

NDSGS Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

Join us in Jamestown where we will have our next NDSGS meeting in July. We will have a tour of their public library, highlighting their genealogical sources.

With all the weather related disasters occurring in this state and elsewhere, it is a good time to review your paper document storage as well as digital storage. Do you keep your original documents in a basement that may be prone to flooding? Or in an attic where temperature changes or pests could damage them? Do you have a recent backup of your digital data? Is the backup stored in a different location from your computer?

We introduce a new column in this issue, Citation Corner. Patrice Hartman, suggested this as a result of her talk to the BMHGS where there was a great deal of interest in the topic. The column will be written by the editors, so if you would like to see a specific source covered, let us know.

As a result of discussions at our last meeting it was decided to put older issues of the NDSGS Newsletter on our website. They are now available at: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/.

Pat Ashley

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 8 at 1pm at Alfred Dickey Public Library, 105 3rd Avenue SE, Jamestown.

Directions from the west: take exit 258 off of I-94 toward US 281 N, keep left at the fork, follow signs for Jamestown College/US 52/US 281. Turn left on US 281. Turn right on 3rd Ave SE.

Directions from the east: take exit 260 toward US 281 N/US 52W. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for US 281/US 52/Jamestown and merge onto US 281 N. Turn right on 3rd Avenue SE.

We will have a tour of the library, highlighting their genealogical source materials.

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

President Pat Ashley called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on April 8, 2011. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Don Smith, Jessica Rossow, Susan Holland, BMHGS; Iona Loken, MRLGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; George Freeman, ICA; guest speaker Pam Olafson Furstenau and many other guests.

Business meeting MINUTES

George Freeman made a motion, which was seconded by Don Smith that the minutes of the July 9, 2010 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

No business meeting was held in October last year at the Moorhead Workshop. Patrice Hartman gave a presentation on the history of the NDSGS and what we do. Attendance was about 20 people.

Let Patrice Hartman know if you can help at the NDSGS booth at the Moorhead Workshop on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

Pre 1925 marriage index. The Great Rivers Network has the marriage records up so check it out. Please send comments to Greg Wysk.

Ann Jenks is working with the Attorney General's office to get more information on what records are restricted and what is not.

NEW BUSINESS

Patrice Hartman made a motion to put a quarter page ad (Cost is \$25.00) in the Moorhead Workshop booklet, seconded by Don Smith, carried. Susan Holland will work on a logo for the NDSGS.

Susan Holland made a motion to send letters to the new State Librarian requesting that they add Heritage Quest to the list of databases available to users, seconded by Jessica Rossow. Motion carried.

Older issues of the NDSGS newsletter will be placed on the website. Current issues will only be available to members with paid dues for the year.

Program by Pam Olafson Furstenau.

Pam Olafson Furstenau works with George Freeman on the 'Cousins Across the Ocean' Project that finds living Cousins for Icelanders visiting North America. She is on the board of Directors for the Icelandic National League of North America and the USA Representative on the Icelandic National League in Iceland in addition to her participation in many area Genealogy, Family History, and Icelandic related organizations. At the meeting, Pam gave her 'North Dakota Icelanders' presentation, which she has given twice in

The presentation covers the historic Icelandic sites in North Dakota. These include the Icelandic Churches, one of which is the oldest Icelandic Church in all of North America – Vikur Church in Mountain, ND. Other highlights are the Icelandic State Park, Thingvalla Memorial site, and Stefán G. Stefánsson Homestead site. Also included in the presentation are photographs of many Icelandic pioneers and their descendants with special notice to Pastor Páll Thorlaks-son, the "Father of the Icelandic Settlement in Dakota."

Pam showcased the various festivals throughout the state that have Icelandic Heritage including the Norsk Hostfest, Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival, and the 2nd of August Icelandic Heritage Celebration – the Deuce of August in northeast North Dakota (July 29, 30, and 31st, 2011) and she encouraged everyone to attend these events. See the website for more information.

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 8th at 1 PM at the Alfred Dickey Public Library in Jamestown, ND. We will tour the library and resources. Note the location. More details will follow.

Secretary, Patrice Hartman

State Historical Society of North Dakota

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

Here are new books since February:

Echoes of distant school bells : a history of the Drayton Public School, 1879-1994 by Kenneth C. Gardner

Frankenhauser family history compiled by Victor John Frankenhauser

History of the settlement of the Swedes in North Dakota by Myrtle Bemis

The Icelandic settlement of Pembina County by Sveinbjorn Johnson

History of Riverside Township by Myrtle Bemis

Schultz and Cryan history : Prussia to Minnesota via Illinois and North Dakota, and Scotland to Minnesota via North Dakota by Jim Schultz

The last one hundred years in Norman County, Minnesota, 1900-2000

Golden jubilee, 1905-1955 : Upham, North Dakota

Heimdal, North Dakota, 1910 to 2010

New county atlases:

Adams County, 2008

Billings County, 2008

Bowman County, 2008

Burke County, 2006

Cass County, 2009

Divide County, 2009

Dunn County, 2009

Emmons County, 2008

Golden Valley County, 2008

Grant County, 2010

Hettinger County, 2008

McHenry County, 2007

McKenzie County, 2009

Mercer/Oliver Counties, 2007

Mountrail County, 2008

Sheridan County, 2009

Sioux County, 2009

Slope County, 2008

Stark County, 2009

Ward County, 2006

Williams County, 2008

Manuscript of interest: Alice Kennedy Dahners Pioneer Mothers Biographies, Mss 11083

Digital Horizons:

North Dakota Blue Books from 1995 to 2009-2011, in addition to some previous editions, are now available for reading or searching at Digital Horizons: <http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/ndbb>

War of 1812 Pension Records

The War of 1812 pension records are currently being digitized by Footnote.com and being made available to the public for free. The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is collaborating with iArchives (a subsidiary of Ancestry.com and the division that operates Footnote.com) to digitize 180,000 pension applications. Free access to these records is a result of a 3.7 million dollar fundraising effort by FGS. They hope to raise

the money by the bicentennial of the start of the war and complete the digitization by the bicentennial of the end of the war in 2015.

Currently nearly 6,800 applications have been digitized, apparently in alphabetical order. For more information see <http://go.footnote.com/1812pensions/>.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

- 41483 Stutsman County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, 1879-1972, 164 ft.
- 41484 Ward County. Passport Township, Township Records, 1904-1960, 4v.
- 41485 Cass County. Clerk of Court, Register of Druggists Permits, 1909, 1v.
- 41486 Cass County. Clerk of Court, Motion & Order Book, 3rd Judicial District, 1883-1898, 2v.
- 41487 Cass County. Clerk of Court. Criminal Appearance Docket, District Court, 1881-1903, 1v.
- 41488 Cass County. Clerk of Court, Civil Appearance Docket, 1879-1881, 1v.
- 41489 Cass County. States Attorney, Office Docket, 1897-1902, 1v.
- 41490 Stutsman County. Clerk of Court, Probate Journal, 1879-1929, 20v.
- 41491 Stutsman County. Clerk of Court. Inheritance Tax Record, 1916-1925. 2v.
- 41492 Stutsman County. Clerk of Court, Partnership Record, 1908, 1925, 1v.
- 41493 Stutsman County. Clerk of Court, Coroner's Record, 1882-1909, 1v.
- 41494 Cass County. Clerk of Court, Register of Civil Actions, 1893-1901, 6v.
- 41496 Burleigh County. Iowa School District, Clerk's Record, 1922-1925, 3v.
- 41498 McLean County. Superintendent of Schools. Annual Report, 1916-1952. 1ft.

A unique record found at the SHSND Archives in Bismarck, ND

by Patrice Hartman

North Dakota. McLean County. Sheriff Hunting Permit Register, 1896-1914, MS 40163. Local Government Records. State Historical Society of North Dakota State Archives, Bismarck.

This volume of 200 pages covers the time period from October of 1896 to December of 1914 and was originally kept in the McLean County Auditors office. The permits are chronologically numbered by year.

Information included is number, to whom issued, residence, date of permit, amount, remarks.

Examples of entries for the Merry family of Washburn, ND.

- p. 4, no. 48, John Merry, Ethel, August 1897, .75.
- p. 19, no. 54, John Merry, Washburn, 10 October 1900, .75.
- p. 19. no. 55, Wm Merry, Washburn, 10 October 1900, .75.

p. 19, no. 56, Hite Merry, Washburn, 10 October 1900, .75.

p. 130, no. 14606, John Merry, Washburn, 5 Sept. 1910, 1.00.

p. 133, no. 14693, H. Merry, Washburn, 6 Sept 1910, 1.00.

I was interested in this record because it would include some of the same information as a tax record and the tax records for some of this time period from 1896 to 1914 for McLean County are missing. Of course this particular family also happened to be hunters so they did appear in this record. I found a total of 17 entries for the three Merry brothers who lived in this area during this time period. The above examples show the first and the last record for them in this volume.

A possible conclusion is that they left the area by 1911 which is supported by other records in the newspaper and land records for McLean County. John Merry moved to the state of Oregon, William and Hite Merry moved to Canada.

Family History Library News

Family History Library online microfilm ordering has become a reality for many residents of Utah. Online ordering for the rest of the U. S. and Canada will be rolled out gradually later this year. This means ordering and payment will be done online and the microfilm will be

delivered to the Family History Center of your choice. Once the order is submitted the website will display the status (pending, processing, backordered, shipped, received, etc.).

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by John Mogren

In April, President Diane Stevens arranged to have Dr. Margaret Sherve of Minot State University speak on the CETL (Center for Engaged Training and Learning) grant and research project. The CETL program is one supported by a Title III grant the university received two years ago as a way to advance their strategic plan and their commitment to engagement and the values and importance of place. A year ago, June 2010, issue 122, I printed an article in *North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record* about this grant and the work being done at First Lutheran Cemetery in Minot. Dr. Sherve expanded on some of the projects being done with the grant funds. This is a coordinated effort between professors so students actually get credit in History, Archeology and English classes for example. They started on the First Lutheran Cemetery project in 2009 and hope to have it completed by 2013. Their first phase was to visit the actual cemetery to record information and then they did research at the archives room of First Lutheran Church in Minot. They are compiling information on all the individuals interred in First Lutheran Cemetery and hope to have the biographies of these people on a website by 2013. Individuals interested in more information about this could review issue 122 of our genealogical society's publication.

One aspect of the CETL grant that is not as well known is the interview project. Students are actually paid to interview residents at the nursing homes in Minot. They also receive college credits. Dr. Sherve brought along some of the books with these interviews and members of the MRLGS were greatly impressed.

Some even found that relatives and previous neighbors had been interviewed. Dr. Sherve indicated that the intent is to publish more copies of these and place them in the Special Collections room at the university. At this time there is not adequate funding to make more copies. The MRLGS asked if we could help with some financial support to print copies but Dr. Sherve indicated they are exploring other funding sources.

Dr. Sherve also shared some knowledge on cemetery stones. She stated that the practice of taking grave stone rubbings has been discontinued as it is harmful to some types of stones. Dr. Sherve also shared some insights on taking pictures of grave stones. She recommended using mirrors to magnify the natural light onto the stone. This creates natural shadows which stand out more in the photographs. She recommended trying different angles including standing with the mirrors to the side of the stone rather than directly in front of it.

Dr. Sherve also cautioned members about "cleaning" grave stones as some chemicals are highly corrosive. She indicated she would email us the name of a safe cleaning solvent to use for this purpose.

She ended by saying that she would welcome any of the members to consider taking the class. Anyone over 60 can take the class for free if they are not claiming college credits.

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

In February we worked on writing a life history both for ourselves and for our ancestors. What would you like your descendants to know about you? In March we looked at Revolutionary War Records including final pension payment vouchers. In April we learned how to use the new microfilm reader, printer, scanner at the Dickinson Public Library. In May we will look at Civil War Records.

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

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James River Genealogy Club

by George Barron

Our James River Genealogy Club held the first meeting of 2011 on April 5 at the Carrington location. The program for the meeting were reports by members, of what they accomplished on their winter projects, and also members describing unusual deaths they had discovered while working on their family history. Almost everyone in attendance had an interesting project to report on. Many brought things to pass around to show us details.

We are holding meetings this year again in alternate locations, so the May meeting was held May 3rd at Jamestown. We met at the North Dakota State Hospital. We took a tour of the ND State Hospital Museum. We had a pretty good crowd. The business meeting included many questions about the hospital, and discussion on future club meeting programs.

Our next meeting will be June 7 at Carrington. The program is in the planning stage but may be a presentation on the Rural Church Project which was carried on during the last couple of years.

Our July meeting will be the 5th at Jamestown. At the date of writing this report, the program for that meeting has not been set. The program committee has been working on a presentation by the husband

of one of our members who is expert on restoring old photos with his computer.

We meet at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month, April through November. We have members throughout the US, and those who attend meetings are from Eddy, Foster, Stutsman, and Wells counties in North Dakota.

Our own North Dakota State Genealogical Society is scheduled to meet at our Jamestown Alfred Dickey Public Library on Friday July 8th at 1 PM. The program for that meeting will be a tour through the library, showing off all of the neat sources we have there for family historians. The library staff is working on demonstrations and handouts to show just how you might do genealogy in Jamestown. The library almost always has a couple of visiting grandpa searchers. We will try to advertise the meeting to our own club and others in the area so that they might be interested in attending one of our state meetings.

Williams County Genealogical Society

by Gloria Johnson

In the last newsletter I wrote an article on the Bond family (Negro) that lived and died in Ray, ND and were buried in the Highland-St. Michael's Cemetery in Ray, ND. I am still looking to find if Grandma Emma Bond is also buried there. This cemetery also has other historical burials that are recorded.

There are two U.S. Civil War Soldiers buried in Highland-St. Michael's Cemetery:

William H. Deardorff

Born: 20 Jan 1845

Died: 9 Nov 1909 and is buried in Ray, ND

He enlisted 14 Aug 1862 in Montezuma, Iowa at age 18 years, with the 40th Infantry Regiment of Iowa, his rank was Private. He served in on 1 Oct 1862 and mustered out on 2 August 1865 at Fort Gibson,

CN. He was married to Caroline Stabler the 22 Oct 1868 in Ohio and his widow received widow's pension in the state of Nebraska and North Dakota.

James A. Lucas

Born: 5 Apr 1844

Died: 30 Oct 1920 and is buried in Ray, ND

He enlisted 15 Aug 1862 in Waverly, Iowa at age 19 years, with the 14th Infantry Regiment of Iowa, his rank being Private. He served in on 26 Nov 1862 and mustered out on 16 Nov 1864 at Davenport, Iowa. He was married to Emma McRoberts on Feb 1871 in Iowa. He lived at a home for disabled soldiers at Battle Mountain Sanitarium, Hot Springs, South Dakota. He was admitted in 19 Nov 1915 and discharged 22 Mar 1916. He was suffering from arthritis, myal-

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Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred A Buchholz

Hello everyone. This has been a busy year with all the flooding, sandbagging, and moving valuables from basements upstairs and in some cases to different locations.

In April, we had Mike Knudson give a talk on finding World War Veterans in North Dakota and what some communities did to recognize these veterans as they come home. Some gave special medals and others erected monuments to them. Mr. Knudson compiled a book with the list of these veterans and some of their stories.

In May, Patrice Hartman gave a presentation on citing sources. We had a large turn out for this presentation. There were many questions and answers given. The importance of citing sources was a big eye opener for me as with many others.

June 3rd was our first appearance at the annual Bismarck/Mandan Reading Kickoff at the North Dakota Heritage Center and North Dakota State Library.

This year the theme was "One World, Many Stories". This was a great success, as over 3000 people attended. BMHGS handed out many family tree charts and answered many questions on our society. We also handed out coloring sheets with color crayons available for kids to use. The only bad thing was when the wind came up and papers went flying. We finally secured them with big rocks.

On June 9th, Don Baglien will explain how to produce a family history book with the use of the computer. He is experienced in the subject due to his 13-14 years of researching of his father's Norwegian family.

In August 2005, He traveled to Norway and was able to meet many of his relatives. In December

2009 he published a book containing 3,648 names of relatives on his father's side of the family.

During his presentation, Don will share what he learned in conducting his research, and what will benefit those who are looking to search for and publish a family history using the computer.

We have no meeting in July, so have a happy 4th.

August is our annual pot luck. A place is to be determined after we find out what effects the flood has on us.

September 8th, we will have Jim Christinson give a presentation about the "History of Downtown Bismarck". He is going to focus on one of the buildings in Bismarck.

For October we are trying to get someone to give us a history of Mandan. This may or may not happen.

I want you to be aware of the Heritage Education Commission Family History workshop at Moorhead State University on 1 October 2011, <http://www.heritageed.org/>. IFMidwest will be a part of this program. You can contact Myron Senechal at 701-258-1463 or msenechal@bis.midco.net for more information.

We at BMHGS are still doing genealogy help sessions at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library. These sessions at Saturday, August 13th, 11 - 1 pm, Saturday, September 17th, 11 - 1pm, and Saturday, November 12th, 11 - 1pm.

There is so much more going on at BMHGS, come and join us.

Have a good summer,

Alfred Buchholz President BMHGS

Cyndi's List

Cyndi's List has long been known as a starting point for online researching. Now the website has undergone a upgrade designed to make everything easier and quicker to access. The web address is still the same at <http://www.cyndislist.com>

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Red River Genealogical Society

By Linda Zeutsch

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society is now on it's Spring and Summer schedule. We are open April through October on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. However, we ask that you call ahead to make sure someone is working the library that day. Please call 701-239-4129 or 701-799-5156. We invite you to come to the library to see the new additions we have acquired this last year. We have received many donations of excellent books and

research material. We were very pleased with our recent workshop. We had a nice turnout and the speakers had very interesting topics to cover. The society continues to hold Meet and Greet sessions at the West Fargo Library. A new project we have undertaken is the indexing of obituaries from the Cynosure, the newsletter from Central High School in Fargo, ND.

Minnkota Genealogy Society

by Larrie Wanberg

The Minnkota Genealogy Society in Grand Forks in May hosted Bernard Hoggarth, MD who spoke about "Diseases of our Forefathers." He is a retired pediatrician who is volunteering for a number of area historical projects. He emphasized that diseases are an important part of family heritage. He suggested that knowing causes of death of ancestors can be meaningful information for those who document family histories. He told members that all the diseases can be found on the Internet and encouraged them to use Google to find information on diseases.

In June, the meeting (second Tuesday at 7:00) will be held at UND Chester Fritz Library. Archivist Kurt Hanson will present a program on "Telling Your Story." The group will explore the genealogy resources of the Library, including the Arne G. Brekke Bygdebøker collection, which are published farm and family histories compiled by local Norwegian groups. This collection is one of the largest collections of Norwegian place-name histories outside of Norway.

WCGS Report (Continued from page 6)

gia, asthma and other insufficiencies.

Also buried here is the Dillon family who were murdered the 21 Oct 1913. Buried here are:

Doctor T. Dillon – born 1 Nov 1877 and died 28 Oct 1913

Mary A. Marsh (Durbin) Dillon – born 27 Aug 1861 and died 21 Oct 1913

Lela M. Marsh – (daughter of Mary) born 16 Jan 1901 and died 21 Oct 1913

Stories tell us a stranger entered on this family's farm one afternoon seeking work and was told by Mrs. Dillon to wait until her husband, Doctor, would be home in the evening. The stranger waited all afternoon and was invited to have supper with her and daughter Lela. Doctor arrived home later that evening, had his meal and visited with the stranger – later hiring him for a few days work. Doc then headed

out to the barn to do chores when suddenly there were three shots fired. He fell and everything went blank. It is not clear from there what really happened. Mrs. Dillon was found shot through the chest facing the house outside. Daughter Lela was shot inside the house as she was getting ready for bed. Mary and Lela died instantly. Doctor survived the shots and came to as neighbors going by found him and took him to a doctor's home. He died seven days later of his wounds. Cleve M. Culbertson was the stranger who then set out on the run. Doc was able to describe the shooter and the hunt began. He headed to the Wildrose and Ray areas, later being arrested on a train in Ray area. After a trial he was found guilty of murder and was in jail in Williston. A lynch mob formed and headed to the jail-house. Culbertson was hauled by the mob out to Little Muddy Bridge where he was hanged until dead. No one really knew who Culbertson was and why the shootings happened to this family. He left a wife and child in Nebraska.

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Icelandic Communities Association (ICA)

Mountain, ND

By George Freeman

Preparations are underway for The 112th Deuce of August celebration 29, 30, & 31 July 2011 in Mountain. See www.august2nd.com for further details of events. We are on Facebook too.

Pam Furstenau & George Freeman are making preparations for the Genealogy Center that will be open during the celebration to help people with their family histories and searches.

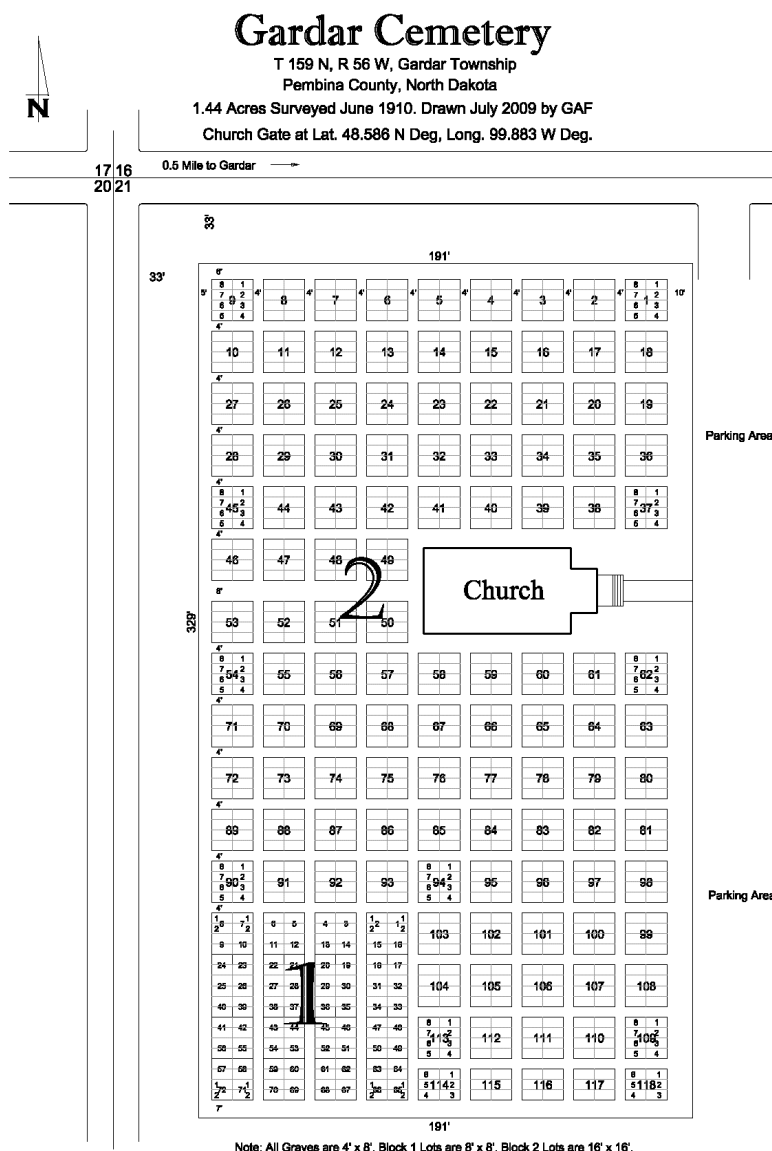
There will be many visiting Icelanders and dignitaries from Iceland and North Dakota present.

The "Cousins Across the Ocean" project is in its fourth year this year. We offer to visiting Icelanders an effort to find and unite them with their western cousins. This project is becoming very popular in the Icelandic community. Most of the cousins have never met. It is an emotional event when long unknown cousins meet.

Pam Furstenau and George Freeman are also inventorying and mapping ten Icelandic Cemeteries in Pembina County. Gardar, Thingvalla, Mountain, Vikur, Fjalla, Andvari, Vidalin, Hallson, Peters, Thorarinson and Pembina Icelandic cemeteries are involved. This work has been going on for 3 years. There are about 3,500 graves involved.

One of the sidelights of the cemetery project is that George is making drawings of the cemeteries involved. Wouldn't it be a great idea if high schools in North Dakota had a program for students to draw up their local cemeteries using free CAD software available on the internet. It would be a great public service opportunity for the students. At right is an example of one of the cemeteries that George has drawn.

We'll see you at the Deuce!!!



Bismarck Church Marriage Record Extract

by Patrice Hartman

First Presbyterian Church (Bismarck, North Dakota), *The Church Register of the Presbyterian Church*, Volume 1; parish rectory, Bismarck.

The following information came from the Marriage Register of Volume 1, pg. 202.

Name of Groom and Bride	Marriage Date
William Otis De Puy and Helen Iola Joslin	29 May 1889
Charles Clanutin? and Dora Bird	10 June 1889
Laurence Casselman and Mollie Robinson	30 July 1889
James Alexander Comer and Cora E. Smith	5 August 1889
Neil J. McLean and C.A. MacKenzie	3 December 1889
George Francis Macnider and Mattie E. Weller?	24 December 1889
William Webb Jr. and Jessie M. Masen	8 April 1890
Ira J. Stouder and Ovilla Gagner	15 October 1890
Edward O'Brien and Jennie Keeler	17 December 1890
John Henry Small and Nellie McGowan	18 December 1890
David Nichol and Elizabeth Hill	15 March 1891
Edward Adams and Helma Andersen	15 July 1891
William Tubbs and Grace Wilson	15 July 1891
Edward G. Kennedy and Mary B. Brundage?	15 December 1891
B.L. Baardson and Jessie Cumberland	17 February 1892
Albert J. Herbert and Mary C. Peterson	7 June 1892
Charles Brady and Mrs. Flora Myers	28 June 1892
Wm. A. Hammond and Blanche Jennings?	19 April 1893

Since some of the early Burleigh County Marriage Records are missing this may fill in some gaps. A few of these marriages were listed in the Bismarck Tribune. Volume 1 has marriages from January of 1880 through most of 1907. This is the only page I have a copy of but I do have the residences of the groom and bride and the witnesses names for these entries. This church is still in existence and the early records are at the church.

The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.

New FamilySearch TechTips Website Brings Together Genealogy and Technology

I believe this is a major announcement. As readers of this newsletter already know, using technology is not necessary to research one's family tree but it certainly can help! FamilySearch has been involved in providing genealogy information for decades. Now the same organization is assembling technical information on a new web site with the purpose of providing helpful information to you and to everyone else interested in genealogy. The following announcement was written by FamilySearch:

Genealogy has been a popular hobby for over a century, but the pursuit of one's ancestors is now a decidedly technology-intensive endeavor. To help family

historians take advantage of the latest technology, FamilySearch has launched a new section on its FamilySearch.org website called FamilySearch TechTips.

The goal of TechTips is to continue building a bridge between the developing worlds of technology and genealogy, according to FamilySearch product marketing manager Jim Ericson.

"For someone who is already excited about family history, FamilySearch TechTips can introduce them to technologies that will help them climb their family

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Citation Corner

Citing sources is vital to researching and evaluating genealogical evidence. Citations serve two purposes: to record the location of the source, and to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of that source. Many of us have read an account of an ancestor where no source was listed. We can attempt to guess where the information came from and try to locate that source in order to evaluate the claim, but how much easier that process would be if a source was listed.

Several style manuals exist for citation formats, however the most useful for citing historical records is Elizabeth Shown Mills' *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*.¹ This column will draw on Mills' work and attempt to demonstrate to readers how to cite some of the more common sources we encounter. Mills states that "citation is an art, not a science."² Once the basic principles are learned these principles can be adapted to fit other materials for which there is no standard model.

We will start with some of the last records to be created in a person's life, obituaries and headstones.

Obituaries and news articles are cited the same way. Elements of these citations include the title of the article, name of the newspaper and location, issue date, page number and column number. Put these elements together and we have for example:

"Heart Attack Fatal to R. B. Boyd," *The Fargo (North Dakota) Forum*, 5 April 1926, p. 1, col. 5.

If there is no article title write a brief description in place of the title, but do not use quotation marks around the description, for example:

Absaraka local news, *Wheatland (North Dakota) Ea-*

gle, 20 October 1904, p. 1, col. 5.

Citation elements for headstones or grave markers include the name of the deceased, cemetery and location, date the marker was read and whether the marker was transcribed fully, abstracted and/or photographed. For example:

Wheatland Cemetery (Cass County, North Dakota; ½ mile north and ½ mile east of Wheatland), Ira L. Sherman marker; photographed 17 March 2003 by researcher.

If it is a larger cemetery include the section or plot number such as:

Dickinson Cemetery (Stark County, North Dakota; 10th Avenue East & 10th Street East), Joseph J. Hledik marker, section N, lot 19, grave 9; personally read, 2007.

In addition one might want to record in your notes the condition of the stone, whether or not it was legible, and the type of material from which the stone was made or whether the stone was contemporary to the burial.

When citation details are recorded we have the tools to help overcome brick walls or evaluate conflicting evidence.

¹ Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2007).

² Mills, *Evidence Explained*, 41.

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tree," Ericson said. "Those who may not be familiar with genealogy, but are technology enthusiasts, can learn how products can be applied to family history."

Ericson said visitors to FamilySearch TechTips can read about a variety of subjects, such as how to store photographs for the long term, what mobile applications are available for family historians, how to share files and how to scan images. The site also contains step-by-step guides to help users accomplish a technology-related task, like how to join an online research community and why.

FamilySearch TechTips is a community effort that is a cross between a blog and an online technology magazine. Anyone can contribute articles and share their personal experiences. The TechTips articles don't endorse specific products, although they may mention what is available in the marketplace. There will also be content on new technology or trends that impact the world of genealogy.

"People can learn where genealogy technology is headed and how technology may evolve in the future to make life easier for family historians," Ericson said.

The new TechTips section of FamilySearch is available at <https://www.familysearch.org/techtips/>.

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8 July 2011. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, Alfred Dickey Public Library, Jamestown.

29-31 July 2011. 112th Annual Icelandic Celebration, Mountain, North Dakota. For more information <http://www.august2nd.com>.

31 July—7 August 2011. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia convention, Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information:
<http://www.ahsgr.org>.

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1 October 2011, HEC 36th Annual Family History Workshop, Moorhead, Minnesota. For more information : <http://www.heritageed.org/>.

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