

NDSGS Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

Greetings, fellow genealogists.

On October 12th in the Heritage Center archives meeting room, those who attend will be in for another treat. At our last two meetings in Bismarck we have had two very informative and interesting talks. I will not call them lectures as they were better than that.

Our October speaker will also do an excellent job. He is knowledgeable and comes across with very interesting gems of information. I visited with him and believe that all who come to hear him will be glad that they did.

In reading through Al Buchholz's president letter in the fall 2016 *NDSGS Newsletter*, I gleaned several ideas that caused me to reflect on what I have done and what I have yet to do. Thank you, Al!!! One of which is go through all those boxes of pictures and letters. I have letters from the early 1900 from grandparents to their children covering the most mundane happenings. However, it gives us an idea of what living, etc, was like then. I am fortunate in that the picture I inherited were almost all identified on the back. One of those is of my mother as a young girl riding a drag cart behind four horses. (How many people today know what a drag cart is?) I have a post card dated January 1911 in Havre, Montana, from his father's brother, to my father as they were going back to Swift Current, Saskatchewan. The picture on the reverse showed branding in Montana. I have similar card with scenes on one side and on the other side an aunt telling my mother they had canned beans today.

As Louis LaMour has often said letters, pictures, diaries, and old newspaper help us to **know** who and why we are.

Erling Olson, NDSGS President

Next Meeting

Dr. Gary Ball-Kilbourne will speak at the next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society, Friday, October 12 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. Gary's presentation is "Redeeming Heirlooms and Finding Genealogical Artifacts Online." Not every family has passed cherished heirlooms down the generations. Yet, a family's precious artifacts might still exist and show up in an antique store or auction house, or be offered for sale online. If you only knew how to find them, they might help you overcome a long-standing brick wall. As you research an heirloom's background, new and surprising insights might come to light. This lecture will show you some of the secrets to finding those heirlooms.

Dr. Gary Ball-Kilbourne is a professional genealogist residing in Fargo and specializing in genealogical research in the Northern Plains (www.prairiegenealogy.com).

All individuals who have paid their membership are welcome to attend. All genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

July 13, 2018

Legislative Assembly Room-State Historical Society of North Dakota

Present:

Erling Olson

Patrice Hartman

Stephanie Kom

Pat Ashley

Gary Ball-Kilbourne

Mary Hill

President Olson called the meeting to order at 12:59 PM

Dave Mayer and Emily Ergen of the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) gave a presentation about the new software ReDiscovery that has been implemented as a collection management tool for SHSND. With ReDiscovery, country school information will be published online. SHSND is also working on live access to vital records that will then be available via the SHSND website. The Archives now has a digital repository for housing digital records and metadata.

New business:

All those present made introductions.

Pat Ashley made a motion to approve the 4-13-2018 minutes.

Patrice Hartman seconded

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report:

\$6,427.22 balance

The Moorhead Genealogy Conference is coming up in September. An ad for our association was placed in their conference materials. Patrice will sign the association up for a booth and set it up.

Stephanie gave an update on committee work being done to change current North Dakota legislation regarding vital records. We would like to change the time embargoes, cause of death redactions and broaden the types of people allowed to access records. We will need to find legislator backing and possibly more organizations to partner with.

Gary Ball-Kilborne who performs research for others will speak at the October 12th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM

Citation Corner

Pension application files are great resources to learn more about our ancestors. They can contain a wife's maiden name, various places the soldier and/or family lived, dates of birth, marriage and death, etc. The application files for American wars may usually be found online or at the National Archives.

Citing these files requires knowledge of the war the soldier participated in, as well as the company he served in. If a spouse applied for the benefit then both names need to be cited.

Examples of these citations from different wars and different means of access include:

Rachel Sprague, widow's pension no. WC 18774 for service of Samuel Sprague (Capt. Dunlap's Co, N.Y. Militia, War of 1812), War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans

Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Christopher Norton (Pvt. Capt. Sharp's Co., N. Y. Militia, Revolutionary War), pension no. S11149, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-land Warrant Application Files; digital images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 21 September 2018); citing *U.S., Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, 1800-1900*, M804 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1974), roll 1829.

James Wolliver (Pvt. Co. I, 52nd Illinois Infantry, Civil War), pension no. WC 303,189; Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861-1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files; Record Group 15: Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Cyndi Ingle, known for her Cyndi's List website, was recently presented with the prestigious Prince Michael of Kent Award by the Society of Genealogists. Prince

Michael was a former patron of the society, and the award is granted periodically to a person or organization who has made an outstanding contribution to genealogy.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

- 41899 Benson County. Recorder, Marriage Records, 1894-2013, (digital only)
- 41893 Burleigh County, Sheriff, Jail Registers, 1934-1935, 1967-1972, 7v.
- 41894 Burleigh County. Sheriff, Sheriff's Minute Book, 1921-1966, 9v.
- 41873 Golden Valley County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1912-1925, (1r. #17730)
- 41900 Grand Forks County. Washington Township, Assessment Books, 1903-1906, 3v.
- 41239 Hettinger County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1907-2018, (digital only)
- 41874 Morton County. Birth and Death Records, 1883-1980, 16v. RESTRICTED
- 41885 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Administrator's Record, 1949-1971, 2v.
- 41877 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Bonds and Letters, 1882-1891, 3v.
- 41890 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Court Minutes, 1881-1974, 7v.
- 41886 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Executor's Record, 1937-1948, 2v.
- 41884 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Heirship Record and Guardians' Bonds and Letters, 1911-1938, 1v.
- 41876 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Inheritance Tax Record, 1912-1918, 2v.
- 41881 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Inventory and Appraisal, 1882-1899, 1v.
- 41883 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Justice Docket – Civil and Criminal, 1883-1885, 1v.
- 41889 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Notary Commissions, 1955-1981, 2v.
- 41887 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Real Estate Sale Record, 1903-1938, 4v.
- 41882 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Record of Coroner's Inquests, 1897-1969, 3v.
- 41880 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Record of Dentists' Licenses, 1911-1981, 1v.
- 41878 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Record of Liquor Affidavits Issued to Pharmacists, 1891-1913, 2v.
- 41879 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Township Officers' Bond Record, 1888-1946, 1v.
- 41888 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Will Record, 1883-1971, 3v.
- 41895 Pierce County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1889-1926, (3r. #17738, 17744-17746)
- 41898 Richland County. Recorder, Burial Permits, 2005-2017, (digital only)
- 41896 Rolette County. Recorder, Burial Transit Permits, 1996-2018, 1ft.
- 41892 Rolette County. Recorder, Marriage Records, 1886-1925, (3r. #17735-17737)
- 41875 Slope County. Recorder, Marriage Records, 1915-1925, (digital only)
- 41891 Steele County. Recorder, Birth and Death Records, 1894-2004, 6v. RESTRICTED
- 41897 Towner County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1888-1925, (5r. #17753, 17755-17758)

New Book and Journal Acquisitions

by Stephanie Kom, Head of Technical Services—Archives

New since June:

North Dakota Local Histories:

Bang Lutheran Church. *Dedication of new church and 70th anniversary festival, July 14 and 15, 1951*. Portland, North Dakota: The Church, 1951.

St. Mary's Pro-cathedral jubilee program [Bismarck, ND]. N.p: n.p., 1927.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Minnewaukan, North Dakota: anniversary, 1894-1971. [Minnewaukan? ND: n.p., [1971].

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New Books and Journals (Continued from page 3)

Sixtieth anniversary, 1908-1968, Glueckstal Lutheran Church, Tappen, N. Dak. celebrated August 4, 1968: service and memory bulletin. [Tappen, North Dakota]: [The Church], [1968].

Seventieth anniversary, Glueckstal Lutheran Church, Kidder County, Tappen, North Dakota, 1908-1978: special services of celebration, Sunday, Sept. 24, 1978. [Tappen, North Dakota]: [The Church], [1978].

75th anniversary of the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church, 1900-1975, Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., August 17, 1975. Lincoln Valley, North Dakota: Anniversary Committee, [1975].

Stayner, Doug. *History of the Raleigh, North Dakota, area from 1889 to 1920: with additional information on Flasher, Lark, Brisbane, Freda, Shields, Schaller, Stebbins, Wade, Paradise, and Janesburg.* N.p.: n.p., [20018].

Family Histories:

EGGE, Brenda. *Gottlieb Schatz family history.* West Fargo, North Dakota: Brenda Egge, 2016.

HANLINE, Susan Bauer. *Tin box treasure: a history of the family of Magdalena Volk & Frank Bauer.* N.p.: n.p., 2018.

LARSON, Esther Hagen. *Index for World War I letters from soldiers: published in local newspapers in western North Dakota, 1917-1919.* N.p.: n.p., [20??].

LAYMAN, Earl R., comp., ed. *Lehman, Layman etc. family history, DNA enhanced.* Knoxville, Tennessee: [Author], [2017].

Other:

Dakota Directory Service. *Farm directory, Barnes County, North Dakota.* Mitchell, South Dakota: Dakota Directory Service, [1972].

Dakota Directory Service. *Farm directory, Griggs-Steele counties, N. Dak.* Mitchell, South Dakota: Dakota Directory Service, [1969].

Dakota Directory Service. *Farm directory, Stutsman County, N. Dak.* Mitchell, South Dakota: Dakota Directory Service, [1972].

Dakota Directory Service. *Farm directory, Traill County, North Dakota.* Mitchell, South Dakota: Dakota Directory Service, [1969].

Farm & Home Publishers. *Barnes County, North Dakota*

farm & home plat & directory. Belmond, Iowa: Farm & Home Publishers, n.d.

FISHER, Grace. *Sisters in teaching: the Minot Catholic schools 1926-2006.* [Minot, North Dakota]: [Minot Catholic Schools], 2006.

Midland Atlas Company. *Atlas of Stutsman County, North Dakota.* Milbank, South Dakota: Midland Atlas Company, 1996.

PLETT, Dalbert F. *Dynasties of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in imperial Russia and North America.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: Crossway Publications, 2000.

PLETT, Delbert F. *The golden years: the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in Russia, 1812-1849.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: D.F.P. Publications, 1985.

PLETT, Delbert F. *History and events: writings and maps pertaining to the history of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde from 1866 to 1876.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: D.F. Plett Farms, 1982.

PLETT, Delbert F. *Leaders of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in Russia, 1812 to 1874.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: Crossway Publication, 1993.

PLETT, Delbert F. *Pioneers and pilgrims: the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in Manitoba, Nebraska, and Kansas, 1874 to 1882.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: D.F.P. Publications, 1990.

PLETT, Delbert F. *Profile of the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde, 1874.* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: DFP Publications, 1987.

PLETT, Delbert F. *Storm and triumph: the Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde (1850-1875).* Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada: D.F.P. Publications, 1986.

Pembina County Pioneer Daughters. *Pembina County Pioneer Daughters of North Dakota, 1940-1941.* [North Dakota]: [Pembina County Pioneer Daughters], [1940].

Journals

Grenora High School. *Grenora gopher.*

McIntosh High School. *Tingtata.*

Montpelier High School. *Montpelier High School* [yearbook].

Sacred Heart Academy. *Hill hi.*

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeuschel

The Library at Red River Valley Genealogical Society continues to catalog books as we receive them. Our Book Committee has been actively seeking additional books to provide the latest information for researchers such as yourselves. The committee has made several purchases this year, however, our largest source of additional books has been from those donated by Genealogists that are reducing their collections or realizing that more access for others can be had by sharing them. We have also received some collections from estates after the Genealogist has passed on and the family decided to donate the collection so that others may benefit. If you find yourself in situations such as these, please consider contacting the RRVGS and inquire about donating some or all of the collection. We will then search through them to see if we might have a duplicate

already. If we do have the book, we decide which copy is in better shape and use that one in our collection. The other book might be then held in storage or offered to others who might have a use for it.

The library is still in our Summer Hours mode. Our hours are: May - October - Thursday and Friday 1:00 - 4:00 PM and Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

In the months of November - April we are open only on Friday from 11:00 - 3:00 unless you call ahead and make an appointment for a special time. We will do what we can to accommodate you, however, remember that Bonanzaville is also on reduced hours during these months.

We hold our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to attend the meeting

Southwest North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

For 2018 we will meet in the months of April through October. The plan is to cover the seven steps to writing a research report working on one step each meeting. Our next meetings are August 27, and September 24 and October 22nd.

Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 6 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We usually meet in the lower level of the library. We invite anyone who is interested in genealogy to attend. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information. patrice@ndsupernet.com

Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Michael Swanson

The Minnkota Genealogical Society (MGS) is composed of members from northeast North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. There are about 45 current members with average attendance at meetings of 25-30 people. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks, MN. Our officers are Barb Knipe (President), Lenore Anderson (Vice-President), Brenda Johnson (Secretary), and Ron Baker (Treasurer).

Minnkota has had an active summer. In June, our program featured Janet Strand, a graduate student in the History Department at UND, who presented on young men in the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) at UND in 1918. Some of these men died as a result of the Spanish Flu epidemic. Because of discrepancies in the number of men who died, Strand thoroughly researched contemporary sources to identify those who succumbed to

complications from the flu while in service to their country. In addition, Strand created an exhibit that memorializes each of these men, which is currently on display on the fourth floor of the Chester Fritz Library on the UND campus. She has also assembled a website with information from the exhibit and documents related to the SATC.

Our July meeting featured Kathryn Dose from Wisconsin who is a sister-in-law of one of our members. Dose was adopted as an infant and has utilized DNA technology to find information on her family, including genetic health information. As a result of her search, she was able to locate information on her parents and has had contact with many half siblings and their families. In addition to her genetic research, Dose discussed the ethical and

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emotional considerations when discovering and contacting previously unknown family.

In August, we had an interesting program from Julie Beaulieu on researching Native American family history. Beaulieu is half Ojibwe and is an enrolled member of the Red Lake Nation. She began researching her Native American ancestors about nine years ago. Although she admitted that Native American research is very difficult, it is not impossible. Beaulieu discussed many of the

unique challenges associated with Native American research and demonstrated some websites providing useful content. She is also working on two books pertaining to her paternal lineage.

With the onset of fall, Minnkota will continue to hold monthly meetings with the September program on what to do with DNA results. Our society benefits from active, knowledgeable members willing to share their expertise with others. All interested persons are welcome to attend one of our meetings.

SwedGen Genealogy and Culture Workshop in Sweden

by Michael Swanson, Grand Forks

In June, I participated in a SwedGen workshop in Sweden. One of the genealogists with SwedGen, Charlotte Börjesson, I have known for several years. SwedGen (<http://www.swedgen.se/>) is a group of Swedish genealogists who promote research of Swedish emigrants. They have done several genealogy tours in the U.S., giving presentations and providing individual research assistance. I believe this was the second time that they organized a workshop in Sweden. This weeklong workshop incorporated both genealogy and culture, with more of an emphasis on the cultural aspect. Our location was Alingsås, a beautiful city of about 25,000 in the province of Västergötland. There were 21 participants from various locations in the U.S., with a good number (nearly half) being from Minnesota. We stayed at the Grand Hotel in Alingsås, conveniently located right across the street from the train station. The hotel facilities were more than satisfactory and the staff provided excellent service.

I was interested in this workshop mainly because of its location. One of my great grandmothers came from a rural parish about an hour north of Alingsås, and this was a great opportunity to learn more about this area of Sweden. I made arrangements a few weeks in advance of this trip to meet with a local person familiar with the area my great grandmother came from. We visited one of the farms where she had lived and the local parish church. I have visited other parts of Sweden where some of my ancestors were from, and it is always a powerful experience to walk the same ground and try to imagine what their lives were like.

For the workshop itself, participants were divided into beginning or experienced groups with Swedish

genealogical records, and we spent two days in classes learning about the myriad genealogical resources available for Sweden. The staff consisted of four of the SwedGen genealogists. There were also opportunities some of the evenings to work on an individual basis with one of the genealogists. For the other days, we toured various sites of interest in the area. Saxen Tours, a local tour company that specializes in tours to the U.S. for interested Swedes, arranged these trips. Our day trips were designed to expose us to Swedish history and culture, although some stops were for leisure. We benefitted from some excellent tour guides at many of the places we visited.

Among some of the tour highlights was a visit to the cathedral in Skara. Our guide, a local schoolteacher, described some of the symbolism found in parts of the cathedral. He also took those who were interested up a spiral staircase in one of the spires to a height of 20 meters (about 65 feet) to show some of the storage areas. We then crossed through a corridor where we could look down into the cathedral and descended another spiral staircase in the other spire with only a rope for a handhold. The descent was certainly challenging, but it was a unique experience. Another interesting stop was Åsle Tå, a preserved village with structures from the 1700s and early 1800s. Unlike an open-air museum, where buildings had been moved to create an artificial environment, the buildings have remained intact at Åsle Tå. Our guide presented interesting details about the lives of the people who had lived in the village, providing a realistic picture of daily life among the working class of Sweden in those days.

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SwedGen Genealogy (Continued from page 6)

Another day trip was to the city of Göteborg, the second largest city in Sweden. On a cool and rainy morning, we walked the so-called *Sillgatan* (Herring Street) where so many Swedish emigrants procured supplies and stayed overnight before boarding a passenger ship on their journey to *Amerika*. We then toured *Emigranternas Hus* (House of Emigrants), situated in the customs building where more than a million emigrants passed through to board the ships. After a presentation on emigration, we had time to visit the museum exhibits. Our last stop in Göteborg was at the regional archives where we toured their research facilities and learned about the types of records they collect.

Overall, it was an excellent workshop, expertly organized by SwedGen and Saxen Tours. We had marvelous facilities, tasted some delicious foods, experienced interesting and informative tours, and learned about Swedish genealogy from knowledgeable instructors. It was great to participate in these experiences with other Americans who share an interest in discovering more about their Swedish heritage. It appears this workshop will be repeated in 2019. If you desire to learn more about your Swedish roots, particularly if you have ancestors from Västergötland, and wish to experience the history and culture of this area of Sweden, you might consider participating. For information on the 2019 workshop, visit the Saxen Tours website (<https://www.saxentours.com/en/resor/swedish-genealogy-culture-trip-2019/>).

Pioneer Profile by John Mogren



Kari Knutsdatter Mythe was born October 14, 1861 in Markegård, Buskerud Fylke, Hemsedal, Hallingdal, Norway. She was the third of nine children born to Knute Syversen Mythe and his wife Birgit Olsdatter. As was customary she was brought to the church for baptism and on October 27, 1861 received God's gift of grace. The family lived on the farm Mythe in Bukerud. She emigrated from Nor-

way in 1886 and her parents in 1888 arriving in New York Harbor and they settled at Cumberland, Wisconsin. Here Kari married Andreas Skredsvig on July 6, 1889. They lived in Cumberland the first three years of their marriage and while living here, their first two children were born, Alfred (1890) and Carl (1891). Her parents had moved to Minnesota and Andreas and Kari followed in late 1891. They settled in Gilchrist Township, Pope County and engaged in farming. Their nearest town was Brooten. While living in Gilchrist Township the following children were born: Martin (1892), Bernard (1893), George (1896), Severt (1897) and Marie (1898).

Tragedy struck the family when Andreas "Andrew" was injured in a logging accident in the woods and he died on March 24, 1900 at their farm in Gilchrist Township. His funeral was held at the Rolling Forks Lutheran Church and burial in the church cemetery there. We can only imagine the anxious moments Kari

had as she thought of her children and how she would manage. While others stepped in and offered her condolences and advice... some even suggesting that the younger children should go to an orphanage but Kari was determined to keep her family together. Andrew and Kari had discussed going to North Dakota to homestead and she decided she would make that move. With quick thinking and assistance from family in Wisconsin, in April she packed up her children and belongings. They arrived in Bowbells on April 26, 1900 and were housed in the Soo Line immigrant shacks while they waited for their possessions in an "immigrant" rail car to arrive. When the cattle and their possessions arrived they went her brother's Knut's homestead in Bowbells Township, Burke County, North Dakota where he had homesteaded. Her mother had already died and her father was making his home there with his son. While her husband Andrew had taken out his citizenship in Minnesota, apparently there was some confusion as Kari also had to file. So on June 21, 1900 she went to Minot, North Dakota and filed her first intentions of citizenship so that she could file a homestead. Her petition for citizenship was signed on November 24, 1906 and she took her oath of allegiance at Minot on February 25, 1907 to become a citizen of the United States of America. With the help of a "locator" she found the ideal spot in Section 35 of Dimond Township, Burke County on the east side of Thompson Lake. She was the second to file a homestead in this township. While the area was primarily grassy hills with some pockets of native aspen trees growing... she saw the potential for making a home. She was one of the earliest settlers in this area. They build a 14 x 16 wood framed building with an attic that sufficed for sleep

quarters. The first year they were required to break 10 acres and Kari and Martin who was just a 10 year old boy undertook the task. In addition, with help from her dad and brother, they erected a sod barn the first year. In 1904, they built a stone and wood framed barn but they also continued to use the sod barn for some time.

Kari was always looking for ways to make additional money for the family. She baked bread for bachelor farmers, took in patching and sewing and even took on delivering mail. From April 2, 1907 until June 30, 1910 she was a mail carrier on a Star Route from Kenmare to the Goss Post Office. Goss was in Dimond Township, one mile east of Thompson Lake. William Bennett had a general store here in 1906 and was the closest place for the Skredsvigs to get supplies. The Post Office at Goss closed in 1908.

As soon as the boys were old enough they began to “work out” meaning they hired out to neighbors. Of course there was no fence around the area and herding cattle was a prime way to make some money. Walking over the rolling prairies they learned quickly how to identify land marks as well as where the surveyor marker posts were so they wouldn’t be come lost. As more settlers arrived, Kari would hire them out for 50 cents to direct the settlers to their nearby claims. It was said that Kari also found that some of the men who hired her sons felt they could get by with paying them less as they were “the widow’s sons.”

In 1902, Kari allowed some water fowl hunters from Minneapolis to erect a hunting lodge on her land. They

were enthused about the hunting on Thompson Lake as well as other “potholes” in the area. The wood framed lodge had ten murphy beds that folded up against the wall when not in use. After a day’s hunt, the men would bring the ducks to Kari and she and boys were clean them and prepare them for eating. What they didn’t eat they would prepare for shipping to their home after they were cleaned and stuffing them with the dry wispy buffalo grass.

Kari held steadfast to her confirmation vows and when there was talk of forming a church in the area she was there to support it. The Nasareth Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation was formed on August 14, 1904. Kari was an active member and always willing to pitch in and help with congregational matters. They never had an actual church but met in a school in Vanville Township. It was said that when Kari died in 1942, the few remaining members of the congregation said that it was time to disband their small congregation. The congregation disbanded and joined other Lutheran congregations in the area. As a true testament of faith, Kari never turned anyone from her doorstep if they needed food or shelter.

Kari died at Kenmare, ND on July 25, 1942. Her funeral was held in the Zion Lutheran Church at Coteau, ND on July 28 and burial was in the Nasareth Lutheran Cemetery in Vanville Township, Burke County, ND.

Ellis Island Records Available for Free

Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty are synonymous with immigration to America. Now *FamilySearch* has made three immigration collections freely available on their website, <https://www.familysearch.org>. “New York Passenger Lists (Castle Garden) 1820-1891,” “New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island) 1892-1924,” and “New York, New York Passenger and Crew Lists 1925-1957” are now searchable on their website.

Ship passenger lists are an important resource in genealogy research. Earlier records to about 1891 include name, age, gender, occupation, and nationality. Additional columns may include each passenger’s berth number, amount of baggage, and deaths at sea. In addition they included the name of the ship, the captain, ports of embarkation and arrival, and date of arrival.

In 1893 the five columns of information previously collected on each passenger increased to 21. The additional information included marital status, last residence, final destination in the U.S., any previous visits to U.S., if joining a relative, that person’s name and address, whether literate or not, whether in possession of a train ticket to final destination, who paid the passage, amount of money the passenger carried, whether passenger had been in prison, almshouse, mental facility, or was a polygamist, and finally health status.

Later forms included more columns of information, including, in 1907, the name and address of closest living relative in passenger’s native country.

Access to these resources is available with a free account at *FamilySearch*.

Heritage Education Commission

Presents

Over There



43rd Annual Family History Workshop

September 29, 2018

Horizon Middle School
3601 12th Ave. S.
Moorhead, Minnesota

Workshop Registration Information

Cost: \$49 includes luncheon for those whose registration and payment are received by Friday, September 21, 2018. Walk-ins are welcome; however, the luncheon is not guaranteed for registration fees paid after Friday, September 21.

Workshop Location

Horizon Middle School
3601 12th Ave. S., Moorhead, Minnesota

From Interstate 94 take EXIT 2B [34th St.] to Moorhead; turn right onto 34th St. S. and go north; turn right onto 12th Ave S.; turn right on 40th St. S. The second right on 40th St. will take you directly to the larger parking lot on the south side of Horizon Middle School. Please enter from the south door #16 adjacent to the parking lot.

How to Register:

Online:

Go to <https://communityed.moorheadschoools.org>. Pay with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Call: 218-284-3400

Pay over the phone with Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Mail or Walk In:

Bring or mail your registration form and payment to:
Moorhead Community Education
2410 14th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560

8:00 – 8:30	Lobby: Registration and Refreshments				
8:30 – 8:45	ROTC Color Guard - Welcome				
8:45-10:00	Room 108 Curt Witcher Roll Call: New Sites and Sources for Military Records and Research	Room 101 Pamela Burkhardt Who are the Germans from Russia?	Room 102 Daniel Sauerwein World War I Research	Room 105 Rob Flanagan-Stieglitz Irish Genealogy: Finding Irish Ancestors and Irish Cousins	Room 114 Jackie Marler Beginning to Gather Your Family History
10:00 – 10:30	Genealogical Exhibits				
10:30 – 11:45	Room 108 Curt Witcher Effective Use of the Allen County Library Genealogy Center	Room 101 Jane Cumber Homestead and Land Records - Online resources	Room 102 John Beving 19 th Century US Army – Regulars, Volunteers & Militia	Room 105 Rob Flanagan-Stieglitz Genetic Genealogy: A search for Past and Present	Room 114 Jackie Marler Newspaper Research
11:45 – 1:15	Luncheon – Awards - Red River Valley Veterans Concert Band			Genealogical Exhibits Opens - 12:45	
1:15 – 2:30	Room 108 Curt Witcher German Migration into the American Midwest	Room 101 Rick Crume A Guide to FamilySearch.org	Room 102 Mark Peihl / Markus Krueger WW I Source Information Supporting Cass County Historical Society Display	Room 105 Michael Swanson Getting the Most out of Ancestry.com	Room 114 Luana Gilstrap US Church Records
2:30 – 3:00	Genealogical Exhibits and Refreshments				
3:00 – 4:15	Room 108 Curt Witcher Passenger and Immigration Research	Room 101 Rick Crume Tree-Keeping	Room 102 Markus Krueger Clay County Historical Society – WWI Display Tour	Room 105 Michael Swanson Essentials of Swedish Genealogical Research	Room 114 Erika Johnson Ask a Librarian (the ORIGINAL search engine)

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Upcoming Events

29 September 2018. 43rd Family History Workshop. Moorhead, Minnesota. <http://www.heritageed.com/>

5-6 October 2018. North Star Conference, Minnesota Genealogical Society. Plymouth, Minnesota. <https://mngs.org/cpage.php?pt=98>

12 October 2018. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.

15-19 October 2018. British Institute. Salt Lake City, Utah. <http://isbgfh.org>

2-4 November 2018. MyHeritage Live Conference. Oslo, Norway. <https://live2018.myheritage.com/>

27 February—2 March 2019. RootsTech. Salt Lake City, Utah. <http://rootstech.org>

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