

NDSGS NEWSLETTER

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



GRAVE CONCERN ON THE RED RIVER

One of the members of the Williams County Genealogical Society has a son who is taking Geology Classes @ North Dakota State University in Fargo. The class visited the area along and above the Red River, now called Trollwood Park. This is the site of the early Cass County Cemetery, often termed a 'Pauper's' Cemetery.

Maps show about four burial sites there. A few years ago, the area was eroding to a point where at least one site was removed from Trollwood into the Springvale Cemetery. It is believed some graves were left, unmarked and unmaintained.

This was confirmed by the NDSU class as they evidenced bones and parts of decomposing coffins sticking out of the clay of the undercut bank. Since the flood of 1997, the banks are caving in again, exposing more unmarked graves.

What started as a field trip developed into a quest for a solution and the class has contacted several organizations hoping something can be done about the grave sites.

According to the instructor, this bank will cave in just as soon as the thawing process starts this spring, and the graves will be in the River.

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Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society!

Greetings!

1998 was a great year and we are looking forward to continuing in 1999 with the goals established by our society. In November we ordered 18 rolls of the 1885 Territorial Census to be placed at the Minot Public Library. We had a presentation or research in Kentucky. We had our annual progressive auction and ethnic dinner. In December we had members share traditions and folklore of our ancestor's homelands. It was great!

We have continued our work on the McLean County Cemetery Records. Members have been doing indexing of various newspaper statistical information. Of course queries keep some of our members busy and the Internet has brought many people from around the world in contact with us. If your genealogical society is not receiving a copy of our newsletter please let us know.

We donated copies of the following publications to the State Historical Society of North Dakota. They are available for research at the ND State Archives.

McHenry County Journal 1908-1916

Velva Journal 1917-1919.

Ward County, Aurelia Cemetery & Carbondale Township
Vital Statistics

Ward County School Census Records, 1888-1889-1890

Tolley, ND Diamond Jubilee, Surname Index

Kenmare, ND, Kenmare News obituaries &
Death Notices, 1994-1995-1996

Norma, ND Norma School Reunion, Surname Index

Douglas, ND, Methodist Church Records 1910-1988

Minot, ND, Minot Daily News obituaries 1981

Mortician Records 1924-1954,

George & Truman Dahle Undertakers, Mohall, ND
Berthold, ND, Berthold 75th Anniversary Book Index

Bottineau County Cemetery Records

McHenry County Cemetery Records

Mountrail County Cemetery Records

Pierce County Cemetery Records

Rolette County Cemetery Records

Respectfully Submitted, John Mogren

GOOD 'LOCAL' LIST-SERV

For those researching in the Dakotas/ Minnesota area, there is a 'list-serv' specifically for us!

You can receive postings as they are submitted - sometimes one or two a day - by contacting:

<ndsdmn-L-request@genealogy.emcee.com>

They also clump them together, sending them out about once a week in 'digest' form, for which you can sign up by contacting:

<ndsdmn-D-request@genealogy.emcee.com>

To send a message you want everyone to read, address it to:

<ndsdmn-l@genealogy.org>

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!!

Current officers(1998-2000)

James Stark, President
Patrice Hartman, V President
Dorothy Pearson, Secretary
Don Smith, Treasurer

Affiliate Coordinators

Jacki Keck & Frank Lysy
Williston ND 58801

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Our volunteers are getting fewer and some are getting older so we don't achieve as much as in the past.

We're planning to do some more work in Minnesota counties with the coming of spring.

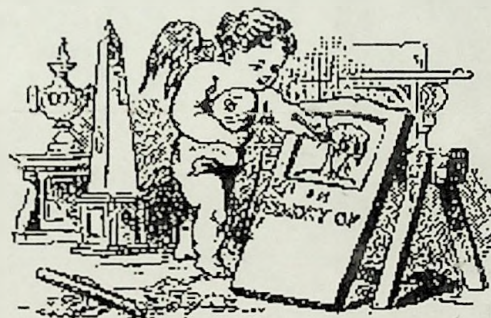
We have completed indexes to some of the funeral home records:

- ♦ Richland County
- ♦ Lisbon
- ♦ Wahpeton

Prior to that we did Jamestown and Page. Earlier, we indexed the records of Hanson- Runsvold and Boulger of Fargo.

These can be found on the list of our publications.

Contact: RRVGS - Box 9284



Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society

The lady who is working on our cemetery records has taken some time off, but she is still working on them for us. It has become a bigger project than she, perhaps, anticipated.

We have had several requests for information about families from this area and we have been pleased to be able to help all of them. We still are collecting information for our files and find that we have almost out-grown our space. So, we are looking at some other options for files.

At the present it is mostly 'look and dream,' but once we are sure what we want, we will go ahead with the project and make our purchases.



GENEALOGY

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

George Barron (JRGC)
Route 1 - Box 270
Jamestown ND 58401-9655

Clara Bliss (BCHGS/PTRM)
P. O. Box 78
Bowman ND 58623

Mayme Johnson
(BCHGS/PTRM)
Box 182
Bowman ND 58623

John Mogren (MRLGS)330
Harriet Avenue
Fessenden ND 58438

Dorothy Pearson
(BCHGS/PTRM)
P. O. Box 589
Bowman ND 58623

Don Smith (BMH&GS)
2019 N. 2nd Street
Bismarck ND 58501-1737

James T. Stark (RRVGS)
73 Prairiewood Crossing SW
Fargo ND 58103

Jo Ann Winistorfer (BMH&GS)
RR
Hazen, ND 58545



A lawyer's epitaph
in England:

Sir John Strange
Here lies an
honest lawyer,
And that is Strange.



Minute Highlights from October 2, 1998

Treasurer's Report: Balance = \$452.51

MINUTES: Distributed, read and approved.

SOCIETY REPORTS: Were given by the five societies in attendance.

OTHER REPORTS:

- JoAnn Winistorfer (Managing Editor of REC/RTC magazine & author of "Tracing Your Roots," in 1989 issues) presented information on 200+ page book to be entitled, "Tracing Your Dakota Roots," which will be available in Fall of 1999. (See flyer) She requested NDSGS allow use of its name for her grant application. Motion: She will send transcript to G. Barron for review/feedback.

- Jerry Newborg = SHSND: County record retention. Need to identify as historical: church, private and government organizations, school records and census. Requests ideas on how to do this.

Discussion: What is done with records when funeral home closes? Can check with other funeral homes, churches and descendants of the owner can be contacted.

Motion: NDSGS cooperate with SHSND to preserve records.

- McIntosh cemeteries have been updated 1970-1994 by BMH&GS.

DEADLINE for February Newsletter = January 15, 1999

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, March 19, 1999 @ 1:00 pm @ Heritage Center, Bismarck

Dorothy T. Pearson, Secretary

IF YOU HAVE DAKOTA ROOTS, THIS BOOK'S FOR YOU!

"Tracing Your Dakota Roots"

A new resource, *Tracing Your Dakota Roots*, will be available soon. This how-to book, being written and published by Jo Ann Winistorfer and Cathy Langemo, will emphasize genealogical resources in North and South Dakota. It is "the" reference book for anyone with roots in the Dakotas and also for those needing direction on getting started with their research.

The 200- to 250-page book, currently under development, will be available in the fall of 1999, just in time for the new millenium. Get your order in now for the great price of \$19.99 plus \$3 for shipping and handling costs. North Dakota residents must also add 5 percent for sales tax, plus any applicable city tax. An early-bird discount of \$5 is available to all NDSGS members who purchase before June 1, 1999.

You can send your order and payment to *Tracing Your Dakota Roots*, 205 E. Arbor Avenue, #105-G, Bismarck ND 58504-5703. (See the order form included with this newsletter for more information.)

Just a sampling of topics in the book include:

- history/migration patterns in the Dakotas
- major research sites in the Dakotas
- interviewing and recording family history
- high-tech genealogy (computer, the Internet, etc.)
- networking with other genealogists
- publishing your family history book
- helpful forms for recording information
- where to begin
- types of records
- ethnic sources
- research tips
- recordkeeping systems
- planning a family reunion
- heraldry

Order now so you can be the first to receive a copy of this exciting new publication.



The EuroGenWeb

<http://www.worldgenweb.org/eurogenweb/index.html>

Country Links

The EuroGenWeb is divided into six regions:

1. **BalticSeaGenWeb** (Includes): Anartica Finland Lithuania Denmark Greenland Norway Estonia Iceland Sweden Faroe Islands Latvia
2. **CenEuroGenWeb** (Includes): Belgium Leichenstein The Netherlands Czech Republic Luxembourg Slovak Republic Germany Morovia Switzerland
3. **MediterraneanGenWeb** (Includes): Andorra Azores Cape Verde Cyprus France Greece Italy Madria Malta Monaco Portugal San Marino Spain Turkey Vatican City
4. **SEEuroGenWeb** (Includes): Austria Albania Bosnia-Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Hungary Macedonia Moldova Montenegro Romania Serbia Slovenia Ukraine
5. **SlavicGenWeb** (Includes): Belarus Poland Russia
6. **UKGenWeb** (Includes): Channel Islands England Gilbraltar Ireland North Ireland Scotland St. Helena Wales

"TRACING YOUR DAKOTA ROOTS"



ATTENTION, GENEALOGY CLUB MEMBERS—

IF YOU HAVE DAKOTA ROOTS, THIS BOOK'S FOR YOU!

"Tracing Your Dakota Roots"

A "HOW-TO" BOOK ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA

Available in the fall of 1999, by the new millennium

Compiled, written and edited by Cathy Langemo and Jo Ann Winistorfer

"Tracing Your Dakota Roots" will benefit all genealogists who have their roots in the Dakotas. Topics in the book will include the following and much more:

- History/migration patterns in the Dakotas
- Where to begin
- Types of records
- Major research sites
- Ethnic sources
- Research tips
- Recordkeeping systems
- Interviewing and recording family history
- Planning a family reunion
- Heraldry
- High-tech genealogy (computers, internet)
- Publishing your family history book
- Networking with other genealogists
- Helpful forms for recording information

Resolve now to trace your roots as a millennium project, with the help of this top-quality, soft-cover 8 1/2-by-11-inch book containing over 200 pages of information. It will be user-friendly, thoroughly indexed and organized so topics will be easy to find. Included in the book will be family history-related photos, pictures of records, catchy graphics, quick tips highlighted in boxes, personal anecdotes, and a section with helpful forms for specialized research. Beginners and advanced researchers alike will find this book a helpful research tool. This book updates and expands on the 1989 book "Tracing Your Roots in North Dakota," a North Dakota centennial project, written and edited by Jo Ann Winistorfer and originally featured in the *North Dakota REC/RTC Magazine*. The new book will include South Dakota, with special emphasis on internet and computer genealogy. Both co-authors have extensive writing, editing and genealogy expertise, and have pooled their knowledge to make this book possible.

—ORDER FORM—

"Tracing Your Dakota Roots"

Compiled, written and edited by Jo Ann Winistorfer and Cathy Langemo

PURCHASE PRICE: \$19.99* plus \$3 shipping and handling. (North Dakota residents please add 5 percent sales tax, plus any applicable city tax.)

Name: _____

Address, city, state, zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Number of books ordered: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Send check, made payable to "Tracing Your Dakota Roots,"
to: 205 E. Arbor Ave. #105-G, Bismarck, ND 58504-5703.

* \$5 early-order discount for orders placed by June 1, 1999. Please indicate on the line below the organization through which you obtained this order blank:

INTERNET GENEALOGY GUIDES

There are so many new opportunities to do research on the internet, it's often hard to know where to begin. Things can change rather quickly; a web site may change its URL (the address used to access it) and there are new additions everyday. One resource I've found helpful is a book by

ELIZABETH POWELL CROWE

"Genealogy Online: Researching Your Roots"

In its 2nd edition (1996), it is published by McGraw-Hill (ISBN 0-07-014754) and is helpful as actual pictures of what you see on the computer screen are printed in the book and explanations made by the author. She includes interesting background information, shares success/failure stories and presents the material in a conversational tone. Lots of good info, but one can already see the need for a 3rd edition!!

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A 1998 offering from Alexander Books, subtitled 'Computerized Genealogy in Plain English,' is written by

RALPH ROBERTS

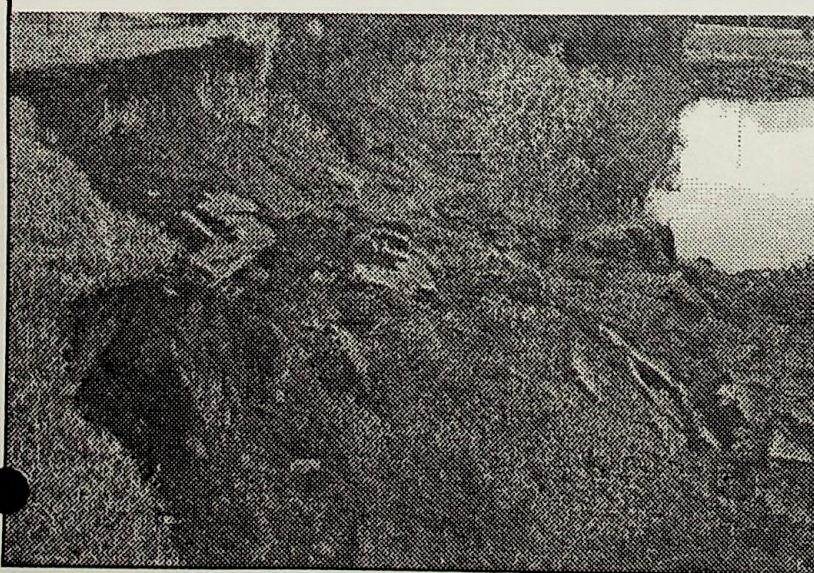
"Genealogy Via the Internet"

Besides presenting basic information about using the World Wide Web, there is a extensive listing of web sites. You can order it (ISBN 1-57090-009-4) via 65 Macedonia Road, Alexander NC 28701 or on the internet at:

<<http://www.abooks.com/genealogy>>

Grave Concern on the Red River

Looking NW from the edge of the bank of the Red River.



NEW FEATURE COMING "SPEAKER-LINK"

WANTED: Genealogical Programs!

Heard a stimulating speaker?

Attended a workshop with good presenters?

Seen an interesting demonstration?

Check the minutes from your past meetings and send in as many references as possible. Give us the following data and we'll do a feature, presenting names and resources in each future issue.

Don't forget yourself, if you're an 'expert' in some area and would be willing to share your information!

Topic/Expertise:

Name of Presenter:

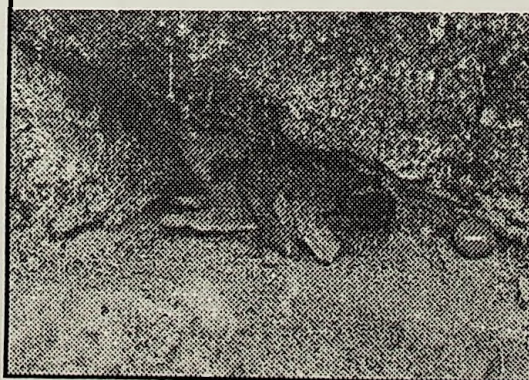
Address/Phone

Alternately, if there are questions or subjects you or your group are interested in having addressed, tell us that, too.

Trollwood Park

(Photos courtesy of Gloria Johnson)

Looking SE from bottom of bank.
Exposed casket wood & hardware



QUERY SUBMISSION FORM

Name(s)

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

Also Researching:

Respond to:

Address:

Member Queries Welcome

() Interested in membership

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