

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.

There is promise of rain in the north central portion. It is a cheerful thought although many times this year it did not appear or was minor. At least it is cooler and should be for a few days.

I have been working on an interesting *Ancestry* connection that I am sure many of you have come across in the past few years. A relative, we will call him George, just did a DNA test and whoops, there were no cousins in the known paternal lineage which we will call the Smiths and nearly 160 out of the 800 1-6 degree of cousins were shared by an unknown family connection.

George was very upset and could not figure this out. I had heard rumors over the years that this may be so and now George, age 53, whose father has passed, is finally coming to believe this may have been a family secret that was not shared with his father and their branch of the family. He is now ordering a birth certificate for his father from North Dakota as he is the only one as a close relative that can do this. BUT, George said, it says on the death certificate that the Smith family was my Dad's father. Well, it seems, if no one knew the real story and they were filling out this certificate, well.....

This leads to something I had not thought of. What about all the organizations that insist you can only be authorized as a descendant by birth and death records. Are those records really authentic? Some will not

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is Friday, October 8 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. **Our speaker will be John Hallberg of the ND Institute for Regional Studies in Fargo.**

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

President Stella Papachek called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on July 9, 2021. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Pat Ashley, Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; Diane Stevens, MRLGS; Stella Papachek, NDSGS.

Business meeting

MINUTES

Patrice Hartman made a motion, which was seconded by Diane Stevens, that the minutes of the October 18, 2019 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried. Diane Stevens made a motion, which was seconded by Pat Ashley, that the email dated 1 November 2019 electing officers for 2020-2021 be approved as printed. Motion carried.

No meetings were held in 2020 or in April of 2021 due to Covid-19.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Pat Ashley and seconded by Diane Stevens to file the treasurers report. Motion carried. Balance is \$6987.39.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Moorhead workshop will be held on September 18, 2021. The speaker is Jill N. Crandall, MA, AG. She specializes in Midwestern Research.

A motion was made to place an ad in the workshop brochure, fee is \$25.00. Motion made by Pat Ashley and seconded by Diane Stevens. Motion carried.

Officer Elections will be held at the October 8th meeting. Please consider taking one of the offices. Terms are for two years. We will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary.

Discussion was held on how much money to spend and what newspapers might be digitized and placed on the Advantage Archives website. A motion was made by Pat Ashley and seconded by Diane Stevens to use \$4000.00 to digitize ND newspapers and place them on the Advantage Archives website. The decision about which newspapers to digitize will be made in consultation with Shane Molander, State Archivist. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be October 8, 2021. The speaker will be John Hallberg of the ND Institute for Regional Studies in Fargo. Lets have a good turnout for this meeting.

The Fall Newsletter Deadline is August 22, 2021.

Shane Molander, State Archivist was not available to speak at our meeting. So Sarah Walker, Head of Reference Services and Lindsay Meidinger, Electronic Records Archivist gave a presentation about the State Archives.

If you have not been to the archives for awhile there are new scanner/printers available to view microfilm. You can also access the internet through these same computers. Some of the other resources have been moved to storage areas and have to be requested ahead of time. If you are coming to the archives please contact them for an appointment and to request research materials ahead of time. Walk ins are still accommodated but it is best to have an appointment.

Digitized ND newspapers are available on Chronicling America. Hopefully the archives will receive another grant for this year to place more newspapers online at this site. You can do a number of searches for keywords, time periods, specific newspapers etc. To print use the pdf button at the top. If you have any questions about this database contact the archives for help.

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State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

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

June 2021 – August 2021

41985 Benson County, Auditor. Abstracts of Votes 1918-2000, 2 feet

41984 Benson County. Auditor, Land Transfer Records, 1891-2014, 10 volumes

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Other digitized ND newspapers are available on Advantage Archives. The same type of searches are available on this website. This project is a cooperative effort between the State Historical Society of ND Archives and Advantage Archives.

Recent collection acquisitions at the archives are listed in the last newsletter. Note that records from Walsh, Williams, Benson, McKenzie, Morton, Mountrail counties are included.

There are 5 counties left to index for the marriage records. Oliver, Mercer, Rolette, Traill and Stark. Most of this takes place at the archives but could maybe do this at a remote location.

Negotiations are proceeding with Pembina County to bring in some of their records to the archives.

A new oral history collection is being inventoried that contains over 700 interviews of residents from the North East part of ND. This is the Matthew Werven and Diana Yeado Werven collection.

Check out the State Historical Society of ND Archives website for Vital Records Indexes. They have a birth index, death index, marriage index and a divorce index.

Patrice Hartman

Acting Secretary

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accept DNA as proof of a lineage. The Daughters of the American Revolution does now accept autosomal DNA, mtDNA and Y-DNA as evidence. I think the future is going to contain some thought into changing the ways of a bunch of clubs into accepting members. I have a great, great, grandfather that cannot be proved the son of a DAR connection. On my cousin connections are people that have descended from my GG Grandfathers siblings that are proven to be in the

family—just for some reason my GG Grandfather's name was in no will, etc. BUT this connection is not good enough. Oh well, I will keep trying and some day it should work.

It would be very interesting to hear from others that this has happened to.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the October meeting. The program sounds really great.

Stella Papachek

The Church of England is digitally mapping 19,000 churchyards in England. A free website will be launched next spring, with the project ex-

pected to be completed in seven years. The online interactive map will also include ancient trees and plant life.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society continues to serve the general public with their search of ancestors. Our Facebook page continues to have interested persons click on any new news from us. Our hours currently are each Friday from 11:00 AM—3:00 PM and on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM after our monthly meeting. We can also make special arrangements to open the library on other days as long as a day and time can be set. A long time member of our society recently

passed away. Jane Skjei was very active in our society in earlier years and continued her service until recent years. A new project in the library is the bar-coding of our collection of research books, microfilm, CD's, family histories, and other items. This will help us keep track of everything easier.

The Family History Workshop in Moorhead for this year is online only. You can find further info at <http://www.heritageed.com/>.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by James C. Falcon

The Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society in Minot has been busy this summer. We did a genealogy presentation at the Midsummer Fest in Minot and helped people with researching their ancestors. We toured the Mountrail County Historical Society research library and the Burke County Historical Society's Pioneer Village.

So far this year, we have had programs on writing biographies, how to order and use homestead records in genealogy, using federal census records, using school census records and a presentation on Germans from Russia and the Prairie Village Museum. We are looking forward

to a program in September on gravestone cleaning and preservation. In November, we will have our annual ethnic potluck and auction. We did not have this event last year because of COVID-19.

We meet the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Minot Public Library in the lower level conference room. (Our meeting in November will be held at 12 p.m.) Be sure to watch our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/northcentralnorthdakotagenealogy) and website (www.mouseriverloopgenealogy.com) for more information.

State Historical Society Blog

The State Historical Society of North Dakota has a Blog taking you behind the scenes.

Topics vary from the Welk Homestead to Native American Ice Gliders, maps to reorganizing storage areas.

Over 20 bloggers contribute articles of interest.

Check it out at <http://blog.statemuseum.nd.gov/>.



45th Family History Workshop—Moorhead

The virtual workshop cost of \$49 includes full access to 11 on-demand workshops from professional researchers and genealogists, 4 live sessions with Main Presenter, Jill Crandell, MA, AG, the family history workshop book award ceremony, and a digital copy of the conference

workbook with all session handouts. All workshop sessions will be available to registrants for later viewing. Further information is at <http://www.heritageed.com/>, including a link to enroll

Mayflower 400 Years: How Many People are Related to the Mayflower Pilgrims?

The Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, England, to America with 102 passengers and about 30 crew in September 1620. How many descendants are there now?

You can read more in an article at <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-57698818>.



Citation Corner

Recently I discovered a photograph at the Hettinger County Historical Society Museum in Regent, ND that a family member was looking for. In the future how would someone else find this photograph? If the staff moves the photograph into another display it might be hard to find. This museum is composed of several buildings so some searching might have to take place.

What information would you need to cite this photograph? The citation would include the name or subject, date, repository, and who donated the item to the museum. So the citation would include the following:

Goran Lundberg Portrait, ca 1900; Hettinger County Historical Society Museum, Regent, North Dakota. Donated by Agnes Hoiby, granddaughter in 1984. In July 2021 it was displayed in the Pioneer Room.

I decided to include more details in case that would help to locate the photograph in the future. If I take a photo of the portrait then it would be cited as a digital image.

Remember to document where you find photographs or other heirlooms for future reference.

North Dakota State Genealogical Society

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Individual	\$5.00
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

18 September 2021. 45th Family History Workshop. Moorhead. Virtual. <http://heritageed.com/>.

18-19 September 2021. Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe. Virtual convention. <https://sggee.org/>

1-2 October 2021. 14th Annual North Star Genealogy Conference. Virtual. <https://mngs.org/North-Star-2021>

8 October 2021. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.