Gladys Bakken,

Secretary: Peg Hagan

Treasurer: Adrienne Stepanek.

NDSGS Representative: Gloria Johnson

The George and Josephine Grinnell story was presented at our November meeting, reflecting a bit of the early history of Williams County encountered in doing our cemetery index book.

We did not meet in December because of busy schedules. Our cemetery book was completed and the printing of the first 100 books became a reality. The first 100 copies were gone in weeks and we are starting the printing on our next 100 books. The book is for sale at \$30. per book, \$5. shipping and we also have the book on CD at \$10. each plus \$2. for shipping. Comments on our book have been very positive.

January was spent working on the book sales and getting the publicity out in the county, letting all Townships know the book is done. An article on "Cemeteries – A source for history" was shared at the meeting as were old obits from family history books and pictures received via email from relatives in Norway.

February 26<sup>th</sup> will find us at Scandinavian Day at the New Armory selling and promoting our book. Our meeting will be held at the Senior Citizens Center for a presentation on computers and their use of the web sites for genealogy research.

#### Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by Jackie Marler

The RRVGS Mid Winter Warmup Workshop sessions were great but for unknown reasons, not well attended. Ginny Tupa, DAR State Regent for North Dakota, who drove down from Grand Forks for the day, gave a very nice presentation about the close association between the DAR and genealogical research. Ginny shared tips about completing the application to enter the DAR which is the first step. There are three DAR chapters in North Dakota, one each in Fargo, Grand Forks and Bismarck. Statewide there are about 165 members. In addition to their contributions to genealogical records and research. DAR also offers scholarships, maintains a museum, participates in other patriotic functions such as assisting individuals attaining US citizenship. Rick Crume's handout covering Immigration and Naturalization resources on the web was suberb. Alice Ellingsberg's presentation on Census records was very thorough. Thanks to all the presenters, helpers and attendees. The day was cold, the soup was hot, we just wish more folks would have taken it in. Well, there's always next year.

RRVGS' upcoming business meeting dates are 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June. We meet at 10:00 am at the Library. No business meeting is rolicking good fun but the best part comes after when we chat and network about new resources we have found and triumphs we have experienced, or how to get around a problem in the research—a sort of genealogical "Vidocq" Society.

We have been experiencing an up-tick in the number of research orders received just recently. Apparently, folks are refreshed from the holiday stress and getting back to working on the really important stuff--family history research.

What does \$1.00 buy these days? Not very much except a one day pass to use our Library facilities. Why don't you consider a visit? We have a new book out (Sept 2004) of our holdings with which you might plan your research (Cost \$10.50, ppd) Our announced library hours are: Tues, Wed, Sat 11:00 am-3:00pm. We are volunteer staffed and sometimes there are no volunteers available so it's best to call first before coming from a distance. Our number (701) 293-4129.

The NDSGS encourages all local (ND) genealogical societies to donate one copy of their works/publications to the SHSND Archives & Research room. This is our central repository for North Dakota genealogical materials.



#### NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Clara Bliss called the meeting to order at 1:00 on September 17, 2004. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; Clara Bliss, Dorothy Pearson and Colleen Kelly, BCHGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Beth Bauman, BMHGS; Gerald Newborg and Greg Wysk, State Historical Society of North Dakota; Iona Loken and John Mogren, MRLGS; George Freeman, MGS; Jacki Keck, WCGS.

PROGRAM: Clara Bliss welcomed Gerald Newborg, State Archivist of the State Historical Society of ND. The presentation included a short video about the society that is being used to promote the programs and objectives of the SHSND. Folders with information about SHSND were handed out. One of the items in the folder was the SHSND Commission Interim Report of January 2003. It covers the 6 objectives that were outlined in 2001. Every \$1.00 that is invested in tourism promotion brings in \$83.00 in tourism dollars to ND. They will be asking the legislature for funding to add onto the archives and to eventually expand the exhibit halls. The archives area is already full and some of the materials are not on site. In the future they would like to hire an additional archivist and add a technology position. Work needs to be done on the ND Studies curriculum and teacher training. One possibility would be to have the resources at each of the county historical societies and museums inventoried and then placed in a database for access by the public. The SHSND had legislative appropriations this current biennium to grant money to local historical societies—a total of \$75,000. This was very well received and we are hoping (and asking) for more for next biennium. The question for the NDSGS was: What ideally could the SHSND do to make available their present genealogical resources? Comments can be sent to Gerald Newborg.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** John Mogren made a motion, which was seconded by Dorothy Pearson that the minutes of the June 25th meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried. Don Smith, Treasurer was absent so no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS: Funding for the ND Death Index was discussed. Contributions totaling \$2155.00 have been received. Patrice Hartman made a motion that the individual contributors to the NDDI who are not already members of the NDSGS be designated as honorary members for the year of 2005, seconded by John Mogren, carried. Patrice read an email from Darin Meschke dated 15 September 2004. He is still working on obtaining funding to cover the monthly fees. Patrice Hartman suggested that the member fees be posted on the NDSGS website. Also the time and place of our regular meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: (1.) Please send ideas for speakers to Clara Bliss. (2) Notice of dues for 2005 will be sent late in the year. (3) Jacki Keck handed out brochures about the History of the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Dakotas Conference Commission on Archives and History is sponsoring publication of a new narrative history. The book will cover the period from the organization of the Dakota Territory in 1861 to the present. Projected publication date is 2008. She also handed out News and Notes the spring 2004 newsletter that includes a listing of local churches that have printed histories on file at the archives in Mitchell, SD.

#### SOCIETY REPORTS:

MRLGS: The San Haven Patient Index is now available for purchase

BCHGS: The museum has had a number of descendants of Marmaduke Betts visit and some have also toured the Ft. Dilts site and memorial. It is exciting to help people find their roots and ancestors.

<u>JRGS</u>: The Sioux County Cemetery records are available for purchase. A number of the tombstones list that they were members of the tribal police.

BMHGS: The Burleigh County pre-1925 Marriage Records will soon be available for purchase. The years from approximately 1874 to 1 July 1925 will be covered. Some records for some years are missing.

**SWNDGS**: Working on the Stark County Cemeteries.

WCGS: The Williams County Cemetery book will be published this fall.

MGS: The Minnkota Genealogical Society is celebrating their 10 year anniversary on 18 September. Information about the society was handed out.

SHSND: The moveable shelving is completed and the re-inventory and organization of the records is still in progress. The following marriage records are being indexed: Walsh, McHenry and Barnes County. The archives has a head of nousehold index to the 1910 Federal census of North and South Dakota on CD.

The Next Meeting is Friday March 18, 2005 at 1:00. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting adjourned.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary



## FAMILY HISTORY ROOM, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CHESTER FRITZ LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA



The Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections is pleased to announce that a searchable index to the Grand Forks County Marriage Licenses has been created. This index, in the form of an Oracle database, was created by one volunteer and Special Collections staff using the actual paper licenses and original index ledgers. The index presently dates from November 1875 through 1906. The Department will continue to index all Grand Forks County marriage licenses through 1915.

The database may be searched at: <a href="http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/searchMarriageLic.jsp">http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/searchMarriageLic.jsp</a>

A similar searchable index, which also may be useful to researchers, was created by the same volunteer for E.J. Lander & Co. Records. The Lander Company was a real estate, land development and farm management firm with holdings throughout northern North Dakota and Montana. The firm also had a small number of holdings in selected counties in Minnesota, primarily Polk and Hennepin, as well as Brown and McPherson counties in South Dakota. Headquartered in Grand Forks, North Dakota, E.J. Lander & Co. was founded in 1883. The Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections houses the company's client files from 1902-1953. Researchers may search by mortgagor, 1534 loan files, or by clients/investors, 2039 files.

The database may be searched at: http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/Lander/lander\_database.jsp

Special Collections staff and many of its researchers have been enjoying access to a two-user subscription to AncestryPlus purchased by the Chester Fritz Library. Access or use is on site, not remote, and two researchers may use this extensive resource simultaneously in Special Collections or elsewhere in the Library. Interestingly, Ancestry just recently added North Dakota to its list of states indexed by every person's name on the 1900 United States Federal Census. Since the Department holds the microfilm census records for North and South Dakota and Minnesota, we often use Ancestry as an indexing tool and print clearer copies of census records from our microfilm than from the database. Ancestry has also indexed WWI Draft Registration Cards, but North Dakota has yet to be included. It is listed as "coming soon."

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The Fargo-Moorhead Heritage Education Commission Genealogy Workshop, will be held October 1, 2005, at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. The keynote speaker is Barry Moreno from Ellis Island. Stay tuned to their website: <a href="http://www.mnstate.edu/heritage/workshop.htm">http://www.mnstate.edu/heritage/workshop.htm</a> for information as plans for this workshop develop.

Submitted by Susan Dingle

Please let us know of upcoming workshops so we can let get the word out to our North Dakota genealogists.

#### SOUP'S ON, LET'S EAT!!!

An RRVGS Family History Mid-Winter Warm Up Workshop WHEN: Saturday 19 February 2005 –9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. WHERE: 112 North University Drive, Suite 116 & Map Room (the Manchester Building) Fargo TOPICS:

Borscht to Zuppa- Getting Started 10 a.m.
National Archives Military Records & Pension Records Research 11 a.m.
African American Research—Bring your own lunch or soup's on us\*\*\*- NOON Special
Genealogical Research and the DAR 1 p.m.
Immigration and Naturalization Records Research 2 p.m.

US Federal Census Records 3 p m

SPECIALTIES:

CD Rom research

One-on-One Assistance Throughout Day Use of RRVGS Library's Over 3,000 Resources North Dakota Naturalization Records Lookups \$20 per person Call 239-4129 for more information

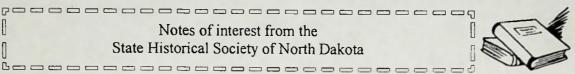
Presenters: Ginny Tupa, N.D. State Regent DAR; Alice Ellingsberg, CLS; Rick Crume John Beving, John Cruden, Jackie Marler, Linda Zeutschel & Members of RRVGS

\*\*\*SOUP'S ON US AT NOON Coffee & Cookies Served Off street Parking Photocopy Service

Submitted by Jackie Marter



#### Notes of interest from the State Historical Society of North Dakota



Submitted by Greg Wysk September 20, 2004 (The fall issue had already been mailed so this was kept for the spring issue.) Here is that list of new books that Rachel White, the head of technical services (Dolores Vyzralek's replacement) compiled.

- ~ Thomas Vigesaa family by Lorna Vigesaa Olson
- ~ Paul Overby family by Lorna Vigesaa Olson
- ~ Brandenburg to the Prairie: Our Mechtel Family by Steve Pueppke
- ~ Jacob & Magdalena (Wagemann) Dockter by Mrs. Marvin Dockter
- ~ Ernest & Esther (nee Wagemann) Dockter by the same author
- ~ The family of Thomas Gottfried Notermans by Gene Noterman
- ~ Son of a North Dakota homesteader by Marvin O. Avery
- ~ History of the Baldwins by Karen A. Schmidt
- ~ Charles Joseph Bottineau, Sr., Techomegood and their descendants by James W. Chesebro
- ~ Dronen history, 1592-2000 by Albert Dronen (on CD)
- ~ Our Asplund history by Norman P. Asplund Other newish books that might be of interest:
- ~ Map of Ramsey County, N.D., together with a list of its land owners, alphabetically arranged by townships (1896)
- ~ Echoing Trails II: Billings County History (2003)
- ~ History of Regan and the Regan community, 1912-1962
- ~ Kintyre, North Dakota: 100 years
- ~ Cemeteries of Sioux County, N.D. by George Barron
- ~ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Monango, N.D., 1894-2004
- ~ U.S. federal census index, 1910: North and South Dakota (on CD)
- ~ Enderlin centennial history book. 1891-1991

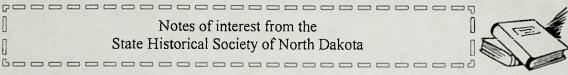
#### Submitted by Greg Wysk February 7, 2005

Here's a list of many of the new books we've gotten in since the last NDSGS meeting. The ones with an asterisk are more family-history oriented. We've also filmed our Fargo city directories, have re-filmed the Jamestown Weekly Alert and are currently filming our weeklies from 2003-04.

- \*The Drengson-Rike history in North America by Grover S. Drengson
- \*The Montefiore Cemetery: Gateway Drive, Grand Forks. North Dakota compiled by Minn-Kota Genealogy Society
- \*The Cavalry Cemetery: North Columbia Road, Grand Forks, North Dakota compiled by Virginia Tupa and the Minn-Kota Genealogy Society
- \*The Gluckstalers in New Russia and North America: a bicentennial collection of history, genealogy, and folklore edited by Homer Rudolf
- \*Stanton icons of the 40s and 50s remembered: all school reunion, 2004 by Terrence Stetson
- \*Gallinger, McClellan Township, Benson County compiled by Arlene Cable and Clarice Matthews
- \*Children of one thousand years: from the mountains, fjords & valleys of Norway to the prairies of North \*Dakota by James L. Glasoe
- \*Heaven is our homeland: the Gluckstalers in New Russia and North America (video)
- \*Danzig, North Dakota (1906-2000): gone but not forgotten compiled by Geneva Roth Olstad
- \*Sarles, 1905-2005: 100 years
- \*Recollections by Melvin J. Berg
- \*Lynch family military history: April 19, 1775 to present by George "Allan" Lynch
- \*Gone but not forgotten: Wachter School, 1918-1974 by Janette M. Wangler
- \*Genealogy: Bjornson, Engeland. Johnson, Saude compiled by Juliet A.H. Barnes (CD)
- \*Rural cemeteries of Williams County. North Dakota: gateway to the past compiled by Gloria J. Johnson
- \*Jamestown obituary index for 2004; also Stutsman County burial permit index for 2004 by G.L. Barron
- \*125th birthday, 1878-2003, Tappen, North Dakota (this one is received, but not cataloged yet)



#### Notes of interest from the State Historical Society of North Dakota



Submitted by Greg Wysk February 7, 2005

Other books of interest

Dakotans are reading people: the continuing story of the North Dakota Newspaper Association, 1886-2003 by

Danny Butcher and Marah De Meule

The Lewis and Clark Trail today and vesterday by William E. Hill

Gold rush: the Black Hills story by John D. McDermott

Ethnic oasis: the Chinese in the Black Hills by Liping Zhu and Rose Estep Fosha

Remington Schuyler's West: artistic visions of cowboys and Indians by Henry W. Hamilton

Chasing the glitter: Black Hills milling, 1874-1959 by Richmond L. Clow

A deaccession reader edited by Stephen E. Weil

Building an emergency plan: a guide for museums and other cultural institutions compiled by Valerie Dorge and Sharon L. Jones

Preservation of library & archival materials: a manual edited by Sherelyn Ogden

Land of the burnt thigh by Edith Eudora Kohl (a story of women homesteaders in South Dakota)

Brackett's Battalion: Minnesota cavalry in the Civil War and Dakota War by Kurt D. Bergemann

The children's blizzard by David Laskin (a history of the 1888 "School Children's Blizzard" that hit the Northern Plains)

Far from home: families of the Westward journey by Lillian Schlissel

Dakota cross-bearer: the life and world of a Native American Bishop by Mary A. Cochran

Red River rising: the anatomy of a flood and the survival of an American city by Ashley Shelby

A guide to the preventive conservation of photograph collections by Bertrand Lavedrine

Historical gazetteer of the United States by Paul T. Hellmann

#### State Historical Society of North Dakota

Greg writes: The moveable shelving project continues; the archivists have been inventorying and re-locating many of the local government records. They are done with the archival and manuscript collections and it is much easier to find these collections upstairs now when someone comes in.

In the next few weeks we will be shifting some computers around and re-arranging the entire reading room. The first thing will be a new computer with about 12,000 searchable images from the photo archives. This will start to take the place of the facsimile files (the green folders back against the wall). It's still a ways from really being useful. That will go up on the counter where a couple of the Vital Records computers are now. Those will be moved elsewhere in the reading room. In the next few months we hope to move the index tables around, have a computer available for patrons to search the Biography Index, the GLO records site, NDGenWeb, etc. This will allow patrons to search for themselves. We'll also be trying out a new microfilm printer in the reading room. It's a Canon digital that we use in back; the next printer we buy will probably be like this so we're going to put it out there to see if patrons have any difficulty using it.

We are open the second Saturday of the month 9:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

#### Expansion? North Dakota Heritage Center, State Archives and Historical Research Library Submitted by John Mogren

Gerald Newborg, State Archivists spoke to the NDSGS at the regular meeting September 17, 2004. His video presentation was followed with a tour of the storage area. He demonstrated how the entire rows of shelves could be moved electronically to create more storage space. However, in order to accommodate more "on-site" storage building expansion is needed.

Genealogists as well as others in North Dakota have followed with interest the legislation that would pave the way for expansion of the State Historical Society buildings (Heritage Center). Some us had the opportunity to watch Merl Paaverud, Director, State Historical Society, who appear on Prairie Public TV's Prairie Pulse program on February 3, 2005 talk about the history of the agency and the expansion and enhancement efforts.

Senate Bill 2214 was introduced to provide bonds for expansion of the ND Heritage Center-State Archives and Historical Research Library. Some of us contacted our legislators on the Appropriations Committee to encourage their support. The "expansion bill" SB2214 has been combined with SB2023.

You can check status of bills or contact your legislators through the Discover North Dakota Website.

http://www.DiscoverND.com Click on the 59 Legislative Assembly (link)

## UNKNOWN MAN MURDERED AT JAMESTOWN by George Barron, Jamestown

One of my spare time projects this year is to work on indexing obituaries in the Stutsman County Democrat, a Jamestown newspaper that existed from 1904 to 1961. I changed my obit index form in 2000 so it now asks for a place of burial. It is a much

slower process, but if the burial place is given in the obituary, I check against all known records of cemeteries in Stutsman County (3 databases) to see if the obit is correct. If I can't find the burial

noted in the existing cemetery records for this county, I make a note of the obit details to be added as persons to be included in the cemetery book as "no stoners" in the book's addition/corrections section. So I'm fumbling my way through the summer of 1919 and came across this obit in the Democrat for June 19, page 2:

#### MYSTERIOUS MURDER

Unidentified Man Found in empty Box Car, Evidently a Victim of a Foul Murder
The very mutilated body of a man, a stranger, was discovered in an empty box car on a track in the eastern outskirts
of the city about 7 o'clock p. m. Saturday by Fred Schaller.

The dead man's face was beaten to a pulp, his teeth knocked out and strewn about the car.

Coroner T. L. DePuy, Dr. R. G. DePuy, States Attorney John W. Carr, and Sheriff James H. Ross after completing an investigation late Saturday night stated as their belief that the man was murdered either Thursday night or Friday morning.

The car is said to have reached Jamestown Thursday, June 12; it remained on the sidetracks in the eastern out-skirts of the city until Saturday afternoon when it was switched a few rods. The murder must have occurred before the box was switched, Saturday, as blood was found on the tracks near where the car had been stationed, it is said. Dr. R. G. DePuy while investigating found a fair-sized rock, covered with blood hidden near the scene of the murder. The man was about 50 years old, was six feet tall and would weigh in the neighborhood of 180 pounds, he had a brown mustache: his face was unrecognizable.

The officials working on the case are at a loss as to where to start in as there is absolutely no clue, whatsoever. Robbery may have been the motive, as the man's pockets were found turned inside out. Not an article was found on his body nor a distinguishing mark of any kind to help identify him.

According to two Pingree residents in the city this week his name may have been Connolly, as a transient by that name had the habit of sleeping in box cars, in order to save the price of a room at a hotel."

Rats! No burial place given! I was unable to find an unknown matching these dates in any of the cemeteries of Stutsman County. Maybe he'll be identified and the burial place given. Give him up for now. On with more indexing.

It wasn't long before I ran across a notice in the Democrat on July 31, 1919 page 3:

"A coroner's jury has returned a verdict of 'died as the result of a blow on the head with a stone or other hard blunt instrument and the explosion of a dynamite cap placed in the mouth of the victim after he had been stunned by the blow to the head," at an inquest which was held in County Coroner DePuy's offices, Monday afternoon over the death of an unidentified man who was found in a box car, June 14, on the Midland tracks."

A-ha! A coroner's inquest! Maybe if I read the original coroner's inquest report it might make a mistake and tell where in Jamestown he was buried. He has to be here. Since they don't know who he is--they can't very well ship him off somewhere. Down to the court house. The coroner's report reads as follows:

"Verdict of Jury

State of North Dakota

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#### County of Stutsman

An inquisition held at the City of Jamestown in the County of Stutsman and State of North Dakota on the 28th day of July A. D. 1919 before T. R. De Puy, coroner of the said County, upon the body of a person unknown, found dead in a box car on the Midland Continental Railway in the eastern part of the City of Jamestown, North Dakota, June 14, 1919, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oath do say that the said person unknown came to his death by felonious means in manner following to-wit: by a blow on the head struck by some person unknown with a rock or other hard substance, and by the explosion of a dynamite cap or other explosive placed the mouth of said deceased by some person unknown.

D. R. Brockman

F. R. Kellogg

Wm. Stone

Filed in Clerks Office Stutsman County, N. Dakota July 30, 1919 at 1 o'clock P. M. Jesse M. Cran, Clerk By Lucy C. Matson, Deputy "



## UNKNOWN MAN MURDERED AT JAMESTOWN by George Barron, Jamestown

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Double Rats! Not even a mention of a cemetery or burial! Let's go to the library and look up those obit-like entries that show up in the obit index for the Jamestown Daily Alert.

On page 3 of the Daily Alert for June 16, 1919 reads:

#### "MYSTERY IN FOUL MURDER OF MAN IN BOX CAR HERE

Unidentified Victim's Face Beaten to Pulp--Gruesome Scene for Officials

Mystery surrounds the foul murder of an unidentified man by an unknown assailant in a box car standing on a side track of the Northern Pacific railroad on the eastern outskirts of the city. The body was discovered about 7 o'clock Saturday evening by Fred Schaller. The victim's face was beaten to a pulp, indicating that the murder was a most brutal affair. The man's teeth were knocked out and strewn about the box car. Coroner T. L. DePuy, Dr. R. G. DePuy, State's Attorney John W. Carr, Sheriff James H. Ross and others, who completed an investigation of the unsavory affair late Saturday night declared their belief that the man was murdered either Thursday night or Friday morning.

Railroad officials investigated Saturday night and traced the box car's journey northward to this city. The car left Nortonville, Tuesday, June 10, and reached Jamestown, Thursday, June 13. It remained on the sidetracks on the eastern out skirts of the city until Saturday afternoon, when it was switched a few rods. The foul murder occurred before the box was switched Saturday afternoon, blood being found on tracks near where the car had formerly been stationed.

Dr. R. G. DePuy, called early Saturday evening to investigate, discovered a fair-sized rock, covered with blood, hidden near the secen (sic) of the murder.

The unidentified victim of the gruesome affair is about 50 years of age, six feet tall, and weighs about 180 pounds. He wore a brown mustache. His face is unrecognizable.

Officials working on the case are baffled, there being absolutely no clues. That robbery may have been the motive is indicated by the fact that the unknown man's pockets were turned inside out. Not an article was found on his body to identify him, or a distinguishing mark of any kind on his clothing.

Late Saturday night an old shirt, wrapped in a newspaper, was found in the vicinity of the murder scene. It was examined carefully by officials, who are inclined to believe that it had nothing to do with the affair.

P. W. Eddy discovered a dynamite fuse in the box car Sunday morning, which leads to another possibility in the case. It was explained by Coroner T. L. DePuy today that the explosion of the dynamite cap could cause the havoc wrought in the box car.

The body of the unknown victim was buried Sunday. A coroner's inquest will be held late this afternoon or this evening, according to announcement by Coroner T. L. DePuy.

Two Pingree residents, in the city today on a business and pleasure mission, gave meagre details that may throw some light on the identity of the murdered man. According to these two men a transit (sic) named Connolly, who was at Sykeston for several days last week, came to Pingree Wednesday or Thursday of last week seeking work. Connolly answers the description of the murder victim, according to these visitors. Connolly came to Jamestown Friday. He had been in the habit of sleeping in empty box cars to save the cost of a room at a hotel, it is said.

Coroner T. L. DePuy, advised of these facts by a newspaper man this morning, started an investigation and it is barely possible that the identify (sic) of the man may be established."

Well--that tells a lot. He was buried on Sunday, but they didn't make any mistake and tell me in what cemetery! The second item is that P. W. Eddy, one of our early undertakers, was on the scene. Maybe he was there because he had the job of burying our mystery man.

Better read the next article. From the Jamestown Daily Alert, June 20, 1919 page 1 is the following article:



## UNKNOWN MAN MURDERED AT JAMESTOWN by George Barron, Jamestown

"I. W. W. WARNING SEEN IN SLAYING OF UNKNOWN MAN Peculiar Angle to Mystery Murder Discovered--Handwriting on Car. That the unidentified man murdered in a box car standing on an N.



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side track on the eastern out-skirts of the city the latter part of last week by an unknown assailant was a victim of an I. W. W., or possible I. W. W.'s is the belief of Stutsman officials following discovery of a new angle in the case.

This week the box car in which the unknown man was murdered was switched to the Russell-Miller mill to be loaded. Officers of the law had previously investigated some handwriting on the wall, the unknown scribe using his finger or some blunt obstacle and dipping it in the blood of his victim.

At the Russell-Miller mill an employe informed officials as to the letters and their meaning. Altho poorly written the letters, 'Get a Card' are plainly distinguishable. These letters were written on the side of the box car with the unknown victim's blood, a trail of blood leading from the last letter to the unidentified man's head. It is deduced by officials that the murder victim was not a member of the I. W. W., and that his unknown assailant was a member of that organization. As a result, after committing the foul murder, the I. W. W. probably wrote 'Get a card' on the side of the box car as a warning to other transients not connected with the organization.

No clue as to the identity of the victim or his assailant has been discovered."

There was another article in the Alert on July 30, 1919 page 4, but it was just a report of the coroner's inquest, similar to that in the Democrat.

No burial place yet for Mr. Unknown. Off to Eddy's Funeral Home to see if they can find a record of one they must have buried somewhere. The report from there is almost comical.

It was late in the day and only two people were one duty, Sandy, the clerk and record keeper, and Steve one of the all duty guys.

My first question to both of them was: "In your card file of former customers, do you have any cards for "Unknowns'?"

Steve says, "What's his name?"

Me: "Unknown".

Steve: "Well how would we look him up?"

Me: "Maybe under U?"

Steve grabbed the big handful of "U" cards and started dealing through them. No Unknown. Meanwhile, Sandy had trotted off to the basement files and had brought back an old ledger book that included 1919. Sandy, opening the book to the index in the front, "Well, how are we going to look him up?"

Me: "Aren't the pages in the book in historical order--we could just look through until we find June 1919?" While she was thinking of that, and inspecting the index, she spied an "Unknown" up in the left hand corner of the index and marked page 37. She flipped over to page 37 and there he was--box car story and the whole schmear!

Me: "Now in what cemetery was he buried?"

We looked and looked at the sparse information on the sheet, but no cemetery was given. We saw they had used \$10 worth of ice, and found his partially completed death certificate. In the blank for burial place was written "County Lot". A-ha! That has to be at Highland Home Cemetery, as neither Calvary Cemetery or "McGinnis Cemetery" ever had a county lot. The frustrating mystery is solved. This seems like a lot of work just to fill one damned blank in a computer obit index! I can just envision how agitated Harold, the cemetery operating official and sexton, will be when he finds out he has one more unknown without a record. It will be another detective mission to find where the county lot was in 1919 and what grave site must be occupied by Mr. Unknown.

As far as we know he has never been identified and must lie in his spot in the county lot. So if you have one of your ancestors who meets the description and left Nortonville, ND Tuesday June 10, 1919 headed for Jamestown--you might now know his present location. By now there are probably still bones and a few remaining teeth that would hold some useable DNA that might identify him as Uncle Harry, long lost, but now found!

#### "When we think of Al, let us say, he was a friend and mentor to many of us."

Albert Hausauer, 81 formerly of Bismarck, died November 26, 2004, in Robbinsdale, MN.

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Albert Rudolph Hausauer was born August 2, 1923 in Jamestown, ND. He was the son of Rudolph and Katharine (Pietz) Hausauer. Albert graduated from Jamestown High School in the spring of 1941 and enrolled in the Dakota Business College in Fargo that fall. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska and at the University of Missouri School of Mines, working for a degree in engineering. World War II interrupted his education and he enlisted in the army and served as a paratrooper with the 11 Airborne Division in the South Pacific. Following his honorable discharge, he enrolled at the University of North Dakota and received a degree in Business Administration and Accounting (BSC) and Juris Doctorate degree in Law.

Following his graduation from UND and his admission to the Bar, he entered into partnership with Roland A. Suess and they maintained an auditing and tax practice in Minot, Williston and Bottineau for 12 years. In 1963, he accepted a position with the State Tax Dept. In 1967, he assumed a post as Special Assistant Attorney General for the Tax Dept. In that position he appeared before State and Federal Courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Albert's avocation was genealogy and history. He was the founder of the Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society; a charter member and officer of the North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia; a member of the North Dakota State Historical Society, Inc., a member of the North Dakota State Historical Society Board and the Heritage Center Community; as well as other state, national and international genealogical and historical societies. On occasions he taught courses at Bismarck Junior College and lectured on genealogy and Germans from Russia Heritage throughout the state.

In 1948, Albert married Mary Evelyn Meinhover in Bismarck at St. Mary's Church. They had five children. Survivors: his wife, Mary Evelyn; five children Sarah Jane Hausauer, Albert R. Hausauer, Elizabeth Ann Dewald, Mary Catherine Hausauer, Theodore John Hausauer. One brother, Rudolph John Hausauer, California, three sisters, Mrs. Wayne Kelly (Edna) of Carrington, ND, Mrs. Donald Raatz (Clara) of Bismarck, and Ester of Minneapolis.

(abbreviated obituary)

Thank you Don Smith for submitting AI Hausauer's obituary

December 13,

2004 John,

Here is the obituary you requested. As you are aware, he was a charter member of the NDSGS and had several years in support of such an organization as well as providing the first draft of our By-laws and Constitution. His wife Mary was also a charter member of the BMHGS.

I don't know what more I could say about Al except he was a wonderful friend with a terrific sense of humor. He was loyal to his family and friends. I never knew him to even hurt anyone's feelings intentionally or otherwise. He had many friends.

Don

Memories of Al....

I remember the first time I met Al Hausauer. I had been a member of the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society for several years but was attending my first (Bismarck-Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society) workshop in Bismarck. Don Smith and Al Hausauer were selling books at one of the vendor's tables. Our conversation soon locused on developing a North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Al indicated it had been attempted but interest was lacking at the time. Then Al said he'd help and he provided the encouragement for me to start the letter writing campaign. True to his word, he was on-board as we worked to get the NDSGS organized. Al and Don were instrumental in writing the by-laws and constitution as well as getting our non-profit status and all the legal things that go with getting an organization incorporated.

John

Miscellaneous notes of interest

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

I have found a copy of the Stark County Heritage and Destiny book that is for sale. Please contact me for information if you know anyone who might be interested in purchasing it. Price is \$200.00. This book is no longer available for sale or reprint. Patrice Hartman patrice@ndsupernet.com

#### North Dakota State Death Index Project

Latest update: The work order was written for development of a web-based program for the North Dakota State Death Index. Work has begun and the North Dakota State Genealogical Society has begun receiving bills for the development of the program. The initial estimate for the project was \$3,000 but latest estimate indicates it may be closer to \$3,300. If you or your organization did not have opportunity to donate funds to this project but you feel it is worthwhile, please consider a donation of any amount.

Once this is on-line, you'll be able to search for your ancestor's death in North Dakota in the comfort of your own home. The fields will be the same as you have access to at the Research Library of the ND State Archives.





#### GATE WAY TO THE PAST, WILLIAMS COUNTY, ND

According to Gloria Johnson, Work on "Gateway to the Past" started in 1998 and details burial sites for 8,000 people for cemeteries outside of Williston. We documented information with cemetery markers, and then added information with church records, cemetery records and township records."

At the beginning of the book, the reader will find pictures of cemeteries' gateways and their histories. "It gives a brief description and how to get out there," Johnson said. "Most of the deaths go back to the early 1900s," she said. However, Fort Union shows graves from the 1850s, and Fort Buford, the late 1800s. For more detailed information, Johnson is printing separate books for each township. The tombstones tell a lot about history. "You find a lot of baby deaths from the 1918 flu epidemic," Johnson said. She added that "the headstones vary from rudimentary cement." that was written on by hand, to sandstone, to today's granite. The sandstone names can wash out and the cement can break apart." "A lot of the early towns no longer exist like Mon-Dak," she said. "One half was on the North Dakota side and one half on the Montana side." \$30. per book, \$5. shipping and the book on CD is \$10. each plus \$2, for shipping

Contact Gloria Johnson for more information at:

gjohnson@dia.net

Donations received as of March 2005 for placing the North Dakota State Death Index on the Web

THANK YOU

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Grand Forks County was recently added to the 1885 ND census database online. See this website for additional information. Patrice

http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/bio&genealogy/dakterr1885census.html



Taken from PIONEER TRAILS REGIONAL MUSEUM newsletter (2004)

Museum Store: The store has a sizeable collection of adult and children's books for sale. Some that we carry are of Native American life and culture, biographies, ranching life, homesteading, wars, collector's books, area County History books, books by local authors and many more subjects. Music CD's and cassettes of local artists, Native American music, and also available are cassettes of radiothon interviews of local people telling of early life and businesses in this area from past and present radiothons.

Also check out their genealogy department!

For more information write to the PTRM, 12 First Ave. NE in Bowman, ND or call (701) 523-3600.

Patrice writes "Minnesota Birth Index is now online" http://people.mnhs.org/bci/

Looking for a good used laptop computer or PDA to use to compile indexes at courthouses and funeral homes etc. Does anyone have something like this they could donate? This would be used by the Southwestern ND Genealogical Society. Please contact Patrice Hartman: <a href="mailto:patrice@ndsupernet.com">patrice@ndsupernet.com</a>

George Barron writes:

As of Nov. 2, 2004, "The JRGC cemetery books at \$25, with those containing more than 240 pages set at \$30, both to include the cost of shipping to US destinations.

#### NORTH DAKOTA METHODIST HISTORY NEEDED

FOR SALE:

INDEX OF NAMES FROM THE 2004 MINOT DAILY NEWS OBITUARIES

Covering 01 January 2004 to 31 December 2004. There are 65 pages and total of 2,162 names. The fields in the index are: Name, Birth Date, Death Date, Town of Burial, Spouse, Parents.

Cost \$20.00 (which includes postage).

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

c/o: Publications Committee

P. O. Box 1391, MINOT, ND 58702-1391

At the September meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting in Bismarck, brochures about the Dakotas United Methodist Conference history up-date were shared with attendees.

I've chaired the Dakotas Conference History Task Force, which was mandated by the Conference Commission on Archives and History to bring recommendations for the development of a history of the Dakotas Conference. How we're working on the research aspect of the project.

"The printed histories of the North Dakota and South Dakota Conferences were written more than forty years ago, thus they do not record the happenings of these past forty years. And, most importantly, they do not record the history brought to us by the Evangelical United Brethern Church."

- Charles Finney, president Dakota United Methodist Historical Society - As you look at the faith background of your ancestors, and prowl through histories and records of North Dakota counties, we would appreciate your keeping an eye out for 'hidden gems' mentioning Methodist Evangelical, Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodist Churches ... especially if there are pictures!!

If you have information to share contact: Jacki Keck, 703 West 7th Street, Williston, ND 58801-4908 jkeck@dia.net Thanks for your help!



## Notes of Interest From the Editor's Desk



#### Open Records ~ its the LAW!

The following is an opinion issued from the North Dakota Attorney Wayne Stenehjem's office and are interpretations and excerpts only.

Date issued: September 7, 2004 Issued to: the City of Napoleon

Request: Whether the city of Napoleon violated the state's open records laws by failing to provide access to records within a reasonable time and charging excess fees for copies of public records. Whether the city also violated the state's open meeting laws by refusing to permit a citizen to videotape a meeting and by discussing matters at a special meeting not included in the meeting agenda.

Conclusion: The city violated the state's open records law and open meetings law by failing to provide access to records within a reasonable time, charging fees in excess of actual costs to provide said records, refusing to permit the videotaping of a meeting, and by discussing matters at a special meeting not included in the meeting agenda. The requested records have now been provided, but the city must refund excess fees.

You can view this opinion and additional information at: http://www.ag.state.nd.us/

Source: North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, MRLGS, March 2005

If you have a question about open records, contact the North Dakota Attorney General's Office for a free brochure entitled North Dakota Open Records Laws.

If you wrote to Earl Pomeroy a couple months ago about House Resolution 10 on access to birth certificates, you may have received a reply such as I did yesterday.

He reports that he voted for the resolution which passed the House 282-134 and was signed into law on Dec. 17, 2004.

There is one interesting paragraph in his letter that we should be aware of:

"As for your concerns regarding birth certificate provisions in H. R. 10, this bill does provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to promulgate regulations to standardize the process for issuing birth certificates. The Secretary of Health and Human Services has one year to develop these regulations during which time the public will be provided time to comment and respond to these proposed regulations. I will monitor this regulatory process and keep your concerns in mind as new developments arise."

George (Barron)





Please consider submitting your articles of interest to our society's publication.

Tell us about milestones in your life including any genealogical finds!

A work order has been submitted by the ND Dept of Health to the state computer technicians (ITD) to create the web-based program for the North Dakota State Death Index. Hopefully it will be available in 2005!

#### RECORDER'S ACTION WAS ILLEGAL

Bismarck (AP) Stark County's recorder violated North Dakota's open records law by refusing a man's request for marriage records, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said.

The recorder, Carol Beckert, said she had declined to provide marriage records since April 2003, when a state law took effect that made Social Security numbers confidential when they are listed on vital records. The marriage records list the Social Security numbers of the bride and groom.

In cases, where records include confidential information, the information should be blacked out and the remainder of the record provided, Stenehjem said. Instead, Beckert refused access to the entire record, the attorney general said.

Stenehjem issued a legal opinion Wednesday on the matter at the request of Thomas Dietz of Dickinson. Dietz asked the recorder in September for marriage records during specific time periods, and his request was refused.

Beckert must provide requested records once the Social Security numbers have been removed, Stenehjem's opinion says.

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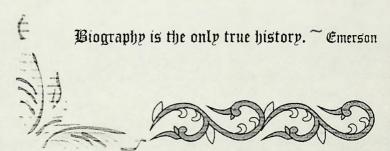
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