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NDSGS President's Letter

How are your genealogy projects coming along?

I haven't done much genealogy research for awhile. So I decided to try to get back in the swing of things by taking the training session on using the **Library** version of Ancestry.com at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library in July. Our trainer from the State Library was a friendly, knowledgeable, responsive, well organized, and well informed presenter. It was a helpful and informative session that was over far too soon. Anyone who goes to a public library in North Dakota can access the Ancestry.com library version of the Ancestry.com databases, thanks to funds for libraries and thanks to licensing agreements negotiated by the State Library on behalf of libraries around the state.

My other recent genealogical research was using the Methodist Conference Journals for the Dakota Conference on microfilm in the State Archives at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. I was looking for information about my great-grandfather Dingle, who had been a Methodist preacher. He entered North Dakota in 1889 following Methodist seminary training and his first postings in rural Manitoba. I found a picture of my great-grandmother Eunice Powell Dingle, who died in November 1900. She appears on the 1900 Census in Pembina, as do my great-grandfather and my grandfather Dingle (then a young child) and his siblings. The Methodist conference journals were a fount of information about pastors, persons active in the Methodist conference who served as officers (he did), and persons who were active in missions and ladies auxiliaries work. I even found notice of a loan given him on his mortgage and note of the sums of money paid his widow and children after his death in October 1917-altogether, about \$400. This is the only place, where by dint of careful and continuous reading from 1889 to 1917, I could find where this family had lived in the state. Some of the places I recall were Grandin, Mandan, LaMoure, Hillsboro, Pembina, and Devils Lake-and there were more...

But I think I will have a harder time finding out about the other "dead Dingles" who, for example, appear in the Naturalization records and in one or two years in the Bismarck City directory. These two were auto body mechanics who also lived at one time or another in Stutsman County. George Barron checked his indexes and sent me the references on those two. I need to look up their obituaries, and I doubt that I will find much more. No doubt they were hard working, contributing members of society, perhaps members of various fraternal organizations and church goers, but very few records about the good people who just show up and do their part exist. That would be most of the people all of us are researching. Even with records and indexes available on the Internet, if a person did not have many records created about him or her over her or his lifetime, the task is still a difficult one. This is why genealogy truly is a lifetime hobby, no matter when in a person's life it is taken up!

Best wishes to everyone in their various genealogical research efforts. Save time for the meeting on Friday, September 12, when we hear from Emily Ergen, Project Archivist for the William E (Bill) Shemorry Photograph Collection, a project of the Williston State College Foundation. This one will be at the State Archives, in the Legislative Room-the meeting room that adjoins the Reading Room.

Susan Dingle, President, NDSGS



The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet at 1:00 PM September 12, 2008 at the State Archives, in the Legislative Room. All Genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.

Susan



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Susan Dingle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on June 13, 2008. The meeting was held at the Bismarck Memorial Public Library.

ROLL CALL

Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Don Smith, Susan Dingle, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; George Freeman, MGS; Iona Loken; MRLGS. Guests: Kate Waldera, Warner & Dallas Knudson, Larrie Wanberg

BUSINESS MEETING

Pat Ashley made a motion, which was seconded by George Freeman that the minutes of the March 7, 2008 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by George Freeman and seconded by Iona Loken to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: Please let Jessica Rossow know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email. Also please remember to get your reports in on time for the newsletter.

Pre 1925 marriage index. Indexes have been received from Williams County.

Goals: Review in September.

NDIRS Indexing: Tabled until September. Renville County is working on a new county history.

NEW BUSINESS

Larrie Wanberg spoke about the Northwood Museum. Any purchases made from Heritage Maker would initiate a donation of 20 % back to the museum. He is interested in locating a district genealogist for each of the 8 districts in North Dakota. Someone who has knowledge of the area and the people.

Greg Wysk: Report from SHSND. The website is being reworked. They are considering a minor name change to State Archives to help clear up the confusion between them and the State Library. Saturday visitation has been very slow. They respond to about 700 correspondence requests per month.

The next Meeting is Friday, September 12, 2008 at 1:00. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.

PROGRAM:

Kate Waldera, Head of Reference at the Bismarck Public Library gave the group a tour of the library, pointing out the various resources for genealogy and the Missouri Room which has rare books, pamphlets, maps and other collections. There is a Photographic History of Bismarck database online that can be searched. The library has the New York Times on microfilm from July 21, 1965-present. There is also an obituary index in book form for this newspaper which covers 1858-1968 (Reference 929.3 N532). The index is arranged alphabetically by last name and includes the year, date, section if any, page and column of the original article. The finding aids related to the MRR pamphlet collections are now on the website. Click on "Research Resources" and then "Missouri River Room".

Patrice Hartman, Secretary

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State Historical Society of North Dakota



State Historical Society of North Dakota

Submitted by Greg Wysk

http://www.nd.gov/hist/

Per requests by staff and to reduce confusion between us and the N.D. State Library, "Historical Research Library" has been dropped from our name and we are now officially known as the "State Archives". This change will be reflected in future publications, informational handouts, signage and on the Web site.

Lotte Bailey, deputy state archivist, announced her retirement effective Sept. 30. Lotte has been with the agency since September 1987 and the deputy archivist since May 1990. Shane Molander, reference specialist in the archives since August 2002, will become the deputy archivist.

All materials, except for some Wells County records that are too moldy to be brought into the building, have been moved from Storage East; those moldy records will be microfilmed on site. The county records are located primarily in the third floor of the new addition. The newspapers are on the first floor; many of those will stay on palates until more shelving can be purchased.

New books received since June 2008

Provided by Rachel White, Technical Services Head SHSND

- 1. <u>15 generations of Whipples: descendants of Matthew Whipple of Ipswich, Massachusetts, abt. 1590-1647</u> / written and compiled by Blaine Whipple
- 2. <u>The Carl Michael Wilhelm Haase family in the United Sates, 1883-present</u> / Carolyn Marie Haase Mayes and Richard E. Stevens
- 3. Kief, North Dakota: 100 years of history / Todd Spichke
- 4. <u>Against the odds: the Ernest and Bertha (Petzke) Schultz family of Woodworth, Stutsman County, North Dakota</u> / Donna Schultz
- 5. Memorial Park Cemetery: 103 North 23rd Street, Grand Forks, N.D. / compiled by Minn-Kota Genealogy Society
- 6. <u>Memorial Park South Cemetery (formerly Sunnywood Gardens): 3002 Washington Street South, Grand Forks, N.D.</u> / compiled by Minn-Kota Genealogy Society
- 7. <u>Descendants of Roderick and Christiana Cameron: Ullapool, Lochbroom Parish Scotland, Puslinch, Wellington County, Ontario, Canada, Erie, Cass County, North Dakota USA</u> / Lois Marilyn Cameron Stinson
- 8. One hundred twenty-five years with Arthur, 1882-2007
- 9. North Dakota 100 years ago/ Larry Aasen
- 10. Menoken, 1883-2008 / Marlys Neugebauer Frandsen, editor
- 11. <u>Valley City, North Dakota 125th anniversary, 1883-2008: bridging the generations for 125 years</u>
- 12. Memories of the Boicourt family: the hills of home / by Mable Boicourt McCullough
- 13. Through the generations: genealogy of Edwin and Emma Roth / compiled by Norman and Audrey Roth
- 14. Atlas of Morton County (2008)
- 15. Atlas of Burleigh County (2008)
- 16. Glen Ullin yesteryears volume II, 1983-2008
- 17. <u>Kandiyohi School #1: serving the pioneers of Kandiyohi Township and their descendants, 1906-</u>1960 / Joan Nelson Hammer





<u>Lincoln Legacy: The Homestead Act Theme of 20th Annual Governor's Conference on ND History Nov 7-8</u> Submitted by *Greg Wysk* and *Marilyn Snyder*

Lincoln Legacy: The Homestead Act, the 20th annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History, will be held November 7-8 at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. The conference, part of North Dakota's observance of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, will highlight the impact of the Homestead Act on the state and region. The actual Homestead Act document with Lincoln's signature, on loan from the National Archives, will also be on display during the conference.

This is the second in a two-part theme for the annual history conference. The Fall 2007 conference theme, *Lincoln Legacy: The Railroad*, examined the impact of the railroad on North Dakota and the region. The conference is sponsored by the state's history agency, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND).

Conference workshops will include a full-day presentation Friday, November 7 by the Midwest Art Conservation Center in Minneapolis on "After the Disaster: Saving and Salvaging Collection Materials and Artifacts," presented by Director of Preservation Services Neil Cockerline and Assistant Director of Preservation Services Elisa Redman.

Other Friday programs include SHSND Curator of Collections Research Mark Halvorson and Assistant Curator of Collections Management Melissa Thompson speaking on "Is This a True Homestead Artifact?"; a workshop on "North Dakota Digital Initiatives" presented by SHSND State Archivist Ann Jenks, State Archivist Emeritus Gerald Newborg, Head of Technical Services Rachel White, Shemorry Project Archivist Emily Ergen, and Director John Bye and Archives Associate John Hallberg, both with the Institute for Regional Studies at North Dakota State University; James Muhn, Senior Associate, Morgan, Angel & Associates and former land law historian with the Bureau of Land Management, speaking on "The Homestead Acts: Their History, Administration by the Land Department and How to Research Related Records"; and the SHSND's Review and Compliance Coordinator Susan Quinnell and Preservation North Dakota Executive Director Dale Bentley presenting "How to Build a Homestead with Dakota Earthen Materials."

Friday evening will feature a country-style dinner with musical selections from *Handcarved Prairie Rose*, a drama by Larry Sprunk, as well as an annual awards recognition program. Saturday's programs will feature several sessions, including Robert Carlson, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, discussing "The Social Life of North Dakota Homesteaders"; Gregory Gagnon, associate professor in the University of North Dakota's (UND's) Indian Studies department, discussing "Disaster Accelerated – Greed Over Principles: An Indian Perspective on the Legacy of Homesteading;" and Barbara Handy-Marchello, UND associate history professor emerita, presenting "Women and the Homestead Act: Standing Equal Before the Law of the Land

Also featured will be a panel discussion on how the ethnicity of homesteaders differed and the impacts of homesteaders with their neighbors. Panelists will include Marilyn Hudson of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara Nation and director of the Three Affiliated Tribes Museum in New Town, North Dakota; Norwegian-American LeRoy Fladseth of Lansing, Michigan, whose paternal grandfather homesteaded near Douglas, North Dakota and whose maternal grandfather, Smith Stimmel, served as a White House bodyguard for President Lincoln; Icelandic-American Rosemarie Myrdal, of Edinburg, who served as North Dakota lieutenant governor from 1992 to 2000; and descendents of North Dakota's Germans from Russia and Emma and Eleanor Urlacher of Dickinson, the "Hutmacher Sisters" speaking about the Hutmacher Complex in western North Dakota and growing up in conditions similar to homesteading.

Also planned for Saturday is a performance of homestead era music by the Old Five 'N' Dimers of Mandan.

The conference is funded in part by Lincoln Bicentennial appropriations from the 2007 Legislative Assembly.

For more information, contact the SHSND's curator of education, Marilyn Snyder, at (701) 328-2792 or email at msnyder@nd.gov.

A Genealogy Search Of Today

Submitted by George Freeman

At the last meeting of the Minnkota Genealogy Society in Grand Forks it was suggested by a member that I write a description of a genealogy search I had done looking for family of a Korean War soldier that had died in Korea. Writing this story is not only for the interesting reason the information was needed, but also to document for future readers what tools we have to use in 2008 to find genealogical information.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary of the North Dakota State Genealogy Society, of Regent, ND sent me an e-mail on July 3, 2008 as follows: Can you help to find this family? This was posted on the Grand Forks County, ND message board on Rootsweb. Patrice

I am searching for the family of a soldier who was killed in the Korea War. When he entered service he gave Grand Forks County, North Dakota as his home of record.

Soldier: WALTER WILLIAM WARNKE

Born: September 15, 1929

Date of loss: November 8, 1950 KIA

When the Korean War ended the enemy never returned or accounted for over 8,000 of our servicemen. They died in their hands. That was over 50 years ago. Since that time DNA has been perfected and also they are recovering remains in North Korea. Our government is obligated to return those remains to the proper family. DNA samples have been obtained from most of the families of these missing soldiers. For various reasons some families have not been located. There are three families in North Dakota that have not been located. There is one family from Grand Forks County that has not been located.

When the remains are recovered and identified they will be returned to the family for proper burial. I am just an old (78 years) Combat Veteran out of the Korean War and thankful that I did return. I consider this a very noble cause and I hope that you can help in some way to find this family. For more information on the project you may go to http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/. My part in the program is to match up the lost families with the proper agency.

I will be grateful for any assistance in locating this family. Harold Davis
40th Infantry Division
Korea '52-'53
910-791-2333

"What an interesting search this is going to be and I hope I can find something" I thought to myself. At the beginning of a search I always have an unknown ending and feelings of uncertainty of finding any information. It is a healthy challenge to try everything I can think of to complete the search. I am looking for the excitement of finding information and justifying my passion for genealogy.

My tools are my computer, of course, Family Tree Maker Software, many books in 4 bookcases I have collected over the years, e-mail, a full Ancestry subscription, and my genealogy pals. Being able to call long distance on my cell phone is a plus and the internet with its thousands of sites of information is a powerful tool.

I looked at the name Warnke trying to determine nationality, saw that Walter was born in 1929 which points me to using the 1930 US census. First I enter his name in my Family Tree Maker. Because the software is tied to the Ancestry database and it has good reports I have found that putting all my information in the file rather than writing it down is much more efficient in the end. I source all the facts I add to Family Tree Maker and that adds to the authenticity of my information and reports are quickly done.

After entering Walter's name I did an Ancestry search. It displayed two military records of his death in Korea, but no indication of him in the 1930 census. There were Warnke's shown in US Public Records (I don't know what that means) in Grand Forks County. There were telephone numbers available and I put them aside in case I needed them later.

Next I searched Ancestry using Walter's first name in Grand Forks County in the 1930 census. That is a very neat feature of Ancestry. If you know their first name, their date of birth, and their location, you can find someone in the Ancestry database. A Walter **Walter**, age 7 months was displayed in Chester Twp (Emerado) of Grand Forks County, ND along with his siblings and parents. The 1930 US Census taken in April 1930. The first name, age, and location matches *Continued on next page...*

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Walter. It is not uncommon for last names to be wrong in the census. I saved a copy of the census and went to the Grand Forks County Cemetery records published by Red River Valley Genealogy Society of Fargo looking for Warnke. There were two shown, Warnke, Frank B (father) 1876-1946 and Warnke, Lyle G (son) 1939-1940. No apparent match. Why no more Warnke's in Grand Forks County Cemeteries? Maybe they moved?

I went to the Grand Forks Public Library and checked the Grand Forks city cemeteries books with no result. I search many internet genealogy sites with no luck. My books, the Grand Forks County Centennial Book in particular, were looked at to see if there were any Warnke's mentioned. No Warnke's were mentioned.

Frustrated I decided to enter the Walter *Walter* family from the 1930 census, Frank, Sarah, and their children Rosie, Bennie, Violet, Marnia were entered as Warnke's with Walter already being there. I did some Ancestry searches on all of the family. The mother Sarah was found to have died January 26, 1991 and the father Frank died September 1, 1946. From Ancestry I had learned that Sarah had remarried shortly after Frank's death to a John Wiertzema. Since they died in Grand Forks County I went back to the Grand Forks Public Library and searched the Grand Forks Herald microfilms for obituaries.

Here is Frank's obituary:

From Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND September 3, 1946. EMERADO, N. D. - Frank B. Warnke, 70, Emerado vicinity farmer, died at his home Sunday.

Funeral services will be held at the Arvilla Presbyterian church with Rev. Charles Young, Fargo, officiating, Wednesday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Arvilla cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Jake Haloweker, jr., Pete Geortz, Clifford Agotnes, Lawrence McGrath, Ralph Martin and Stanley Vietch. Honorary pallbearers are Earl Burchíll, Ralph Bossard, Paul Glass, C. Johnson, George Valgren and Ole Knudson. The body will lie in state at the Edwards Funeral Home, Larimore Wednesday morning.

Mr. Warnke came to Emerado 30 years ago from Tomah, Wisconsin, where he was born and raised. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and seven children Bennie, Ernest, Violet and Mary Ann, Grand Forks; Mrs. Forest Davis, at home; and Walter, Daisy, Lily Ann, at home, and three grandchildren, Judith, Janice, and Gerald Davis. Two sisters and a brother also survive.

Here is Sarah's obituary:

From Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND January 29, 1991. Emerado, N. D. — Sarah Wiertzema, 84, Emerado, died Saturday, Jan. 26, 1991, in Larimore (N. D.) Good Samaritan Center where she had lived since June 1990. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Arvilla (N. D.) Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, with a 6 p.m. family service, in Bakke Funeral Home, Larimore and once hour before services in the church. Sarah McDonald was born Aug. 3, 1906, near Emerado, the daughter of Harry and Mary McDonald. She grew up and attended schools in the Emerado area. She married Frank Warnke Dec. 1, 1921, in Grand Forks, and they farmed in the Emerado area. Frank Warnke died September 1946. She married John Wiertzema September 1949 in Crookston and they lived on the family farm. She was a Gold Star Mother, losing her son, Walter, in the Korean War.

Survivors are her husband; sons Bennie Warnke, Emerado; daughters, Violet Herberg, Grand Forks; Mary Ann (Mrs. Maynard Mortenson, Arvilla. ND; Daisy (Mrs. Fred) Schrum, Grafton, ND; Lily Ann Hander, Artesia, CA; 35 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Clara Wiertzema, Larimore; Olive Olson, Kent, Wash.; and Margaret Fields, Del-Mar, CA. She was preceded in death by her daughter Rose Davis, sons Lyle and Walter, one granddaughter, sisters Edna, Irene, Elizabeth, and brothers, James, John, and Edward.

Wow, I struck pay dirt and found the right family. Now the task, and maybe the hardest part of the search, is to find living family of Walter Warnke if there is any still alive.

Sarah's obituary was the most valuable. I entered all the names from the obituary into Family Tree Maker and did an Ancestry search of the Social Security Death Index to try and determine who is still alive. Son Bennie died in 2006, Violet died in 2001, couldn't find any information on Mary Ann, and Lily died in 1997. That left Daisy and her husband Fred Shrum of Grafton, I saw in the Social Security Death Index that Fred Schrum had died in 1995 in Grafton.

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Just on a hunch I decided to try the phone book on the chance that there might be a Schrum in Grafton. You know that when a husband dies most likely his wife will stay in the area where they lived. S. M. Shrum was the only Schrum shown at 910 Cooper Ave, Grafton. I called S. M. Schrum not knowing what to expect. Daisy answered and I was excited immediately. She is 76 years old. I had a very difficult time explaining the situation to her after determining that she was Walter's sister. Daisy told me she is the only remaining sibling of Walter Warnke besides one sister in a nursing home. Can you imagine some man calling you and telling you he wants your DNA to match with possible remains of a brother that died in Korea 58 years ago? Daisy was very wary of me and I couldn't blame her. I made reports of all the data I had collected showing not only the facts but also the sources and sent them to Daisy via US mail. Making the reports sounds like it is the hardest part of the research but it is actually the easiest.

Here is the e-mail I sent to Harold Davis who made the original request:



Harold,

I found a sister to Walter William Warnke. Her name is Daisy E. Schrum, 613 Eastern Ave, Grafton, ND 58237, Telephone 701-352-2727. She is 76 years old and has one living sister who is in a nursing home and is 80 years old. She does not have a computer. There is still family in the Emerado, ND area but none as close in relation as Daisy and her sister. I talked to her on the phone and she thought I was joking at first. I am sending her copies of the web site and the family information I have researched. Attached is my research of the Warnke family.

For the Minnkota Genealogy Society of Grand Forks, ND http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~minnkota/

Regards

George A Freeman

I didn't follow-up with Daisy Schrum. Harold Davis (he is a volunteer trying to help the government) was to get the government to send a DNA kit to Daisy.

I learned some lessons again from this experience.

- 1) Don't give up, there has to be another way to get the information.
- 2) I can't do research alone. All the information I use has someone else's effort behind it.
- 3) Always remember the good feeling of discovery.



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



http://www.bmhgs.com/

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Meredith Gross, President BMHGS

Greetings from the BMHGS!

I hope your summer has gone well for you. Did you get out and do some research on your family tree? Hope your endeavors were fruitful.

We have had a great year so far. Our last meeting was a presentation by Gary Grinaker of Photo Express. Gary gave us a lot of information and we had lots of questions. It was a great evening. I think everyone left with a better understanding of how to preserve their valuable pictures.

We took July and August off for meetings. September we will be getting "Back to Basics with Genealogy." This sounds interesting, a good time to refresh our minds with the basics. I hope each and every one of you will be able to attend.

I hope you have a wonderful fall and holiday season. We would be happy to have you join us the second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Bismarck Public Library. You can check out our website for the schedule of upcoming programs at http://www.bmhgs.com.



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http://www.rootsweb.com/~minnkota/

Minnkota Genealogical Society

Submitted by George Freeman

June 10, 2008 Program - Lucinda LeBel gave a presentation about Historical Newspapers – Ideas of what was going on during the years your ancestors lived. Genealogybank.com website - there is a fee of \$69.95 per year or \$19.95

July 8, 2008 Program – A potluck picnic was held at Sherlock Park North in East Grand Forks. There was nary a mosquito and lots of visiting about genealogy.

August 12, 2008 Program – Program presented by Boyd Wright. He presented a skill building session on <u>The PEDIGREE RESOURCE FILE</u>. The Pedigree Resource File CDs published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These CDs contain genealogical data submitted by users of the Family Search (http://www.familysearch.org/) website.

The Pedigree Resource File is a new lineage-linked pedigree file containing genealogical data. Like the well-known Ancestral File, it contains pedigrees and family group sheet data in electronic form. Unlike the Ancestral File it (1) contains notes and source documentation, which varies in thoroughness, etc., and (2) only contains the data as of that moment. Data is not updated from CD to CD unless the submitter resubmits it for inclusion on anther CD.

Upcoming Meetings in $2008 - 2^{nd}$ Tuesday of each month at 7 PM East Grand Forks, MN Public Library. The Christmas Party is set for Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Gloria Johnson

Our Society has not met this summer and our next meeting will be October 11, 2008, 10:30 am at Hardee's.

We have also finished our first update and corrections to our cemetery book "Gateway to the Past". Copies are available through our society. We continue to work on our A-Z obituary index in the library. Two of us are working at finding and filing obits for all rural burials in Williams County. We are currently working in the "G"s.

James River Genealogy Club

http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndjrgc/

Submitted by George Barron, Vice-President JRGC

At our July meeting we had members each bring samples of deeds. Each member had something to pass around, some were copies of deeds, some were original deeds owned by the land owner, with the original signatures etc. George gave a little lesson on how to find deeds using the deed indexes, and samples of just what the Recorders books look like. Some of the deeds dated back to Revolutionary War times.

Our August meeting was held at the Ave Maria nursing home in Jamestown and included a pre-meeting supper. Our speaker was the reincarnation of "Limpy Jack Clayton", who died in these parts in 1893. It was really Jamestown author, news reporter, and bookstore owner, Keith Norman. He put on a good show complete with the limp. After his presentation, he asked for questions and they kept him busy for at least thirty minutes. Some members called it a super meeting. We signed up a few new members also.

In our up coming meeting in September, we will return to the Northern Plains Electric Coop in Carrington. The presenter will be Carolgene, with a report on her methods and samples of her organized historical interviews that were done for the 125th Ypsilanti celebration. There is talk of holding another "Black Sheep" night, maybe in October, but the schedule has not been set. We plan also to take part in the offer of a local library workshop on the use of the library version of Ancestry.com searching methods.

Our cemetery crew has been idle this summer. This is the first summer since 1996 that we have not compiled data for a new cemetery book for somewhere. My new second hand Golden Retriever, Max, has yet to search for gopher holes, or park in the shade of a single tombstone. Our volunteer county searchers have been busy, looking for ancestors and mailing out reports to search customers. We have even solved the mystery of the Highland Home resident who has been buried for 73 years with the wrong name!



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by Linda Ringsaker, MRLGS President

http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndmrlgs/

The summer went by fast. Hope everyone had a good summer. Our group didn't meet in July. On September 6, 2008, Jeanne Narum, who works at the Minot Public Library, will be speaking on genealogy and how to access the library for genealogy.

November's meeting is our annual fundraiser meeting. We have a pot luck and will bring things from home for an auction. We are always looking for speakers who can give us information about North Dakota, the surrounding areas, and whatever genealogy projects they're working on. It helps when we get feedback from others who are working on the same things.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/

Submitted by Alice Ellingsberg, CG (sm), RRVGS President

America's Genealogy Quilt is the theme for the 33rd Annual Family History Workshop to be held Saturday, September 27, 2008, at Minnesota State University Moorhead. The 2008 Family History Workshop features nationally acclaimed genealogist Arlene Eakle, president and founder of The Genealogical Institute, Inc. and a professional genealogist since 1962. Interested parties may find more information on the Workshop website: http://survey.mnstate.edu/heritageed/workshop33t/w33index.php

The Family History Workshop runs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on September 27, 2008, in the Comstock Union on the Minnesota State University Moorhead campus at 615 14th Street South in Moorhead. The luncheon program features a special speaker and presentation of the family history photo contest and family history research awards. An exhibit hall featuring booths for more than twenty organizations and vendors is open throughout most of the day.

Workshop cost of \$30 includes continental breakfast, four lectures of your choice, the workshop syllabus with all handouts, and morning and afternoon coffee breaks. Noon luncheon is provided at no additional cost for those whose pre-registration and payment is received by September 19, 2008. Walk-in attendees are welcome. A limited number of luncheon tickets are available for walk-in registrants on a first-come basis.

For more information about the workshop, the presenters, the family history research and photo contests, and preregistration materials contact Continuing Studies, Box 82, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN 56563, or (218) 477-5862. The 33rd Annual Family History Workshop is sponsored by the Heritage Education Commission of Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Also, several members of the RRVGS (as individuals) are planning to organize a North Dakota State Society Daughters of Colonial Wars - pending my appointment by the National Council as an organizing president. If anyone is interested in becoming a founding member or would like further information about the society, they can E-mail me at nddaughter@aol.com.

South West ND Genealogical Society

http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndstark/

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

At our June meeting we studied land records, legal descriptions and homestead records. In July we talked about basic research and passenger lists. At the August meeting we will view court cases in particular probate records and discuss what information can be found in them.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

http://www.ptrm.org/

Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

Welcome New NDSGS Members! Our newest member, Karen Branch, of Ozark, MO is researching the following surnames: Gress, Snyder, Sullivan, and McConnell. If you can provide any assistance email Karen at rustysnews@aol.com

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