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NDSGS ~ Field Trip to Bismarck Marble Sears and Roebuck used to sell tombstones & Granite September 27, 2002 submitted by Patrice Hartman

Members of the NDSGS spent about 45 minutes visiting with David Ternes who is the owner of Bismarck Marble and Granite, a business he established in 1986. He began working in the monument business at the age of 15 at Bismarck Memorial. The granite comes from all over the world with quarries in the midwest located at St. Cloud, Minnesota and Milbank, South Dakota. Once the granite is chosen a computer generated design is made. A stencil is then created by the computer of all the lettering and design features. This stencil is used during the sand blasting stage. Fine details are achieved by using silica sand as the agent. Some dyes may weather over time and need to be retouched. Each stone is set on a thin slab so that it can "float" to withstand frost and temperature changes. Mr. Ternes has created monuments for people as far away as Montana and South Dakota. The best time of day to photograph stones is midday and from an angle.

In earlier times most stones were made of a soft material which eventually deteriorates. Pressed letters were used for the designs. Lichens can be cleaned off with an acid but the

person doing this must be protected.

made of marble For \$1.00 they would design and send the stone out and if you didn't like it you could return it. Exact duplicates of original stones can be made by using a special rubbing paper to do the letter and design transfer. It was an enjoyable outing and informative for all who attended.



The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be held Friday, March 21, 2003 at 1:00 PM in the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds. All genealogy societies in North Dakota are paid members of the NDSGS and we encourage you to send your members as well as your society's representative to our first meeting of the year. Ed Zuern will speak on the history of the North Dakota State Penitentiary, Bismarck as well as availability of records and photographs.

NDSGS President's Letter ~ Patrice Hartman

I would like to thank all of our members for your continuing cooperation and excellent communication throughout the state of North Dakota.

This past year has seen an ever increasing use of online genealogy resources. Both at the local county level of rootsweb and the state and national levels. I have enjoyed using the many resources at ancestry.com in particular the (US Federal Census indexes for 1850, 1920 and 1930) and genealogy.com. (US Federal Census indexes for 1870, 1900 and 1910). These sites require a subscription to access their resources. Also the posting of the US Federal Census of 1880 and the 1881 British and 1881 Canadian census indexes on familysearch.org. This site is free and has many other valuable resources.

I also was able to travel to Fort Wayne, Indiana last fall to visit my daughter. While there I spent an afternoon at the Allan County Public Library. I especially enjoyed their Canadian collection as I was researching a family from Ontario at the time.

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Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society has continued to work through the chapters of "Digging in the Dirt". Genealogical requests for information are taken care of as they come in.

Election of Officers: Arlene Cable was re-elected President, Marlys Olson is our new Vice-President and Marlene Ripplinger was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Several members made a road trip to Bismarck in November where we did research at the Family History Center and the Heritage Center.

No meeting was held in December. At our January meeting, Rev. Brian Tidd had a presentation on his four trips to Russia, where he told of his experiences there. He also showed a video and had souvenirs and albums to look at. Rev Tidd is currently the pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Harvey. The public was invited and lunch was served. Arlene Cable, President

WILLIAMS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Submitted by Gloria Johnson, Chairman

September: New officers took office for the new year September - May of 2002-2003. Lewis & Clark information was presented. Various Internet sites and family history magazines were shared by the group.

October: We traveled via van/bus to the Mondak Heritage Center in Sidney, Mont. We toured the center and had our business meeting in their history library. The return trip took us to old historic places such as Java, Nohle, Snowden, Mont. and Nohle Cemetery. Then on to Ft. Buford Cemetery, the Yellowstone-Missouri Confluence Center, the Buford and Westview Cemeteries. Our group has been listed in a Genealogical Address Book on the Internet - www.geocities.com/epbentley.

November: Two of our members attended a workshop in Glendive, Mont and Roberta shared the presentation by Sylvia Murray of Havre, MT on securing international information and research via the LDS Family History December: This was a time for sharing personal histories and contributing information. Everyone brought favorite web addresses to share and these are being compiled by a member to be handed out at the next meeting.

January: Work continues on our A-Z Rural Cemetery Index of Williams County. Several are still going through microfilm at the library putting missing links in place. Our A-Z Obituary Index continues to grow with new obits added monthly. It was noted that Williston Woodworks in Williston can copy large documents for genealogy - a 4'x5' document costs \$7.00. Discussion on cemetery research and preservation of records and the different types of computers and programs used. A 100' roll of tombstone rubbing paper was ordered for the group and is available for purchase and use by our members. Also we are looking into spray preservations available for documents. Info will be brought to our next meeting as to where they can be purchased.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

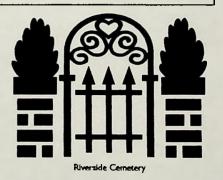
Our officers for 2003 are Eva Inches (Minot) President, Betty Scrilichting (Garrison) Vice President, Michael Bartolf (Oxbow, Canada) Recording Secretary, Lillian Vannett (Minot) Corresponding Secretary, Agnes Cushing (Minot) Treasurer with Board members being: Sam Kampman (Sawyer), Pam Orth (Minot), John Mogren (Fessenden), Terry Marcotte (Minot) and Evelyn Zablotney (Minot).

Frank Kirkelie (of Donnybrook) a member of the Ward County Old Settlers Association spoke to us and turned over their records to our group for indexing and research. Lillian Vannett has completed indexing these interesting records and a copy of the index has been sent to the SHSND and will be placed in the research library. We had our ethnic dinner and progressive auction in November and that was fun. In December we had a program on accessing Veteran Records and how to obtain "replacement" medals of our veteran ancestors. February John Mogren and Pam Orth appeared on the KXMC Noon Show to speak about genealogy. Our February meeting we had Joyce Evans come and speak about her work in coordinating volunteers to work toward the restoration of the Belden Finnish Cemetery at Belden, ND. She was able to negotiate a price with Stonecrafters in Minot to place headstone on all of the unmarked graves. Eva Inches has demonstrated some pioneer days crafts such as punch needle work and rug hooking. Eva also has demonstrated doing transfers of family photos onto t-shirts. Since our "webmaster" Paul Flick left, our web page had been idle however, Calina Clarkson has come forward to take up that role.

We will celebrate our 25th Anniversary on May 3, 2003 at 1:00 in the Minot Public Library and have a committee putting together a program.

We still meet the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 in the Minot Public Library, visitors are always welcome. Submitted by: John Mogren

Publication completed regarding an old cemetery near Harvey North Dakota



Marlene Ripplinger has informed us that members of the Central North Dakota Genealogical Society have compiled a booklet of pictures and notations of the tombstones at Riverside Cemetery, near Harvey, ND. Stop at the Harvey Public Library and take a look at their work.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

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The library also has a large collection of books from around the country and a complete US census collection. In January I visited the Washburn Historical Society at Washburn, ND and viewed their collection of early photographs, books and displays of steamboating on the Missouri River. Take time this summer to visit a local museum and find out what genealogical resources they have to offer.

As you travel around the state and country remember to spread the word about our organization and the resources that are available for North Dakota research. We need to actively work on obtaining new members and new ideas. Patrice Hartman

James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by George Baron, Jamestown

James River Genealogy Club, with members in Eddy, Foster, Stutsman, & Wells Counties, and members at a distance across the country.

The Club continues to be on hiatus until our first 2003 meeting in April. Our officers are Cathy Paulson, president, Carrington, George Barron, vice president, and Mary Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, both Jamestown. The club maintains an internet home page with links on each of our county pages, as well as a link on the ND State Genealogical Society home page.

We have recently published "Rural and Village Cemeteries of Barnes County, ND" which contains all of the Barnes burials except those in the four Valley City cemeteries. The index to this book, as well as indexes to all of our other cemetery books are up on the related usgenweb county pages. It is expected that we may finish the rest of the Barnes cemeteries this coming summer. In the last few days, we have added a special index for the additions and corrections made to our Stutsman County rural cemetery book, which includes some 624 additions made since 1999. This special index is also up on our Stutsman page. The club has just donated the Streeter newspaper films to the Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown. That library also has rural newspaper films for Woodworth, Courtenay, and Montpelier. All of the Stutsman County rural village newspapers have been indexed for obits.

Sharon Hewitt, Carrington, has been making a start on indexing Foster County deaths. Patty Hilbert, New Rockford, continues to work on indexing all of the pre 1925 marriages for Eddy County. We offer to help with searches for small donations in the counties listed above. Our volunteer searchers have been busy throughout the winter helping clients by mail, as well as answering all kinds of e-mailed queries about details in our membership area. We have also been busy providing cemetery books, and page copies to our mail-in customers. We are looking forward to spring and outings.

Bismarck / Mandan Historical Genealogical

Society submitted by Don Smith

Our September 28 (2002) workshop "Nourish Your Family Roots" was a definite success, with 124 attendees. The bonus topic of Molecular Genealogy, with about 185 individuals taking part. showed excellent community interest and support.

On 9 January 2003, the following officers were installed: President - Gary Zentz; President Elect - Awaiting a volunteer, Recording Secretary - Pat Herdebu; Corresponding Secretary -Dolores Green; Treasurer - Don Smith; Programs - Susan Dingle: Historian - JoAnn Lloyd: Calling Tree Chairperson - Sandy Denis; Publications - Don Smith, Amy Schauer-Nelson, Glenn and Pat Herdebu; Trustees - Gail Gorden (3rd year), Beth Bauman (2nd year) and Marvin Evenson (1st year). We would welcome any volunteers to assist on any of the committees and especially President-Elect.

We are saddened by the death on 31 Dec 2002 of Shirley Jacobson, a charter member and very active participant as an officer, researcher and all around willing helper, since our organization was formed. She had been in the hospital since about 20 September 2002. She will be missed by all who knew her.

We welcome you all to our regular monthly meetings held at the Bismarck Public Library on the second Thursday of the the month at 7 p.m.



THANK YOU TO JACKI KECK FOR HER WORK AS THE EDITOR OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER FROM 1997 to 2002



Red River Valley Genealogical Society

We just completed receiving the large donation to our library yesterday (January 31, 2003) and we wanted to be accurate in stating what we had acquired.

A fellow genealogist has loaned an extensive collection of microfilm records to our library for use in locating information for others searching for their ancestors.

The films include:

Complete Naturalization Records of ND- 290 rolls

Complete 1885 census of Dakota Territory- 12 rolls

Complete 1900 census of South Dakota- 11 rolls

Complete 1910 census of South Dakota- 15 rolls, with Soundex of 44 rolls

Complete 1920 census of South Dakota- 14 rolls, with Soundex of 48 rolls

We are now in search of a microfilm reader that has printing capabilities. If anyone knows of the location of one, please contact our society with info on it. We have been loaned a reader that we can use, however it does not have print capabilities which will be needed for research. We also are looking for donations to help with the purchase of a microfilm reader.

We also have received two donations of books from long time members of our society. Maxine Workman has donated a large collection of books and maps from her personal files. We also received a large number of books from the estate of Myrtle Marler which cover a large area, with emphasis on North Dakota and the New England area of the east coast. These wonderful collections have greatly enhanced our library. We invite all interested fellow genealogists to come to our library and use our new resources.

Submitted by Linda Zeutschel, Librarian

BOWMAN COUNTY HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SO-CIETY submitted by Clara Bliss

At the Annual Governor's Conference on History Dorothy Pearson was presented with the Excellence in Local History Award by the North Dakota State Historical Board. This award is given to recognize and honor the many citizens in the state who dedicate their time, talent and effort to local and state history. Dorothy serves on several state level historical organizations as well as the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Dorothy is also very involved at the local level. We are proud of Dorothy and all that she has done for history and genealogy over the past years.

Dean Pearson of the Paleontology Department spent a couple of weeks in Europe studying dinosaurs at Paris, in the Pyrenees Mountains nor of Barcelona, Spain and in London at the British Museum. Antoine Bercovici, an undergraduate student from Paris spent time at the museum studying the dinosaurs of southwestern North Dakota.

I present project at the museum is an in-depth study of what was happening on "the home front" during World War II. We are collecting stories, family histories etc. From the area about life and the changes in the lifestyles during this time. We are pleased that we have been able to locate the where abouts of a couple of now defunct local newspapers of our area. continued > > > > > > >

SWNDGS

The Dunn County Historical Society is continuing a project in which information will be collected for the 33 public cemeteries in Dunn County. Data is also being recorded for the 10 known family gravesites which are located on private property. The Dunn County Cemetery Project is being lead by Theresa Godlevsky acting as the Project Manager. The completion date is scheduled for May 2003.

The information gathered is to be published in a new historical reference book for the county. Plans are to have the data constructed in a publication that will be easily updated and assembled so the current issues will contain the most precise information. The publication will contain a graves lists, historical information on each cemetery, maps of each cemetery, pictures, directions of how to get to each cemetery, and individual tombstone transcriptions. This information is of great importance to genealogists and others who are interested in preserving our local history for future generations.

The Dunn County Cemetery Project is in need of volunteers to help with the tombstone transcriptions. It is a process of simply walking each cemetery and recording the tombstone data. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project can contact the Dunn County Museum at 548-8111 or write the Dunn County Historical Society at P.O. Box 86, Dunn Center. ND 58626.

The grave lists obtained through the Dunn County Cemetery Project are also being made available to genealogists around the world on the NDGenWeb Internet website. NDGenWeb is affiliated with US-GenWeb which is a hosted volunteer project associated with RootsWeb.com (RootsWeb is the oldest and largest free genealogy website, also supported by Ancestry.com). The USGenWeb Project is a group of volunteers working together to provide Internet websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. This Project is non-commercial and fully committed to free access for everyone. To find the information regarding the Dunn County cemeteries on the Internet, go to the USGenWeb website (www.usgenweb.org) and select "The Project's States Pages" and select North Dakota. then Dunn County, and eventually "Cemeteries" from the following options.

Since the Dunn County Cemetery Project will also be including private family gravesites, we urge those individuals who may have private family graves on their property to please contact the Dunn County Museum (548-8111) so that information can be recorded and preserved. Submitted by Temi Godlevsky

Knowing this helps with genealogy requests. The Rhame Review is at the Herald office at New England, North Dakota and the Scranton papers are at The Finder in Bowman.



Searching in <u>Divide County</u>, North Dakota. Submitted Rodney Gillund



Searching for data of deaths in Divide County, North Dakota? Perhaps I can help. But let me tell you why and how I started the project. Several years ago I drove my wife, sons and in-laws to visit the cousins of my father-in-law near Story City, Iowa. While there, I was granted access to the old newspaper files of the newspaper printed there. Much of the old files was yellowed with age and the paper was dangerously brittle. But, they permitted me to search. I scanned the papers as rapidly as I could, knowing full well that my family was waiting outside in the car, on a hot, humid Iowa afternoon, wondering when I would finish. I suspected, too, that that this might be my only chance to search the newspapers in that community...and my time was limited. I scanned blindly in some cases, because I had few specific dates and reference points. In some cases, I had an approximate year, only. I plunged along quickly, trying to be careful with the brittle pages, wishing there could be some easier way of finding the data more quickly. Then, in addition to some other experiences, I developed some indexes and data to help people find obituaries and references to deaths reported in local newspapers. Although I was neither born nor reared in Divide County (I have taught here twice, once in the early '60's, and secondly beginning in the early 1980's until I retired this year (2002), I decided that having some system of finding data more easily in the newspapers would be helpful. Several people have asked how much I would charge to do the same thing for their community, to which I have responded, "You don't have enough money to pay me to do it; having volunteers do it with a consistent system is the way to go."

Essentially, I have scanned almost all newspapers published in Divide County, North Dakota (I am working on the last two now: Noonan Miner and Ambrose newspapers), recording death notices, forming an abstract of the article or obituary, indexing those entries into annual units, and then combining the index into five-year units since few of us know for certain of a specific date...we want to make sure we do not overlook an entry. Full copies of my index and abstracts of deaths of Divide County are filed at the State Historical Society, Bismarck; Divide County Public Library, Crosby; Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU, Fargo, Special Collections Division, Chester Fritz Library, UND, Grand Forks, and Williston and Minot Libraries, and I have a copy. (Hard copies of most of the original newspapers are stored in the basement of Minot State University Library.) Persons wishing to research deaths in Divide County are welcome to use my finding aid data at Divide County Library which has microfilm copies of all newspapers published in the county, as well as the Columbus Reporter (Burke County) and the Wildrose Mixer (Williams County). The library has a microfilm reader and a quite old microfilm printer. The staff there is a small one and does not have a lot of time to research data for other people, but sometimes they can help with individual requests. Or, I can help one locate specific newspaper issues in which data can be found. My home address is Box 254, Crosby, ND 58730, and my phone number is (701) 965-4324. Feel free to contact me about Divide County deaths, and include an email address if possible. I would prefer initial correspondence/communication by telephone or letter, since I may be changing my email address soon.

Also, I would encourage individuals or groups to develop helping aides for their areas, either individually, or, as I have, for the entire county. I have experimented with a variety of formats and have found one that works well for me. I would be happy to share my system with others wishing to replicate my project, so that they, like I, would not be looking frantically for items in aging newspapers while his family swelters in the car, in the heat of a humid lowa afternoon.



North Dakota Veteran's History Project This project exists to capture the stories of war-time veterans who lived in or served from North Dakota. Volunteers are needed to interview veterans. Created by an Act of Congress on October 27, 2000, and spearheaded by the Library of Congress, the Veterans History Project seeks to record the stories of men and women who experienced life during wartime both in the military and on the home front. Encompassing this entire nation's wars and conflicts, the project focuses first on our oldest veterans. Only a small

fraction of the State's 60,000 veterans can be interviewed and the project will give priority to those who served in World Wars I & II and the Korean War. The original interview tape will go to the State Historical Society of North Dakota where it will be retained. Veterans who are interested in participating and have a story to tell are welcome to be part of this project. Each County's Veterans' Service Officer will assemble a list of veterans in their county

who might be interviewed. Are you willing to assemble a list of interested veterans who would consent to oral interviews? The plan would be to set up appointments within the county and commence interviewing upon arrival of interviewing equipments. The AARP Volunteer who is coordinating the project in North Dakota is Bonnie Bieber or you may contact your county's veteran service officer. What a wonderful opportunity for genealogists to involve themselves.

Submitted by John Mogren

Bonnie Bieber Att: Veteran's History Project 402 South Meadow Lane MOTT, ND 58646 701-824-2712

E-mail: bib@ctctel.com

MINUTES OF N.D.S.G.S. MEETING

Meeting was held in the Heritage Center Board Room on September 27, 2002. President Patrice Hartman called meeting to order at 1:00. Those in attendance: Don Smith, Linda Zeutschel, George Barron, Daphne Drewello, Patrice Hartman, Pat Ashley, Delores Vyzralek, John Mogren. Motion by Don Smith and seconded by Linda Zeutschel to approve the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried. Motion to approve by George Barron and second by Pat Ashley to approve the financial report as distributed by Treasurer Don Smith. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ~§~ Newsletter items for the spring issue should be submitted to Jacki Keck. Please be working on your items. Consensus was that members like to continue receiving the newsletter by e-mail as well as the hard copy.
- ~§~ Discussed workshops and the desire that groups holding workshops would do earlier publicity.
- ~§~ Discussed getting the death index on the Internet. Discussed using NDSGS funds at some point to make this a reality.

New Business:

- Bylaw changes
 - Article IV Board of Directors, section 9. original wording.
 Proposed change: to five members of the board.

Motion to change bylaws by Don Smith, second by George Barron. Motion carried.

- 2. Article V. Officers change to two years with right to succession. It was noted that it was our intent that office of vice president and president should be rotated between genealogical societies in the State. Motion to change bylaws to allow succession by Don Smith, second by George Barron. Motion carried.
- 3. Don Smith was named agent and put on the project of investigating the process of filing the Bylaws with changes to the Secretary of State. The Patrice will type the bylaws and constitution if no one has those on their computer. Notice of dues will be sent out. The group feels building the treasury for future North Dakota genealogical projects is a good idea.
- ~§~ Discussed offering Pioneer and Early Settlers Certificates for areas not covered by genealogical societies already offering these. RRVSG will do them statewide. This might be doubling up so the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will not take this on a project. It was suggested that societies offering certificates might provide an article to be printed in the State Newsletter on their area of coverage.
- ~§~ Linda Zeutschel spoke about her participation in grant writing workshop. She is going to send some information to Patrice Hartman on grant writing, which will be made available to NDSGS members. Linda stated Walmart had given them some money for supplies.
- ~§~ Discussed the possibility of having someone speak from the Old Soldiers Home in Lisbon. Discussed the North Dakota State Penitentiary Records, ND State Archives has a microfilm index of the inmates and can provide some limited information. Dianne Little is the contact person for the State Penitentiary. Next meeting: March 21, 2003 (third Friday). Delores will reserve a room in the Heritage Center for us. Adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted, John Mogren, Secretary

Did you know that in 1862, Congress passed the Homestead Act? Under this law, a prospective settler could acquire 160 acres of land, provided he lived on the land for a period of five years and cultivated a portion of it during that time. A fee of \$14.to \$18 was required to file for a homestead; another fee of \$4 to \$8 was required for the title after four years. In 1880, congress passed a law that allowed a settler to buy his homestead without living on it for five years. Then came the Premption Act. What do you know about that Act?

Other News

Canda -The announced release of the 1906 Special Census of the Western Provinces (Canada) is indeed a major victory for genealogists and historians who have been actively campaigning for this for the past five years. It is felt that release of the 1906 Census will lead the way for the eventual release of the 1911 and subsequent Censuses of Canada.

http://www.globalgenealogy..com/Census

Please remember to provide a copy of your genealogical and historical works to the State Historical Society of North Dakota so that others may benefit from your research. Contact Dolores Vyzralek if you have publications, photographs or other materials to donate or sell.

NORTH DAKOTA PIONEER AND EARLY SETTLERS CERTIFICATES.

Looking for a certificate suitable for framing that verifies that your ancestor was an early day resident of North Dakota?

Two North Dakota genealogical societies offer certificates of this nature. Please visit their websites for additional information.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society http://www.fargocity.com/~rrvgs/htmls/ pioneer.htm

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society http://www.mrlgs-nd.org/



Thanks for paying your 2003 dues



State censuses are useful for filling in the gaps between the federal censuses. They become especially helpful when dealing with the gap between the 1880 and 1900 federal censuses. North Dakota is fortunate to have the 1885 census to bridge this gap.

The state census was taken three times in North Dakota history, in 1885, 1915 and 1925. In addition, a census for Pembina County was taken in 1857 when it was part of Minnesota Territory. These are available at the State Historical Society of North Dakota and through interlibrary loan.

The 1857 Pembina County census is a typed abstract of names with location roughly defined by the nearest trading post. The record includes ages of each person, occupation if over the age of 15 and place of birth by country or state.

In 1879 a federal census law was enacted to extend financial aid to states and territories to conduct a semi-decennial census. Five states and territories chose to take a census in 1885 with federal assistance, Dakota Territory included. The information gathered was the same as on the 1880 federal census. An indexed abstract of the 1885 northern Dakota Territory population census is online at:

http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/database/1885census.html.

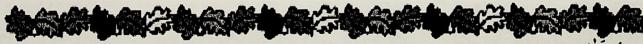
There were five other schedules taken in 1885:

- Agricultural production, recording production information, acres tilled, acres of pasture, value of production, etc.,
- 2) Manufacturers, recording industrial products, number of employees and their gender, wages, etc.,
- 3) Mortality, listing for those who died in the year preceding July 1, 1885 their name, age, sex, color, marital status, place of birth, place of birth of parents, month died, cause of death, length of county residence, etc.,
- 4) Ex-soldiers of the Union Army, listing their name, company, regiment, date and age at enrollment, nationality, length of enlistment, when service was terminated, rank upon entering and at termination, state of origin, date of arrival in Dakota, wounds, pensions, and number of battles,
- 5) Ex-soldiers of the Confederate Army, listing their name, regiment, date and age at enlistment, nationality, when service was terminated, state of origin and date of arrival in Dakota. These other schedules can be a rich source of information. Unfortunately, not all schedules exist for each county.

The 1915 and 1925 censuses are not indexed but they are arranged by county. Within each county the 1915 lists the township, cities and towns alphabetically; the unorganized townships are arranged by enumeration districts. Within each county in the 1925 census the townships are in alphabetical order, unnamed townships by enumeration district, and the cities and towns listed alphabetically, separate from the townships.

In the 1915 census each member of the household is listed, whether they were native or foreign born, and the ages are grouped as under 5, 5-20 years of age, 20-60 years of age, and over 60 years of age.

The 1925 census lists names and ages of each member of the household. Along with whether they were native or foreign born and whether they were a U.S. citizen or not.



¹Census Records, State Historical Society of North Dakota, online http://www.state.nd.us/hist/sal/gen/infcens.htm, downloaded 19 January 2003.

² "Historical Sketch," 1885 North Dakota state census, Cass County, population schedule; series 1031, roll 7831, State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck.



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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- \$ 10.00 Supporting
- \$ 5.00 Society (1-10 members)
- \$ 10.00 Society (11-25 members)
- \$ 20.00 Society (26-50 members)
- \$ 35.00 Society (51+ members)

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. The mission of the society is to encourage networking between genealogical societies and others engaged in genealogical research in North Dakota.

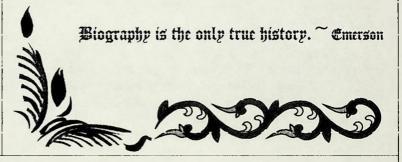


Looking for interesting reading?

Compendium of History & Biography of North Dakota. Chicago, George A. Ogle & Company, 1900. "Containing biographical sketches of hundreds of prominent old settlers and representative citizens of the State with a review of their life work; their identity with the growth and development of the State; reminiscenses of their personal history and pioneer life and other interesting and valuable matter which should be preserved in history."

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

~ Macaulay



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