

NDSGS Newsletter

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- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

I am now over with winter and have begun to get my garden planted, grass mowed and spring cleaning done and have found little time to do much else. This is probably what happens to all of us and we get lost in all that is going around us and forget to do the things that should be done. I know that I have not done much genealogy in the last couple of months, but was reminded of it today when I got a request for information for an ancestor from someone from Germany that noticed what I had put on Family Search. I hope this leads to finding ancestors in Germany. We never know where information may come from.

I would like to thank Shane Molander, Deputy State Archivist, for talking about the Archives, collections and other information at our last meeting at the Heritage center. He mentioned the Oral Histories and Veterans Oral history Project are digitized. Also the pre-1925 Marriage Records Project is being worked on. There are only 17 counties left to microfilm.

I would like to remind everyone of the workshop in Moorhead on September 23rd. The speaker is Paula Stewart-Warren. It is always a great informational experience.

Our next meeting will be July 7th 2017 at the RRVGS in West Fargo, located at Bonanzaville in the main building. Please come and learn.

Have a great research summer.

Alfred A Buchholz, President NDSGS

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 7 at 1 pm CDT at the RRVGS in West Fargo. They are located at Bonanzaville in the main building. A map is on p. 5 of this newsletter.

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

Treasurer Patrice Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on April 7, 2017. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; John Beving, RRVGS; Brian Backes, Norma Dooley, NDSGS.

Business meeting

MINUTES

John Beving made a motion, which was seconded by Norma Dooley, that the minutes of the October 7, 2016 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by John Beving and seconded by Norma Dooley to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Patrice Hartman talked about the Pre-1925 marriage index. Work is proceeding on this project with about 26 counties being either completed or in process. If you are interested in volunteering for this project to work on indexing please contact Patrice or Ann Jenks. Some of the records are on Ancestry.com and some are on FamilySearch.org. There maybe a chance to do online indexing of these records through FamilySearch. More details will be coming about this.

Please check out the NDSGS website and send any updates to Patrice Hartman.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by John Beving and seconded by Norma Dooley to place a quarter page ad at the cost of \$25.00 in the Moorhead Workshop syllabus. Motion carried. The workshop is on September 23rd and the speaker is Paula Stewart-Warren

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The Summer Newsletter Deadline is June 7, 2017.

Shane Molander, Deputy State Archivist talked about what is happening at the archives, collections etc.

The pre-1925 Marriage Records Project is going well. Of the 53 counties there are only 17 counties records left to microfilm. Fifteen counties are on FamilySearch.org with more being added all the time.

He mentioned the Oral Histories and the Veterans Oral History Project which has between 1400 and 1500 histories. The 1976 oral histories are organized by county and are digitized.

They are switching to a new database system which will have more finding aids to make locating information easier. Don't forget about Digital Horizons for county and town histories.

The Chronicling America project is now in the third round and is covering newspapers through 1922. The archives has applied for the fourth round. The coverage can extend through 1963 if the newspaper is not copyrighted. This round might see the *Bismarck Tribune* coverage extended. It may also include some of the foreign language newspapers. People from around the US meet once a year to review the newspapers and how to change or enhance this website.

The archives would like to eventually have their own program to digitize newspapers and to place them online. They may partner with other ND newspapers and raise funds to do this.

The archives has some film and video and home movies.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

Banat Books

The Banat people from eastern Europe settled in southwest North Dakota and southeast Montana.

Many books about the Banat are on the website banatbooks.com.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Book Acquisitions

by Stephanie Kom, Head of Technical Services—Archives

New since February:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Bowman Commercial Club. 50th anniversary, *Bowman, North Dakota, 1907-1957*. [Bismarck, N.D.: Bismarck Tribune, 1957].

Canaan Moravian Centennial, 1881-1981. [Davenport, N.D.: n.p., 1981].

Harwood centennial, 1882-1982. [Harwood? N.D.: n.p., 1982].

McLeod centennial, North Dakota, 1886-1986: June 13-15, 1986. McLeod, N.D. : Centennial Book Committee, 1985.

Mueller, Tom (Thomas G.). *The last link: Dakota Territory, Logan County, 1887*. Fargo, N.D.: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Libraries, 2004.

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Coen, Oscar Hoffman. *Oscar, his story*. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Dorrance Pub., 2000.

New Local Government Records

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

41800 Billings County. Recorder, Record of Marks and Brands 1886-1889, 1r. (#17515)

41799 Cass County. Cash School District #19, Records, 1908-1962, .25ft/21v.

41790 Cavalier County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1960-1995, 1ft.

41789 Cavalier County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1887-1925, 8r. (#17475-17477, 17482-17484, 17486, 17489)

41801 Emmons County. Wood Township, Records, 1913-1948, 6v.

41797 Grant County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1916-1932, 1r. (#17501)

41793 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Coroner's Inquests, 1883-1970, 3v./1.5ft.

41796 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Insanity Record, 1978-1991, 1v. RESTRICTED

41792 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Justice Docket – Civil & Criminal, 1883-1970, 25v.

41791 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1897-1925, 3r. (#17498-17500)

41794 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Physician's & Dentist's Certificates, 1885-1978, 2v.

41795 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Register of Ministers, 1953-1991, 1v.

41802 Traill County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1878-1925, 4r. (#17525-17528)

40444 Ward County. City of Minot, Surveyor Correspondence, 1910-1923, .5ft.

40832 Wells County. Recorder, Burial Permits, 1937-2014, .75ft. (addition)

41798 Wells County. Recorder, Marriage Records, 1887-1925, 7r. (#17506-17511, 17514)

State Historical Society of North Dakota Blog

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has a blog written by several employees, including Shane Molander, Emily Ergen, Sarah Walker, and Ann Jenks. It takes you behind the scenes and provides

short articles on various topics. One may also subscribe to the blog and or SHSD newsletters. Check it out at <http://blog.statemuseum.nd.gov/blog/>.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

RRVGS IS GEARED UP FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

We have several special activities lined up for this Spring. First is the "BRATS ARE HOT" sale at the Cashwise Food store located along 13th Ave S in Fargo. This is a fund raising activity for our library. We will serve on Friday June 23rd from 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM and on Saturday June 24th from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Come Hungry and buy a bag full for the family.

Next, our Society will be hosting the North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting on July 7th at Bonanzaville from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Also, RRVGS will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary as a Society that day. Refreshments will be served immediately following the State Meeting. Join us as we remember those that had the vision to begin the society so many years ago. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

On July 14th and 15th, we will again be COOKING THE BRATS and selling them from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM. This time at the Hornbacher's Grocery Store located

along 13th Ave. in Fargo. Again, be sure to buy a bag full for the family.

The Library is now on the Summer schedule for our hours. May through October the library is open on Thursday and Friday from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and on Saturday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. You can also contact the library to arrange a special time to meet someone here. We continue to have our meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Although we concentrate on Genealogy of the Red River Valley, we also are able to do some research of other local area sources. Always feel free to ask your genealogical research questions for your family. We will do what we can or we will refer you to a more likely source of information.

web site: www.redrivergenealogy.com Email - RRVGS@fargocity.com

James River Genealogical Society

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.

June, Aug, Oct - Carrington and April, May, July, Sept, Nov. - Jamestown. Many of us meet at Pizza Ranch at 5:45 for pre-meeting dining. All are welcome!

Our May 2 meeting was held at the dining room in the Legacy Center in Jamestown. Members told their own stories about how they ended up in Stutsman County. Next months meeting will be held in Carrington on June 6 and the program will be "Traveling the World with Holiday on Ice in the mid-20th Century."

Southwest North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

The SWNDGS has started to hold meetings again. The first meeting was April 24th. Members shared their research finds or projects. Patrice Hartman talked about her connection with a Hartman cousin in Ohio. Pat Ashley shared her family book about her parents, Tom Dietz shared books and dental tools that his ancestor invented, Marlene Kouba shared photos of an old car she owned. We will meet again on May 22, June 26 and July 24th. Our May meeting topic will be

Newspaper research online.

Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We usually meet in the lower level of the library. We invite anyone who is interested in genealogy to attend. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information. patrice@ndsupernet.com

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Minnkota Genealogical Society
by *Michael Swanson*

The Minnkota Genealogical Society (MGS) is composed of members from northeast North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks, MN. MGS officers for 2017 are Mike Swanson (President), Nancy Larson (Vice-President), Lenore Anderson (Secretary), and Ron Baker (Treasurer).

For our March program, two MGS members reported on the annual RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City. This conference has developed into the largest genealogical conference in the world with more than 30,000 onsite and virtual registrants. Not surprisingly, DNA and genetic genealogy were very popular topics at RootsTech 2017. Other RootsTech sessions highlighted at our March meeting included a comparison of the big four genealogy websites (Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, and MyHeritage), WWI and WWII military records, the new Find A Grave website, and Scandinavian research.

In April, we were pleased to be joined by Rose Green,

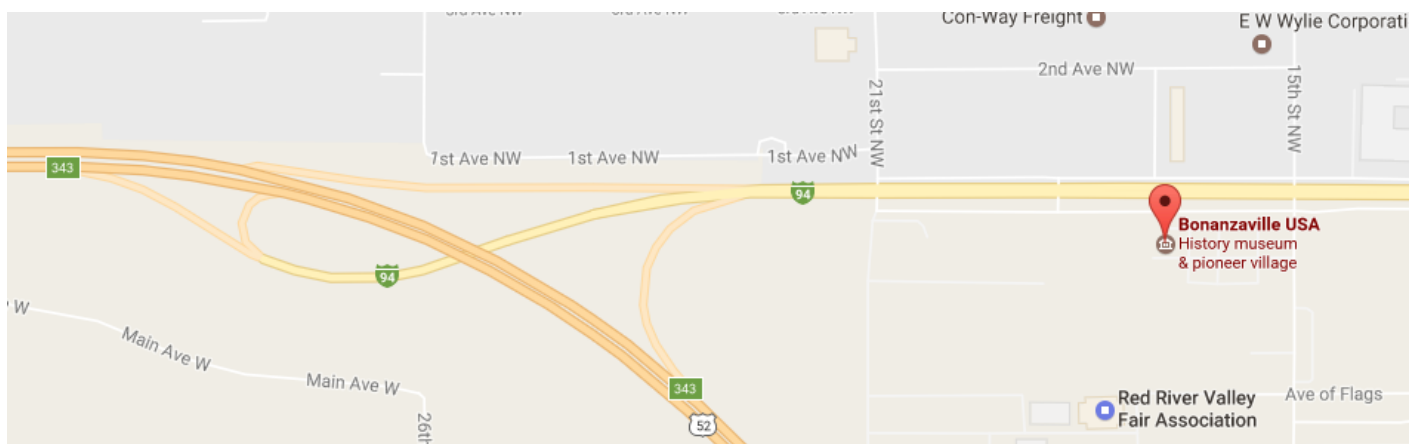
who has much experience researching German and Czech genealogical records. She showed examples of how to locate records at the local level of the Czech Republic. Many of these records are available digitally. In addition, Rose provided links to Czech genealogy blogs and word lists for Czech and Latin terms found in church records.

Our May meeting was on the theme of storytelling with Kristina Gray, instructor at the University of Minnesota Crookston. Besides her teaching experience, Kristina has researched Crookston, publishing a couple of books on this topic. Her presentation centered on strategies to put our projects (personal memories, genealogical research, etc.) into printed form. She also provided pointers to overcome barriers to writing. Her session was interactive with MGS members sharing their own writing experiences.

Our upcoming program calendar features presentations on Polish genealogy and Canadian records. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

July 7, RRVGS meeting location

Bonanazaville is located off I-94 at exit 343 in West Fargo.



Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Now Online

by Dick Eastman from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, <http://www.eogn.com>

Many experienced genealogists can tell you that using the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps is a great way to learn more about the lives of your U.S. ancestors, especially if they owned their own homes or rented homes or their places of business.

The Library of Congress has placed online nearly 25,000 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000.



The online collection now features maps published

prior to 1900. The states available include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Alaska is also online, with maps published through the early 1960s. By 2020, all the states will be online, showing maps from the late 1880s through the early 1960s.

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps are a valuable resource for genealogists, historians, urban planners, teachers or anyone with a personal connection to a community, street or building. The maps depict more than 12,000 American towns and cities. They show the size, shape and construction materials of dwellings, commercial buildings, factories and other structures. They indicate both the names and width of streets, and show property boundaries and how individual buildings were used. House and block numbers are identified. They also show the location of water mains, fire alarm boxes and fire hydrants.

You can learn more in the Library of Congress web site at: <https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-17-074/?locid=fbloc-new>. The Sanborn Fire Maps that are already online may be found at: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>.

Family History Workshop, Moorhead

23 September 2017

The Heritage Education Commission presents the 2017 Family History Workshop with main presenter Paula Stuart-Warren.

Finding your long-lost relatives can be a challenge, but a rewarding one! Learn from successful genealogists how to start and continue your search. With 20 workshops and a nationally recognized speaker, this is a day filled with opportunities to learn how to successfully climb your family tree.

This workshop cost of \$49 includes your choice of four out of the 20 sessions offered, the workshop syllabus with all session handouts, lunch and coffee breaks. An exhibit hall featuring booths for organizations and

vendors will be open throughout most of the day.

The 42nd Annual Family History Workshop is sponsored by the Heritage Education Commission in partnership with Moorhead Community Education.

For more information about the workshop, the presenters, and the family history research/book contest, go to www.heritageed.com or email info@heritageed.com.

- This location is easily accessible to the handicapped.



2017 Membership Dues are Due!

*Our membership year is the same as the calendar year:
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017*

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail : _____

Please check one:

NDSGS Membership Dues:

Individual (\$5.00) _____

Supporting Member (\$10.00) _____

Please make checks out to NDSGS and mail your dues to the following address:

Patrice Hartman

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Society Membership Dues:

(1 to 10 members = \$5.00) _____

(11-25 members = \$10.00) _____

(26-50 members = \$20.00) _____

(51+ members = \$35.00) _____

Also please indicate if you would like to receive your NDSGS Newsletter by email _____ or mail _____.

Stump the Genealogist

In our last newsletter we asked our readers for the answer to the following question:

How can I find out if my ancestor from Illinois visited her brother in North Dakota in the early 1900's?

The answer: Newspapers, especially the newspapers on microfilm at the North Dakota State Archives. The *Chronicling America* website ([http://](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/)

chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/) also has some North Dakota newspapers from 1873 to 1922.

Our new question is: How would you find the street address of St. John's Episcopal Church of Dickinson, ND in 1898?

To answer send a list of what sources can be checked to either Patrice at patrice@ndsupernet.com or Pat at pashley@ndsupernet.com.

Citation Corner

Genealogical education is a continuous process. Reading journal and magazine articles provides us with research tips, case studies, how-to articles, book reviews and record abstracts. They can provide vital clues in finding our ancestors, provide background information or even an article on our ancestor. But how do we cite them? These citations are much like books, with an author, title, and page number, with

the addition of the title of the journal or magazine and volume number (if it is a journal). So a citation would look like this:

Victor S. Dunn, "Determining Origin with Negative and Indirect Evidence: Cylus H. Feagans of Virginia and West Virginia," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 105 (March 2017): 5-18.

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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

7 July 2017. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, RRVGS, Fargo.

12-16 July 2017. Germans from Russia Heritage Society. Annual Convention, Bismarck. For more info: <http://www.grhs.org/>

28-30 July 2017. International Germanic Genealogy Conference, Brooklyn Park, MN. For more info: <http://www.ggsnm.org/cpage.php?pt=83>

4-6 August 2017. Icelandic Communities Association. Deuce of August, Mountain, ND. For more info: <http://thedeuce.org/deuce-of-august-2nd-of-august/>

21-23 September 2017. Montana State Genealogical Society. Annual conference, Billings. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/>

23 September 2017. Heritage Education Commission. Family History Workshop, Moorhead, MN. For more info: <http://www.heritageed.com/>

6– 7 October 2017. Minnesota Genealogical Society North Star Genealogy Conference. Brooklyn Center, MN. For more info: <https://mngs.org/cpage.php?pt=98>

13 October. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.

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