

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

I am so pleased that the forecasted frost missed our area the past two nights. I love fall but am always sad when the summer flowers are gone and snow is around the corner. BUT it is the start of the research season for me as the cold weather brings more quiet times for finding that lead and following it for hours without interruption. Sometimes it ends in no new articles and then, again, it is a new branch on the family tree.

I have a small immediate family, only one sister and two brothers. I had been to Fargo and borrowed the early year's photos they had for scanning last fall. This past week, my brother who lives near Chicago, came for a visit and I requested they bring any photos they had for the same reason.

I hit the jackpot on photos as they came with a big stack of photos that I had seen in the past but lost track of. Part of these photos were the ones I had asked my Mom to use sticky notes and do what names and locations she could remember for each photo. This was in early 2000 before Mom passed. There were some she couldn't remember at that time so I had waited almost too long. They were the early days with many from 1920s and forward. I have already scanned them into my computer and returned them by mail yesterday. Not wanting to put them somewhere and lose all again. Ask around to old friends. They often have photos that you may not have. I have a picture of a neighborhood birthday party where the entire group was from families including all the siblings which all are around twelve and under. What a treasure of country life.

Of course, this tells us once again not to hesitate in hauling out our photo

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The North Dakota State Archives is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 701.328.2091 or see their website for further information <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/index.html> .

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

There were no meetings this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finding Marriage Records in North Dakota

by *Patrice Hartman*

When I first began researching marriage records in North Dakota the only place they were available was at the individual county courthouses. You had to contact the Recorder to ask them to search for a marriage record. Usually I could at least give them an idea of when the marriage occurred. Later an index became available for marriages from 1 July 1925 forward in time. This index was available at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Over the years some genealogical societies indexed individual county records. Some were in book form and some were online indexes. Our NDSGS encouraged these projects and then eventually began to consider a pre 1925 statewide marriage index.

In about 2005 I began working with the SHSND to think about how to compile an index for all the earlier marriage records. Eventually some of these earlier records were microfilmed and then indexed. Other counties only had digital images.

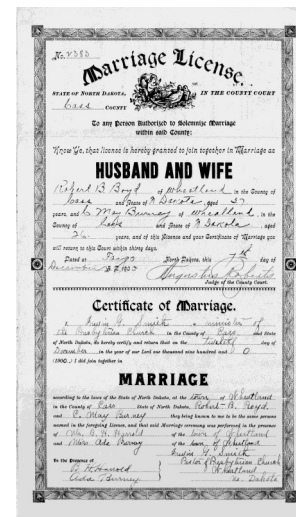
Various indexes exist online for these with one being on the SHSND website and others on familysearch.org and ancestry.com.

When using the online indexes remember that not all of the marriage records for all of the counties have been indexed so if you can't find the marriage in the index be sure to do a page by page search in the online record images. Do a test search on a marriage that you know exists to see if it is in the index.

So even though it is now much easier to find marriage records in North Dakota sometimes you have to return to the old way of researching by contacting the courthouse or doing a page by page search in the online records. The good news is that every county in North Dakota now has their early marriage records either on microfilm or in digital form so if a disaster happens and the records are lost at least these records have been preserved.

North Dakota County Marriages from 1872 to 1958 are available on *FamilySearch* at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2550852>. All you need is a free account to access this valuable resource. A list of the counties included in this collection is at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/North_Dakota,_County_Marriages_Digital_Folde_r_Number_List.

Ancestry has "North Dakota, Select County Marriage Records, 1872-2017." A list of the included counties is at <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61305/> in the Browse this collection box select a County and the Year Range will populate.



State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by *Lindsay K. Meidinger, Head of Collections & Information Management*

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41959 Burleigh County. City of Bismarck, Resolution, 1933, 3 ft., oversize

41960 Burleigh County. City of Bismarck, Sanitary Survey of the City of Bismarck and Burleigh County, North Dakota, 1933, 0.05 ft.

41956 Burleigh County. Glenview School Township Reports, 1888-1890, 0.05 ft.

41958 Burleigh County. Recorder, Quit Claim Deeds, 1946, 0.05 ft.

41961 Cass County. City of Fargo, Personnel Policies and Regulations, 1937, 0.05 ft.

41957 Renville County. Clerk of Court, Increased Jurisdiction Case Files, 1920, 0.05 ft.

41962 Wells County. Superintendent of Schools, Treasurer's Annual Report, 1957-1960, 0.05 ft.

41963 Wells County. Superintendent of Schools. Superintendent's Annual Report, 1958-1959, 0.05 ft.

Digitizing North Dakota Newspapers

by *Shane Molander, State Archivist*

The North Dakota State Archives began digitizing North Dakota newspapers for the National Digital Newspaper Program in 2011. We received four consecutive grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities which allowed us to contribute over 400,000 pages to the Chronicling America website, which is free to its users. The last grant was completed in 2018 and the State Archives has not been awarded in the past two grant cycles. If still offered, we plan to apply again in early 2021. Here is the link to the North Dakota newspapers currently available on Chronicling America.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/newspapers/?state=North+Dakotaðnicity=&language=>

Outside of this grant program the State Archives has continued to work with libraries and other interested groups in getting more newspapers online in cooperation with our vendor, Advantage Archives. Titles recently added to the free website <http://ndarchives.advantage-preservation.com/> include the *Bottineau Courant*

(1922-2017), *Cando Record* (1914-1941), *Towner County Record Herald* (1941-2000), additional *Hillsboro Banner* (1981-1999), *Westhope Standard* (1904-1981), and additional *Divide County Journal* (up through 2019).

Titles to be completed and online by November are the *Beulah Independent* and *Beacon* (1914-2017), as well as the *Sanish Sentinel* and *New Town News* (1915-2017). The additions added this past year, including the *Beulah* and *New Town* titles, have added over 300,000 pages to the Advantage website. We plan to increase this this amount as we close out 2020 and move into 2021.

The Chronicling America and Advantage websites are wonderful primary sources for genealogists and researchers of North Dakota history. We look forward to adding more and more newspapers online. Happy researching!

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

Greetings from the RRVGS! We hope your summer has gone well. Our library recently became the recipient of a wonderful donation from the West Fargo Public Library. We have acquired three file cabinets filled with microfilm of the *Fargo Forum* newspaper. The dates included go back to November 17, 1891 through December 31, 2006. We were very excited to receive this wonderful donation. So be sure to put our library on your destination list. Currently we are open every Friday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM and on the third Saturday of the

month when we have our meeting at 10:00 AM and are then open until 3:00 PM. You can also contact us to set up a time that is convenient for you and our volunteers. Glenn has our new web site almost completed and is also adding items as appropriate. It can be found at RRVGS.ORG. You may also contact us via email at rrvgs@fargocity.com or postal at RRVGS PO Box 9284 Fargo ND 58106. Our telephone number is 701-239-4129 and leave a message. On Facebook you may find us at Red River Valley Genealogical Society .

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by James C. Falcon

With the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the limited hours of the Minot Public Library (where we hold our meetings), the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society had a hiatus from April to July.

On August 1, a brief meeting was held, followed by a tour of the Pioneer Village Museum, located in Burlington. The museum, which is owned and managed by the Ward County Historical Society, was located on the North Dakota State Fairgrounds before they were evicted in 2019. The museum is coming along nicely and the MRLGS members enjoyed a nice tour.

Meetings have since resumed and, pending any changes in the pandemic, meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at the Minot Public Library (516 2nd Ave SW, Minot) in the Lower Level Conference Room at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, visit our website: www.mouseriverloopgenealogy.com or our Facebook page (@northcentralnorthdakotgenealogy).

RootsTech Connect will be a free online conference on 25-27 February 2021. The popular conference will be entirely virtual. There will be speakers, a virtual marketplace, cultural activities and content will be available on demand throughout the year. Find out more information and register for free at <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



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albums and getting as much information written on them as possible and save those precious photos on our computers or copies spread among our siblings for posterity. I have a very inexpensive printer but it does have a scan capability. I have put all my photos in files on my computer, saved them on a thumb drive and backup often and periodically exchange one drive for another in my safe deposit box. If a computer is not available, they can be photographed by someone with a good phone (which I do not have) just to keep a record somewhere else. Or, take them to a print shop and they can print an entire album (yes they are not photo quality but the pictures are viewing quality) for a less charge than a photo reproduction place.

I use Family Tree Maker and am very much an amateur but now I can add all those picture to each branch of the tree that they associate with

and will be able to share online with others or can print them out as a booklet. I am hoping if I send my cousin in Arkansas some of these new photos that include his Mother, he may be inspired to send me some of his. The clue is to not be afraid to ask someone about their early history and if they will share pictures, etc. with you.

I sincerely wish that we can have a meeting in the Spring. For me, it is not as much that I stay home but it is the stress of wondering, should I go to this event or not. Take Care of all of you and if you have time, share some of your research projects with the rest of us. It is so fun to hear what others are doing.

Stella Papachek

NDSGS President

Citation Corner

With the COVID-19 pandemic have come opportunities for remote learning. Many conferences went virtual allowing more people to attend from their homes than might have attended in person. Other groups have had webinars. Some of these lectures are free, others charge a small amount. So how do we cite these virtual lectures? They are treated much like a book. I have been viewing some of the monthly lecture series by the Board for Certification. A citation to one of these would look something like:

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, "Discover the Holdings of German Archives," live webinar

sponsored by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, *GoToWebinar* (<https://global.gotowebinar.com> : 19 May 2020).

The National Genealogical Society held a virtual conference. Citing one of their sessions would be much the same:

Nicole Dyer, "Tech Tools for Diagramming Complex Relationships in Cluster and DNA Research," webinar at National Genealogical Society 2020 Virtual Family History Expo, *PlaybackNow* (<https://www.playbackngs.com> : 20 May 2020).

New search tool from Library of Congress and Chronicling America

The Library of Congress has launched **Newspaper Navigator** that allows users to search visual content in American newspapers dated 1789-1963. This new tool uses machine

learning to search by visual similarity. Learn more at <https://www.loc.gov/item/prn-20-060/library-of-congress-launches-new-tool-to-search-historical-newspaper-images/2020-09-15/>.

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NDSGS Dues

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| Supporting | \$10.00 |
| Society (1-10 members) | \$5.00 |
| Society (11-25 members) | \$10.00 |
| Society (26-50 members) | \$20.00 |
| Society (51+ members) | \$35.00 |

Website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/



www.facebook.com/#!/NorthDakotaStateGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Upcoming Events

8-10 October 2020. North Star Virtual Genealogy Conference. <https://mngs.org/cpage.php?pt=98>

9 October 2020. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting has been cancelled.

10-11 October 2020. Discover Your Swedish Roots. Lindsborg, Kansas. oldmillmuseum.org

12-14 October 2020. Virtual British Institute. isbgfh.com/Virtual-British-Institute

25-27 February 2021. RootsTech Connect. <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

9 April 2021. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.