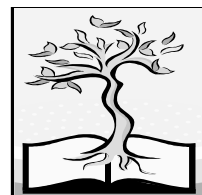
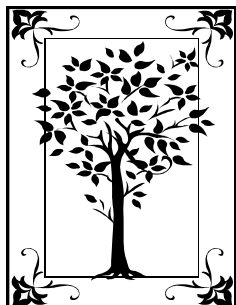


NDSGS Newsletter



Volume III: 2009 - September

NDSGS President's Letter



This one is my last! It's been a busy summer in genealogy research land, and it's been a quietly busy time trying to develop the September program and trying to find officers. We have a program idea: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley are coordinating the September meeting to revisit goals, objectives, and priorities. Through Patrice's efforts, we have a new member attending meetings on behalf of Minnkota Genealogy Society, Larrie Wanberg. Thanks for joining us, and thanks to all of the members who faithfully attend meetings and contribute time and talent to NDSGS.

We still need a Vice President/President Elect, a treasurer, and a newsletter editor. Thank you especially to Jessica Rossow for serving as newsletter editor and helping us to look professional.

Thanks also go to Don Smith, charter member, who has served as NDSGS treasurer from the first. Don is a provider of wisdom, calm, and steadfastness, along with his own brand of humor. We may find another treasurer, but we will not find another Don. Our founding members and continuing attendees each have memorable contributions and their own additions of character.

Thank you to Patrice Hartman for being part of the glue that keeps us together. Thank you to Pat Ashley for stepping up and serving as President and for handling our concerns about the need for HeritageQuest (the database only available as a library subscription, unlike Ancestry.com, which has a private-member option, and the database with some unique offerings not part of the Ancestry suite).

Stay with it, all! Best wishes to everyone, and happy hunting to all in their genealogical research!

Susan Dingle, President, NDSGS

Next Meeting!

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is on Friday, September 11, 2009, in the Legislative Assembly Room in the State Archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center, home of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Central Time.

All Genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society. Also remember that anyone can attend our meetings and we encourage all to participate. Would changing the meeting time or date allow others to attend? Do you have any other ideas?

We will be reviewing our Goals and Objectives of the NDSGS at the September meeting. In addition to the goals and objectives review, we will have elections for the following positions:

Vice President

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

All three positions are for a two year term (2010 to 2011). If you have ideas for NDSGS meetings and/or would like to be nominated for any of these positions, and/or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Patrice Hartman at 5750 104 Ave SW, Regent, ND 58650-9730 or email her at patrice@ndsupernet.com



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North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

Vice President Pat Ashley called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on June 12, 2009. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

ROLL CALL

Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Don Smith, Beth Bauman, BMHGS; Ann Jenks, Greg Wysk, Casandra Stangeland, SHSND; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Don Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Bauman that the minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

Pre 1925 marriage index. Ann Jenks attended a meeting on April 20th in the twin cities regarding the Great Rivers Network. They are having problems setting up the database.

Goals: Review in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Family History Workshop at Moorhead. The society was contacted regarding having an informational booth at this workshop on September 26th. There is no fee for a booth.

Newsletter: Please submit articles and photos for the newsletter to Jessica Rossow at least a month before the next meeting. Jessica is retiring as the newsletter editor in September. Anyone who would like to be the editor please contact Pat Ashley or Patrice Hartman.

Elections in September: Think about nominations for Vice President.

Greg Wysk: Report from SHSND. Emily Ergen will be the new staff person at the archives. She will be processing local government records and working on inventory and finding aids. She will travel with Shane Molander to work on record retrieval and records management.

The next Meeting is Friday, September 11, 2009 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

Carolyn Twingley, the Serials/ILL/Archives Librarian at Bismarck State College (BSC) gave a tour of the archives and presented information about their collection.

Patrice Hartman gave a presentation on "How the NDSGS can help preserve records and access to those records."

Background: B.A. in History and Art, B.S. in Secondary Education. Some teaching experience. Member of NDSGS since beginning, member of SWNDGS for 12 years and other genealogical societies. Genealogical research on my own family since 1975. Professional research for clients since 1999. The hardest part of my business is trying to locate the records. I have been in many courthouses in North Dakota and other states. I have used the SHSND archives collections extensively. I monitor many mail lists online regarding genealogy and preservation of records.

Goal is to preserve the records and to allow access to the records for genealogical and historical research.

Patrice gave a brief overview of the following ND county records that are missing. This information has surfaced in

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her search for records over the past 10 years.

- Morton County Divorce Records: Not located. Searched for Divorce in Dec. 1910-1912.
- McLean County Probate Records: Searched for Probate from April-May 1888. I have a copy of the Letters of Administration. File not located. The probates begin with file Case No. 100 in August of 1900.
- McLean County Tax Records-Real & Personal Property Assessments. 1884-1949. These records are listed as being at the SHSND but nothing beyond the year of 1905 has been located.
- McLean County Marriages. The early marriage records for April of 1887 to June of 1902 has only 87 pages of information. Other marriages listed in the Washburn newspaper as occurring in Washburn are missing for this time period.
- Burleigh County Probate: Searched for Probate for August of 1889. I have a copy of the final decree from the Recorder's Office. File not located.
- Burleigh County Marriages. The marriage records from April of 1874 to April of 1898 are missing.
- Traill County Court Case/Divorce: Searched for a divorce that occurred in 1899. No divorce records exist prior to 1922.
- Grand Forks County Divorce: Searched and located index for Case # 3426 in 1899. All documents prior to Case No. 6000 lost in flood.
- Dickey County Court Case. Searched and located index for Case # 4368 in 1926. All files between Case #4346 and 4384 are missing.
- Ward County Marriages. Early records from 1888 to 1919 are at the SHSND. One book is missing.

Records Retention (North Dakota Laws)

Website: <http://www.ndcourts.com/court/rules/administrative/ar19sch.htm>

The following is a brief summary of the offices that would hold these records and how the various records are suppose to be handled. For more details check out the website.

Clerk of District Court

1. Civil Case files: Offer all cases prior to 1925 to the State Archives.
2. Divorce: Retain for 50 years from the date of disposition. Transfer to State Archives.
3. Criminal Case Files-Non Traffic: Offer all cases prior to 1925 to State Archives.
4. Index Books: Retain Permanently: Has archival value.
5. Probate: Retain Permanently: Has archival value
6. Register of Probate Actions: Retain Permanently: Has archival value
7. Adoption: Retain Permanently: Has archival value
8. Wills: Retain Permanently: Has archival value

The following retention schedules are from the ITD website. (Information Technology Department).

Website: <http://www.nd.gov/itd/records/retention/retention.pdf>

Then click on County Government then click on specific office. (PERM) means to retain permanently.

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Auditor

1. Tax Deeds/Records: 300501 Pg. 10. (PERM) Retain permanently.
2. Tax Assessment Books: 800309 Pg. 16. Keep for 20 years then transfer to State Archives all records predating 1915 as well as records dating from every subsequent fifth year (i.e., 1920, 1925, 1930, etc.)
3. Maps School District: 720304 Pg. 15. (PERM) Transfer to State Archives.

Superintendent of Schools

1. Pupil Membership Reports. 900224 Pg. 5. Enumerate and lists birthdates of pupils and certificates of pupil membership (PERM) Transfer to State Archives
2. Census Reports: 900410 Pg. 6. (PERM) Transfer to State Archives.

Death Records/ Coroner Inquest Records

ND Century Code: Ch. 23-02.1-27 Website: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t23c021.pdf>

Records released only to a relative of the deceased.

Open Access to Records

Pat Ashley gave a brief overview of "Open Access to Public Records: A Genealogical Perspective". See this website for the complete paper: <http://www.fgs.org/rpac/index.php>

Briefly discussed HIPAA and what we can do as a society to preserve the records and access to them. The NDSGS society can encourage communication between local government entities and the SHSND. Could the local historical societies help with encouraging preservation of the records? Remember to involve the public libraries in this effort. We could ask the Attorney General for an opinion about the effect HIPAA has regarding the death records. Perhaps we need to think about legislation before the next session. Think about disaster preparedness and recovery initiatives for essential records.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary

Books available to NDSGS members

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*, NDSGS Secretary

A list of books given to the NDSGS by the State Historical Society of ND Archives. If you would like any of these books please contact Patrice Hartman. You will be responsible to pay the postage if mailed. Email:

patrice@ndsupernet.com

- A List of Emigrant Ministers to America, 1690-1811 by Gerald Fothergill
- Bacon's Rebellion, 1676 by Thomas J. Wertenbaker

How to books

- Netting Your Ancestors, Genealogical Research on the Internet by Cyndi Howells

Families

- Dudley Family History
- Key and Allied Families by Mrs. Julian C. Lane
- Descendants of John Michael Kreider of Montgomery

County, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Tennessee - Rebecca L. Blackwell.

- Martin Family History by J. Montgomery Seaver
- Stewart Family History by J. Montgomery Seaver
- Descendants of the Brothers Jeremiah and John Wood - William S. Wood

Kentucky

- Forks of Elkhorn Church With Genealogies of Early Members Reprinted with Numerous Additions and Corrections by Ermina Jett Darnell
- Old Episcopal Burying Grounds by Frances Keffer Swinford Barr

Maine

- Genealogist's Handbook for Upper Saint John Valley Research by George L. Findlen

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- Soldiers and Sailors of the Plantation of Lower St. Georges, Maine Who Served in the War for American Independence by Frank Burton Miller

Maryland

- The Hawkins Families of Maryland by William Neal Hurley, Jr.

Missouri

- Missouri Genealogical Gleanings 1840 and Beyond, Volume 4 by Sherida Eddlemon

North Carolina

- The Lost Tribes of North Carolina. Part I: Index and Digest to Hathaway's North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register by Worth S. Ray (2)
- The Lost Tribes of North Carolina. Part II: Colonial Granville County [North Carolina] and Its People by Worth S. Ray
- The Lost Tribes of North Carolina. Part III: the Mecklenburg Signers and Their Neighbors by Worth S. Ray
- The Lost Tribes of North Carolina. Part IV: Old Albemarle and Its Absentee Landlords by Worth S. Ray

Ohio

- The Founders of Ohio: Brief Sketches of 48 Pioneers by Julia Cutler

Pennsylvania

- Catholic Trails West. The Founding Catholic Families of Pennsylvania, Volume I: St. Joseph's Church, Philadelphia (1733) by Edmund Adams and Barbara B. O'Keefe
- The Scotts of Hominy Ridge by Robert L. Kelley
- Index to Main Families, Persons, Places and Subjects in Egle's Notes and Queries; Pennsylvania State Library
- An Alphabetical Index to Ulster Emigrants to Philadelphia, 1803-1850 by Raymond D. Adams

Virginia

- Amherst County, Virginia in the Revolution; Including Extracts from the "Lost Order Book" 1773-1782 by Lenora Higginbotham Sweeny (2)
- First Marriage Record of Augusta County, Virginia, 1785-1813 by Thomas Hughart Chapter, D.A.R.
- Marriages of Campbell County, Virginia, 1782-1810

by Lucy Harrison Miller Baber and Hazel Letts Williamson

- Elizabeth City County, Virginia Wills 1800-1859 by Joan Charles
- A History of Henry County, Virginia by Judith P. A. Hill
- The Parish Register of St. Peter's, New Kent County, Virginia, 1680 to 1787; National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia
- The Vestry Book of St. Peter; National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia
- Tombstone Inscriptions of Orange County, Virginia by Margaret C. Klein
- Winchester Virginia and its Beginnings 1743-1814 by Katherine Greene
- History of Scott County, Virginia by Robert M. Addington
- History of St. George's Parish by Philip Slaughter (Spotsylvania County)
- Virginia Heraldica; Being a Registry of Virginia Gentry Entitled to Coat Armor, with Genealogical Notes of the Families by William Armstrong Crozier (2)
- Notes On Southside Virginia by Walter A. Watson
- Early Virginia Families Along the James River: Their Deep Roots and Tangled Branches. Vol. I; Henrico County - Goochland County, Virginia by Louise Pledge Heath Foley
- The three charters of the Virginia Company of London by Samuel M. Bemiss
- Thomas Daniel of Colonial Virginia by Kevin Daniel
- Sketch of the Dabneys of Virginia by William Dabney

West Virginia

- West Virginians in the American Revolution by Ross B. Johnston

Texas

- Tree Shaker newsletters: Permian Basin Gen. Society, Odessa, TX 1971, 1973, 1974

Ireland

- Ireland and Irish Emigration to the New World from 1815 to the Famine by William Forbes Adams
- Irish Emigration Lists, 1833-1839; Lists of Emigrants Extracted from the Ordnance Survey Memoirs for

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- Counties Londonderry and Antrim by Brian Mitchell
- Scots-Irish Links, 1575-1725. In Two Parts 2 vols. in 1 by David Dobson
- Land Owners in Ireland in 1876 (2)
- Local Census Listings 1522-1930 by Jeremy Gibson and Mervyn Medlycott
- Census Returns 1841-1891 in Microform by Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson
- Origins of some Anglo-Norman Families by Lewis C. Lloyd

British Isles

NDSGS Goals and Objectives

Objectives

The **objectives** of North Dakota State Genealogical Society (NDSGS) are to:

1. Promote and encourage active interest in genealogy and history at the local, state, and national and international level.
2. Retrieve and preserve historical and genealogical records.
3. Foster Education and training in genealogical and historical research.
4. Improve the availability and access to public records.
5. Serve as a resource, advocate and coordinator for local genealogical and historical societies as well as other organizations interested in the purposes and objectives of the NDSGS.

5 Year Goals - Established in 2007

Indexing Projects

1. Complete index of ND marriages online
 - A. Pre 1925 ND marriage index
 - B. Produce list of known missing records
2. Index 1915 and 1925 ND state census
 - A. Cemeteries not registered with health department
 - B. Compile cemetery book for every county in ND
3. Photography index of SHSND photo archives. Text database is searchable by subject, town and name.

Promote/ Communicate with people

1. Advocating to government for our goals and objectives and genealogy in general
2. Preservation/ Retention of Records
 - A. Library campaign for records
3. Cemetery records – promote ND Health Department to educate/enforce record maintainence
4. Promote communication/ interaction between genealogical societies and historical societies
5. Grant writing for projects
6. Coop with counties to obtain indexes for records at SHSND and other indexes to records
7. ITD record management- presentation by Becky Lingle (Complete)
8. Nominate members for awards/ recognition
9. Moorhead annual workshop and other events rent a booth-advertise
 - A. Print meeting minutes in other newsletters
10. Obtain feedback from groups and societies/ ideas/ observations

Legislation

1. Review existing laws – certification of cemetery sextons

Please be prepared to discuss these at the September 11, 2009 NDSGS meeting.



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SHSND Update

Submitted by *Greg Wysk*

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

The reading room activity has been about the same as last summer; June and August have been busier but July visitation was down. The agency's annual Governor's History Conference is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26. I will be in Moorhead for the 34th annual Family History Workshop Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

Manuscript collections and local government records

Submitted by *Shane Molander*, Deputy Archivist SHSND

Select manuscript collections

- Series 11024, Bethel United Church of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, New Salem, records, 1908-2008, on microfilm. This collection includes baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths and burials, communion, and other details.
- 11025, First Lutheran Church of Harvey, records, 1896-2007, 2 rolls of film. These records also include those of 4 closed area churches
- 11026, First Congregational Church, Harvey, records, 1901-2001, 4 feet. Records include baptisms, marriages, deaths, confirmation and other details.
- 11031, Ellis Agency Records, Mandan, 1901-1918, 22 bound volumes of carbon copies of correspondence relating to his real estate and insurance business.
- 11032, Frederick Roland papers, Appam, 1918-1974, 0.5 feet. These records include his 1918 draft card, diaries he kept from 1937 to 1960, and other items.
- There were several other collections of business records, video tapes, records from the National Plowing Contest, Commission on the Status of Women, and others donated in the past few months.

New local government records

- Series 41100, Traill County, Social Services, board minutes, 1914-1936
- 41288, Pembina County, St. Joseph Township assessment books, 1890-1896
- 41289, Pembina County, St. Joseph TWP road record books, 1886-1912
- 41287, Burleigh County, Menoken TWP treasurer's account book, 1931-1959
- 41290, Pembina County, Hyde Park School District No. 21 records, 1912-1920
- 41291, Walsh County, Oakwood School District No. 21 records, 1881-1916
- 41292, Benson County, Auditor, tax lists 1896-1965
- 41293, Benson County, Auditor, record of affidavits – liquor sales, 1891-1913
- 41294, Benson County, Superintendent of Schools, super's record, 1885-1897
- 41295, Benson County, Superintendent of Schools, clerks' record for special school districts, 1914-1935
- 41296, Benson County, Superintendent of Schools, record of teacher's reports, 1897-1919
- 41297, Benson County, Superintendent of Schools, record of schools by district, 1901-1919
- 41298, Stutsman County, Lowery TWP, records, 1913-1939
- 41299, Burke County, Clerk of Court, civil case files, 1910s-1960s
- 41232, Grand Forks County, Clerk of Court, appealed cases, 1987-2005
- 41153, Burleigh County, Veterans Services Officer, discharge papers, 1960-2004
- No series number, Divide County, voter registration records, 1920s-1930s
- No series number, Divide County, civil and criminal case files (don't have dates)
- No series number, Divide County, school records, 1911-1997
- No series number, Divide County, assessment records, 1911-1925, then every 5 years from 1930-1995

Correction Notice for Volume II: June 2009 newsletter

If you received a copy of the last newsletter, please note that a correction was made on page 3. The first story, originally credited to Greg Wysk is actually 2 stories with the first section submitted by Greg and the second section submitted by Rachel White. A second version of the newsletter was emailed out to the email distribution list, but new printed copies were not re-mailed. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused, Jessica Rossow.



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New books received since June 2009

Submitted by *Rachel White*, Head of Technical Services SHSND

1. Oscar B. Barrett family genealogy / by Ben Barrett
2. Family memories / compiled by Mildred B. Midjaas (Midjaas family of Grand Forks County)
3. Hermen de Kreij / compiled by Gordon W. DeKrey
4. DeKrey family reunion 1979
5. Rensink : Jennie Rensink and her ancestors / compiled by Gordon W. DeKrey
6. The last hurrah : an account of life in the Mouse River Valley, Bone Town, Little Chicago, and the Magic City / Mark Timbrook
7. Scottish American wills, 1650-1900 / David Dobson
8. Irish emigration lists, 1833-1839 : lists of emigrants extracted from the Ordnance Survey memoirs for Counties Londonderry and Antrim
9. Tracing your Irish ancestors : the complete guide / John Grenham
10. Colonial families of the United States descended from the immigrants ... who are now represented by citizens of the following names, Bell, Beal, Bale, Beale, Beall
11. Scottish surnames and families / Donald Whyte
12. Genealogical research essentials / by Norman E. Wright and David H. Pratt
13. The center : a guide to genealogical research in the national capital area / Christina K. Schaefer
14. Lemmon, the first 100 years : Lemmon USA
15. Esmond centennial 2001 (VHS)
16. Maddock centennial 2001 (VHS)
17. 40th anniversary celebration, September 12, 1943 : Zion Lutheran Church, Hartland, North Dakota
18. North Dakota State University WWII reunion : August 14 & 15 2002
19. Growing up on the mixed grass prairie : 1930 to 1940, decade of drought and depression / Glen D. & Ardell T. Hegstad.
20. Norway Lutheran Church, rural Denbigh : 125th anniversary of the organization of the congregation, July 19 2009
21. Bismarck, D.T. / by Kim Fundingsland
22. The Salzer family 1795-2009 / compiled by Geneva Roth Olstad
23. Brecht family history 2009 / compiled by Marian Brecht
24. South Heart centennial & all school reunion, 1908-2008
25. Lewis, Meriwethers, and their kin / Sarah Travers Lewis (Scott) Anderson

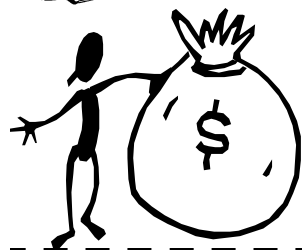
Digital Horizons Update

Submitted by *Rachel White*, Head of Technical Services SHSND

On the SHSND part of Digital Horizons (<http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/>) we have also added photo collections from two North Dakota families, the Jorgenson family from the Leeds area, and the Wishek family from Ashley. Many photographs featuring men from a variety of North Dakota Civilian Conservation Corps companies have also been added.



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2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2010!

OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS EQUIVALENT TO
THE CALENDAR YEAR:
JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010

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PLEASE CHECK ONE:

NDSGS MEMBERSHIP DUES:

INDIVIDUAL (\$5.00) _____

SUPPORTING MEMBER: (\$10.00) _____

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES:

(1 TO 10 MEMBERS = \$5.00) _____

(11-25 MEMBERS = \$10.00) _____

(26-50 MEMBERS = \$20.00) _____

(51+ MEMBERS = \$35.00) _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Box 485
BISMARCK, ND 58502-0485**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NDSGS.

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.bmhgs.com/>

Submitted by *Alfred A Buchholz*, President BMHGS

In the past few months we have learned how to scrapbook by Cindy Roerich, how to use the computer better, and have a picnic. All of these events were done at our monthly meetings. The scrapbooking was of particular interest to me. I never thought that putting together several pictures and notes could be so much fun and of so much value. The members that attended the training on computers were equally thrilled. The picnic, which was held in August at the Northern Pacific Park in Mandan, was great. We were able to hear some great historical stories told by members and guests of members. Also we were able to hear a great concert by "Missouri Blue Grass". It never quits amazing me the amount of information that I learn from these meetings. I hope that more of you attend. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the lower level of the Public Library in Bismarck at 7 PM except when we have special tours. These will be noted in the Bismarck Tribune calendar of events.

The meeting for September will be held at the Library as we were not able to get a tour of the State Historical Library after hours because of security reasons. The presentation will be given by a Steven C Axtman of the State Library. He will give an overview of: Ancestry Library Edition database, Jubilee books & other genealogical items, and free services provided by the State Library. Mr. Axtman also stated that anytime one of our members happens to come to the State Library during regular business hours, that he or one of the staff could certainly give a brief tour of the building. No formal appointment would be necessary. Doesn't that sound great!

The up coming workshop that is planned for the 9th, 10th, and 11th of July 2010 is progressing very fast. This will be at the North Dakota Heritage Center. There will be Conference sessions, songs, music, dance, food, language demonstrations, history alive presentations on the French heritage of North Dakota as well as booths with other valuable information. On July 9th at 6 PM a traditional North Dakota French-Canadian and Michif supper will be served, followed by a dance and social. There will be much more as things develop. I will keep you all posted as the Bismarck Mandan His-

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torical and Genealogical Society is being a part of this. For more information you can contact Initiatives in French/IFMidwest at UND-IFM Tel: 701-777-4659 or E-mail ifmidwest@und.nodak.edu

Our October 8th meeting will be a tour of the Burleigh County Records office by Debbie Kroshus-Registrar of Deeds. We will meet at the county building on 221 N 5th St in Bismarck at 6:45 p.m.

The November 12th meeting will be at the Family History center at 1500 West Country Road in North Bismarck. This will be on German names(origins and English spellings) presented by Mike Rempfer.

The December 10th meeting will be at the Library with a sharing of heritage, pictures, food and family history.

All of these events sound so exciting. Please attend.

Minnkota Genealogical Society

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

Submitted by *Dr. Larrie Wanberg*

At Minnkota Genealogy Society, the three meetings of the summer season, chaired by Marge Burnstad, have been largely on personal sharing of members' activities, a picnic, and planning ahead for programs in the fall.

In June, Michael Harvey presented a program on self-publishing books with an on-demand printing. He displayed a wide selection of books and DVDs that have been self-published by authors. He explained that the author prepares all the material for the book that is ready to be printed, using templates online for text and pictures. The first book is paid for by the author for fees ranging from under \$50 and upwards, depending on the number of text pages and number of pictures used. Thereafter, books can be sold by the author and published "on demand" as they are sold, or sold through the Web or other markets by the company, with commissions being paid to the author.

This method is particularly suited for personalized family stories, as he illustrated in the display. He also demonstrated video-type DVDs that he produces, which can use old photographs, give them "motion" through free software available for download on the Internet, add music and narrative, and tell an effective story of family history that is preserved in digital format. Michael recently received an award at the ND State Fair for a DVD that he demonstrated in June.

During the business part of the meeting, George Freeman announced his resignation as Minnkota representative to the ND society. Larrie Wanberg was appointed as a replacement.

In July, the group scheduled their annual picnic, which was curtailed by heavy rains that day, but the hearty and hungry prevailed.

In August, George Freeman reported on the success of the annual Icelandic festival in Mountain, which drew 3,000 people. He also volunteered to conduct a future workshop on the new version of Family Tree Maker 2010.

Larrie Wanberg described progress in the renewal of the tornado-damaged Northwood Pioneer Museum, which is developing a "Museum without Walls" project. Youth are filming oral histories of senior citizens re-connecting stories to artifacts that were damaged by the storm because the interpretive tags or descriptions were lost by the wind and rain. The museum has been restored with FEMA funds and the interior displays and exhibits are being renewed for a scheduled grand opening next Memorial Day. The old fire hall building will be 100 years old in 2010 and the city will celebrate its 125+1 year anniversary next summer.

John Wsylvow showed a 4'x4' reproduced map of the original family village at the border of Austria and Ukraine and he described his collaborative work with a new found relative from this village.

Cathy Altepeter finished the new brochure on the Minnkota Chapter, which will be distributed at the September meeting in September.



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South West ND Genealogical Society

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

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

In June we looked at World War I Alien Registration, particularly in North Dakota. In July we talked about evaluating evidence and how this process helps in our research projects. In August we will look at vital records, what they are and how to find them.

We are still working on the Stark County Cemetery compilation. We have been able to find some additional records that have helped to locate graves in the various cemeteries.

James River Genealogy Club

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

Submitted by *George Barron*, Vice-President JRGC

Our club searchers are busy working family searches for clients at a distance, mailing out cemetery books, page requests and generally answering questions. We have had a fair amount of traffic this summer.

Our July meeting was held at the Ave Maria Center in Jamestown, with a field trip to McGinnis Cemetery. The cemetery crew showed what tools they carry along, and the tricks and troubles of reading reluctant tombstones. There were also demonstrations on how to locate burials without markers. Back at the meeting place, handouts were given on tools, and on what kind of other death records exist and where to find them.

Our August meeting, at Carrington included talks and handouts by two of our members. Janet Holaday spoke on many of the recognized genealogy societies and how to join, and what the projects and purpose of the societies. Noma de Plume spoke on an early French group, King's Daughters.

Our September meeting, to be held at Ave Maria Center in Jamestown, will feature a recent Jamestown High School graduate, Katie Morehouse, will give a costumed presentation depicting Jamestown's first Lady doctor, Dr. Helena Wink from Jamestown's past.

Our October meeting will be held at Carrington at the Foster County Museum demonstrating genealogical sources that are available there.

Williams County Genealogical Society

The Williams County Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

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

The Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.ptm.org/>

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

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

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

United Methodist Church in the Dakotas

Submitted by *Jacki Keck*, Editor - Dakotas United Methodist Historical Society

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