

# 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**

Kudos to Patrice & Pat for all the work they do for the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Last fall Pat's talk was very informative and interesting. The speakers they have lined up for our next meetings I'm sure will be in the same vein. One thing I would like to see is more members show up at our meeting. Those attending always leave with a greater appreciation of the work that we do. I'm sure that each of us has a wealth of ideas and information we can share with fellow members. For the next issue I will share some ideas that have worked for me.

Sincerely,

Erling Olson, NDSGS President



## **Next Meeting**



Sarah Walker, Reference Specialist at the North Dakota State Archives, will speak at the next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society, Friday, April 13 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. Sarah assists people with their research and works with the oral history collections.

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

Treasurer Patrice Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on October 13, 2017. 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; John Beving, RRVGS; Gen Hutmacher, Kathleen Risch, Candace Christianson, Stella Papachek, Erling Olson, Stephanie Kom, NDSGS.

Business meeting

## MINUTES

Erling Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Gen Hutmacher, that the minutes of the April 7, 2017 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Erling Olson and seconded by Pat Ashley to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

## OLD BUSINESS

.Patrice Hartman talked about the Pre 1925 marriage index. Work is proceeding on this project with about 11 counties still to be microfilmed. If you are interested in volunteering for this project to work on indexing please contact Patrice or Ann Jenks. Some of the records are on ancestry.com and some are on familysearch.org. There maybe a chance to do online indexing of these records through familysearch. More details will be coming about this.

Please check out the NDSGS website and send any updates to Patrice Hartman.

## NEW BUSINESS

The mail for the society is now going to Patrice Hartman, 5750 104<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Regent, ND 58650. The Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society is no longer active and does not have a PO Box in Bismarck. The NDSGS used to share this PO Box. This address change was approved by an email motion in May. This will be voted on again at the NDSGS April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Election of Officers:

President: Erling Olson  
V. Pres.: Daphne Drewello  
Secretary: Stephanie Kom  
Treas. Patrice Hartman

Gen Hutmacher made a motion to approve the officers for the above listed offices, seconded by Pat Ashley. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be April 13, 2018

The Spring Newsletter Deadline is March 8, 2018.

Pat Ashley gave a presentation on DNA, what types of tests there are and what to do with the results. She also had a handout entitled DNA Resources with a listing of articles, blogs and wikis, books, lessons, software and tools.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

## Red River Genealogical Society Annual Workshop

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society is holding their annual lineage workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Event Center at Bonanzaville, USA 1351 West Main Ave, West Fargo ND

Registration will begin at 9:00 am until 10:00 am.

Seminars run from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm with lunch

provided by RRVGS.

Our Library will be open this day to help those with specific question on a first come basis.

For the workshop flyer and registration form go to <http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>.

North Dakota Vital Records is having *Ancestry* scan their death records. The cause of death will probably be redacted.

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

## New Local Government Records

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

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|---|--|
| 41837 Barnes County. Clerk of Court, Infectious and Contagious Disease Record, 1903-1913, 1v. | Eighth Grade and High School Grade Record  |
| 41838 Barnes County. Clerk of Court, Insanity Case Files, 1882-1986, 9.5ft.                   | 41855 Dunn County. Superintendent of Schools, Reorganization Records   |
| 41843 Barnes County. Clerk of Court, Miscellaneous, 1885-1974, .4ft.                          | 41842 Dunn County. Superintendent of Schools, School Census, 1908-1991, 2.25ft.  |
| 41836 Barnes County. Clerk of Court, Notary Commissions, 1881-1883, 1v.                       | 41853 Dunn County. Superintendent of Schools, School Officers Association, Bailey S.D. #10, Spring Valley S.D. #26, and Willmen S.D. #11 Minutes |
| 41858 Barnes County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files                                       | 41863 Grand Forks County. Americus Township, Poll Books  |
| 41859 Burke County. Portal Township, Records  | 41860 LaMoure County. Swede Township School District #16, Records  |
| 41852 Dunn County. Auditor, Abstract of Votes   | 41857 Nelson County. Clerk of Court, Appealed Case Files   |
| 41845 Dunn County. Auditor, Miscellaneous, 1907-1977, 5ft.                                    | 41840 Richland County. Garborg School District #1, Teacher's Register, 1900-1901, 1v.  |
| 41851 Dunn County. Auditor, Official Bond and Oath  | 41861 Rolette County. Maryville Township, Records  |
| 41841 Dunn County. Auditor, Real and Personal Property Assessments, 1910-1995, 28ft.          | 41862 Rolette County. Russell Township, Records  |
| 41846 Dunn County. Auditor, Register of Township, Village and School District Officers        | 41844 Walsh County. Auditor, Audit Reports   |
| 41847 Dunn County. Auditor, Tax Sale Record   | 41854 Walsh County. Auditor, Poll Books  |
| 41849 Dunn County. Auditor, Transfer Record   | 41856 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Teacher's Registers   |
| 41848 Dunn County. Superintendent of Schools, Enumeration of School Age Children              | 41839 Williams County. Recorder, Wills for Safekeeping, 1905-1935, .5ft.   |
| 41850 Dunn County. Superintendent of Schools,   |  |

## New Book and Manuscript Acquisitions

by Stephanie Kom, Head of Technical Services—Archives

New since October:

### North Dakota Local Histories:

Arvilla Community Club. *Arvilla centennial, June 19, 1982: 1882-1982*. [North Dakota]: No publisher, [1982?].

*Hamilton: reflections on the old neighborhood*. [Cavalier, North Dakota]: [Chronicle Pub. Co.], [1993].

Horgan, Purdy. *Just a few facts 'n things 'bout Neche, North Dakota*. Cavalier, North Dakota: Chronicle Pub. Co., 1991.

Lahren, Margareth Olson. *Centennial history of Walcott, North Dakota*. [Walcott? North Dakota]: No publisher, [1979].

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# State Historical Society of North Dakota

*New Books and Manuscripts (Continued from page 3)*

Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association, Research and Exhibit Committee. *Walhalla - Leroy: the legend and the lore*. [North Dakota]: Northeastern North Dakota Heritage Association, 1995.

*Sherwood North Dakota centennial book: 1904-2004*. [North Dakota]: No publisher, 2004.

*The spirit of '98: Anamoose, ND, still going great, 1898-1998*. [Anamoose, North Dakota?]: No publisher, 1998.

## Family Histories:

Cumber, Jane. *Cumber-Janz family history*. [North Dakota?]: No publisher, [2017].

Diebold, Marylyn. *The house on the knoll: my German-Russian family*, [Willow City, North Dakota]: M. Diebold, 2010.

*Graf-Buck family heritage: family photographs and memories of Streeter, North Dakota*, Fargo, ND : Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University Libraries, 2005.

Koppe, Meredith Ann Korthal. *My story*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Meredith Ann Korthal Koppe, [2017].

Lacher, Karl A. *History of Lacher kinship, 1700-1989*. [Roseville, Minn.]: [K. Lacher], [©1989].

Madson, Iver. *My life*. [Bloomington, Minn.?]: [Charlotte Pickering], [1981?].

Nagel, Grace. *Meine kinder*. Chicago, Illinois: The Evergreen Parker Press, 1957.

*Raus 1851-1983 : Europe to America*. No place: No publisher, [1983].

Schneider, Larry, compiler. [*History of the Senger, Schweitzer, Schneider and Selzeler families*]. [Fridley, Minn.]: [L. Schneider], [1977].

Schultz, Jim. *Our Cryan, Roche, Schultz, and Uptegrove ancestors, Europe to Minnesota : a 2017 family history of our Dutch, English, German, Irish, and Scottish ancestors, including the Adams, Cryan, Cullinan, Dougherty, Jannusch, Kurash, Luthé, McIsaac, Nevitt, Op den Graeff, Roche, Rude, Schultz, Smith, Uptegrove, and other families*. Blaine, Minnesota : J. Schultz, 2017.

Solberg, Barb Varberg. *Barney O. and Mary (Severson) Varberg: Burt Township, Ward County, Minot, North Dakota homesteaders*. No place: Blurb, ©2016.

Solberg, Barb Varberg. *Martin and Asta (Sterud) Aadnes*. No place: Blurb, ©2017.

Sprynczynatyk, Connie Naaden. *A family history of faith, hope, and love*. Vol. 2, *At home on the range*. [United States]: Mixbook, [2017].

Stenehjem, George. *Life's path*. No Place: No publisher, [1999].

## Other:

Balcom, Sue. *Thoughts and memories on country schools in German-Russian country*, [Wishek, North Dakota]: Tri-County Tourism Alliance, [2016].

Balcom, Sue. *Women behind the plow: arbeit macht das Leben süß = work makes life sweet*, [Bismarck, North Dakota]: Tri-County Tourism Alliance, [2017].

Bosch, William. *The German-Russians in words and pictures*. Spearfish, South Dakota: William (Bill) Bosch, [2015].

Carrington High School. *The anchor of Carrington High School, Carrington, North Dakota*. [North Dakota?]: [Carrington High School], [1949].

Carrington High School. *The Cardinal*, [North Dakota?]: No publisher, [1952,1953,1954,1955].

*Enderlin High School alumni directory: 1906-1966, Enderlin, North Dakota*. [Enderlin, North Dakota?]: [School?], [1966?]

*English Lutheran Church: Medina, North Dakota 1983*. Galion, Ohio: United Church Directories, 1983.

Flach, Scott. *World War II experience of Curt and Lucille Flach*. [Bismarck, North Dakota] : [The Author], [2017].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Dunn County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2017].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Hettinger County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2017].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Kidder County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2017].

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# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Red River Valley Genealogical Society

*by Keith Zeutschel*

The RRVGS is gearing up for another successful year. This past year the library has received several donations of books which we have added to our collection. Our book committee has also been able to purchase a few books we have found through contacts in the community. We wish to thank everyone who has helped our library be so successful.

On March 24, we will be presenting our Spring workshop to be held at the event center located in Bonanzaville, West Fargo, ND. The time will be from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Registration is \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. We will have several presenters speaking on topics ranging from German/Polish, Norway, Icelandic searches to setting up your own website. A representative from the Hereditary Society will do a presentation as well as a session in the library room on the Military records we have and how to search. There will be donuts and a lite lunch

provided along with soft drinks, coffee, or water. Please check our web site or Facebook page for further information.

For many years our society has offered Pioneer Certificates for those families that can trace their families residing in North Dakota to before it was a state. These are only \$10.00 each. A new certificate is now available to those who can prove that their family lived in North Dakota during the Depression era. The time frame is January 1, 1930 – December 31, 1939. Your family does not need to have lived in ND the entire time. The certificate is titled “Depression Era Survivor” and can be purchased for \$10.00 through the society.

Our society will once again be selling Brats at local food stores this summer. Places and times have not been set yet, but we will keep you informed.

## 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 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](mailto:patrice@ndsupernet.com)

## James River Genealogical Society

*by Barb Caine*

Searching Eddy, Foster, Stutsman and Wells Counties

Our club administers the Foster County page on:

usgenweb: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndfoster/>

We do not meet over the winter months. Our first program of the year will be at: St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m

1000—5th Ave. NE Jamestown, ND

PROGRAM: Members share their winter research progress

Many of us will meet for supper at Pizza Ranch, Jamestown, about 5:45 p.m.

Our club has undergone many changes with the passing of our faithful secretary and treasurer, Mary Kuhn. We now have a membership secretary and a treasurer. It made sense to divide these two jobs. Our dues are \$10.00 dollars yearly if an e-mail copy of our newsletter is sent out. We have gone to having our newsletter published professionally instead of doing it ourselves. We are considering purchasing a laptop computer to make record keeping easier for these two positions.

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by *Kathy Holte*

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society is celebrating 40 years! The second quarterly publication of *The RECORD* will be dedicated to the history of the society with photos of members – past and present. We have a committee working out details on how we will celebrate this milestone.

Our January 2018 meeting guest speaker was a former member, Calina Clarkson, who has done extensive research of her family. She traced her family back to France and in 2011 Calina and her father traveled to France and attended a family reunion. She has composed numerous books in different styles. Enough to give us all an idea or two!

In February, Dr. Dennis Lutz of Minot (Old Soo Depot Transportation Museum and Western History Research Center) was our guest speaker. He is very knowledgeable in transportation, but his topic of discussion was the History of North Dakota Post Offices (and we did learn

about some Montana post offices also).

March's guest speaker was member, Dwaine Kauffman. He and his wife travelled to Pennsylvania this past year.

We recently purchased and donated two books to the Minot Public Library in memory of two members who passed away this past year. The books were *Tracing Villains & Their Victims: A Guide to Criminal Ancestors for Family Historians* by Jonathan Oates and *Unofficial Ancestry.com Workbook: A How-To Manual for Tracing Your Family Tree* on the #1 Genealogy Website.

Our new website is up and running. We hope you will find it more efficient. <https://www.mouseriverloopgenealogy.com>.

The MRLGS meets the first Saturday of every month, except July, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Minot Public Library in Minot (except when noted). Visitors welcome! Like Us on Facebook!

## Minnkota Genealogical Society

by *Mike 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. There has been a change in leadership for our society from the past several years. For 2018, MGS officers are Barb Knipe (President), Lenore Anderson (Vice-President), Brenda Johnson (Secretary), and Ron Baker (Treasurer).

To conclude 2017, our November program was a presentation by member and outgoing president Mike Swanson on ships and passenger lists. Information on immigration legislation and push-pull factors was given, followed by examples of various print and online resources for locating passenger lists. Lastly, there was a demonstration of websites that provide details about steamships. For our social gathering in December, it was decided to meet for dinner at a local restaurant rather

than do the potluck party we had been doing for a number of years. About twenty members and friends met for good food and fellowship.

With the onset of 2018, our January meeting was our planning session to begin to brainstorm about program and speaker ideas for the nine months of the year for which we have formal programs. Members contributed various ideas followed by discussion to rank the ideas. It is usually not a problem to come up with interesting program ideas for the year. However, the difficulty lies with finding area speakers to present on these topics. With the programming calendar still under development, we decided to have an extended time of member sharing for our February meeting. This allowed members to provide information about new genealogical discoveries or other newsworthy items. Such sharing frequently stimulates discussion around specific topics and, thus, serves an educational purpose for our evolving membership.

*Congratulations*

Sunna Pam Olafson Furstenau was presented the

Knight's Cross of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon last August. Furstenau is president of the Icelandic National League of North America, and founder of Icelandic Roots. The award honors outstanding contributions to the country and is the highest honor that the Icelandic state can bestow on individuals.

*New Books and Manuscripts (Continued from page 4)*

Great Plains Directory Service. *Logan County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2017].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Pembina County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2017].

Johnston, Harold M., compiler. *Crystal Memorial Cemetery : obituaries and notices from the early 1880's to 1959*. [North Dakota]: [Harold M Johnston] ; 2017.

Our Savior Lutheran Church. *50th anniversary, October 1-2, 1966, 1916-1966: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Page, North Dakota*. [North Dakota]: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1966.

Phillipps, John. *About myself and repression of the Germans in South Ukraine*, Fargo, North Dakota: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, North Dakota State University, [2009].

Reeves, Pamela, *Ellis Island: gateway to the American dream*. New York: Barnes & Noble Books, 1998.

St. Ann's Church. *Souvenir of the golden jubilee of St. Ann's Church: Hebron, North Dakota, 1906-1956*. [North Dakota]: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1956.

St. Olaf Lutheran Church. *St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Reynolds, North Dakota, 1886-1986: faith of our fathers, June 21-22, 1986*. Reynolds, North Dakota: St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 1986.

*Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Strasburg, North Dakota, 1889-2013 parish directory*, Strasburg, North Dakota: Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 2013.

Schmidt, Ute, *Bessarabia: German colonists on the Black Sea*, Fargo, North Dakota: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, c2011.

#### **New Manuscripts:**

**21389 Zahl family (Williams County, N.D.)**

**11342 Barnes County Oral History Collection**

**11331 Bismarck-Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.** (organizational records)

**11323 Hazen Public Library (Hazen, N.D.)**

Consists of interviews conducted by Ervin Albers for the Hazen Golden Jubilee.

**11326 Cafferty and Logan families (Golden Valley, N.D.)**

**11318 Margaret Sherve**. Consists of transcriptions of interviews with Manor Care/Edgewood Vista residents.

**11312 St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Flaxton, N.D.) Records**

**11309 St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church (Upland and Palmer Townships, Divide County, N.D.) Records**

**11273 Hope Congregational Church, Golden Valley (N.D.) Records**

**21348 Berna Matteson**. Five cassette tapes with interviews conducted by Berna Matteson for the book "Plum Valley Women: Minot's First One Hundred Years."

## **Citation Corner**

Information from genetic reports and DNA match lists are being used by researchers as genealogical evidence. Traditional documentary evidence must accompany the DNA evidence to solve genealogical problems. But how do we report the genetic information?

Genetic testing companies provide match lists for their customers. Examples for citing a result from these lists might be:

"Chromosome Browser," database, *FamilyTreeDNA* (<https://www.familytreedna.com> : accessed 23 February 2018), P.D. Brown and Lori Smith, Chromosome 2, (198822596-218362333), 19.72cM.

"AncestryDNA results for William Smith," personalized database, *AncestryDNA* (<https://www.ancestry.com/dna> : accessed 23 February 2018), predicting "4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> cousin" genetic match with user "V.H." at "Extremely High" confidence level. "V.H." offers only an undocumented

"tree" whose assertions need to be proved with valid evidence before genetic data can be properly interpreted.

Many of us use the GEDmatch website to compare DNA results from multiple companies. An example for citing results from this database might be:

GEDmatch, "One-to-one' compare," database V2.1.1(c), *GEDmatch* (<https://www.gedmatch.com> : downloaded 23 February 2018), kit nos. T123456 and A123456, 3 segments totaling 70.2cM above 7cM – particularly chromosome 5 (109327461-148785244), 36.8cM.

I have changed the names and numbers in these examples. Similar to obtaining permission to publish copyrighted information one must always get permission from the matches to publish any findings.

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH  
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**NDSGS Dues**

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/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/)



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## Upcoming Events

17-18 March 2018. Swedish Genealogy Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas.  
<http://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/549/Swedish-Genealogy-Workshop>

24 March 2018. Red River Valley Genealogical Society Annual Lineage Workshop. West Fargo. <http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>

6-8 April 2018. Family Tree University Spring Virtual Conference. <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/university/>

**13 April 2018. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.**

20-21 April 2018. German Genealogical Society Spring Conference. Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. <https://ggsmn.org/eventListings.php?nm=38#er78>

2-5 May 2018. National Genealogical Society Family History Conference. Grand Rapids, Michigan and online. <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/register/>

1-3 June 2018. Ontario Genealogical Society Conference. Guelph, Ontario. <https://conference2018.ogs.on.ca/>

**13 July 2018. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.**

18-22 July 2018. Germans from Russia Heritage Society International Convention. Pierre, South Dakota. <http://grhs.org/>

31 July-3 August 2018. Conference on Family History and Genealogy. Provo, Utah. <https://familyhistory.ce.byu.edu/>

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