

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

I hope your summer went well. I want to thank Grand Forks for hosting the last meeting. I have heard it was a great meeting.

As most of you know, we have continued planning for a small workshop on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the North Dakota Heritage Center from noon till 4:30 PM. Our featured speaker is Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov, Associate Professor at UND. He will speak on the North Dakota Genetic Ancestry project and DNA testing. Other presentations will include Native American History, Veterans, local government records, and book and paper preservation.

The workshop flyers will be out soon. Pre-registration will be \$10 for North Dakota State Genealogical Society (NDSGS) members and \$20 for non-members. The non-member fee includes a one year membership in NDSGS. Registration deadline is March 15, 2015. After that date, registration will be \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Our last regular meeting will be at the State Archives beginning at 1PM on Friday, October 10, 2014. Please attend if you are able. There will also be a working meeting of the committees for the workshop at the State Archives at 10:30 AM on the same date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aladinsgenie07@gmail.com or email one of the other officers. Thank You.

Genie Lang

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, October 10 at 1 pm CDT in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

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

Co President Daphne Drewello called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on July 11, 2014. The meeting was held in the East Asian Room on the fourth floor of the UND Chester Fritz Library. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Ron Baker, Barbara Knipe, Michael Swanson, Bernard Hoggarth, Minnkota; Glenn & Alice Ellingsberg, RRVGS. Guests: Dana Johnson, James Oakland and Sandy.

Michael Swanson, Assistant Archivist in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections gave a presentation on "What's so Special about Special Collections." The presentation provided an overview of the holdings in Special Collections, with special emphasis on the genealogical materials. This was followed by a tour of Special Collections.

The Orin G. Libby Manuscript Collection is the largest component of Special Collections and is comprised of about 1500 individual collections. This includes personal papers, organization and business records. Collections pertaining to local history, the Norwegian Consulate records and the E.J. Lander Company land records were mentioned. The University Archives contains about 130 record groups. Other collections include rare books, audio/video, photographs, state documents, family history and maps. Unique categories are Grand Forks and the Red River Valley and North Dakota. They have city directories, World War II service records, Marriage and Coroner records, church records, tax assessment ledgers, Superintendent of School records and newspapers. For ND they have naturalizations for 9 area counties, Sanborn maps, town and county histories, WPA biographies, census, land tract and plat records and military records.

The Norwegian Resources include the ND American Lutheran Church Records, maps, Norwegian Telephone Directories, Norske Gaardnavne (i.e. Rygh), Norske Gardsbruk, dictionaries, general history books, immigration/emigration resources, Sons of Norway records and the Arne G. Brekke Bygdebok collection. The bygdebok collection is approaching 1500 titles. New books are being acquired from Norway with financial assistance from an endowment fund. More information on these collections with indexes and finding aids can be found on the Special Collections website (<http://library.und.edu/special-collections/>).

BUSINESS MEETING

MINUTES

Bernard Hoggarth made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Swanson, that the minutes of the April 11, 2014 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Ron Baker and seconded by Michael Swanson to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

The NDSGS spring workshop will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Patrice gave a report on the various committees and who the presenters will be. Future workshops will possibly be a cooperative effort between the ND State Genealogical Society, Bismarck Mandan Historical Genealogical Society and the Family History Library of Bismarck.

NEW BUSINESS

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society handed out CD's of their Library Holdings to each society or member that was present. This CD includes a fillable pdf order form. This will be a great tool for finding records. The RRVGS volunteered to host the July 10th, 2015 meeting of the NDSGS.

They also talked about the Moorhead Workshop which will be held on September 20th.

Next Meeting: The fall meeting will be Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. The fall Newsletter Deadline is September 10th.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since May:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

A brief history of the Stanley Evangelical Lutheran Church through fifty years, 1906-1956. [Stanley, North Dakota: Stanley Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1956.

Anderson, Kathie Ryckman. *The Ryckman family in Dakota and North Dakota : prepared for the 125th anniversary of the Ryckman family farm, 1888-2013.* Jessie, North Dakota: Kathie Ryckman Anderson, 2013.

Bienek, Violet Heer, comp. *Hazelton High School class of 1964 50 year reunion.* [North Dakota: s.n., 2014].

Generations of faith : American Lutheran Church [Stanley, N.D.], 1906-2006. [Stanley, North Dakota]: American Lutheran Church, 2006.

Golden Valley, celebrating 100 years, 1914-2014. Golden Valley, North Dakota: Golden Valley Centennial Book Committee, 2014.

Golden Valley Community Club. *Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Golden Valley, North Dakota, 1914-1964.* [North Dakota?: s.n.], 1964.

Larson, Troy and Terry Hinnenkamp, *Ghosts of North Dakota : North Dakota's ghost towns and abandoned places, volume two.* [Fargo, North Dakota]: Sonic Tremor Media, [2013].

The people and places of Parshall, North Dakota : centennial 1914-2014. Parshall, North Dakota: Centennial Book Committee, 2014.

St. Ann's Catholic Church. *St. Ann's Centennial* [Belcourt, N.D.] : *100 years of faith, 1885-1985.* Belcourt, North Dakota: St. Ann's Church, 1985.

75th, Golden Valley, North Dakota Diamond Jubilee, July 14 & 15, 1989. [Golden Valley, North Dakota?: Golden Valley Community Club, 1989?].

Vadnie, Ann. *Bismarck-a rich history of education : Bismarck Public Schools, Bismarck State College, Bismarck Catholic Schools.* Bismarck, North Dakota: Bismarck Historical Society

[2014].

Watford City, North Dakota : celebrating 100 years, 1914 to 2014. [Dickinson, North Dakota: Quality Quick Print, 2014]. Wurtz, Douglas E. *Ryder-on-the-Soo : a history of Ryder, North Dakota, 1903-1908.* [Bismarck, North Dakota]: Douglas E. Wurtz, c2014.

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Brodshaug, Jackie Qualley. *Qualley.* [West Fargo, North Dakota: J. Q. Brodshaug, 2013?].

Joseph & Theresia (Schlegel) Steidl. [Bismarck, North Dakota: J. Beyer, 2014].

Rennich, Merv. *Prairie potholes and rock piles : memories of growing up in central North Dakota.* Peoria, Illinois: M. Rennich, c2014.

Zimbelman, Arnie P. *A kid from Dakota : a look back at my early years.* [California: A. P. Zimbelman, 2013].

OTHER:

Bogstad, Rasmus. *The early history of Concordia College.* [S. I.: s.n., 1941?].

Engelhardt, Carroll. *On firm foundation grounded : the first century of Concordia College (1891-1991).* Moorhead, Minnesota: Concordia College, c1991.

MacHaffie, Ingeborg S. and Margaret A. Nielsen. *Of Danish ways.* Minneapolis, Minnesota: Dillon Press, c1976.

North Star Chapter of Minnesota Germans from Russia. *Hollyhocks and grasshoppers : growing up German from Russia in America.* Minneapolis, Minnesota: Mill City Press, c2013.

Philipps, John (Johannes). *The Germans by the Black Sea between the Bug and Dniester rivers.* (translated from the German). Fargo, North Dakota: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Libraries, 2000.

Vangberg, Bent. *Of Norwegian ways.* Minneapolis, Minnesota: Dillon Press, [1970].

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

September 2014 Local Government Accessions Report for NDSGS

41630 Adams County. Clerk of Court, Burial Transit Permits, 1908-2012, 1ft. (RESTRICTED)

41633 Bowman County. Adelaide Township Records, 1911-1987, 2v., .05ft.

41632 Bowman County. Marion Township Records, 1960-1994, 2v.

41635 Bowman County. Talbot School District #9, Clerks Record, 1918-1923, 1v.

41634 Bowman County. Talbot Township Records, 1911-1935, 1v., .5ft.

41636 Burke County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1909-1929, 1r. (#16946).

41628 Burleigh County. Grass Lake School District #3 Records, 1897-1898, 1v.

41627 Divide County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Applications, Licenses, and Certificates, 1910-1925, 4r. (#16929, 16932-16934).

41629 Kidder County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Applications, Licenses, and Certificates, 1888-1925, 3r. (#16943-16945).

41640 LaMoure County. Clerk of Court, Insanity Record, 1884-1969, 3v. (RESTRICTED)

41638 LaMoure County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Application, Licenses, and Certificates, 1883-1925, 6r. (#16947-16951, 16956).

41643 Mountrail County. Clerk of Court. Civil and Criminal Court Minute Books, 1909-1987. 3v.

41637 Mountrail County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1909-1925, 22ft.

41641 Mountrail County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Licenses and Certificates, 1909-1927, 1r.

41642 Mountrail County. Clerk of Court. Register of Coroners Inquests, 1909-2004, 4v. (RESTRICTED)

41639 Richland County. Recorder, Chattel Mortgages, 1879-1886, .05ft.

41631 Slope County. Harper Township Records, 1935, 1953-1968, .25ft.

Pre-1925 Marriage Index Update

NDSGS is working with the State Archives to index pre-1925 marriages. This is an ongoing project so more volunteers are needed as more marriage records

are microfilmed. Indexers are needed for Burke and Divide Counties. Also someone to insert the dates for Adams and Walsh county records. For more information contact: Patrice Hartman or Ann Jenks, State Archivist.

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

The National Archives will hold a Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 28, 29, and 30 starting at 9 am central time daily. This will be a live broadcast via the Internet so you can ask questions at the end of each talk.

Speakers are genealogy experts from the National Archives and U. S. Citizen and Immigration Services. The lectures are designed for novices and experienced genealogists.

Topics include:

- Introduction to Genealogy
- Preserving Your Personal Records

- Overview of American Indian Records and Resources
- World War I Draft Registration Cards
- Using Civil War and Census Records
- Federal Land Records
- U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
- Finding Your Family in Patent Records

For more information see their website at <http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

James River Genealogy Club

by Barb Caine

James River Genealogy Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month April through November alternating between Carrington & Jamestown ND. We welcome guests to attend our meetings and we gather informally at Pizza Ranch for pre-dinner dining.

The August meeting was a presentation by two of our members, Cathy Paulson and Sharon Hewitt. They

informed us of two Foster County murders, the Shiflet Family murders and the Jack Brooks murder. We will once again reimburse our members registration fee of \$40.00 for the Heritage workshop on 20 Sep 2014 at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead, MN. Our new copier is working wonderfully well and we are investigating doing digital copies of George Barron's books.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Peggy Smetana

In July of 2014, the topic of "DAR" was presented by State Regent Nancy Legerski for DAR. As of today (1 Sept. 2014) we have 7 people committed to forming a new chapter of DAR. The previous Minot Chapter

closed a number of years ago when membership dropped to five. We will have one year to reach a total of 12 for the new chapter.

Red River Valley Genealogy Society

by Linda Zeuschel

The RRVGS has been actively working on improvements to our library. If you have not been to our library recently, be sure to stop in to check out the new items and the improved ease of using our facility. There are several projects we continue to work on as we have the time and funds to complete. We have had several successful fund raising Bratwurst sales at local grocery stores this summer. All funds generated are used to pay expenses of our library and to acquire new items we deem necessary.

Glenn has just completed creating a searchable CD of our library holdings. This CD will allow fellow genealogists to find Family Histories and other information we have collected through the years. Since it is searchable, a family name can be entered and the results will include any books we might have with that name in the title. We are offering these for sale to those interested for just \$5.00. However, if you sign up for a new two year membership to our Society, it will be included free of charge in the packet of information we provide to new members.

Another project that will be completed very shortly will be a Searchable CD of our Society Newsletters

from issue number 1 to the present date. Since it will be searchable, a researcher will just have to enter a name and the system will find all links to it in our newsletters. We will be offering these for just \$25.00 per CD.

Recently five of our members took a fun filled day of adventure when we travelled to Forman, ND to visit the Sargent County Museum. We found this facility to be very informative and we met several dedicated members who helped us enjoy the day. They also were very helpful in doing some research for two of our members with family ties to the county. During our visit, we offered to research a family name they had been trying to find. Two of our Super-sleuth researchers were able to find the several bits of information about the person and these were forwarded to the museum.

On September 20, our society will again be attending the Family History workshop in Moorhead, MN at the Horizon Middle School. We will have an information booth set up for inquires about our library. Two of our members will also be presenters at some of the workshops.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

Patricia Ashley presented information about using the FAN method of research at our August meeting. Research into friends, family, associates and neighbors can hold clues to our ancestors. In September we will look at how to make a Genealogy Disaster Plan. In October we will look at Rich finds in the Records of the Poor. The November meeting will focus on What work did your ancestor do?

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. patrice@ndsupernet.com

Williams County Genealogical Society

by Gloria Johnson

The Williams County Genealogical Society met July 30th at the Williston City Library. We attended a presentation by the library staff on the new micro film machine acquired by the library for scanning, editing and printing through a new computer program. It is very user friendly and we had fun learning to use the program and printing out documents. Our library now has 3 micro film machines for public use, with one only being just a scanner. The other two will scan and print. We continue updating our A - Z obituary index on file at

the library. We hope to do a second update to our cemetery book later this fall. We continue with additions and corrections to our book which will be included in the second update. Our cemetery book continues to sell through our local book store.

A future project we are looking at is the scanning of all paper obituaries onto disc for safe keeping. Several of our members attended a workshop presented at the library by using Ancestry.com in working on our family histories. Some good information was presented.

Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Ron Baker

June 10, 2014: UND Special Collections Library Associate Brian Baier made a presentation about a blog that he created as a means of communicating genealogical information and family pictures to other relatives. He also mentioned several ways of presenting material online using Tumblr, Flickr, facebook and Google to name a few.

July 11, 2014: The UND Special Collections library hosted the Summer meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Minnkota Genealogical Society President Mike Swanson gave a tour of the library, behind the scenes look at the archive area and made a presentation on the mission, purpose and focus of the library/archives, mainly Grand Forks, ND and the surrounding Red River Valley area. Mike is also the Assistant Archivist at the Special Collections. One collection of note is the Arne Brekke Bygdebok Collection, which is one of the largest collections of

Norwegian local histories in the United States with the volume count nearing 1,500 volumes.

August 09, 2014: Members of the Minnkota Genealogical Society took a road trip to Cavalier, ND. A tour of the Pembina County Historical Society museum, with an informative talk by PCHS Administrator Zelda Hartje, and the Heritage Center at the Icelandic State Park were given. Minnkota Genealogical Society member, Ron Baker, also led the group in a brief tour of the Vikur church and cemetery, and Mountain Community Center all at Mountain, ND.

September 09, 2014: Dr. Cynthia Prescott of the UND History Department gave a presentation on Pioneer Women as homesteaders and also their portrayal in various forms in statutes in different time periods around the United States. The presentation was in

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conjunction with the display of ND State Historical Society exhibit panels entitled, "Land in her own name." This all occurred at the Grand Forks Public Library under the coordination of Minnkota Genealogical Society member Diane Lindseth. Diane is a reference librarian at the GF Public Library.

Upcoming meeting topics:

October 14, 2014: 20th anniversary of the Minnkota Genealogical Society will be held from 3pm to 7 pm in the Campbell library in East Grand Forks, MN.

November 2014: Minnkota Genealogical Society monthly meeting at the Campbell library in East Grand Forks, MN at 7pm.

Chronicling America

The National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), a joint program of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment of the Humanities, now has more than 8 million historic newspaper pages published in 32 states and the District of Columbia between 1836 and 1922 now available on the Chronicling America website. The



collection may be accessed at <http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/>.

Two more states recently joined the program, Nevada and South Dakota. The number of participants now includes 37 states, one territory and the District of Columbia.

This is also a great website to determine what newspapers existed in the place and time period of your research along with holdings information for those newspapers that are not yet digitized.

Church Records

The *New York Times* recently had an article on two historians, James Fenimore Cooper Jr., a professor of history at Oklahoma State University and Margaret Bendroth, executive director of the Congregational Library, trying to persuade church leaders to turn over their records for digitization and preservation. The article may be viewed at http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/30/us/in-church-attics-private-life-of-early-america.html?_r=1. They are focusing on Massachusetts congregational churches.

The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, has a digital collection of colonial-era church records online at <http://www.congregationallibrary.org/nehh/series1>. Currently they have 20 Massachusetts church records and one Maine church record online. These records



not only include records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths, but also admissions, dismissals, disciplinary cases, confessions of sins, and letters of transfer to and from other churches. Personal conversion narratives, that were often required for full membership, are also included in several of the collections, many in the congregants' own handwriting.

These records are currently not indexed, but clicking on the church of interest leads to a list of available digitized records with date ranges. A transcription project is also underway to transcribe the conversion narratives.

The Periodical Source Index (PERSI) is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history periodical articles in the world. It was created by the staff of the Allen County Public Library Foundation and Genealogy Center. Now FindMyPast is adding images to the index,

allowing easy access to articles, photos and other material. Searching is free at search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index. Access to articles requires a paid subscription.

7th Annual MGS North Star Conference Program

FRIDAY October 3

	General Genealogy	Problem-Solving	Minnesota	Research Tools	Military/Early American
8-9	Registration, exhibits open				
9-10:30	Welcome, presentation of MGS awards Facts, Photos, and Fair Use, <i>Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL</i>				
11-12	Why DNA? <i>Kristie Strum</i>	Finding Books and Manuscripts Online – NUCMC, WorldCat, MNLink, Oh My! <i>Tom Rice, CG</i>	Naturalization: the Process of Becoming an American <i>Valerie Eichler Lair</i>	Research Reports to Ourselves: More Than a Research Log <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG</i>	20 th Century Military Records <i>Jere G. Mackin</i>
12-1:15	Lunch, exhibits open				
1:30-2:30	Publishing Your Family History <i>Cathi Weber</i>	Finding Truth Beyond Family Lore: the Three Hidden Wives of John C. Fawcner <i>J.H. Fonkert, CG</i>	It Ain't Necessarily So: Adventures in Assessing Some Common Written Sources <i>Joel A. Watne</i>	ScreenShot Captor- A Free Tool for Capturing Anything on Your Computer Screen <i>Tom Rice, CG</i>	Explore Ancestry.com <i>Mary Wickersham</i>
3-4	"Don't Forget the Ladies" – a Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law <i>Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL</i>				

SATURDAY October 4

	General Genealogy	Problem-Solving	Minnesota	Research Tools	Military/Early American
8-9	Registration, exhibits open				
9-10:30	Welcome, presentation of MGS awards From Blackstone to the Statues at Large – How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists <i>Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL</i>				
11-12	Social History & Context: How Do I Add It to My Family History? <i>Linda Coffin</i>	Hanson and Reynolds: Two Guys with Some Genealogy Problems <i>J.H. Fonkert, CG and Tom Rice, CG</i>	Midwestern Gems: Back Issues of Genealogical, Historical, and Sociological Journals <i>Paula Stuart-Warren, CG</i>	Citing Sources Properly <i>Valerie Eichler Lair</i>	Lineage Societies <i>Vickie Chupuri-da</i>
12-1:15	Lunch, exhibits open				
1:30-2:30	How Do We Know What We Think We Know: Basics of Evidence Analysis <i>J.H. Fonkert, CG</i>	DNA Q&A <i>MGS DNA Interest Group</i>	Minnesota Death Record Research – Finding Them Wherever They Are <i>Tom Rice, CG</i>	Introduction to The Master Genealogist (TMG), v. 9 <i>Joel A. Watne</i>	Land Platting: Emphasis on the Rectangular Land Survey System <i>Valerie Eichler Lair</i>
3-4:30	Closing, presentation of MGS awards Where There Is-or Isn't-a Will <i>Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL</i>				

For more information and to register online go to www.mnsgs.org.

Free Family Record Forms from the Library of Congress Web Site

by Dick Eastman

This article was originally appeared in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* at www.eogn.com/.

Long before the invention of home computers that could generate forms, many families recorded their important family events within their Bibles. Whether printed as part of the Bible or printed on separate paper forms that could be stored alongside the family Bible, these forms often were ornate with beautiful artwork. The Library of Congress has collected many of these forms and made them available online. Some are simple “fill in the blank” forms while others have space to manually paste in pictures. All of the forms are available free of charge.

<http://www.loc.gov/search/?q=Family+Records+and+Registers>.

Some of these forms are huge! Downloading them may take a minute or two on a slow to medium speed Internet connection. However, I will suggest the results are worth the wait.

You can download any of these old Family Records and Family Register forms and even print them on your own printer, then use them as you wish. Many of them are “oversized.” If so, they cannot be printed on a normal computer printer that only handles 8½ by 11 inch paper. However, you can always save them to a flash drive and then have them printed on an oversized printer or plotter at FedEx Office (formerly called Kinko) or other service that has such hardware available. You can even send the print image to online to <http://www.fedex.com/us/office/> and either pick up the finished printout in person or have it shipped to you. You will have to pay a few dollars for the printing and shipping, of course.

You can find many Family Records and Family Register forms by starting at:



Have you been bitten by the Genealogy Bug?
Come to the Spring Genealogy Workshop



April 11, 2015

Noon – 4:30 PM

Location: North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

Session by: Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov on the DNA Project

Other presentations on Native American History, Veterans, Local Government Records, and
Book and Paper Preservation.

Pre-Registration fee - \$10 for NDSGS members
\$ 20 for Non-members (includes one year membership
to NDSGS)

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2015

Sponsored by: North Dakota State Genealogical Society

Do You Know this Family?

This was posted on our ND State Genealogical Society page on facebook. You can respond to Shelley there or send me an email if you know anyone related to this man. Patrice Hartman

I've "rescued" an old photograph of J. C. THOMPSON which was taken at the A. J. Osborn Studio in Dickinson, ND. The photograph appears to have been taken in the 1890's with Mr. THOMPSON appearing to be in his 60's or 70's at the time it was taken. Based on limited research I was able to locate the following information regarding Mr. THOMPSON and his family:

J. C. THOMPSON was b. 1833 and d. 1905 and is buried in the Dickinson Cemetery in Dickinson, ND

Census records provide the following details:

1900 census of Dickinson, ND:

J. C. THOMPSON, age 76, born Feb 1824, married 49 years, born NY, parents born NY, a Postmaster
Sarah J. THOMPSON, wife, age 62, born May 1838, married 49 years, 2 children/2 living, born NY, parents born NH/NY

Fred M. THOMPSON, son, age 39, born Aug 1860, born MI, an Assistant Postmaster

I'm hoping to locate someone from his family so that the photograph can be returned to their care. If you are a member of this THOMPSON Family, or you know someone who might be, please contact me.

Thanks,
Shelley

Shelley Thorpe Cardiel

The Ghosts of North Dakota website has photographs of North Dakota ghost towns and abandoned places. There are some nice photos, information, and a map

with approximate locations. Check it out at www.ghostsofnorthdakota.com/.

Another online educational opportunity has recently appeared. Professional genealogists Catherine W. Desmarais, CG, Michael Hait, CG, and Melanie D. Holtz, CG, have announced the formation of the Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR).

VIGR will offer courses on a wide variety of genealogical subjects. Each course will consist of a four 90-

minute lectures, syllabus material and practical exercises. Limited class size will allow for higher level of class participation and instructor feedback. Registration for each course is \$69.99 and includes digital video recordings of all four lectures. For more information on VIGR and to register for upcoming courses visit www.vigrgenealogy.com/.

Citation Corner

We all use maps to locate where our ancestors lived. Maps help locate nearby cemeteries and churches. County or state boundary line and name changes can make locating your ancestor challenging. By comparing maps of the same location from different time periods it may help you locate your ancestor and find new records to investigate. But how do we cite a map?

Individual maps are cited like a book, except there is no page number and there may not be a cartographer to cite in the author field. So it would look like this:
Rand McNally & Co.'s Sectional Map of the Dakota

and the Black Hills (Chicago: Rand McNally & Co., 1873); digital image, *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<http://www.davidrumsey.com> : accessed 12 September 2014).

An atlas is a book of maps, so it would follow the same guidelines, including a page number. *Asher & Adams' New Commercial, Topographical, and Statistical Atlas and Gazetteer of the United States* (New York: Asher & Adams, 1874), 115-116, "Asher & Adams' Dakota," digital images, *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<http://www.davidrumsey.com> : accessed 12 September 2014)

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH
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NDSGS Dues

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

Website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/



www.facebook.com/#!/NorthDakotaStateGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Upcoming Events

20 September 2014. 39th Annual Family History Workshop. Moorhead, Minnesota. For more info: www.heritageed.com

25-27 September 2014. Montana State Genealogy Society Conference. Helena, Montana. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

27-28 September 2014. Discover Your Swedish Roots Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: www.oldmillmuseum.org

3-4 October 2014. 7th Annual MGS North Star 2014 Family History Conference. Edina, Minnesota. For more info: www.mngs.org.

10 October 2014. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

11 April 2015. North Dakota State Genealogical Society Workshop. Heritage Center, Bismarck.

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