

NDSGS Newsletter

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President's Letter

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I hope summer went well. I did not hear how the “August the Deuce” event at Mountain, and the Ukrainian Cultural Institute convention in Dickinson, went; I hope both drew well. From what I saw and heard the visitation at the Germans from Russia Heritage Society convention in Bismarck was down from last year; for the first time since I’ve worked at the State Archives that event had little impact on our visitation. I gave a presentation on local government records at GRHS that was well attended and mentioned the NDSGS and had our brochure available.

As most of you know we have continued planning for a small workshop on Saturday, April 12. A potential wrench in the planning was thrown into the mix and that is the continued delay in the opening of the new addition to the North Dakota Heritage Center. The new addition was originally supposed to open in June, then in September, but there have been problems mostly with the completion of the exterior of the building and now the opening has been moved to sometime in early 2014. We wanted to have the workshop at the NDHC to be able to use the auditorium for our featured speaker, Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov of UND, and to also bring some visitors into the archives. However, uncertainty as to whether or not the auditorium and meeting rooms would be ready meant that we would either have had to move the workshop or postpone or cancel the event. However, yesterday (Sept. 10) I talked to the expansion coordinator and was told that things will be ready by April so we should continue planning and will do so at the fall meeting.

Our last regular meeting of the year will be at the State Archives beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, so please attend if you can. If you have questions e-mail me at gwysk@nd.gov or one of the other officers. Thank you.

Greg Wysk

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, October 11 at 1 pm CDT in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. We will continue planning for the April workshop.

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 Greg Wysk called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on July 12, 2013. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Genie Lang, BMHGS; Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Michael Swanson and Ron Baker, Minnkota; Stella Papachek of Devils Lake and Erling Olson of Bismarck, guests.

Shane Molander, Deputy State Archivist gave a presentation on digitization of records.

Microfilming records is still the safest and most cost effective method of preservation. The state archives received a grant from the Library of Congress Chronicling America project to have 100,000 pages of newspapers digitized. This includes newspapers from Bismarck, Jamestown, Williston and Valley City. They have applied for another grant for next year. The newspapers are chosen according to their geographic location and by the quality of the newspaper and microfilm. The newspapers need to meet ANSI microfilm quality standards to be used for the project.

A grant has also been received to microfilm and index marriage records for 10 counties. The archives will apply for another grant for 10 more counties next year. They would like to eventually digitize these marriage records and put them online.

They have digitized oral histories and veterans histories, film and video clips, photographs and slides. It is expensive to store these items on a special drive that is backed up by IT every night. The archives pays about \$6000 every month for this storage space.

Business meeting

MINUTES

Genie Lang made a motion, which was seconded by Ron Baker, that the minutes of the April 12, 2013 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Daphne Drewello and seconded by Genie Lang to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Greg talked about the Spring 2014 Workshop. Date is 12 April 2014 from Noon to 4:30.

There was a motion made by Michael Swanson to have Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov present his DNA project and that the society reimburse him for mileage, one night at a motel and meals, seconded by Pat Ashley. Motion carried. His presentation will be 90 minutes with the other sessions being 60 minutes in length. The other presentations will be on Native Americans, Veterans, Local Government records, Books and Paper preservation and GRHS? These will be finalized at the October 11th meeting and schedules will be set up.

Registration fee will be \$10.00 for members of the NDSGS and \$20.00 for non members which will include a one year membership to the NDSGS. Registration Deadline will be March 15, 2014. Handouts will be on flash drives depending on the cost of these. Workshop committees: Finance: Patrice Hartman, Printing/Mailing and Registration: Pat Ashley, Daphne Drewello and Barb Caine, Publicity: Greg Wysk and Genie Lang. Let Greg or Patrice know if you would like to be on one of the committees.

A motion was made by Genie Lang and seconded by Ron Baker to send ballots out by email to members with nominations for officers after the October meeting. Motion carried.

The cost for Heritage Quest is \$18,000.00 per year. Greg will meet with the representative on July 24th when they are at the State Library.

A motion was made by Genie Lang and seconded by Daphne Drewello to have a booth at the Moorhead Workshop on September 28th and to place an Ad in the booklet. Motion carried. Patrice and Genie volunteered to help with this. A handout will be printed with information about the spring workshop.

A motion was made by Daphne Drewello and seconded by Patrice Hartman to hold our July 2014 meeting at Grand Forks. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The SHSND has received a grant to microfilm and index the marriage records from 10 counties. Volunteers will

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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:

First United Methodist Church : 50 years of ministry at 924 North 11th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, 1956-2006. Bismarck, North Dakota: First United Methodist Church, 2006.

First United Methodist Church 1880-2005, Jamestown North Dakota : celebrating God's faithfulness & our service. Jamestown, North Dakota: First United Methodist Church, 2005.

Jud United Methodist Church 90th anniversary : Oct. 1, 1995. Jud, North Dakota: Jud United Methodist Church, [1995].

Jud United Methodist Church centennial : Oct. 23, 2005. Jud, North Dakota: Jud United Methodist Church, [2005].

1955 golden jubilee, Jud, North Dakota. [S.I. :s.n., 1955?].

100th anniversary 1880-1980, First United Methodist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota. Jamestown, North Dakota: First United Methodist Church, 1980.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Methodist Church of Cogswell, North Dakota, October 29, 1972. Cogswell, North Dakota: United Methodist Church of Cogswell [1972].

FAMILY HISTORIES:

The Bidwell family / Bidwell Family Association. Baltimore, Maryland: Otter Bay Books, 2011.

Lanterman, Walter F., compiler. *Lantermans in America, 1738-1969 : a compendium of the descendants of the pioneer Lantermans in America* Spokane, Washington: Charles H. Lanterman, [1973].

Marando, Mary E. (Jaeger), author and compiler. *Ancestors and descendants of Philip Schiele, 1849-1919 and Christina (Kaiser) Schiele.* [Crown Point, Indiana: M. Marando, 2002].

Marando, Mary E. (Jaeger). *Descendants of John Jaeger, 1838-1928.* [Crown Point, Indiana: M. Marando, 2006].

OTHER:

Balcom, Sue B., author and editor. *Ewiger saatz = everlasting yeast : the food culture of the Germans from Russia in Emmons County, Logan County and McIntosh County, North Dakota.* [Napoleon, North Dakota]: Tri-County Tourism Alliance Emmons County, Logan County, and McIntosh County, North Dakota, c2013.

Roy, Lorie, Anjali Bhasin, and Sarah K. Arriaga, editors. *Tribal libraries, archives, and museums : preserving our language, memory, and lifeways.* Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 2011.

Smallwood, Carol, and Elaine Williams, editors. *Preserving local writers, genealogy, photographs, newspapers and related materials.* Lanham, Maryland: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2012.

Strasburg centennial cookbook : Strasburg centennial, June 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2002. Second edition. [Strasburg, North Dakota] Strasburg Centennial Committee, 2002].

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

41575 Benson County. Auditor, Township Records, 1942, .25ft.

41599 Benson County. South Viking Township, Township Records, 1960-1992, 3v., 6ff

41585 Billings County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1887-1932, 4r. (#16774-16777)

41588 Burleigh County. Superintendent of Schools, Rec-

ords, 1897-1971, 5ft.

41584 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1883-1923, 10ft.

41581 Griggs County. Gallatin School Township, Clerk & Treasurer Records, 1883-1897, 2v.

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41579 Griggs County. Greendale School District #6, Treasurers Record, 1889-1894, 3v.

41580 Griggs County. Nelson School District #7, Treasurers Records, 1883-1897, 2v.

41582 Griggs County. Red Willow School Township, Clerks Record Book, 1883-1901, 1v.

41578 McHenry County. Hendrickson Township, Township Records, 1929-1967, 3v./1ff.

41596 McLean County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1891-2013, r. (#)

41586 Mercer County. City of Beulah, Justice Docket - Civil & Criminal, 1915-1973, 14v.

41587 Mountrail County. Village of Sanish Records, 1917-1953, 8v.

41576 Renville County. Van Buren School District #22, Clerks Record, 1948-1957, 1v.

41583 Towner County. Auditor, Records, 1932-1971, 2.75ft.

41597 Walsh County. Auditor, Abstract of Votes, 1900-1998, 6ft.

40935 Walsh County. Auditor, Real and Personal Property Assessments, 1980, 1985, 1990, 36v. (addition)

41199 Walsh County Births, 1943-2001, 8v. (addition);

Deaths 1943-2007, 6v and looses papers (addition)

41598 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Burial Transit Permits, 1997-2011, 1ft.

41592 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Final Accounts and Distribution, 1901-1904, 2v.

41591 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Inheritance Tax Record, 1913-1918, 1v.

41593 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Insanity Record, 1883-1975, 3v.

41589 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Inventory & Appraisal, 1883-1925, 7v.

40894 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, vols. 11-25, 1926-1991 (addition)

41600 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Probate Journals, 1882-1910, 1971-1996, 9v.

41594 Walsh County. Mother's Pension Record

41590 Walsh County. Recorder, Brand Record, 1897-1898, 1v.

41595 Walsh County. Recorder, Certificate of Sire, 1891-1918, 1v.

41601 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Teacher's Report, 1933-1970, 5ft.

41577 Wells County. Valhalla School District #6, Teachers Register, 1933-1936, 1v.

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be needed to do the indexing. Contact Greg if you are interested in helping.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2013 meeting will be held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Fall Newsletter Deadline is September 12th.

Remember to visit the State Historical Society Archives on the 2nd Sat. of each month, open from 10 to 4:30.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman



Correction:

In the "Philatelic Genealogy: Writing Home to North Dakota in World War I" article by James R. Miller in the Summer 2013 *NDSGS Newsletter*, p. 9, source

notes 13, 14 and 15 are out of order. The source information provided in endnote 15 applies to text citation 13. Source information in endnotes 13 and 14 apply to text citations 14 and 15.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

James River Genealogy Club

by Genie Lang

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

The July meeting was held in Jamestown. A presentation was given on enhancing photographs. The August

meeting was held in Carrington on Ancestor's artifacts. Members were asked to bring one artifact that they had saved from an ancestor. Members brought a variety of item, including a doll, jewelry, mustache cup, Babushka, hand written cookbook and much more. The September meeting will be held in Jamestown. Bonnie Tressler from the Arts Center in Jamestown will present on "How To Write Your Story", complete with handouts. This should be a very interesting presentation.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Mary Misek

Wake Up! Wake Up! All you genealogists. Time is flying and we have to find that elusive ancestor! If you are having problems come to our meetings and we will try to help you.

Have you ever gone to a different town sometimes a different state and unexpectedly ran into someone you know or someone who knows someone you know? That just happened to me in Billings, MT. I was in a room waiting to be called in for blood work. There had been eight of us. In walks this nice looking fellow, he looks around and grins. Then he says "I can't believe it. Here I am with three women. Where is everyone from. When I said North Dakota he says where in North Dakota. I said "up by Minot". Minot--where by Minot? When I said Granville I thought he was going to lose it. He got so excited. Did you know Arnold Loftesnes? Sorry but I didn't. He had spent lots of time with his grandmother there when he was just a boy but he wouldn't know where to begin looking. I didn't either but when I got home I started asking questions and found someone who

knew. I got the directions and we drove out and took some pictures.

When we were on our way to Billings last time we stopped in Forsyth, found Phil and gave him the pictures. He couldn't believe it. I'm sure the interior has been changed but he remembered the outside. To make a long story short he is the nephew of our own beloved Virginia Bryans!

We had another wonderful surprise at our last meeting. One of our former members stopped by for a visit. None other than our own Peggy Smetana. It was great to see her again. We are hoping she will join us again.

See you soon. Mary

P. S. Forgot to tell the rest of the good news. I finally got to be great. Great Grandmother that is.

Both girls--Rylee Jo and Raelynn Ann.

Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred Buchholz

Hello to everyone. Time to get the rakes out, finish up the garden, and then get back to doing family history research. The BMHGS has had some wonderful speakers this year and with only a few more months left in this year, we still have great speakers left. Ann Vadnie will present on the 10th of October. Her presentation will be "Some Interesting Things about Bismarck". We will have to change our plans to tour the

remodeled North Dakota Heritage Center in November, as they will not have finished it yet. On the 12th of December we will have our Christmas Traditions and get together at the Bismarck Library. We would like to invite any that wish to attend any of our meetings to do so. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm, usually at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library.

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Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Ron Baker

Greetings from the Minnkota Genealogical Society, after a busy Spring and Summer we are looking forward to the beautiful days of Autumn in the Red River Valley. Here is a brief summary of meetings in 2013...

March 12: Father William Sherman spoke on various ethnic groups and cultures in relationship to family research. He has authored several books dealing with ethnic groups in North Dakota.

April 9: Retired UND scholar Arne Brekke discussed Scandinavian farm and place names. It was very interesting to see some names broken down, and about the root meaning of each name.

Former Minnkota President Larrie Wanberg touched on his involvement with Norwegian-American studies.

May 14: Ruby Grove gave a presentation on writing your memoirs. She also compared the styles: "memoires-engage the reader; storyline" and "family history-dates, names, places and facts." A simple way to start: write about a favorite photograph.

June 11: Minnkota President Mike Swanson gave a talk on, "The Immigration Experience." He focused on immigration to the United States and showed several examples of documents and websites that can help the genealogist gather information. He also talked on what a new immigrant might face as they went through the customs process and entered into the US. The Naturalization process was also discussed.

July 9: The Minnkota annual picnic was held at the Heritage Village museum complex in East Grand Forks, MN. Minnkota Vice-President Nancy Larson gave a presentation on Dr. Henry Wheeler. As a younger man,

he was instrumental in thwarting the Northfield, MN Raid by the James-Younger gang in 1876. In adult life, Dr. Wheeler was a physician in Grand Forks, ND.

Minnkota members Dr. Bernard Hoggarth and Daniel Sauerwein gave a tour of the museum complex.

August 13: Memorial Park in Grand Forks, ND [largest cemetery there]. Director Mr. Robin Purcell gave a presentation on the history of the Park and some incidents and interesting personalities that affected its formation. And Dr. Gordon Iseminger of UND discussed some of the people buried there and historic facts.

September 10: Dr. Gordon Iseminger of UND discussed various historic sites and colorful personalities in the Grand Forks, ND area.

Upcoming meeting topics:

October 8: Antiques Roadshow, with a limit of one antique item per person, to have evaluated by a specialist in antiques. Coordinated by Minnkota member Cathy Altepeter.

November 12: Probate records and their importance to genealogy research will be presented by Minnkota Secretary Lenore Anderson.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Campbell Library, 422-4th St. NW, East Grand Forks, MN. We have a variety of monthly presentations, member sharing time and a business meeting. Please check our website for contact and any updated schedule information. Meetings may be cancelled without notice if the weather conditions are unfavorable for travel.

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

In August we looked at the website familysearch.org. We tried out various ways of searching for information. Lots of new collections have been added with many interesting images to view online for Free. For some images you have to register to see them but others are available to all. Have fun searching.

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

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Red River Valley Genealogical Society *by Linda Zeuschel*

A GINORMOUS project is underway at the RRVGS Library. The largely overlooked and totally under-utilized exchange genealogical and historical society newsletters on the shelf going back to 1967 are in the process of being scanned and turned into readable and searchable files for use in the library. So far at least 12 feet of shelf space has been freed up and these newsletters will be every word searchable on the computer in the Library when the project is completed!

The Library recently received a “rified out” microfilm reader / printer from Cass County. As the county is in process of digitizing their records they no longer need a fleet of microfilm readers, so we are the beneficiary of their advancement in the computer age. Thanks to Glenn Ellingsberg for the connection, retrieving the machine and tuning the machine up.

Thanks also to volunteer Joyce Brienien who has updated and enhanced some old line RRVGS publications. These include the cemetery transcriptions of Foster & Griggs counties which now include references to associated files from the funeral home records the society maintains. Joyce has also produced every name indexes for the books of the same counties and a number of other RRVGS produced county headstone books as well.

The Society is also benefiting from Glenn Ellingsberg's & Joyce Brienien's volunteerism through sales of excess donated books on Ebay and Etsy. So fundraising is continuing apace, and we're looking forward to the Family History Workshop on 28 Sept in Moorhead and our own Spring 2014 Symposium TBA.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society Library *by Joyce Brienien*

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

We are 90% finished on our scanning project where we are scanning out of state society newsletters into our computer so they may be saved to a memory bank in order to free up shelf space. The newsletters are saved into a PDF format that is fully searchable.

We are planning a Spring Workshop .

Our every name indexing is going well. Indexes are completed on the cemetery books for the counties of Cass, Cavalier, Pembina, Walsh, Foster and Griggs.

When the project is complete it will be uploaded to our website.

We are still working on updating our website.

We had four brat sale fundraisers at the local grocery stores this year. We were at SunMart at 25th St. S. once, Hornbachers on 13th Ave. once, and CashWise Foods twice.

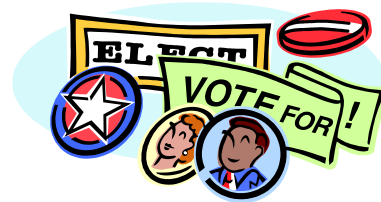
We continue to be a very active society and invite you to stop at the library to look at our many new books we have received and see all the exciting things we have been working on.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Available for Pennsylvania

Fire insurance maps produced by the Sanborn Map Company show building footprints, number of stories, building use, lot lines, street names, property boundaries, etc. This collection of maps, starting in 1867, is sometimes the best detailed map of a town or city.

Penn State University Maps Library has a near complete collection for the state of Pennsylvania, and are making these valuable maps available online. This link has an index of available images:
www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/digital/sanborn.html.

Elections for vice president, secretary and treasurer will be held at our October 11 meeting.



Family History Conference Features Author of *Annie's Ghosts*

The 6th annual North Star Family History Conference will feature Steve Luxenberg, author of the acclaimed *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*.

Luxenberg headlines a program including 25 educational presentations for both beginning and experienced family history researchers October 4-5, 2013 at Colonial Church in Edina, MN. The conference is hosted by the Minnesota Genealogical Society and is open to the public.

A *Washington Post* associate editor, Luxenberg has worked with two teams of Post reporters that have won Pulitzer Prizes for explanatory journalism. Luxenberg's investigative reporting experience helped him uncover uncomfortable family history -- his mother's decision to hide the existence of a sister, Annie, who was institutionalized for 31 years.

Luxenberg will give three talks about researching and telling family history stories. Conference attendees can choose from more than 20 break-out sessions led by leading Minnesota and Wisconsin genealogists, including Linda Coffin, George Findlen, J. H. Fonkert, Lois Abromitis Mackin, Tom Rice, and Joanne Sher talking about topics including Internet research, DNA, family history writing, Minnesota historical geography, and Minnesota and Wisconsin family history resources.

"We are excited about both Steve Luxenberg's visit

and the breadth of our offerings at this year's conference," said Jere Mackin, president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. "This is a great learning opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history."

In between sessions, attendees can browse a variety of vendors and exhibitors, bid on silent auction items and register for door prizes.

For registration or event information, please visit www.mnsgs.org, contact the Minnesota Genealogical Society at mgseducation@gmail.com, or if you prefer to leave a voicemail, please call 651-455-9057. Media inquiries can be directed to Lois Mackin at 612-719-7435.

The Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) is a volunteer-led non-profit organization that helps people with Minnesota connections discover their family history. MGS was organized in 1969 with the purpose to foster and increase interest in genealogy; collect, preserve and publish genealogical and historical records and information; and, hold meetings, classes and workshops to educate members on current genealogy-related topics. MGS achieves its mission through genealogical education and by making genealogical resources available through the MGS Library and Research Center. Learn more at www.mnsgs.org.

NDSU Archives closed temporarily



The NDSU Archives are moving to a new location and will be closed to the public starting on August 1, 2013 and will remain closed until early spring 2014.

During this transition, access to the NDSU Archives will be limited and by appointment only. To request access to NDSU Archives, please contact [Trista Raezer](mailto:Trista.Raezer@ndsu.edu), Interim Director,

at 701-231-8877. Archives reference services will continue during this period, but may require extended turnaround time. Please send these online reference requests to NDSU.Library.Archives@ndsu.edu.

Please check the [NDSU Archives website](http://www.ndsu.edu/archives) for updates and further information as the move proceeds.

The NDSU Archives thanks you for your understanding and patience

2013 Family History Workshop

We are very excited about family history workshop on Saturday, September 28 at Horizon Middle School, 3601 12th Ave S, Moorhead, MN.

The 2013 Family History Workshop features Jay Fonkert, Certified Genealogist. Jay specializes in 18th-century Midwest genealogy. A stubborn Dutchman, he has also tried his hand at Dutch, English and Scandinavian research. Past president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, he has lectured in ten states and at national FGS and NGS conferences. Jay is managing editor of Minnesota Genealogist and has published research and teaching articles in the *National Genealogical Quarterly*, *NGS Magazine*, and other journals and magazines.

The workshop schedule includes 20 classes for all skill levels – novice to professional. A Genealogical Exhibitor's Hall will provide extensive offerings of difficult to find history and genealogy books and materials. Workshop cost is \$40 which includes four classes of your choice, the workshop syllabus with all handouts, morning & afternoon coffee breaks, and the noon luncheon.

The noon luncheon is provided at no additional cost for those who pre-register with payment received by September 20. Walk-in attendees are welcome. A limited number of luncheon tickets will be available for walk-in registrants on a first-come basis.

For more information please call Moorhead Community Education [218-284-3400] or visit the Heritage Education Commission website [www.heritageed.com].

Please feel free to share our YouTube video with members of your organization.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-Kykgaig54&feature=c4-overview&list=UUwbay_VNoOkGpNCaH17aiTg)

[Kykgaig54&feature=c4-](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-Kykgaig54&feature=c4-overview&list=UUwbay_VNoOkGpNCaH17aiTg)

[overview&list=UUwbay_VNoOkGpNCaH17aiTg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-Kykgaig54&feature=c4-overview&list=UUwbay_VNoOkGpNCaH17aiTg)

Hope to meet you and your members on Saturday, September 28.

Jane Cumber

President

Heritage Education Commission

The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. Dick Eastman's website is at <http://www.eogn.com>.

Gallatin County (Montana) Genealogical Society Volunteers Save 37,000 Records Online

The Gallatin County Genealogical Society's website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtgcgs/> so far has six databases: divorces; vital records (births, deaths and marriages) from old newspapers like the *Avant Courier*; early Dokken-Nelson Funeral Home records; naturalization records from 1900 to 1970; obituaries;

and voter registrations from 1889 on, recorded from the basement of the Pioneer Museum, originally the county jail.

You can read more in an article by Gail Schontzler in the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* at <http://goo.gl/3oWPe3>.

Dickinson Family History Center Re-opens

Due to the growth in membership, Dickinson's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints needed to be expanded. Work began two years ago on a chapel addition, this was barely completed when it was decided another addition would need to be completed. Meanwhile, the Family History Center was closed during this transition period.

Due to the efforts of Patrice Hartman the Dickinson Area Public Library became a Family History Library affiliate. This meant we could order microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City to be delivered to the public library.

Recently Dickinson's Family History Center re-opened in a slightly larger room, with expanded hours and an enthusiastic volunteer in charge.

Now Dickinson once again has free access to the premium subscription websites the Family History Centers provide. As well as the references in the research library.

The Dickinson Family History Center is located at 510 Museum Drive, and is open every Wednesday from 9am to 3pm, as well as by special appointment.

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



April 12, 2014

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.

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

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2014

Sponsored by: North Dakota State Genealogical Society

The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*. Dick Eastman's website is at <http://www.eogn.com>.

HistoryPin

You can find a number of web sites that combine maps and old photographs but [HistoryPin.com](http://www.historypin.com) is a bit different



from most others. It is a non-profit web site that encourages people, groups and organizations to work together to digitize and publish as much history as possible from all

over the world - from within archives, in attics, and saved up in wise old heads. Each photograph is "pinned" to its location on a map.

The site is free to everyone and has thousands of historical photographs. For instance, the photograph shown above was contributed by the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center. It was taken in 1916 by Colonel Webb C. Hayes, son of President Rutherford B. Hayes. It shows native peoples on the Tanana River in Alaska and the description states "the Colonel was on a trip exploring Alaska and the Yukon with his two 18 year-old nephews Dalton Hayes and William Hayes. ...it is a beautiful portrait of a traditional family within a cultural group that probably had very rarely been photographed at this point. The caption accompanying the photograph tells that there were 'lines of drying salmon hanging up and some caribou and bear skins.'"

Of course, photos are contributed by individuals and or-

ganizations alike. Here is one that appeals to me because it is a meeting hall where my ancestors lived for several generations. I am sure my ancestors saw this building frequently and probably were inside it many times as well:



This is a picture of the Memorial Hall on East Main St, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, as it appeared on 27 September 1923.

The HistoryPin web site has

thousands of other old photographs and you are encouraged to add old photos that you have digitized from family photo albums and elsewhere.

HistoryPin was developed by the not-for-profit company *We Are What We Do*, in partnership with Google.

You can view the photographs and learn more at <http://www.historypin.com>.

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Citation Corner

Land records are frequently used when we are researching our ancestors. It is important to always check for these types of records when doing research. Land records can be found at the county courthouse, on microfilm or online or at the National Archives. When checking indexes for land records check for all the various members of your family as sometimes the record is indexed under an unusual name or not the one you expected to find. For example a deed might be listed by the surname of a spouse and not the original family name. Deeds might be recorded many years after the land was purchased.

Clues that you might find in the deeds are: names and relationships of the grantors, residences, occupation, property description, names of witnesses.

One example of a citation to a land deed in North Dakota is the following:

Hettinger County, North Dakota, Patent, 18: 517, U.S. to the Heirs of Rebecca E. Morgan, 24 April 1913; Recorder's Office, Mott.

This tells us that the deed was located at the Recorder's office in Mott, Hettinger County, North Dakota. Patent book 18 and page 517.

An example of a citation to a land deed in Iowa is listed below:

Harrison County, Iowa, Deed Record Book 97: 613-614, Mamie Hauer to Sarah C. Donnelson, 23 October 1902; FHL 1,509,920, Item 1.

This tells us that the deed was located on microfilm for Harrison County, Iowa from the family history library. It gives the microfilm number and the item number and that the deed is in book 97 and pages 613 and 614.

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Upcoming Events

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

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

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13-17 January 2014. Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Salt Lake City, UT. For more info: www.InfoUGS.org

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