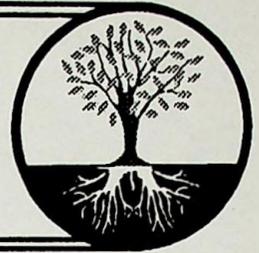


NDSGS

FEBRUARY 2001

NEWSLETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



NDSGS March Meeting

...from the President of NDSGS...

Our next meeting will be March 16, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Center in Bismarck.

David Meyer from the Division of Vital Records has agreed to speak with us. We will be discussing putting the statewide death index, and possibly others, on-line... so, if you have specific questions you would like addressed, contact me and I will forward them to him [or see below].

On March 1st, I had contacted a number of our state groups asking if they would be interested in writing a letter to the Division of Vital Records regarding putting the death index on-line. I sent a letter in October on behalf of the NDSGS and hadn't gotten any response. I was hoping that if they were to hear from several groups, it would help.

He has received three letters at this time regarding this matter: NDSGS, James River and Mouse River Loop. So, he is aware of our interest. If you would like to write him directly, his address is:

David Meyer, Division of Vital Records
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck ND 58505-0200

You might send a copy to Londa Rodahl, Adm. Assistant to the ND State Health Department, too -- or even to our new Governor, John Hoeven! While we are sending letters, we could ask them to put the marriage and divorce index on-line, also.

Patrice Hartman
HCR 01 - Box 32A
Regent ND 58650

Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society!

The Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society continues to meet the first Saturday of each month in the Minot Public Library.

We had our annual ethnic dinner and progressive auction in November. Election of officers were held in December.

The officers for 2001 are:

Sam Kampman, President
Eva Inches, Vice President
Michael Bartolf, Recording Secretary
Lillian Vannett, Corresponding Secretary
Agnes Cushing, Treasurer.

New board members this year are Terry Marcotte and Betty Schlichting. John Mogren was elected to continue as our society's representative on the NDSGS Executive Board.

We have begun making the minutes from our meetings available to our members on line. Those who are unable to attend can keep up with the business end of our organization, even if they miss a meeting. Currently we are not working on any major indexing projects.

Submitted by John Mogren

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* Filler quips (*) contained in this issue *
* are quotes from actual correspondence *
* received by the Family History *
* Department of the LDS Church *
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Cemetery 'surfaces' this summer...

[Exerpts from an article written by Sue Neft, Lifestyles Editor, Williston Daily Herald on 12/20/2000]

An inscription that has been under water for most of the last 50 years is now on the World Wide Web for genealogical research purposes. Receding water levels this last summer uncovered the Barstad Cemetery, located in the middle of Hofflund Bay, 23 miles east of Williston. It is believed to have last dried up about 10 years ago.

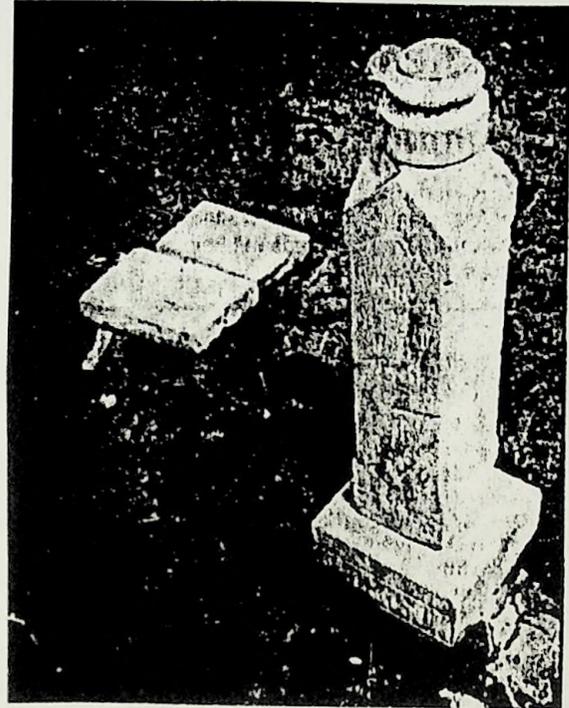
Hofflund Bay claimed the Barstad Cemetery in the 1950's because of the Garrison Dam project. At that time families were given the opportunity to move the graves. They decided not to disturb their loved ones, although some moved grave markers to higher ground.

For a short time this summer, between the water going down and the grass growing up, the cemetery was accessible for human visitors. Gloria Johnson of the Williams County Genealogical Society was one of them.

"There is one grave stone standing in the far corner and you can see the outline of the original fence," reported Johnson. The grave stone marks the resting place of two children, Victor Anderson, who died in 1899, and his sister, Minnie, who died in 1905. One side of the stone bears an inscription in Norwegian.

"No official records exist with the Corps of Engineers for graves that were not moved," said Johnson. Many private graves also went under water in other areas along the river and no information is available about them -- except for what their families might remember." Official records of births and deaths began in the 1920's for Williams County.

According to information gleaned by the Williams County Genealogical Society, other known graves include:



Headstone for two children in Barstad Cemetery

- * Laura McKay who was buried on a hill overlooking the river on land she and her husband, John, lived on in the 1890's. The grave, originally with a triangular fence around it, is under water; the headstone is in Wheelock.

- * "Red Mike" was buried on the highest hill overlooking the golf course that now bears his name. It is told that "Red Mike," considered a cow and horse thief, was caught as he was getting off a boat along the river and was hanged from a tree. He was possibly later moved to a grave site in or near Sidney, Montana.

- * Henry "Hank" Shuefelt was shot and killed by Owen M. Dean on April 9, 1898, near the "Grinnell Bottoms." Both men were squatting on the same land and Shuefelt was contesting Dean's claim. Shuefelt was allegedly involved in a horse rustling operation. Shuefelt may have been buried on the William Fee place. A map in the "Wonder of Williams" gives this location as "Section 23, Unorganized Township." Fee was Shuefelt's father-in-law.

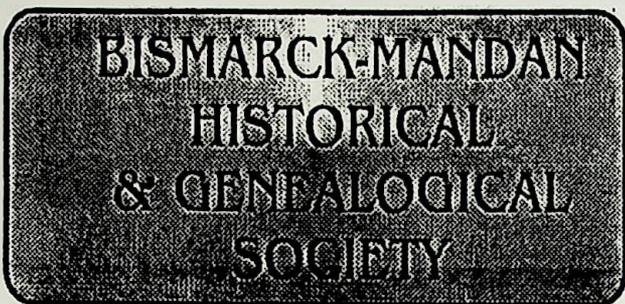
- * Three members of a "Malnouri" family were buried on the Carey place in Hofflund Township, but no records have been located to indicate for sure which members. It is believed to be Charles Malnouri who died on June 7, 1902 / 1904; his wife, Beaver Woman of the Gros Ventre Indian Tribe, who died June 2, 1910; and their daughter, All Good or Mary (Malnouri) Fleming, who died July 18, 1920.

- * In an interesting side note, a Mrs. Josephine (Malnouri) Grinnell killed her husband in this area. She was Indian. Her husband came home from drinking and started beating her and the children. She grabbed the tie around his neck and twisted it, eventually strangling him. She was never convicted of murder. The consensus was that she was protecting herself and her children. She died on March 3, 1945, and was buried in the Queen of Peace Cemetery at Raab. Her husband, George Grinnell, died on May 7, 1888, and was buried in an unmarked grave in Williston.

- * Many years ago a young man was buried under a large cottonwood tree along the Missouri River Bottoms. The story goes this young man had been hung by vigilantes from Montana. A wood marker on the grave for many years read "Kid Curry lived hard, died young." This grave is now under the waters of Lake Sakakawea. It was never determined if this was the infamous outlaw "Kid Curry" from Choteau County, Montana.

[WCGS is still compiling information on cemeteries in Williams County, to be published in an index. Additional information about private graves is welcomed by the group and can be directed to Gloria Johnson in the evenings at 701-572-3202/jki]

* Our 2nd great grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library. He was married 3 times in the endowment house and has 21 children.



BMHGS greeted the new year with a full slate of officers. Installed at the January 2001 meeting were:

- Marcia Hansen, President
- Gary Zentz, President Elect
- Amy Schauer Nelson, Secretary
- Don Smith, Treasurer
- Dolores Green, Corresponding Sec.
- Joanne Lloyd, Historian
- Susan Dingle, Programs
- Don Smith, Repository & Publications
- Vern Hansen, Shirley Jacobson, and Dorothy Jackman, Trustees.

We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Public Library. Our focus for this year is to increase our membership through educational programs and field trips which will add to our knowledge and understanding of area resources. Field trips will include the new 'Germans from Russia' facility, the LDS Family History Center, and the North Dakota State Archives.

We are still indexing the Burleigh County school census records -- a book will follow.

As a group, BMHGS does not currently have an official system to handle genealogy queries. We are looking forward to learning about practices used by other societies which will help us to establish workable policies and procedures for our Society.

Submitted by Marcia Hansen

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

October 26-27, 2001

"Across the Borders"
(Finds & Fun in 2001)

Estevan Public Library Complex
701 Souris Avenue
Estavan, Saskatchewan, Canada

Linking the heritage ties between Canadian Prairie Provinces and northern/midwest states of the USA.

[Ed. Note] They were looking for speakers on Scandinavian roots & may still welcome suggestions as to what attendees would like to learn and referrals to individuals who might have answers to those questions.

Contacts:

Program: Marge Thomas (SGS)
306-780-9207 or
<margethomas.sgs@cableregina.com>

Displays: Blanche Fleming
306-842-2593 or
<bl.fleming@sk.sympatico.ca>

Watch for updates!!

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***We lost our Grandmother,
will you please send us a copy?**

***Will you please send me the name
of my first wife?
I have forgotten her name.**

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PIONEER TRAILS
REGIONAL MUSEUM
12 FIRST AVENUE • BOWMAN ND 58623

Annual memberships in the Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society for the year 2001 are due.

Single memberships are \$10.00
Family memberships are \$15.00

You receive free admission to the Museum and the July & December newsletters with an annual membership.

Life memberships - Single = \$100.00
Double = \$125.00

In addition to the annual memberships benefits, a Life member receives a 10% discount in the Museum Store.

January's schedule included the annual meeting on the 9th, and a Chili and Stew fund-raiser on the 21st. At 1:00 p.m. a presentation was made of new information on Fort Dilts by members of the Archaeology Department and the opening of the newly enhanced display.

Hours:

Winter: 10:00 am-4:00 pm Mon - Sat
1:30 - 4:00 pm - Sunday
Summer: 9:00 am-5:00 pm Mon - Sat
1:30 - 5:00 pm - Sunday

Admission: \$2.00 - 14 or older

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*A 14-year-old boy wrote:

"I do not want you to do my research for me. Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the US, England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."

***Further research will be necessary to eliminate one of the parents.**

*Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do.

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... from **THE TREE BRANCH**
[Dawson County/Glendive MT]

A very successful basic genealogy class was held at the Dawson Community College computer lab on Saturday, January 20th. Taught by Tree Branches' member, Rose Wyman, and attended by several other current members, the enthusiastic group of 22 gained hands-on experience in basic computer skills and progressed to e-mail and the internet. Handouts included pedigree and family group sheets, query guidelines, and an extensive list of genealogy-related web sites.

Dawson County Tree Branches Genealogy Society meets the third Tuesday of months September through May. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Glendive Public Library Basement, 200 South Kendrick Avenue.

- March 20 Cindy Mullet, Ranger Review writer: "Stories of Early Settlers"
- April 17 Quarterly Business Meeting
- May 16 LDS Family History Center Tour with Arlene Young - meet at FHC in Glendive, 1900 North Anderson Avenue.

JUNE - JULY - AUGUST = NO MEETINGS

- September 18 Quarterly Business Meeting
- October 16 Heritage Night - Share your own family treasures, costumes, food, etc.
- November 20 Quarterly Business Meeting
- December 18 Holiday Gathering

Archivist Protects Historical Photographs

BISMARCK ND (AP) Sharon Silengo works in a room full of historical photographs. Much historical evidence comes second-hand. As state photo archivist, Silengo preserves North Dakota's history in a first-person way.

"Photographs are always considered primary resources because they were taken at the moment history happened," said Silengo, who cares for that history.

According to the State Historical Society's web site, its photographic collections include images from 1870 to present, with most from the 1870's to the 1930's. Original negatives and prints are not open to public access, but "facsimile" copies are. From those copies, residents can choose prints for Silengo to produce. Cost of prints is based on the size, but scans are only \$5.00.

The web site lists a variety of subject headings under which photos are housed, including agriculture, archaeology, clubs and societies, botany, businesses, street scenes by county, government and politics, land surveys, medicine, natural disasters and religion.

The F. B. Fiske collection of photographs includes Indian portraits, as well as scenes of daily living. Fiske lived and photographed the Fort Yates area extensively.

Silengo estimates there are over 100,000 in the collection; about 4,000 have been scanned since last July. But the archive always looks to add to the collection, Silengo said.

On the web:

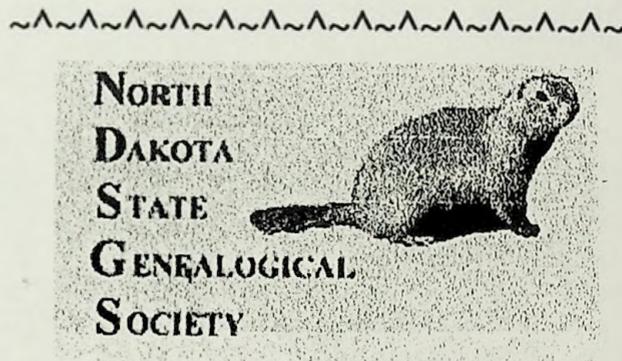
<www.state.nd.us/hist/infphot.htm>

***My Grandfather died at the age of 3.**

Tip of the week

[by Harry Liggett, 'The Highpoint' - January 2001]

This is the time of year to check for new submissions of queries and surnames. Researchers are renewing their memberships in genealogical societies and also submitting their surnames and queries for publication. At the same time they also are posting surnames and queries to various genealogy web sites. ... This also is a good time for you to submit your ancestor charts and ancestor cards to any societies or libraries where your ancestors lived. We have stressed this in previous tips, but it bears repeating.



Doing an investigative article for the May issue on what the standard charges are for genealogy queries and/or look-ups. If you or your group have set policies, please share them with regard to:

Initial fee?
Hourly fee?
Copying costs?
Mailing costs?
Procedure?
Comments:

E-mail: [<jkeck@dia.net>](mailto:jkeck@dia.net)

OR mail to: 703 West 7th Street
Williston ND 58801-4908

Historian Researching Pembina Cemetery

BISMARCK, ND (AP) A Canadian historian specializing in Metis [Indian and French-Canadian descendants] settlements is asking for an investigation into the handling of a cemetery north of Pembina [most NE town in farthest NE county].

Ruth Swan, a doctoral student at the University of Manitoba, said she has written to Governor John Hoeven to ask for the inquiry. She believes that the State Historical Society of North Dakota has misled elected officials regarding the significance and size of the site.

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*Documentation: Family Bible in possession of Aunt Merle until the tornado hit Topeka, Kansas, now only the Good Lord knows where it is.

NEW MRLGS WEBSITE IS MOTHER/SON PROJECT

Annette Rockman has two sons who have done family history projects for 4-H; one of the two, Christopher (age 12), is more interested in web pages than genealogy.

He created one for their family and when it was viewed by their pastor, John McKnight, a request was made for a web page for the Bowbells, Kenmare & Donnybrook parish. News of this project was even published in "The Interpreter," a national United Methodist magazine.

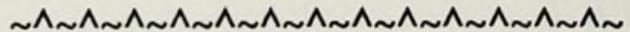
Christopher has taught his mother enough that she put the column she writes, entitled "Annette on the Net," on-line and it can be seen at

<<http://www.ndak.net/~marockem/>>

Now, they have started putting articles of the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society on-line at

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/ndmrlgs/newsletter.htm>>

Check 'em out!!



...from an English listserv:

A modern mother is explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album:

"This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother ...and there is your sperm donor and your father's clone.

This is me holding you when you were just a frozen embryo.

The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist."

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 (2000-2002)

- Patrice Hartman, President
- Clara Bliss, V President
- Dorothy Pearson, Secretary
- Don Smith, Treasurer

Newsletter

Jacki Keck - Williston ND

*This family had seven nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.



...News from Back Home...

by Jacki Keck, Editor

Since the majority of U.S. genealogists have ancestors who came here from 'the old world,' we've probably heard stories of how our 'grands' and 'great-grands' longed to get news from back home.

There were geographical pockets containing family and friends who were left behind and identifying these areas can provide stepping stones which often allow a researcher to get around brick walls they may encounter. Once these areas are plotted on an atlas map, for instance, a number of options are open:

- (1) For those with access to a Family History Center, the IGI (International Geographical Index) can be checked by locality and a search made of records (available on microfilm) dealing with that area -- census, church, vital records, biographies, histories.....
- (2) Regional searches can be made on-line at such places as USGENWEB, RootsWeb, and other general genealogical sites.
- (3) Contact with the historical/genealogical society(ies) in that locale can be rewarding; there may be shirt-tail relatives who belong to the organization and are wondering where that errant ancestor (yours) disappeared. Submit queries!
- (4) Many of these organizations have journals or newsletters (like ours) eager to help with the networking of researchers. Write an article about the work you are doing on a particular ancestor and send it to the editor.

Last fall I set out to do this last task. The research on my mother's maternal grandmother (see all those 'lost' women!!) had led me back to Dorset, England, to the relatively obscure little village of Tolpuddle -- as quaint as it sounds, but historically interesting...ah, that's another story. I had been given great-grandmother Rhoda's journal which she kept during her visit in 1923 to the area of her birth. At that time she was 67 and had lived in the Fergus Falls, Minnesota, area since 1883. After 40 years, Rhoda (Shave) WAY returned to England, looking for friends and family, a number of whom were no longer living.

I joined the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society and received microfiche of members' interests and my first copy of the Society's journal, "The Greenwood Tree." Immediately I saw surnames which sounded familiar and in making e-mail-talk with the editor, he suggested I submit an article about Rhoda's visit.

Summarizing the names of people and places she mentioned in her journal, the accounting was published in the February issue of "The Greenwood Tree." I've yet to get my copy from England, but already I've received e-mails from 'relatives' and informational booklets, a copy of a will where the ancestor 'made his mark' in the early 1800's.... I've been overwhelmed by the response and am scurrying back to my ancestral charts to add new extended family surnames, finding new geographical pockets (which will lead to more census searches, etc). Once this newsletter gets completed, I'm looking forward to spreading all the new material out and responding with information which will add (hopefully) to someone else's search.

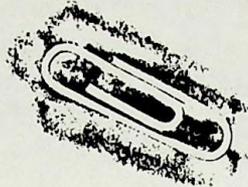
So, go back to geographical sources, make contact and wait for 'news from back home!'



Rhoda (Shave) WAY
(passport photo?)

WADING THROUGH THE WEB

- gleaned from the erratic wanderings of Jacki Keck -
(contributions welcome)



From: Patrice Hartman
Discovered a website where you can order death certificates on-line and get them by e-mail. There are searchable databases of indexes to British Columbia -birth registrations 1872 to 1899 -marriage registrations 1872 to 1924 -death registrations 1872 to 1979

<www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/index.htm>
*He and his daughter are listed as not being born.

New URL for the NDSGS!!

<www.rootsweb.com/~ndsgs/index.html>

Looking for the BEST...

The Local History & Genealogy Librarian newsletter would like your nominations for the best genealogy & local history materials of 2000-2001. This would include books, archival guides & finding aids, indexes, cemetery and military records, town histories, etc. LHGL wants a good selection from each state.

To submit a nomination, send the title and bibliographic information on the book nominated along with a brief statement as to why you are nominating this book to one of the following:

Heritage Quest
P.O. Box 540670
North Salt Lake UT 84054-0670

<LHGL@HeritageQuest.com>
<<http://www.heritagequest.com/>>

*Will you send me a list of all the Dripps in your library?

From: Richard Frazier, rafcaf@post.com
To: NDSDMN-L@rootsweb.com



I'm a graduate student working on a Masters Degree at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and have been working on my genealogy since 1989. I would like to ask for your help in completing my survey on genealogy research, genealogy travel, and use of the Internet for genealogy research and travel located at

<www.uwstout.edu/survey/richardf.html>

*We are sending you five children in a separate envelope.

From Caleen in Alaska:
I've just added a few new cemeteries to my web page:

<<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~coleen>>
(MN)

See the newly redesigned UKRAINE WorldGenWeb site at

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ukrwgw/index.html>

At the Family Records Centre (<http://www.pro.gov.uk/about/frc>) in London, you can consult the large index volumes, which are arranged in sections and then in chronological order, for births, marriages, and deaths.

*I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was verysmall and cannot be found.

An internet genealogist and his leisure time are soon parted.

*I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and three of their children.

*For running down the Wheelers, I will send \$3.00 more.

"CLUES FOR SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEWS," by Juliana Smith
<<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/3427.asp>>
(The Family History Compass, 19 February 2001)
Juliana shares some ways to get desired information from family members who sometimes might be a little reluctant to talk.

*I would like to find out if I have any living relatives
or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.

QUERY EXCHANGE

[Snail-mail responses can be sent to Editor of the Newsletter for forwarding.]

I'm looking for information on Henry & Susan Burren Moore. I believe they lived at Kenmare in 1905.
My half-brother's father, Harold Erby (Ernest) was supposed to be born in Kenmare 7 Jan 1905 or 1907.

Donna Gentry, P. O. Box 231, Eureka MT 59917

Looking for someone who has access to the 1954 (or before, or up until 1955) city directory for Rugby,
North Dakota.

Mary Stickney <stickneys@alltel.net>

Seek dd and dpl of Joseph Valentine Marchwicki b 1-15-1894 Steele Co. MN Last known info late 1930's
"went west to lumber camps in WA or OR" Unknown if ever married or had children.

Also, seek dd, dpl, and par of Daniel J. Wilkinson b abt 1842 OH, m Sarah A. Clifton 1866 Boscobel,
Grant Co, WI

Toni Marchwicki, 1610 North Meade, Glendive MT 59330 <tonim@midrivers.com>

SASKATCHEWAN RESOURCE BOOKS

For people whose ND, SD, and/or MN roots went to or came from what is now the province of
Saskatchewan, Canada, there are two basic books that you might be interested in knowing about:

*** * "TRACING YOUR SASKATCHEWAN ANCESTORS:**

A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them,' edited by Laura M. Hanowski (SGS)
Order from: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1 CANADA
Pay in US funds - \$26.00 each; \$7.00 P&H for 1st book, \$1.00 each additional.
Bulk Orders Welcome! 10 copies and more get a 40% discount; contact for P&H costs.

*** * 'WHAT'S IN A NAME: The Story Behind Saskatchewan Place Names,"**

by E. T. Russell, Reprint of the 3rd ed. ISBN 1-895628-98-3, \$14.95
Can be ordered through Goski Books n More, Inc. B6 110 Souris Avenue, Weyburn Square,
Weyburn, SK S4H 2Z8 CANADA Calvin Goski, owner. Phone: 306-848-1227

Copies of these books are available for reference at the State Historical Society of North Dakota,
612 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505-0830, open M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Susan M. Dingle, Reference Specialist <sdingle@state.nd.us> Phone: 701-328-2091

