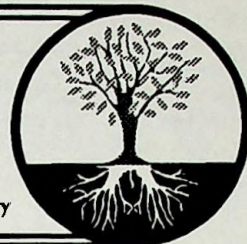


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(A) A word from...

- Jacki Keck, editor

Apparently there is interest in the NDSGS Newsletter's being issued as an e-mail. I do a weekly e-news for our church and am using the same type of format in this example.

This seemed an optimal time for experimenting with an e-mail newsletter:

(1) I've run out of time this month due to getting my twin boys graduated and off to Norway on a band trip (they leave 'in a few hours' as I'm working on this at 3:00 a.m. and they're still packing and determined to begin turning their clocks around by staying up and then sleeping on the 12-hour bus ride to Mpls); and

(2) I've not had much information submitted to me and in rummaging around for material, determined this might be an ideal time to send out this prototype.

I will be going to Bismarck later (Wednesday) to attend our Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Dakota Conference and I will try to give Don Smith a hard copy of this. Then I'll be going to Iowa and won't be back until the 18th. So, please refrain from e-mailing me until after that time. Hope you like this!! /jki

- Patrice Hartman, president NDSGS

[This would be an opportunity for Patrice to whet our appetite for the next meeting or do an editorial.]

(B) Minutes of last meeting

- Friday, March 16, 2001

Are not available; however, it must have been good because attendance was increased and Patrice had this to say:

"What a great meeting. Thank you all so much for coming."

(C) Communications [where local groups' material can be inserted]

- Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Greetings from the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society. We continue to meet the first Saturday of each month in the Minot Public Library and welcome guests.

Our Archives Committee has been busy cleaning and redoing the archives inventory. It is amazing the things you find when you "clean house." We have some members indexing records. Paul Flick completed a surname index for our members which is 546 pages! Norlene Tchida completed the index of the Springan Funeral Home Records of Stanley, ND. John Mogren completed an index of obituaries from the Kenmare News 1990-2000. Calina Clarkson has completed several indexes for our publication, the NCNDG RECORD. We made another donation to the Minot Public Library for the building fund.

We support the move by the North Dakota State Genealogical Society to get the North Dakota State Death index on-line and available to more researchers. We are hopeful this will be a reality in the future.

Enjoy the summer.

Respectfully submitted, John Mogren
<mogren@stellarnet.com>

(D) Dates of future events

[provides for a calendar -- i.e., when's the next meeting?
...workshops, etc.]

- New England Summer Conference in Farmington CT: 13-14 July 2001

The New England Historic Genealogical Society Announces the New England Summer Conference in Farmington CT, July 13-14, Co-Sponsored with the Connecticut Society of Genealogists

DNA and the family tree come together in a series of special lectures at NEHGS's semi-annual New England Summer Conference at the Hartford Marriott Hotel in Farmington Connecticut. Keynote speaker Oxford University's Dr. Bryan Sykes, will open the weekend. In addition Dr. Bart Saxbe, CG, FASG, will conduct presentations on the interpretation of death certificates and Dr. Thomas Roderick will lecture on "Mitochondrial DNA and Genealogy." The remainder of the conference will feature new lectures on classic research interests by NEHGS staff and special guest speaker Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG.

Other topics include:

- New English Origins and Family Clusters
- Land Platting Made Simple
- Applying Computer Technology to Your Family Photos
- Finding the Irish Connection

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- Saskatchewan Genealogical Society -- October 26-27, 2001
"Across the Borders" (Finds & Fun in 2001)

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

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

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(E) Editorials

[A spot where views can be expressed; a little less formal than the next category]

- Ellis Island website

Hi Jacki - I don't know if this is newsworthy or not - but -- after many attempts to log on to the new Ellisislandrecords.org site I was finally successful AND found my grandmother listed, with her two-year old son!!

I have searched for her immigration records for 15 years, so I was really delighted to have proof of her emigration from Norway ' with a date and I even was able to print a picture of the 'Oceanic - the ship she arrived on. I need to get back to the site to search for more family members -- but, it is so busy all the time!!

[But, she adds, "Don't give up -- if you find something like this, it's worth the wait!!"]

Adrienne Stepanek, Williams County Genealogical Society
<astepan@dia.net>

- Montana genealogists influence Legislature
[from Dawson County Tree Branches Genealogy Society]

In March 2001 Tree Branches members took an active part in promoting the passage of SB443 in the Montana State Legislature. This bill would prohibit the disposal of public records without first offering the public the opportunity to view and possibly save the records. The thought was that local historical societies, museums, and genealogy clubs would transfer records important to family history research (such as birth, death, marriage, and land) to alternative sites as county government officials determine they no longer have sufficient storage space. Rep Ralph Lenhart of Glendive had initially voted against this bill. In committee, a tie vote was recorded, and there was a definite probability the bill would die in committee. Upon being notified of this several Tree Branches members called and e-mailed Rep. Lenhart expressing our support of the bill. Rep. Lenhart indicated he had only negative comments until we contacted him. He subsequently changed his vote and supported the bill.

SB443 was eventually approved almost unanimously in both the Montana House and the Senate and on April 11th was sent to the Governor for final approval.

(F) Feature

[This would be where such a thing as the results of my query about how individual societies treat queries/research look-ups, etc. I got one or two responses but would appreciate more input before putting an article together.

Sandy Slater sent an article and I wasn't able to open the attachment. Things submitted would need to be originally written or copied and pasted into a 'new mail' file and forwarded.]

- FreeREG Project Looking for Volunteers

FreeREG <http://freereg.rootsweb.com/> FreeREG stands for Free REGisters. The FreeREG Project's objective is to provide free Internet searches of baptism, marriage, and burial records, which have been extracted from parish registers and non-conformist church records in the United Kingdom. The recording of baptisms, marriages and burials in parish registers began in England in 1538.

FreeREG is a part of the FreeUKGEN Project and companion project to FreeBMD <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>, which is a database of the GRO birth, marriage and death indexes from 1837 forward. Records are to be made freely available through a search engine only, not as complete sets of data for a church. For complete transcriptions, where available, refer to the local County Records Offices, or Family History Societies.

The FreeREG database is a finding tool. It should not be considered to be proof, or that it is always 100% accurate, or contains all of the information in the actual register. Once you have found a record, then write to the relevant Family History Society or County Record Office, which for a small fee will provide a print from the register for you. In many cases you can also purchase a full transcript of the register from the FHS.

There are three FreeREG databases, one each for baptisms, marriages, and burials. Because FreeREG is a relatively new project, there are now only a few million records in the database, so you should not expect to find all your ancestors in the database yet.

FreeREG is looking for volunteer transcribers and for those who have already made transcriptions. If you would like to become involved in the project, visit <http://freereg.rootsweb.com/> and please subscribe to FREEREG-L-request@rootsweb.com.

(G) Gleanings

["Wading through the Web" would be the format for this section; little snippets of information found on-line or submitted by readers]

- General Military URLs

The following addresses and URLs should lead readers to the information they are looking for.

U.S. Army Military Institute
ATTN: Nancy L. Gilbert, Assistant Dir.
For Library Services (Acquisitions)
22 Ashburn Drive, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA 17013-5008
<http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/>

NAVAL HISTORICAL CENTER (and USMC)
Washington Navy Yard 805 Kidder Breese SE
Washington, D.C. 20374-5060
<http://www.history.navy.mil/>

U.S. AIR FORCE MUSEUM
Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio
This site has broad historical content and photographs.
<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/>

Submitted by: Jack Novicki <Pajznovici@aol.com>

- New U.S. Federal Census Images Online Added

Ancestry.com has posted new images from the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, adding some data from the following states:

--- Arizona Territory
--- Arkansas
--- Connecticut
--- Dakota Territory[**]
--- District of Columbia
--- Kentucky
--- Oregon
--- Pennsylvania
--- Texas

For a complete list of available images, go to:
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/io/main.htm>

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2. click "Online Library"
3. read the brief description
4. click "Search" to explore

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In addition, new images from the 1920 U.S. Federal Census have been added for the following states:

--- Missouri  
--- North Dakota  
--- Oklahoma

For a complete list of available images, go to:  
<http://www.ancestry.com/search/io/main.htm>

(H) Humor

- Dr. Seuss Explains Computers

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,  
and the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,  
and the address of the memory makes your floppy disc abort,  
then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,  
and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash,

and your data is corrupted 'cause' the index does not flash,  
then your situation's hopeless and your systems gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house,  
says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,  
*but your packets want to tunnel on another protocol,*  
that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.  
and your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,  
so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse,  
then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,  
'cause as sure as I'm a poet, the suckers gonna hang.

When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disc,  
and the micro code instructions cause unnecessary risk,  
then you have to flash your memory,  
and you'll want to RAM your ROM...  
Quickly turn off your computer and go & tell your Mom.

(I) Inquiries

- HAUGEN:

Please check my website below as they all are pioneer families  
from MN.& ND.

THANK YOU

SnailMail:PO BOX 276,0cotillo,Ca.,92259

Phone Number: 760-358-7041

My Home Page:

<<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Garden/8123/>>

Surnames:

DEFAULT,DURAND,FOUBERT,HAUGEN,JEFFREY,MONDA,RAYMOND,SVEUM

Robert (BOB) Haugen <[rjhaugen@webtv.net](mailto:rjhaugen@webtv.net)>

- VEEK: We have lost a Great Uncle, Heggelund VEEK, and we know  
he homesteaded land in Williams Co., I have the BLM records.  
He was there between 1907-1909, he is not in the 1910 and/or  
1920 ND census, but I think that the census taker might have missed  
a few people in 1910 in the section he was in

Margaret Veek <[Veekmom@aol.com](mailto:Veekmom@aol.com)>

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