

NDSGS Newsletter

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President's Letter

I want to thank the Minot Public Library and members of the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society for hosting the spring NDSGS meeting on Friday, April 12. We're back in the meeting room at the State Archives on Friday, July 12, at 1 p.m.

We really need to have a good turnout for this summer meeting. We have a lot of work to do before the workshop next spring, and important business that was carried over from the spring meeting needs to be completed. Please come if you can; even if you've never been to a meeting your input will be appreciated.

The State Archives is gearing up for another Germans from Russia Heritage Society convention, the third time in 4 years that it's been in Bismarck. This year's event will run from Wednesday, July 17, through Sunday, July 21. I'm scheduled to speak on local government records on Friday, July 19, and I'll try to work in some information about the NDSGS. The GRHS convention is always the archives' biggest event; the days surrounding the convention last year were our busiest in several years. Please also remember that the archives reading room will be closed on Saturday, July 13, but open on Saturday, July 20, during GRHS.

The Ukrainian Cultural Institute in Dickinson <http://ucitoday.org/VYTAIEMO-Welcome.html> will also be having their yearly event July 17-21, and the 114th Annual Deuce of August celebration <http://www.august2nd.com/> will take place at Mountain Aug. 2-4. Local historical societies that often have family history resources are open for the summer and also have events so please support them if you can.

There may yet be hope for the pre-1925 marriage index that's been a goal for many years. The archives has received a Federal grant to bring in records from 10 counties for filming sometime this summer. We are hoping to do this yearly, or whenever the grant cycles permit, to eventually film all the early records. We would be very interested in having volunteers to index the records; if you have questions e-mail me or the archives at archives@nd.gov. I will have more information on this project as time goes on.

Please check our Facebook page; several people have been adding content and we're getting more likes so spread the word and mention the page to your friends.

If you have questions about the upcoming meeting e-mail me at gwysk@nd.gov (my work e-mail) or one of the other officers. Please don't use the Gmail address for me that's been listed on the NDSGS Web site; the account was hacked for the second time so it was deleted. I hope everyone has a good summer. Thank you.

Greg Wysk

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 12 at 1 pm CDT in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. Shane Molander, deputy archivist, will speak on the digitization of records.

All individuals who have paid their membership are welcome to attend. All genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

Prior to the call to order of the spring meeting of the NDSGS, 14 attendees were given a tour of the genealogical and historical areas of the Minot Public Library. Reference librarian, Janet Anderson, showed the group collections of interest such as the cemetery records, ND naturalization index, the map area (of special interest to the oil industry at this time) newspaper microfilms, reading and printing rooms, and last but not least the Heritage Room. Here is a large collection (non-circulating) of county histories, City Directories, atlases, phone books, and other resources in a comfortable work/research area.

Business meeting

Following the tour, 13 members/guests retired to the Community Room in the lower level of the library. President Greg Wysk (SHSND) called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Members in attendance from the host group, Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society, and/or state society were: Joan Peterson, Mary Misk, Lillian Vannet, Sam Kampman, Jackie Schmaltz, Carol Schwan, Dwaine D. Kauffman, Linda Ringsaker, Nancy Bergstrazer, and Iona Loken. Ronald Baker represented MinnKota Genealogical Society and Sunna Pam Furstenau represented the Icelandic Community Association.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and motion to approve by Schwan, second Kauffman. Carried.

Treasurers report as in handout, Pres. Wysk explained the “unorganized” expense as monies spent for plaques and gifts for the members honored at the previous meeting. The Workshop expense was travel allowance as authorized at the previous meeting. Motion to approve and file for audit by Loken, second Schwan. Carried.

Old Business

2014 workshop was discussed. A handout indicated a proposed talk by Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov, PhD, professor at UND, who is being considered as a headliner and presenter for the workshop. Time slots will be adjusted to give more time for his presentation, possibly combine first and 2nd session, and possible DNA testing (no cost.) Testing would be for North Dakota born only.

Suggestions for increasing interest in the workshop were to make use of Face Book, and enhancing our FaceBook page. This media is vital to attracting po-

tential younger age groups. Also send press releases to all state radio stations, TV stations and newspapers.

Discussion was held regarding future ballots for officers, Pres. Wysk felt all members should have some input. This was deferred to the July meeting.

Web Page: We were all asked to take a look at our web page. Currently there is a list of members site, newsletters back to 2008 and a calendar to indicate the number of hits. Suggestions are welcome.

State Library has been contacted again regarding their providing Heritage Quest. This would then be available to all libraries in the state. Heritage Quest's census indexing is different. It has a U.S. Serial Set, government records, proclamation, etc. which are different from Ancestry.com library edition. Greg is awaiting a reply from his contact at the state library. A suggestion was made that perhaps NDSGS could get a card that would allow its members free access anywhere in the state, perhaps at a cost to us but an incentive to membership.

Getting our message out was again discussed re: brochures, travel magazine, etc. This had been previously explored and expense and discarded brochures were considered to make this inadvisable. It was mentioned about having WiFi at state parks, but expense being a negative factor.

Our FaceBook page came up again and it was felt if each person would take one day out of the seven in a week, it would lessen the burden and broaden the information and hopefully increase “hits”. Greg will send out an email to members to find out who is on FaceBook and who might be willing to do a page.

New Business

The Moorhead workshop was discussed. We have had a booth and an ad in the brochure. This was deferred until the next meeting, although inserting the ad has been a given. It is good advertising of our group for a small price.

The July or October meeting in 2014 was discussed. Suggestions were UND or NDSU. It was mentioned that July would perhaps be a better time since the campus will not have so many students but the library-

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State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since March:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Campbell, Paul E., compiler. *Walsh County veterans of World War II*. [North Dakota: P. E. Campbell, 19—].

Iyan woslate wo'oyake : Standing Rock History. [S.I.: s.n., 198-?]

Lake Assembly : pioneers, pastors, people, 1931-1991. [Powers Lake, North Dakota]: Lake Assembly, [1991?].

Yeado, Diana, editor and compiler. *Walhalla, North Dakota : a community history*. [Walhalla, North Dakota]: D. Yeado, c2011.

Yeado, Diana, compiler. *Walhalla, North Dakota in pictures, 1850-1950 : a pictorial companion to Walhal-*

la, North Dakota, a community history. [Walhalla, North Dakota: D. Yeado, 2011]

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Breuninger, Nan Beck. *Ordinary immigrants 1899 to 1911 : Beck, Brueggemann, Bruns, and Thelen families*. Helena, Montana: N. B. Breuninger, c2013.

Peet, Terry Charles. *John Peet, 1597-1684 of Stratford, Connecticut and his descendants*. [Rockport, Maine]: Penobscot Press, c2013.

OTHER:

Taylor, Richard H. *Congregational churches on the Plains*. Providence, Rhode Island: Richard H. Taylor, 2012.

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

41570 Griggs County. Auditor, Real & Personal Property Assessment, 1883-1980, 51ft.

41563 Griggs County. Auditor, Record of Dog License Tags, 1931-1932, 1v

41568 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Administrators Record, 1883-1899, 1v.

41574 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Admission to State School at Grafton, 1911-1930, .25ft. RESTRICTED

41555 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Coroners Record, 1898-1962, 1v.

41553 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Criminal Case Files, 1889-1947, 5ft.

41569 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Executors and Guardians Record, 1884-1897, 1v.

41558 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Insanity Docket, 1883-1996, 1v. RESTRICTED

41566 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Inventory & Appraisal, 1883-1899, 1v.

41554 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Justice Dockets -

Civil & Criminal, 1889-1962, 15v.

41561 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, List of Jurors Drawn, 1894-1970, 1v.

41560 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Official Bond and Oath Record, 1882-1913, 1v.

41552 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, 1883-1969, 36ft.

41567 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Probate Journal, 1883-1901, 1v.

41557 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Proceedings of the Commissioners of Insanity, 1883-1915, 1v. RESTRICTED

41559 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Record of Notaries Commissions, 1962-1981, 1v.

41565 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Will Record, 1885-1968, 2v.

41562 Griggs County. Recorder, Certificates of Nurses, Chiropractors, Doctors, Surgeons, Veterinarians, Dentists, and Optometrists, 1885-1982, 1v.

41556 Griggs County. Recorder, Entry Record, n.d., 1v.

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41572 Griggs County. Recorder, Record of Births, 1900-1996, 6v. RESTRICTED

41573 Griggs County. Recorder, Record of Deaths, 1900-1997, 7v. RESTRICTED

41564 Griggs County. Recorder, Tract Index, 1880s, 1v.

41550 McLean County. Crooked Lake School District #26, Records, 1906-1912, 6v.

41551 McLean County. Lake Williams School District #72, Records, 1913-1931, 19v.

41571 Stutsman County. Welfare Board, Minutes, 1935-2002, 1ft. RESTRICTED

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ies would still be open. Deferred to next meeting.

Also discussed was the question of having a representative at meetings in neighboring state societies? The state archives has given back to other states items that no longer have use in their holdings such as duplicates or indexes only.

Local Societies

MRLGS: See NDSGS newsletter, mention was made of local newspaper's unwillingness to include notices of genealogical society meetings. It was suggested we try

TV and continue to pursue inclusion in the events column of the newspaper.

MinnKota: They have an average of about 30 in attendance at every meeting.

Icelandic Society: They are especially busy at their Deuce of August celebration and would welcome help at the genealogy table.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. Refreshments were served by MRLGS.

Iona Loken, acting secretary.

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FamilySearch World Wide Camera Operations

In a 17 May 2013 email to partners, affiliates, bloggers, and members of the press, FamilySearch disclosed (or reiterated) information about its world-wide records acquisition efforts.

There are more than 1.5 million images captured each week. Who makes this possible? Records preservation missionaries, contractors, FamilySearch employees, archive employees, and many volunteers are responsible for capturing millions of images each year.

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There are about 222 cameras located all over the world; 92 cameras in the Western Hemisphere, and 130 in the Eastern Hemisphere. These industrial cameras can each take millions of images ranging from 16 to 50 megapixels. Computer software is used to calibrate the camera, capture the image, manage the project, and capture metadata or information about the records. Clamps and foam wedges are used to keep the book level and the image in focus. All images are saved on an external hard

drive [which] at the end of each week [is] placed in a protective case, and sent to Salt Lake City, Utah. Once the hard drive arrives in Salt Lake, it is sent through an auditing process where rejected images are sent back for rework and approved images are processed and published.

At NGS 2013 FamilySearch disclosed that it plans to significantly increase the number of cameras. It plans to do so using record preservation missionaries to operate the cameras. (Record Preservation missionaries are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, generally retired, who volunteer 18 to 24 months of their time to operate FamilySearch cameras.)

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James River Genealogy Club

by Genie Lang

The James River Genealogy Club, comprised of Eddy, Foster, and Stutsman County searchers, meets the first Tuesday of each month. They alternate the meetings between Northern Plains Electric Co-op in Carrington and Ave Maria Village in Jamestown. Cathy Paulson and Barb Caine are co-presidents, George Barron is the Vice President and Mary Kuhn is the secretary – treasurer.

The first meeting of 2013 was on May 7th. The program was Beginning Genealogy. New information was shared for our new / beginner members. This was a

review for the rest of us and allowed us a chance for us to help our newer members during the Q&A portion. We took a look at *Ancestry.com* and did some searches for Foster County. One of the members had received the diary of Effie Leedy for the years 1903-1906. It was exciting to receive and share this with us.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2013 in Carrington. The program is yet undecided.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Diane Stevens

Our group continues to meet on the first Saturday of each month, except July, in the lower level of the Minot Public Library meeting room.

In April it was discussed that it was necessary that we move our current supply of Genealogical Resources and archives we have to another location. In the current place it got very hot and damp in summer and too cold to work in in the winter. Lillian Vannett and Carol Schwan will look at both units before the May meeting. Donald Tank, a long time member donated binders of information (History of Northern Germany) 'Die Ponnenschen Leute'. Also Dwaine Kauffman presented the program on the history of the Amish and the Mennonites. He started with information from the 1500's, and the Mennonite Church built in Surrey ND in 1905. He included Amish and Mennonite ancestral information about both he and his wife.

May was moving day. A formal meeting was not held. We had coffee and then we all went to work!!! The old storage unit located near Central Ave. East in downtown Minot was no longer suitable for our important stored items. The new storage unit is climate-controlled, dry, and better lighting. It is located at All Star Storage on north hill, 3500 N. Broadway,

Unit #A43. Some new shelving was bought and brought to the new location before moving day. Thank you to Carol and her husband. Pickups, vans, and cars arrived at the old unit. Many hands quickly emptied the area. Then the procession to the new storage. Items were unloaded, dusted off and taken into the new unit. Those who helped were: Nancy Bergstrazer, Sheila Guvakosky, Sam Kampman, Iona Loken, John and Devra Mogren, Linda Ringsaker, Carol Schwan, Herb Schwede, and Glen and Diane Stevens. There will be a day for further organizing sometime in the future.

In May there was not a program as such, but good conversation in sharing ideas was held. One of the questions asked in light of the Moore, Oklahoma devastating tornado was 'where are our family records kept so they are safe and not able to be destroyed. Protecting our hard work and research needs to be backed up on to something, somewhere. Iona Loken takes care of many of the queries that come in.

The MRLGS will not be meeting in July.

On Friday, July 12th at 1 PM is the State meeting in Bismarck at the Heritage Center. It is a critical meeting for working on the Spring 2014 workshop.

The Census of Canada, 1921 will be available to researchers in the next few weeks. The census, taken on 1 June 1921, is currently being indexed and will be available as soon as possible. For more information see <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2013/1921-census.aspx>.

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Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred A. Buchholz

Hello!

In my last Newsletter, I stated that the warmer months were just around the corner and it would be time to plant gardens, mow the lawn, trim trees, and clean out everything we collected over the winter. Well I have mowed the grass, cleaned out a few things, and planted a few things in my garden, but for the warmer weather, it hasn't come around the corner yet. On April 11th, we were at the City/County Building at 221 N 5th street. Debbie Kroshus explained what records were available and demonstrated how to search for the history on property. She explained how her office is the record keeper for marriage license and how it is her offices responsibility to issue marriage licenses. Her office has the official marriage licenses dating back to the late 1800's. This was very exciting.

May 9th, Lynn Bueling presented "Who was William Wade and Why You Should Know About Him". This was very interesting topic, and I bought his republished book "Paha Sapa Tawoyake", Wade's Stories.

May 31st, the 2013 Summer Reading Kickoff was held at the State Library and ND Heritage Center grounds. "Dig into Reading" was the theme for this event. We used the Genealogical Patch Work Quilt project and it went over great. We had lots of kids participate with this project as well as their parents. What a great fun opportunity to get family involvement into Family History! In June we will tour the Bismarck Public Library .

There is no meeting in July and we hope that everyone has a Happy 4th and remember our independence.

8th August we will have a potluck picnic at the Hillside Park in Bismarck.

12 September, Steve Axtman from the North Dakota State Library will speak on the use of computers at the State Library and what other things that we can find at the State Library.

10th October, Ann Vadnie will present "Some Interesting Things about Bismarck". I am sure that this will be an interesting topic. Last year when Ms Vadnie talked about the naming of streets, we could have had two or three more hours to listen to this topic.

14th November will be a tour of the newly remodeled North Dakota Heritage Center and the new addition . This will an event to look forward to.

12th December will be Christmas Traditions and get together at the Library.

As you can see we will be busy and hope that everyone will attend our meetings. For more information please contact me,

Alfred A Buchholz

President BMHGS

aabuchholz@yahoo.com

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

In March we looked at the book *Military Bounty Land* by Christine Rose. We had a good discussion of this kind of research. We did not meet in April due to the snow storm. In May we will have a presentation on Improving Our Photographic Memory at the Dickinson Museum Center. They are working on digitizing their photograph collections. Primarily representing the work of the Osborn and Presthus/Horstman Studios, these collections date from the late 1800s to the early 1980s. In June we will dress like our ancestors or share a piece of clothing they wore. In July we will

look at letters, diaries and journals of our ancestors.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We usually meet in one of the lower level meeting rooms. We have members from Stark, Hettinger and Dunn Counties who attend the meetings. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information.

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Red River Valley Genealogical Society by Linda Zeuschel

RED RIVER VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
LIBRARY
112 North University Drive
Fargo, North Dakota 58106

HOURS:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday
11:00 to 3:00pm

Thanks to a donation from one of our members, we now have a Minolta Reader/Printer for microfilm and fiche. At this time we are looking for any rolls of microfilm that may be donated or placed on loan to the library for our patrons to use. Or you may bring your own films to be read in our library.

Additionally, two members have donated funds for the

purchase of a scanner. The project that we are using it for at the present time is to scan other society newsletters into our computer so they may be saved to a memory bank in order to free up shelf space in the library.

Another on-going project is making an every name index for each of our published cemetery books.

On the 14th and 15th of June, we will be having our second fund raising brat sale at the Hornbachers store on 13th Ave south in Fargo, ND. Stop by for a delicious meal and great conversation.

We continue to be a very active society and invite you to stop at the library to look at our many new books we have received over the winter and this spring.

Facebook Page by Sunna Furstenau



The NDSGS Facebook page was started 24 Nov 2012. I went to the 11 Apr 2013 NSDGS meeting in Minot and offered to help with administering the page. At that time, there were 23 people that "liked" the page.

As of today, 14. June 2013, we now have a total of:
181 FRIENDS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
13-17	1.7%	1.1%	2.8%
18-24	1.7%	1.7%	2.8%
25-34	2.2%	7.3%	9.5%
35-44	4.5%	7.8%	12.3%
45-54	7.8%	18.4%	25.2%
55-64	7.3%	15.6%	22.9%
65+	6.1%	15.6%	21.7%

Top Totals by CITIES:

Bismarck ...	17
Fargo ...	15
Grand Forks ...	7
Winnipeg, MB ...	4
Williston, ND ...	4
Napoleon, ND ...	3
Dickinson, ND...	3

The administrators are: Patrice Hartman, Greg Wysk, and Sunna Furstenau.

The goal is to post something EACH DAY to keep the page active and interesting. This is a great FREE marketing tool and a fun and engaging way to get more people involved.

Suggest this page to your FB friends.

We could use 3 or 4 more people that would want to post something once per week. Can you help out with ONE post per week?

If you can help or have any questions, contact Sunna Furstenau sunnapam@me.com, Patrice, or Greg.

Philatelic Genealogy: Writing Home to North Dakota in World War I

by James R. Miller

About two million American soldiers, sailors, and Marines served with the American Expeditionary Forces (A.E.F.) in Europe from 1917 to 1919 during and just after World War I. Surviving letters, envelopes, and postcards document their service and show locations served, military rank, service role, and unit numbers that help fill gaps due to the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center.¹ This paper presents two postcards and four envelopes sent home to North Dakota with basic genealogical details on the senders and recipients. The author purchased four items on the internet for \$9 to \$15 each, including two with letters, and two items are from postal history vendors who have given permission for use of their photographs to Philgen.org, the philatelic genealogy website and database (<http://philgen.org>).² All locations are in North Dakota except where noted. As with any source of genealogical information, old letters, envelopes, and postcards must be studied in combination with other sources before reaching a conclusion.

Mrs. Ben “Horwits” of Mandan received an envelope from “[Co]k Edward Earing, 116 Engineer Train” postmarked 24 May 1918 (Figure). An enclosed letter begins “My Dear Sister” and ends “from your brother Ed.” Ruth C. (Mrs. Benjamin A.) Horwitz, born in North Dakota, is in Miles City, Montana in the 1920 U.S. census, and she is shown as Ruth Reynolds, born in Mandan and daughter of Charles Reynolds, in her 1911 marriage license.³ Edward B. Earing registered with Selective Service in Mandan in 1917, and was living in Mandan in 1912 when he married Bertha L. Reynolds, daughter of C. W. Reynolds.⁴ Ruth and Bertha Reynolds,



Figure 1918 Y.M.C.A. envelope from the 116 Engineers to Mandan, North Dakota with censor's stamp and signature, “Soldiers Mail,” and military postmark (Author's collection)

sisters, are in Mandan with their father Charles W. Reynolds in the 1900 U.S. census.⁵ Edward Earing sent this letter to his sister-in-law. He thanks her for her recent letter and says he is “a little lonesome, especially when you talk about fishing.” The envelope was provided by the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.), and has a censor's stamp and signature that were

applied after an officer verified that the envelope and letter did not indicate the soldier's location, his unit's morale, anticipated troop movement, or other information that could be useful if the envelope and letter fell into the hands of the German army.⁶ “Soldier's Mail,” written in the upper right, was accepted in place of a stamp on mail sent by overseas military personnel from 1917 to 1920.⁷

Mrs. Fred Putnam of McKenzie received a postcard from “Sgt. [Sergeant] Fred Putnam, Co[mpany] C, 319 Field Signal B[attalion]” written 15 August 1918 that begins “My Dear Wife Edna” (viewable on Philgen.org, search on McKenzie). Fred and L. Edna Putnam, husband and wife, are in McKenzie in the 1920 U.S. census.⁸ The postcard has a censor's stamp and signature and was provided by “Le Foyer du Soldat, Union Franco-Américaine” and the Y.M.C.A. The Union Franco-Américaine was a collaboration of the American Y.M.C.A. and the French army that built huts for American soldiers to provide canteen service, books, stationery, music, and films.⁹ The military postmark includes “702” which is now known to correspond to Paris, France.¹⁰

Mr. E. C. Ruden of Hettinger received a registered envelope from “C. D. Ruden, Gen[eral] Hosp[ital] 18, B.E.F. [British Expeditionary Force], France” postmarked 26 February 1918 (Philgen.org, Ruden). Earl Clayton Ruden was living in Hettinger when he registered with Selective Service in 1918, and his father Ole C. Ruden is listed on the form.¹¹ Ole C. Ruden is in Chandler Township (about 12 miles northeast of Hettinger) in the 1920 U.S. census, and O. C., “Erlo,” and Clara Ruden are together in the 1910 U.S. census.¹² This envelope was sent by a sister to her brother. Clara D. Ruden, daughter of O.C. Ruden, was a U.S. Army nurse when she applied for an emergency U.S. passport in 1917.¹³ She was in the initial group of 400 U.S. Army nurses that served in France.¹⁴ More than 12,000 nurses would serve by war's end, and 265 died while in service.¹⁵ The “S.18” in the British military postmark and registration (“R”) sticker corresponds to Camiers in the Pas de Calais region of northern France.¹⁶

Mrs. M. G. Lock of Anselm received an envelope from “Wag[oner] M. G. Lock” postmarked 4 December 1918 (Philgen.org, Anselm). Milton George Lock of Lisbon (about 10 miles southwest of Anselm) registered with Selective Service in 1917, and Milton and Janie R. Lock, husband and wife, are in Lisbon

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in the 1920 U.S. census.¹⁷ Milton George Lock served overseas with the 48th Artillery.¹⁸ The envelope has a censor's stamp and signature, "Soldiers Mail," and a military postmark.

Charles W. Reynolds of Mandan received an envelope from "Pvt [Private] O. H. Reynolds" postmarked 22 November 1918 (Philgen.org, Reynolds). Charles W. Reynolds is cited above with the envelope sent to Mrs. Ben A. Horwitz. An enclosed letter begins "Dear Dad" and closes with "Your Loving Son Oscar." Charles W. and Oscar H. Reynolds, father and son, are in Mandan in the 1930 U.S. census.¹⁹ The letter includes "H.q. [Headquarters] Co[mpany], 61st Art[iller]y," which matches his listing in the summary of North Dakota military service in World War I.²⁰ He also writes "We are getting good eats and plenty of them," and "It is cold now but by that I do not mean anything in comparison to what we used to go thru at home." The envelope was provided by the Y.M.C.A. and has a censor's stamp and signature, "Soldiers Mail," and a military postmark.

Miss Grace Matticks of Buffalo Springs received a postcard from "W'g'n'r [Wagoner] R. D. Potter" written 23 February 1919 at Camp Pontanezen and signed "Buck" (Philgen.org, Matticks). Grace Matticks is in Whiting (about five miles south of Buffalo Springs) in the 1915 North Dakota census, and Rupert Dougherty Potter was in Buffalo Springs when he registered with Selective Service in 1917.²¹ Camp Pontanezen was on the west coast of France in Brest, where most U.S. personnel arrived and departed.²² Rupert D. Potter and Grace M. Matticks married following World War I, and Rupert and Grace M. Potter, husband and wife, are in Scranton (just east of Buffalo Springs) in the 1920 U.S. census.²³ The postcard has a censor's stamp and signature, "Soldiers Mail," and a military postmark.

This article shows how old envelopes and postcards document our ancestors' World War I experience and provide details that may be unavailable elsewhere. Other postcards and envelopes illustrate where our ancestors lived before coming to the U.S., where family members lived in the U.S., social and political interests, travel and work.²⁴ Anyone may place a photograph of an envelope or postcard (with the owner's permission) on *Philgen.org* by contacting the author. Photographs and data posted for each item will be credited to the person and/or their genealogical, historical, or philatelic association.

¹ Walter W. Stender and Evans Walker, "The National Personnel Records Center Fire: A Study in Disaster," *The American Archivist*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (October 1974), pp. 521-549 (online at <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/fire-1973.html>: accessed 21 October 2012).

² The Ruden envelope is courtesy of Jim Forte Postal History (<http://www.postalhistory.com/>: accessed 21 October 2012), and the Lock envelope is courtesy of Fyns Frimaerke Service (<http://www.stamps.dk/>: accessed 21 October 2012). The author has no financial interest in these vendors' sales.

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⁶ "War Letter, Censorship!" (http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/warletters/sfeature/sf_censorship.html, accessed 23 October 2012).

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¹⁰ Van Dam, *Postal History of the AEF*, 83.

¹¹ "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918;" digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Earl Clayton Ruden, Adams County, North Dakota; citing NARA series M1509, no roll cited.

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Tentative NDSGS summer 2013 meeting agenda

1. Presentation on digitization of records by Shane Molander, deputy archivist (about 20 minutes)

2. Review and approval of minutes from April 2013 meeting

3. Treasurer's report

4. Old business

A. Workshop – continue work

1. Have invited UND professor; waiting to hear on time he needs for presentation

2. Finalize other presentations

3. Discuss committees again

a. Publicity for workshop

4. How do we want to deal with handouts – print out or put on flash drives?

B. Future ballots for officers

1. Question wasn't resolved at last meeting – do we want to have ballots or not?

a. If no election, need to fill positions (second vice-president, secretary for sure, possibly others)

C. Heritage Quest

1. Never heard back from state librarian on meeting or if he wants to speak to group

D. Facebook page and Web page

1. Adding content has helped gain more likes

2. How do we convert likes to new members?

E. Moorhead 2013 – booth or not? Ad in brochure or not?

1. No one from State Archives will be attending or presenting – weren't invited

F. 2014 meetings – hold July or October meeting in another city, yes or no?

1. Are future officers willing to travel to other cities?

G. Filming of marriage licenses by State Archives

1. Do we want to try to organize volunteer effort to index? Archives would welcome volunteers

5. New business

6. Club reports, additions to agenda and miscellaneous

Philatelic Genealogy (Continued from page 9)

cestry.com; citing NARA series T625, roll 1339.

¹⁸ "North Dakota Military Men, 1917-1918"; database and digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Milton George Lock, citing *Roster of the Men and Women ... from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918*, Volume 3.

¹⁹ 1930 U.S. census, Morton County, North Dakota, pop. schedule, Mandan, ward 5, ED 330-23, sheet 5B (penned), dwelling 87, family 98, Charles W. Reynolds; digital image NARA series T626, roll 1739.

²⁰ "North Dakota Military Men, 1917-1918"; database and digital image, *Ancestry.com*; entry for Oscar Harvey Reynolds, citing *Roster of the Men and Women ... from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918*, Volume 3.

²¹ Census of North Dakota, 1915, Bowman County, Whiting, dwelling 39, family 39, Wesley Matticks; digital image, *Ancestry.com*; citing State Historical Society of North Dakota, microfilm roll ndsc_6856; "World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918," digital image, *Ancestry.com*; Rupert Dougherty Potter, Bowman County, North Dakota; citing NARA series M1509; no roll cited.

²² "Smedley Butler," "World War I" (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smedley_Butler); accessed 21 October 2012).

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ticks; 1920 U.S. census, Bowman County, North Dakota, pop. schedule, Scranton, ED 28, sheet 4A (penned), dwelling 34, family 34, Rupert Potter; digital image NARA series T625, roll 1330.

²⁴ To see other types of genealogical information available from postal history, please visit <http://philgen.org>, and in the Main Menu click on Search Database to search on a surname or city; or in the Main Menu click on New England Ancestors, American Ancestors, Minnesota Case Study, Nebraska, North Dakota, or Seattle, Washington for examples showing immigrant origins; on Central NY, Florida, Georgia, Maine, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Western Pennsylvania for Civil War service; on Kansas, Minnesota RPPC, or OK postcards for examples of real photo postcards; on Iowa WWI, Missouri WWI, Western Pennsylvania WWI, or NGS for other examples of First World War service; on Utah postcards for family postcards; or one of the other U.S. state names for a general survey.

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The State Archives reading room will NOT be open the second Saturday in July (July 13). Instead we will be open the third Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to match up with the Germans from Russia

Heritage Society convention that will be in Bismarck that week. Newsletter editors for individual societies, PLEASE include this notice in all publications up to that date so we can get the word out about the change to as many people as possible. Thank you.

North Dakota Newspaper Research

by *Patrice Hartman*

There are several websites with digitized North Dakota newspapers that can be used to find information about your family. You might even find information about people from other states if it was especially newsworthy.

An article about one of my ancestors, Commodore Clayton, age 122 when he died and also was the oldest homesteader in Iona, SD, was picked up in a number of other newspapers around the country.

Chronicling America: FREE. Sponsored by the Library of Congress. Early Bismarck Tribune from 1873-1919. More newspapers from Jamestown, Minot, Williston and Valley City will be coming online in the next year or so.

Smalltown newspapers: FREE only from 1860 to current. Various time periods.

Genealogy Bank: Fee to access complete articles but you can view a preview of the article for FREE. Bismarck Tribune from 1885 to 1900.

Ancestry.com: Various Bismarck newspapers for random time periods. Fee to access from home but

FREE at your public library.

Newspaperarchives.com. Bismarck newspapers for various time periods. Fee to access.

Dickinson State University: Stoxen Library. They have the Bismarck Tribune 1873- 1919 and other area local newspapers on microfilm. They also now have a scanner printer to view the microfilm.

Dickinson Public Library has the Dickinson Press from 1883 to current on microfilm. Scanner printer.

This newspaper covered many of the area towns and news columns in the early years.

I have compiled a birth, marriage, death and obituary index to the Dickinson Press Newspaper from 1883 to 1898. Contact me for more information.

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Citation Corner

We'll take a break from detailed citation formats in this issue to reiterate the importance of citing your sources. When you locate conflicting sources for one piece of information how can you determine which is the more accurate source if you do not know where you found the information?

Thomas Jones, in his new book, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, explains that standard genealogical citations answer five questions: 1) *Who?* Identifies the author, creator or informant; 2) *What?* Is the title of the source; 3) *When?* Identifies when the book, CD-ROM or microfilm was published or when an unpublished source was created; 4) *Where in the source?* The page number and volume if applicable; 5) *Where is the source?* Identifies the location of the source, usually an agency or office for unpublished sources, or the publication details for a published source.¹

Jones explains that citing sources as we look at them aids us in analyzing the source. Answering the above

questions often shows whether the cited source is an original or derivative record and whether the information item is primary, secondary or indeterminable.²

To assist us in recording our sources, Elizabeth Shown Mills has created a website to answer citation format questions and provide "QuickLessons" on citations and analysis. This is a free resource at <https://www.evidenceexplained.com>, by the author of *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*,³ the book on which this column is based.

¹ Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof* (Arlington, Virginia: National Genealogical Society, 2013), 33-35.

² Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*, 35.

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Upcoming Events

12 July 2013. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

17-21 July 2013. 43rd Annual International Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention. Bismarck. For more info: www.grhs.org/aboutus/conventions/conventions.html.

17-21 July 2013. ND Ukrainian Cultural Festival. Dickinson, ND. For more info: <http://ucitoday.org/VYTAIEMO-Welcome.html>.

2-4 August 2013. 114th Annual Deuce of August, An Icelandic Celebration. Mountain, North Dakota. For more info: www.august2nd.com/index.htm.

26-27 September 2013. Montana State Genealogical Society 24th Annual State Conference. Bozeman. For more info: montanamsgs.org/conferences.html

28 September 2013. 38th Annual Family History Workshop. Horizon Middle School, Moorhead, Minnesota. For more info: www.heritageed.com.

28-29 September 2013. Swedish Genealogy Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: www.oldmillmuseum.org/

4-5 October 2013. North Star Conference. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. For more info: www.mnsgs.org/

11 October 2013. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

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