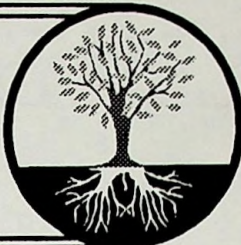


NDSGS NEWSLETTER

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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SALE

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BISMARCK-MANDAN HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The BMHGS is winding up the indexing of the Webb Brothers Funeral Home records. The index is complete, but the administrative comments, copying and binding remain.

We are in the preliminary planning phase of a workshop in 2000, probably in late September or early October. If that time frame conflicts with any other genealogical society's calendar, please advise Don Smith, since we are still flexible enough to change dates.

The Burleigh & Morton County school records--teachers reports and school census records--are an ongoing effort, currently in the discussion stage among the Superintendent of Schools, State Archivist, Burleigh County auditor and our society. Everyone agrees that the records should be preserved, the method and custodianship remain in the discussion stage.

We continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Bismarck Memorial Library, with any visitors welcome. We have gained about 6 new members, but unfortunately have lost about the same number.

Don Smith - Treasurer, BMHGS

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society was organized officially on May 8, 1969, 30 years ago. We are inviting all past and present members to a get-together at our library on May 22nd between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Room 116 in the Manchester Building at
112 N. University in Fargo

Hopefully, some of the charter members and past officers will be in attendance. Cookies, punch and coffee will be served and introductions will be made. No special program is offered, but scrapbooks and old newsletters and memorabilia will be displayed. Contact Maxine EMWorkman@compuserve.com

Is your research taking you to...

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Box 485
Bismarck ND 58502

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E-mail: jkeck@dia.net
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...and we're on the web: www.usgenweb.com
Come Visit!!

SOME EDITORIAL NOTES...

Recently there has been increased interest in the media about genealogy; for example, an article in "Time" Magazine which can be found on the web at:

<http://cgi.pathfinder.com/time/magazine/toc/0,3392,11019904,00.html>

...a long URL, but worth the trip.

Also, recently NBC had a week-long segment about some of their personnel 'chasing their genealogical ales.'

Check out their concise

'Best genealogy links on the Web' site:

<http://www.msnbc.com/news/254376.asp>

Jacki

YEARLY NDSGS DUES

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

Queries welcome!!

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Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society!

April 10, 1999

Our New Year has started out on the right foot! We have gained some new members who are excited about research. How important it is to have this renewed enthusiasm in all of us from time to time. John Mogren has been following the legislative session and provides reports back to the society on legislation that may affect genealogical research in North Dakota.

John and Lillian Vannett attended the March meeting of the State Genealogical Society. As always, the meeting was informative and interesting. MRLGS again voted to make the President of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society an honorary member of our society and he receives complementary copies of our RECORD. We encourage other societies to do the same. How important it is for the State President to be informed about what our groups are doing.

Lillian finished indexing the Cemetery Records of McLean County and a copy of this book was donated to the Historical Society of North Dakota. This is for sale by contacting our society. We have continued to answer queries from our web site and have even found queries coming in that pertain to our own ancestors! We are following the lead of other societies in the state and have begun to add our cemetery indexes to the USGENWEB cemetery project.

We continue to meet the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 in the Minot Public Library. Everyone is welcome! Our new officers are:

Jan Aldinger, President
Sam Kampman, Vice-President
Mike Bartolf, Recording Secretary
Lillian Vannett, Corresponding Secretary

Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society

Dorothy Pearson reports that the Society recently got additional open-access shelving. This almost triples the available space for storing genealogical material.

GENE LOGY

Here's the list
of those attending the
last meeting:

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MEETING!



Minute Highlights from March 19, 1999

Treasurer's Report: Balance = \$580.86

MINUTES: Distributed, read and approved.

SOCIETY REPORTS:

BBHGS: Webb Bros. Funeral Home records being indexed
MRLGS: Completed McLean County records; copy to SHSND
WCGS: Third year on rural cemetery index; 2/3 done

OTHER REPORTS:

Discussion: Non-profit status for NDSGS = \$150 + paperwork; tabled
Patrice Hartman: working on Pre-1925 Hettinger marriage records
Stutsman County 1900 Census index; by G. Barron; copy to SHSND
James Crawford (Hazen ND) willing to index cemetery books

Discussion: Research requests received by societies;

State Archives = \$5 + 20 cents/copy page; E-mail = \$7 + credit card fee
ND State Library: Workshop @ St. Mary's H.S. (Bismarck)
SHSND: October 28 = Photograph Identification and Restoration;

October 29-30 = Workshops on ND Military History

Homepage has links to all genealogical societies in ND

G. Barron: Review of Winistorfer/Langemo Book; recommend letter by
President = 'stamp of approval' but inability to assume financial respon-
sibility or act as fiscal agent.

Birth Record from SD now available on the internet.

NEXT MEETING: Bring good computer/genealogy sites/info

Friday, June 18, 1999 @ 1:00 pm @ Heritage Center, Bismarck

Dorothy T. Pearson, Secretary

MONTANA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

"Mining the Mother Lode"

Kory Meyerink was the main speaker. He spoke on New England and Midwest states.

Donna Potter Phillips had a fun review about 60 census questions; she also hosted a workshop on 'Grandmother's Doll,' where memories were shared.

Bill Noble showed how to use BLM records to find Homestead Entries. Billings is the regional office for land records homesteaded in MT, SD, or ND. Send your ancestor's full name, county and state to <mtinfo@mt.blm.gov> requesting the Patent numbers and legal description. They will let you know how much you owe for copies and how to contact the National Archives for the actual homestead application. That fee is usually about \$10.

Larry Spicer talked about cemetery and church records, and Dr. John Johnson shared some insights on medical family histories.

I enjoyed all of the conference, but my favorite was getting a tour of our own Montana Historical Society Library and Archives.

"Mining the Mother Lode" was the 10th annual conference for MSGS. Speakers provided excellent handouts. Gold and silver 'chocolate' coins delighted banquet guests at each table. Those who hesitate to attend a conference miss a lot. Table topics are always lively and another great source of learning. I even found a distant cousin!

The 11th annual Montana State Genealogy Society Conference 2000 will be in Great Falls and already sounds great!

Rose Wyman, President
Tree Branches, Glendive MT

A blurb about State Censuses:

Several years ago, Ann S. Lainhart compiled a book called "State Census Records" that provides an inventory listing to state census records for all states, state by state, for all years. The book tells what was done by the states, where the censuses themselves can be found, and what you can expect to learn from the records. The book is still in print, and invaluable for those of us whose families tended to move around. Check your local public library to see if they have a copy of the book.

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WILLIAMS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Over the winter months, obituaries were solicited and placed alphabetically in a series of notebooks. During the April meeting, these books were taken to the Williston Public Library where shelf space has been made available in the History Room for genealogical reference material. It is the hope of the group that people will continue to contribute to this collection.

Members of the WCGS are entering into the 3rd summer of collecting gravesite information about persons buried in rural Williams County. Records have been compiled from most of the western two-thirds of the County and many stories have been related about people contacted, country traversed and anecdotes from the past. At the next meetings, assignments will be given for the remaining townships so documentation of the eastern third can be done.

Work has already started on computerizing data from completed cemeteries, with the goal being a publication. In addition, the information's being placed on the Williams County webpage (see p. 6).

LITTLE KNOWN KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

We've all heard of Sir Lancelot and Sir Gawain from the days of Camelot. However, there were a number of other lesser-known knights needed to run the kingdom. Here are a few of them:

Sir Charge . . . Royal mail order clerk
 Sir Lee . . . Royal bureaucrat
 Sir Loin . . . Royal butcher
 Sir Mise . . . Royal detective
 Sir Mount . . . Royal mountain climber
 Sir Plus . . . Royal supply officer
 Sir Press . . . Royal censor
 Sir Prize . . . Royal tactician
 Sir Render . . . Royal tactician (retired)
 Sir Round . . . Royal moat bulder
 Sir Vey . . . Royal surveyor
 Sir Vive . . . Royal adventurer

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Genealogy To Get A Stamp

America's most popular hobby is going to be honored with a postage stamp.

There's a 3-year approval process that's begun. Want to be a part, contact the US Post Office:

E-mail: <customer@email.usps.gov>

Webpage: <<http://www.usps.gov>>

Mail:

Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee
 c/o Stamp Management, US Postal Service
 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
 Room 4474B
 Washington, D.C. 20260-6756

State Historical Society — INFO —

The place to write to for military information:

General Services Administration
 Military Personnel Records
 9700 Page Boulevard
 St Louis, MO 63132

(For records in the National Archives relating to early military service, use NATF Form 26. Request for later personnel use standard Form 180)

If you're looking for civilian personnel:

General Services Administration
 Civilian Personnel Records
 111 Winnebago Street
 St Louis, MO 63118

To locate burial information:

Cemetery Service
 National Cemetery System
 Department of Veterans Affairs
 1810 Vermont Avenue
 Washington DC 20420

For Spanish-American War to present, 1898-1999:

Records of the last 75 years are restricted to the individual, next of kin if individual is deceased or requesters with release authorization signed by the veteran or next of kin. Discharge papers also provide some basic information: age, date of birth, education, duty status, decorations and awards, duty assignments, marital status, rank/grade, serial/service number, promotion sequence.

Use the current version of Form 180. For military records before WWI use the NATF form 80.

E-mail: inquire@arch2.nara.gov

NARA web site: NARA

<http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/>

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 web site: <http://www.state.nd.us/hist>

A GUIDE FOR CEMETERY RESEARCH by George Barron

You've finally found your great-great grandmother and her family in a cemetery database. You have located the town on a state map and the cemetery on a county map. Now that you've done your genealogy homework, let's hit the road. After driving about 6 hours (or even longer!), you finally reach your destination. Do you continue on to the cemetery? No, first stop at the local public library. Ask for the location of the funeral home or cemetery monument (tombstone) company. Why? These businesses go to cemeteries on a regular basis and they may have a map of the cemetery plots. They may also give you better directions to the cemetery.

At the funeral home, ask if they have records dating back to your ancestor's burial. These files sometimes include obituaries, next of kin, place of death, etc. Funeral directors are usually very helpful and are an overlooked source for records. Cemetery monument companies don't usually keep the same type records as the funeral homes. They are more likely to give you other information such as road condition to the cemetery, the overall condition of the cemetery, or the name of the caretaker or association who looks after the grounds.

Now you make the final drive to the cemetery but can you locate the family plot? If you do not have a cemetery map, where should you start? Try the BIG TREE TECHNIQUE.

The Big Tree Technique is very simple and should be tried if you are looking in a small cemetery.

Look for the BIG-est TREE in the cemetery; go directly to it; look down. If you don't find the grave, use the base of BIG TREE as your starting point. Using the base of the tree as a starting point, search the surrounding plots in an ever-widening circle.

Eureka! You find gr-great grandmother's resting place! Now look for other familiar names on the surrounding tombstones. Remember the "rule" when looking for families in a census? Always look at names listed above and below your subject's family. Families who lived near each in life were often buried near each other in death.

You're doing great. You've located gr-great grandma, her husband and several of her relatives in the burying ground. You took several photographs of the stones, maybe even take a rubbing of some. You even write down all of the information on the monument (just in case the photos don't come out!). You have spent HOURS finding this information.

BUT, COULD YOU FIND IT AGAIN?

Before leaving the cemetery, do this:

Make written instructions to locate the grave starting from the cemetery entrance. Draw a simple cemetery map noting the grave site. Look for landmarks and include them on the map with instructions. Finally, share this information with other researchers.

Someday another family genealogist will thank you for your research and

DOCUMENTATION!



SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CEMETERY Williams County, Bull Butte Twp., ND

Surname, First Middle (Maiden)	D.O.B.	D.O.D.
HAUNCH (HONCHARENKO), Sam		
HOROB, Alice	1905	1996
HOROB, Henry	11-Mar-1928	20-Jun-1928
HOROB, Celia	1902	1985
HOROB, Clenton	23-Sep-1924	29-Nov-1988
HOROB, Hurry	1863	1930
HOROB, Ida	1868	1950
HOROB, Paul	1896	1986
HOROB, Ruth	14-Mar-1923	5-Mar-1991
HOROB, Sam	1898	1965
KOOZENNOY, Haverall	1853	1934
PANASUK, Alex	1909	1997
PANASUK, Baby		12-Oct-1936
PANASUK, Katherine	1886	1970
PANASUK, Lillian	1912	
PANASUK, Nazary	1880	1943
PANASUK, Peter	27-Jun-1916	9-Jan-1995
SHEROSTENT, Baby Joe		
SKORICK, Alex	1888	1973
SKORICK, Anna H.	1890	1984
SKORICK, Baby Leo		1918
SULSKY, Ann	1903	1972
SULSKY, Estin M.	28-May-1894	3-Jan-1984

QUERY EXCHANGE

LEA, Ole Christian Looking for information on Ole Christian LEA, who lived in the Bottineau area of North Dakota. He died in Tioga, Williams Co., ND in 1931. His second wife, Inga CLEV died in Williston, ND. in 1956. His first wife, Mary ESSE died in ND in 1897. Thanks, Mary <L3208@aol.com>

FLANNERY COUNTY Who was Flannery County named after and when? Along with Buford County, both were part of Williams County. Thanks. <oflannery@tinet.ie>

WARNER/NEESE/PEASE Researching ancestors who homesteaded in Coleharbor (McLean) c. 1905-1910 Thanks. Barb Swan, 9553 - 139 Street, Surrey BC Canada V3v 5x7 <bswan@acncanada.net>



Vacation can be some of the most profitable time spent by a person who is researching family history; but it takes planning ahead and cooperation, especially if combined with a family outing.

Establishing Intent: Visiting relatives? Determine what you want to ask; write down your questions.

Pure Research? Note your specific purpose(s) and ideas as to where data might be found.

Walking Memory Lane? Take along tape recorder and camera! Tell family stories to kids.

Gathering Data: Get acquainted with the locale; talk with family who were there. More story-sharing.

Get maps (DOT); brochures (C of C); travel packets (ads in magazines); Do internet search.

Find out what's FUN to do (cost / location), especially if you have children along! Plan for it!

Your local library may have pertinent telephone book(s); study maps and yellow pages.

Call or Write Ahead: Especially if you have relatives you've not met in the area. Get acquainted.

Contact Historical Societies - perhaps become a member before your trip; place query with them.

Local papers often print letters: "Looking for information on..." Indicate time frame re: microfilm

Local library? - let them know your needs; they can tell you what's available and have it ready.

Making the Most of Your Time: Early contact regarding your schedule will assist in:

Itinerizing = you'll have a better idea of where you're going / proximity of resources & people

Scheduling = Make real appointments with people, so they can have specific material ready.

Fill mornings, keep afternoons free; allow for 'Serendipity' - lunch, running down a lead, FUN!

Involving Family Members: Family Reunions are great opportunities for research spin-offs.

Another reason to bring along a tape recorder, camcorder and/or camera! Use them!!

Bring momentos / photographs from the past to identify; tape 'oral history' from senior members.

What to take: Portable Semi-file (many are available and set up for hanging file folder systems)

(1) Research (copies, keep originals at home); organize by surnames. Don't bring everything!
Descendancy and/or pedigree charts give you names, dates and locales at a glance.

(2) Equipment: Camera + extra film & batteries Flashlight + extra batteries
Rubbing paper Soft pencils / crayons Transcriber + cassettes Notebooks

QUERY SUBMISSION FORM

Name(s)

Information (dob/dod/area lived in/marriage/offspring/etc)

Also Researching:

Respond to:

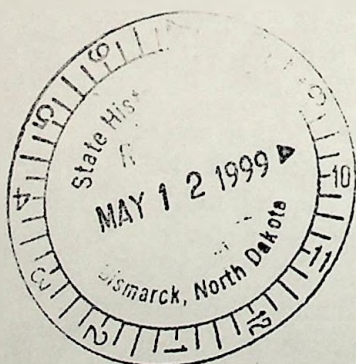
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