

NDSGS Newsletter

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- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

I had the opportunity to speak to two of the local genealogy societies during the spring about both the NDSGS and resources at the State Archives. The first presentation was on Holy Saturday, April 7, to the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society meeting in Minot and I thought that went well. The second presentation was Tuesday, May 1, to the James River Genealogy Club in Jamestown. That presentation didn't go as planned as I had computer problems; once I got back to the archives our computer person showed me what the problem was so it won't happen the next time but it was too late to help the JRGC presentation. I apologize to the JRGC crowd for the problems and I hope that, in spite of them, they got something from the presentation.

Both the Germans from Russia Heritage Society in Bismarck and the Ukrainian Cultural Institute in Dickinson are having conventions in July, and I'm sure both organizations would be interested in having more guests. For more information check the GRHS site at www.grhs.org and the UCI site at <http://ucitoday.org/VYTAIEMO-Welcome.html>.

The NDSGS has decided to put on our own small family history workshop on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the North Dakota Heritage Center. This will be an afternoon affair with 3 sessions, with at least 2 choices of speakers per session. If you have ideas about topics you'd like to see covered contact one of the NDSGS officers and we can discuss them at future meetings.

Please remember that the State Archives will not be open on Saturday, July 14, due to the Girl Scout Encampment that will take up the capitol grounds. We will be open the following Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to enable GRHS attendees and others to come in to do some work. Please post this on your local websites.

If you have questions or suggestions contact one of the officers. You can e-mail me at gwysk1@gmail.com or contact me through Twitter (handle GWysk). Thank you.

Greg Wysk

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 13 at noon MDT in the Community Room, Dickinson Area Public Library, 139 Third Street West, Dickinson.

We will have a tour of the library followed by a business meeting.

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.

Directions: From exit 61 on I-94, head south on 3rd Ave West (Hwy 22) for about one mile to 3rd Street West, turn left, go one block and the library is on the right.

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North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Greg Wysk called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on April 13, 2012. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Don Smith, Al Buchholz, BMHGS; George Freeman, ICA; Iona Loken, MRLGS; Barb Caine, Eugenie (Genie) Lang, Angie Kokott, Serena Henke, JRGC; Vicki Hoffart.

Business meeting:

MINUTES

Iona Loken made a motion, which was seconded by Don Smith that the minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Don Smith and seconded by Pat Ashley to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

The Heritage Tourism brochure was discussed but no decision was made. We will talk about this more in July. Is someone interested in directing this project?

Patrice talked about the 1940 census indexing. Contact her if interested in this project.

Greg Wysk made a motion to purchase plaques to honor past members and to write articles about each person to place in their local newspaper and the newsletter. Seconded by Pat Ashley. Motion carried. If you have a nomination for this honor please send the name to Greg Wysk.

Greg will write a letter to the State Library requesting them to include Heritage Quest as one of the online databases.

NEW BUSINESS

Iona Loken made a motion to appoint Patrice Hartman as Treasurer and as the registered agent for the society and to have her continue as the Secretary until someone volunteers for this office. Eugenie Lang volunteered to take the President Elect position. Seconded by George Freeman. Motion carried.

The July meeting to be held in Dickinson will be at 1 PM Central Time.

Genie Lang made a motion to present a mini-workshop on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the SHSND. The workshop will run from 12:30 to 4:20 and will offer 3 sessions with a choice of 2 classes during each session.

Seconded by Serena Henke. Motion carried.

The society will plan to have a booth at the Moorhead Workshop on Saturday October 6th. Genie Lang volunteered.

The cost to print and mail three newsletters each year to members is approximately \$3.75 per person.

Summer Newsletter Deadline is June 13th.

Remember to visit the State Historical Society Archives on the 2nd Sat. of each month, open from 10 to 4:30. In July they will be open on the third Saturday (July 21st) instead of the 2nd Saturday.

Next meeting: July 13, 2012 at 1 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library in Dickinson, ND. Please note the location! We will have a tour of the library followed by the business meeting.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

FamilySearch now allows registered users to bookmark records they find. While viewing a record click on My Source Box (after signing in). Then click Add to My Source Box. Sources can be organized into folders and new sources can be added that link to any web-

site. Also a reason for adding a source can be given, stating what the source proves and why it is being attached. For more information on this new feature see <https://familysearch.org/blog/familysearch-featuremy-source-box/?cid=fsHomeSourceBox>.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since February:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Bethel United Church of Christ. *Bethel United Church of Christ 90th anniversary 1908-1998*. [New Salem, North Dakota] : Bethel United Church of Christ, 1998.

Bethel United Church of Christ. *Souvenir booklet of Bethel United Church of Christ, New Salem, North Dakota*. New Salem, North Dakota : Bethel United Church of Christ, [1983].

Dewald, Sandi. *Streeter descendants then "til now."* Fargo, North Dakota : Germans for Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Library, 2010.

[Leiphon, Donald, editor]. *St. Anselm church of Fulda, 1901-2005*. [North Dakota : s.n., 2005?]

Michigan United Church of Christ. *The Michigan United Church of Christ, Michigan, N.D. : God's gift for a season, 1883-1993*. Michigan, North Dakota : Michigan United Church of Christ, 1993.

Mound City, South Dakota, quasiquicentennial, 1884-2009. Mound City, South Dakota : [s.n.], 2009.

Palermo centennial, North Dakota : June 29-July 1, 2001. [Palermo, North Dakota : Palermo Centennial Committee, 2001].

St. Gertrude's Parish, Raleigh, North Dakota : golden jubilee, 1913-1963. Fargo, North Dakota : The Libraries, North Dakota State University, [2007?].

Thirtieth anniversary, 1905-1935, the First Lutheran Church, Williston, North Dakota. Williston, North Da-

kota : First Lutheran Church, [1935].

Through the years, Scranton, North Dakota, 1989-1998. [Scranton, North Dakota? : s.n., 1998?].

Through the years, Scranton North Dakota : update 1983-1989. [Scranton, North Dakota? : s.n., 1989?].

Wildrose 100th, 1910-2010. [Wildrose, North Dakota : s.n., 2011].

SOUTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Roscoe, SD 1883-2008. [Roscoe, South Dakota : Book Committee, 2008].

Timber Lake and Area Historical Society. *Timber Lake and area centennial history, 1910-2010*. Timber Lake, South Dakota : Timber Lake and Area Historical Society, c2009.

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Wefald, Robert O. "Bob." *Moments : an autobiography*. Bismarck, North Dakota : R. O. Wefald, c2010.

OTHER:

Sherman, William C. *Selz, Russia : home colony*. Bismarck, North Dakota : University of Mary Press, 2011.

New plat books and directories from the following counties: Barnes, Cavalier, Dickey, Foster/Eddy, Griggs, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Nelson, Ransom, Richland, Rolette, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Walsh, Wells



NOTE:

The North Dakota State Archives will not be open on the second Saturday in July, July 14, due to the Girl Scout Encampment that will

be on the capitol grounds. The archives will be open the third Saturday, July 21, during the Germans from Russia Heritage Society convention. Open hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To those of you that are officers in your local societies, please pass this message on

to your members and/or please publish this notice in your upcoming newsletters. Thank you.

Greg Wysk, President, North Dakota State Genealogical Society

Archivist I/reference, State Archives, State Historical Society of North Dakota

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

June 2012 Local Government Records List:

- 41525 Burleigh County. Superintendent of Schools. Records, 1898-1988, 10v.
- 41527 McIntosh County, Clerk of Court. Birth and Death Records. 1893-2007. 6 ft.
- 41524 McKenzie County. Randolph School District #21. Records, 1937-1962, .25ft.
- 41526 Pembina County. City of Pembina, Records, 1888-1920, .5ft.
- 41523 Rolette County, Recorder. Birth and Death Records. 1893-2007. 12 ft.
- 41522 Williams County. Auditor, Precinct Maps, 2010.

Unique Record at State Archives

By Patrice Hartman

North Dakota, Cavalier County, "Prohibition Minute book or Journal", 1890-1893. MS 41192, State Historical Society of North Dakota State Archives, Bismarck.

I wasn't quite sure what I would find in this record as the title is somewhat confusing. Basically it is a list of Druggist's Permits to sell intoxicating Liquors for medical, medicinal, scientific mechanical and sacramental purposes under the laws of the state of North Dakota.

The book has 144 pages with an index at the end. Only the first 69 pages have data inscribed on them. Then the index is on page 144. Only the years of 1890 to 1893 are listed in this book.

I will begin with the index to show the names of the Druggists that are listed in the book.

E. J. Donovan Pg. 1-5, 29, 55 to 58, 62-65

John F. Anderson Pg. 6-10, 35, 52-54, 65-69

A. B. Chalmers Pg. 11-14, 39

James J. Reilly Pg. 16, 40-41, 43-47

N. E. McGruer Pg. 48-51, 59-62

Pg. 1. Langdon, N.D. May 31, 1890. Each druggist had to file a petition to sell intoxicating liquor. Then there

would be a hearing and a bond in the sum of \$1000. He had to be of good moral character and indicate where his business was located. The permit was for one year.

E. J. Donovan had his store on Lot 3 of Block 22 on Third Street in Langdon.

Pg. 6. John F. Anderson filed for a permit on June 13, 1890. His business was on Lot 13 of Block 10 on Oakland Avenue in Milton.

Pg. 14. Alexander B. Chalmers business was on Lot 6 of Block 27 on Third Street in Langdon.

Pg. 16. James J. Reilly filed for a permit on July 22, 1890 for a business on Lot 10 of Block 14 on Broad Street in the Village of Osnabrock.

Pg. 29. E. J. Donovan filed a permit on June 18, 1891 for a business on Lot 3 of Block 22 on Third Street in Langdon.

Pg. 48. N. E. McGruer filed a permit on March 16, 1892 for a business in Langdon and later on Pg. 59 in 1893 for a business on Third Street in Langdon.

So if your ancestor was a druggist this would help to determine where he lived during a specific time period and where his business was located.

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The library parking lot is on the left or park on the

street. Go in the main or west entrance on 2nd Ave West and the community room is just inside the door on the right.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

James River Genealogy Club

by Barb Caine

The James River Genealogy Club comprised of Eddy, Foster and Stutsman County searchers meets the first Tuesday of each month alternating 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 vice president, and Mary Kuhn is the secretary-treasurer.

Our first meeting in April was in Carrington and members reported on projects that they had worked on over the winter months. The May meeting was held in Jamestown and our guest was Greg Wysk, representing the State Historical Society. He presented on what is available in the state archives. The June meeting was in Carrington and Julie Mendez presented a program on dating

old photographs. Each member was encouraged to bring an old photograph and attempt to identify the time period in which it was taken. Our July meeting will be held on the 10th of July as the first Tuesday is the 3rd and many members are not able to attend. Teri will give a presentation on computer enhancing photographs.

Our club is still pleased to have George Barron available to do search requests from searchers outside the area.

Eugenie Lange is our new representative to the State Genealogical Society, replacing George, who has put in many years serving in that capacity. We welcome Geni and thank George for his years of service.

Williams County Genealogical Society

by Gloria Johnson

Our society continues to meet occasionally to keep active. We continue with the sale of our book and our A-Z index of obituaries on file in the city library. I hope to

finish the project by the end of the year and then do a second update to our cemetery book.

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

Our group will be hosting the July 13th meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Please join us for this meeting.

In February we looked at online digital images of original records on familysearch.org and other websites. During the March meeting we working on transcribing the handwriting on a 1795 document and in April we looked at the 1940 census images on several websites. For our May meeting we will be talking

about Clues in Estate Records.

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

The Illinois State Genealogical Society announced its support of the Federation of Genealogical Societies' "Preserve the Pension Campaign."

The ISGS \$10,000 War of 1812 Pension Match Challenge will match any contribution up to \$10,000 made to the "Preserve the Pensions" project before December 31, 2012. For example if you donate \$50, ISGS will match your contribution for a total of \$100.

Ancestry.com announced it will match all ISGS contri-

butions so your \$50 donation will become a \$200 contribution.

The goal of the "Preserve the Pensions" campaign is to raise \$3.7 million to digitize the War of 1812 Pension Application Files and make them freely available online.

For more information or to contribute see the ISGS website at <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=268>.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Carol Schwan

We have had excellent programs at our recent meetings, which encourages all of us to continue researching our family histories.

Our March program was given by Herb Schwede, who has placed more than 70,000 entries in the www.findagrave.com website. This free resource is an important tool for genealogists and history buffs seeking information on the final resting place of family and friends. He provided information on locating cemeteries by states and counties; finding relatives by given and/or surname; and finding birth and death information. He reviewed the registration process, and showed us how to add or edit information. Following recent updates to this site, it is now also possible to add photos, obituaries, family links and other such information to graves which are listed. Herb definitely illustrated what a tremendous source this website can be. It's obvious that Herb is a committed contributor to this site – and an enthusiastic member of our group!

Greg Wysk, president of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society and Reference Specialist at the North Dakota Heritage Center joined us in April – especially appreciated since this was on Easter weekend. He distributed information on the state society, answered questions, and encouraged us to become members. After providing several pages of details on web links, archival records, manuscripts, newspapers, photos, and information on what can/can not be done by researchers

at the Heritage Center, Greg described specific resources available in OUR area. The suggestions he gave illustrating ways to approach a research problem using the various sources were particularly helpful. He obviously has excellent knowledge not only of the available source information, but also of the ways in which it can be used for problem resolution. This session could have lasted hours!

Our program for May was presented by Elizabeth Miller, a senior at the Magic City High School Campus.

She won first place in the Senior Individual Performance category and the “Best Senior Entry Prize” at the Minot “History Day” completion, and took First Place at the North Dakota state history competition held in April at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Elizabeth came to our meeting with a few small props, and was dressed in mid-1800's attire. For twenty minutes we were spell-bound as she did an individual skit which was titled “Five Dakota Moons: Sarah Wakefield's Memoirs of the Sioux Uprising.”

Her “passion for history” was obvious – and her enthusiasm was catching! A spirited question and answer period followed, made more interesting because several members of our group have ancestors from that part of Minnesota. What a breath of fresh air she was!

We do not meet during July.

Indexing the 1940 Census

by Patrice Hartman

Wow! That is all I can say. As of May 30th the state of North Dakota is completely indexed. Less than 2 months from when it was released for the indexing to begin. And is now available for searching. Thank you to all who have helped with the indexing and arbitration. There are many other states that still need to be indexed so keep up the good work.

Indexing is a fascinating experience and a bit challenging at times. Keep checking the updates and project helps and field helps as you index. Remember you can

return a batch if you are unable to complete it or if there are problems with it. There is a United States map that is continually updated to show where each state is in their indexing percentage. Go to:

<https://www.familysearch.org/1940census/>.

As of June 20th FamilySearch indexing has reached about 71%. FamilySearch has released indexes for 24 states **including North Dakota**. These represent about 21% of the total index size. Ancestry.com and MyHeritage also have some indexes online.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred Buccholz

Hello everyone,

Time sure does fly by. I thought that I had just finished my last article and now time for another.

We at Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society have had some great programs, with more to come.

In May Jackson Bird gave a presentation on "Ancestor Seekers, A Salt Lake City Genealogy Tour." Jackson has been a resident of Bismarck since 1995; he worked for the ND Forest Service for 15 years and has been Bismarcks City Forester for the last 5 years.

He belongs to the BMHGS, Bismarck Mandan Bird Club, Cinema 100, and serves on the Dakota Digital Film Festival steering committee.

He has had an interest in genealogy since the mid-1970's. He has German, French, English, Scottish, and Irish lineage.

Jackson discuss the Ancestor Seekers Salt Lake City Research trip that he took in November of 2011. He did a power point presentation of what he found out about his ancestors. He had a goal of finding a couple of dead ends. The help that he received on this trip was fantastic. He said that he plans on doing another one of these Ancestor Seekers Trips again. He said that this was his "Dream Genealogical Vacation".

In June we will hear from Myron Senechal. He is going to give us "A Tale of a French Quebec Tour." This will be a presentation of photos and interviews on the 2009 IF Midwest Heritage Tour from Grand Forks, ND to Quebec, Canada.. This should be very interesting.

On Friday, June 1st, we participated in the Bismarck Summer Reading Kickoff at the North Dakota Heritage Center. There were about 3000 kids that were present. At our table we did a paper version of making a patch work quilt. We had 9 squares on a pattern and they could paste in different color squares and

add stickers to decorate it. Then in the squares we had them start with there name in the bottom center square, then put there mothers name on one side and there fathers name on the other side, then above there father and mothers name there parents name, thus creating a family tree. We had a lot of kids do this and the parents enjoyed helping them fill it in. What a success!

We don't have any meetings in July, Happy 4th and enjoy.

August 9th will be our annual potluck picnic at Lyons Hillside Park at shelter # 1 at 5 pm. You are all welcome to come and join us. Just bring an item to eat and your own plates and silverware.

September 13th Sons of Norway will have a Speaker for us. This should be interesting.

October 11th, JoAnn Winistorfer will present Intermediate Genealogy. This is always of great interest to researchers.

November 8, Chris Johnson will present "The Impact of the Civil War in North Dakota"

December 13th is our Annual Christmas Story/ Tradition Sharing-Sharing of Treats and Snacks

Some of our members have also been doing indexing the 1940 census under the North Dakota State Genealogy Society cite. I have tried to do a few each week, but with all that has been going on, time is not on my side. It is a fun project, but I just wish that I wasn't so busy.

Come join the Bismarck Mandan Historical Society meetings any time that you can, you are always welcome. You don't have to be a member, but then we wish that you would.

Thank You and have a great Summer.

Al Buchholz, President BMHGS

The National Genealogical Society has produced several videos. Some are for members only, but there are several videos available for viewing by non-members. The videos

include interviews with the some well-known genealogists. The available videos may be seen at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/videos_online.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Minnkota Genealogical Society
by George Freeman and Mike Swanson

The Minnkota Genealogical Society (MGS) holds their regular meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month, usually at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. The coverage area includes northeast North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. We aim for a mix of programming with ample time to socialize and share our genealogical finds. MGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Highlights for the year:

In January, in lieu of a program, we instead had a planning meeting to discuss some objectives and obtain programming ideas from members. Individual nametags were created by society member Wanda Seyler, who also published the first installment of our newsletter a couple months later. Members who were present were asked to record a genealogy resolution for 2012. These resolutions will be reviewed at our summer picnic and again later in the year. Our February meeting featured our own technology expert, Michael Harvey, who spoke on the topic of "Preserving Your Family Legacy on DVD." He showed attendees how to create a digital family archive incorporating still images, video, text, and music by using free software available on a PC (Windows). He also created demo DVDs containing step-by-step instructions and a

guide for getting started for each attendee. For our March meeting, MGS members Denyse Sturges and Michael Swanson presented on the topic of "Preserving your Family Archive." Denyse discussed how to preserve textiles, while Michael talked about caring for family documents and photographs. A list of relevant online resources on this topic was distributed to members. At the end of March, several MGS members attended the genealogy symposium by the Red River Valley Genealogical Society in Fargo.

April brought an obvious discussion topic with the debut of the 1940 census earlier in the month. We talked about each of the columns of information recorded on the census and the significance of this information. Online tools to determine the enumeration districts were also demonstrated. Once indexing of the census is complete, these tools won't be quite as popular. Several MGS members have volunteered to be involved in indexing of the 1940 census, performing this work in affiliation with the NDSGS. We continue to monitor the indexing progress for North Dakota and Minnesota and are very happy with the progress.

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Citation Corner

Estate records, wills or probate records can be potential gold mines of information. Particularly if the person owned property and did not have any descendants. Many times siblings, nieces or nephews are named as next of kin or heirs. Also if there was a dispute over who was to inherit more documents would be filed as part of the process. Sometimes these records are hard to locate so check for the surrogates office, register of wills, clerk of court etc. Also remember to check for court order books or indexes and devisor or devisee indexes. Estate packets might be filed in separate files from the administrations or wills.

Elements of these citations include the name of the estate, where the estate records were located, name of the book or file and page number, date and the type of record and the office they were filed in.

For a will if the copies are obtained from the Courthouse:

Clermont County, Ohio, Will Book A:26-28, William South, 1811; Probate Court, Batavia.

If it was on microfilm it would be:

Clermont County, Ohio, Will Book A:26-28, William South, 1811; FHL microfilm 327,599.

Other documents for this probate were located in the Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas.

Clermont County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas Minute book A: 216, William South, 1811; FHL microfilm 1,763,560.

Remember to search for probates, wills, administrations and orphans court records for all of your ancestors, their relatives and the members of their FAN club. FAN means friends, associates and neighbors whose records might mention or identify your ancestors.

Moorhead Workshop

Tall Ships, Plowed Fields is the theme for the 37th Annual Family History Workshop Saturday, October 6, 2012, at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The Family History Workshop features Blaine Hedberg, the executive director of the Norwegian American Genealogical Research Center, Madison, Wis. His experience is unparalleled: he has also served as volunteer, assistant, researcher, tour leader, lecturer, teacher and editor. In 2001 Blaine was named the first Fellow to hold the Gerhard B. Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication. In 2010 he was awarded the St. Olav Medal by the King of Norway. Blaine is a much sought-after

workshop presenter and speaker on Norwegian genealogy throughout the United States and Norway.

Information is also available on our website <http://heritageed.com/>

We will be providing additional information as it is finalized, e.g. news release, brochure.

Please contact us if you have questions.

Jane Cumber & Curt Lundeen
Co-Chairs 2012 Family History Workshop

MGS Report (Continued from page 8)

For our May meeting, we had special guest Pamela Burkhardt from the Germans from Russia Heritage Collection at NDSU speak to us on "Clues in and on the Photo." Pam gave us a very informative and entertaining program about dating old photographs from the styles of

dress and other identifiable details. Overall, it has been a wonderful start to 2012 for MGS with good attendance and active participation by members at our monthly meetings. We have also welcomed several new members in the last few months and look forward to their contributions to our society.

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

The Internet Archive

Is this the world's largest library?

The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of books, papers, recordings, movies, Internet sites, and much more. Like many other libraries, this digital library provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public. This is a great resource for genealogists and many, many others.

The Internet Archive is attempting to store more than just the Internet. In fact, the organization hopes to store either an original or a copy of every book ever published, every movie, every video, every newspaper, every sound recording (and it has some great recordings of Grateful Dead concerts that were never released previously), old time radio shows, and even a broad range of software-related materials including shareware, freeware, video news releases about software titles, speed runs of actual software game play, previews and promos for software games, high-score and skill replays of various game genres, and the art of filmmaking with real-time computer game engines. Whew!

In fact, The Internet Archive has thousands of documents of interest to genealogists, including every surviving page of the U.S. Census records from 1790 through 1940. These census records are all available free of charge, as is everything else in The Internet Archive. The census records are not indexed, however, and can only be searched in The Internet Archive by manually going through the records, one page at a time. Thousands of other records of genealogy interest are also available, including many military records, local, state, and federal records, and much more. Many of these documents do not exist elsewhere online and, again, access to everything on The Internet Archive is always free of charge.

Like the aforementioned census records, these records are not indexed, and there is no central search capability. You find information in The Internet Archive in the same manner as most any other traditional library: you search the catalog of items available, find the item you seek, and then search through that item manually. Most of us have done this for years in traditional libraries but have become "spoiled" in recent years by online databases that index every word. The Internet Archive still uses the old-fashioned method.

**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

We're on the web!

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/

Upcoming Events

13 July 2012. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm CDT. Dickinson Area Public Library, Dickinson.

18-22 July. Germans from Russia Heritage Society. 42nd Annual Convention. Bismarck. For more info: <http://www.grhs.org/>.

27-28 July. Ukrainian Cultural Institute. ND Ukrainian Festival. Dickinson, ND. For more information call 701-483-1486 or email uci@ndsupernet.com.

1-4 August. Gudbrandsdals Laget, An Organization of Descendants from Gudbrandsdal, Norway. Tre Lag Stevne. Fargo. For more information: <http://www.gudbrandlag.org/index.html>.

3-5 August. Icelandic Communities Association. August The Deuce. Cavalier, ND. For more information: <http://www.august2nd.com/>.

4 August 2012. Family Tree Society Genealogy Workshop. Winner, SD. For more info: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sdtripp/winsd.genclub.htm.

20-22 September 2012. Montana State Genealogical Society, 23rd Annual State Conference. Billings, MT. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

5-6 October 2012. Minnesota Genealogical Society 5th Annual North Star Conference. Edina, MN. For more information: <http://www.mngs.org>.

6 October 2012. Heritage Education Commission, 37th Annual Family History Workshop. Moorhead, MN. For more info: http://heritageed.com/heritageed2/index_new.html.

12 October 2012. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

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