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President's Letter

Greetings on this foggy North Dakota morning. Although I complain about the weather (the past time of all North Dakotans), I like the quietness of winter to focus on my research and writing of my "roots." I decided I had to quit jumping from line to line and put all efforts into my Grandfather, Fred's, story and get a good beginning on his activities as a homesteader on the reservation south of Devils Lake. And, I have found help from various sources to help tell this story.

A couple years ago, when at the State Historical Society building, I asked a question about the close of the Warwick Banks during the depression (my Grandfather was on one bank's board of directors). This wonderful helper disappeared somewhere into their unseen rooms and came back with a banker's storage box of files on just this subject. I was immensely surprised. What treasures must be in those rooms. One of our features this year at the October 9th meeting of the State Genealogy Society will be an overview of these records by Shane Molander.

This past fall, I ordered in films of the *New Rockford Transcript* from the State Historical Society starting in 1894 to 1950 and scan read them for many many hours at the Devils Lake library for news items on my ancestors. There were many good articles on the opening of the reservations and then starting in early 1900s, these nice little columns on the townships in the county started popping up. I don't know how and why, but I much appreciated someone's efforts back then, there were many little snippets of news of my family. These tapes are a great resource for births, deaths, marriages, events such as youth organizations, women's clubs, visits of the county agent. I did know a lot of dates for family members, but these articles gave me lots of information to give my people personalities. Sad to say, I had waited too long to talk to anyone of that era and learn these stories.

The Red River Valley Genealogy Society just shared in their newsletter that they

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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 closed to the public until further notice. See their website for further information <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/index.html> .

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Erling Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on October 18, 2019. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/ club representatives present: Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Diane Stevens and Glen Stevens, MRLGS, Erling Olson and Stella Papachek, NDSGS.

There was no quorum so the business meeting and election were suspended.

North Dakota State Senator Howard Anderson gave a presentation on vital record access in North Dakota. North Dakota likes standard legislation so they adopted the 2011 version of the Model State Vital Statistics Act and Model State Vital Statistics Regulations. In 2015, this was the reason the birth certificate open access was changed from 100 to 125

years. The Division of Vital Records is now linking birth and death records. Senator Anderson encouraged everyone to order their family's vital records and pass them down to the next generation.

NEW BUSINESS

Stella announced that she had completed photographing the headstones in Warwick Cemetery, Benson County, North Dakota. These are now available on the *Find A Grave* website at <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/102702/warwick-cemetery>.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ashley, Acting Secretary

Old Mill Museum and Archives, Lindsborg, Kansas

By Patrice Hartman, North Dakota and now Kansas some of the time

I have always wanted to attend the Swedish Conferences held each year in the spring and fall at Lindsborg, Kansas. They are put on by *ArkivDigital* Swedish Archives. This is the website for Swedish records that has the largest online collection of Swedish church and historical records. Go to their website for more information at <https://www.arkivdigital.net/>. Now that my daughter, Kira and her family live in Kansas and near Lindsborg I was able to visit with the archivist at the Old Mill Museum in person. She gave a presentation in February at the genealogical society meeting in Salina. I then went to Lindsborg to meet with her at the archives.

I was able to find a few more pieces on my one Swedish line that has been hard to research over the years. I am now familiar enough with the records

created in Sweden in the 1700-1800 that I can understand how they are organized and how to find them. It was great working with her as her knowledge is extensive. With her help and the new indexes for church/parish records online through *ArkivDigital* we were able to find a household examination record for my one line and a baptism and a few other clues. But she did say that my family was very hard to research. I would agree and not just this line in Sweden. She has also traveled extensively in Sweden so has knowledge of the country.

So if anyone has Swedish ancestors it might be worth a trip to Lindsborg, Kansas sometime or perhaps she could help you by email or phone. They do charge for research. I will also accept questions as to how to do Swedish research and help as much as I can.

Where am I from?

FamilySearch recently released the latest in their series of discovery activities. Users of Where am I from? can learn about their homelands, including foods they ate, recipes, and cultural attributes. A free Family Tree is not required but will provide a more personal experience.

Other activities include All About Me, Compare-a-Face,

Record My Story, Picture My Heritage and In-Home Activities.

A free *FamilySearch* account is needed to access these activities at <https://www.familysearch.org/discovery/>.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

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| 41947 Burleigh County. City of Bismarck, Assessor, Property Records Cards, 1973-2003, 3ft. | 1884, 1887-1925, 7r. (#17896-17901, 17905) | 41942 Stutsman County. City of Medina, Audits, 1968-2013, .6ft. |
| 41948 Burleigh County. Highway Department, County Engineer Records, 2018, 2DF | 41943 Stutsman County, City of Medina, Census Reports, 1990, 2010, .1ft. | 41944 Stutsman County. City of Medina, Emergency Snow Removal FEMA application, 1996-1997, .05ft. |
| 41945 Cavalier County. Clerk of Court, Birth and Death Records, 1903-1943, 3ft. | 41940 Stutsman County. City of Medina, Minutes, 1911-1999, 15v. | 41941 Stutsman County. City of Medina, Ordinances, 1938, 1945, 1948, 8v. |
| 41936 Grand Forks County. Elkmount Township, Records, 1920-1970, .5ft. | 41939 Traill County. Hatton Eielson School District, Records, 1982-2009, 1ft. | 41946 Williams County. School District 37, Teacher's Registers, 1906-1918, 2v. |
| 41950 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Divorce Case Files, 1926-1970, 7ft. | | |
| 41937 Pierce County. Clerk of Court, Justice Docket - Civil and Criminal, 1906-1918, 1v. | | |
| 41938 Pierce County. Rosedale School District #8 Records, 1903-1906, .05ft. | | |
| 41935 Stark County. Recorder, Marriage Records, | | |

Citation Corner

Did your ancestor apply for a patent for their invention? Or did they serve as a witness for a friend's patent application? These records can be used to help narrow down a date of death or change of residence and may carry the signature of your ancestor. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has an online database with images, however searches are limited to patents from 1976 to the present. Access to older patent images (1790-1975) requires knowledge of the patent number. One option to search these older patents is to use *Google Patents* at <https://patents.google.com/>. *Google Patents* also has images of the patents. Citing these documents uses the standard online format that we have discussed in past columns.

“Patent Full-Text and Image Databases,” database

with images, *USPTO: United States Patent and Trademark Office* (<https://www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents> : accessed 9 February 2020), images, C. H. Durkee, improvement in grain-binders, patent file no. 26,171 (1859).

Durkee, C. H. “Improvement in Grain-Binders.” US patent no. 26,171, (1859); database with images, *Google Patents* (<https://patents.google.com/> : accessed 9 February 2020).

Why the difference in the citations? The USPTO offers several databases, while *Google Patents* is a single database. *Google Patents* includes international patents, so the country where the patent was issued needs to be inserted before the patent number.

MyHeritage has introduced Fan View for Family Trees. A fan chart is a great way to display a person's ancestry in an easy-to-understand format.

MyHeritage now has interactive fan charts. Similar to Pedigree View it has a root individual and their

ancestors. The interactive feature means you can navigate in it, view more information about an individual and even add more people to your tree. It also has a color mode which hides the text and fills each card with color.

See this new feature at <https://www.myheritage.com/>

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society by Keith Zeutschel

At the February 15th meeting of the Red River Valley Genealogical Society we conducted our annual officer election. Those elected were: Keith Z - President, Glenn E - Vice President, John C - Secretary, John B - Treasurer, Jackie M. - Newsletter, Linda Z - Corresponding Secretary and Office Manager. With the election of Glenn E to Vice President his position as Trustee was now open. Scott H was appointed a Trustee to fill the remainder of Glenn's year. The other two Trustees continue to be Pam B. and Jackie M. The Secretaries report was presented by John C. and approved. Following lengthy discussion it was decided that we would not present a Workshop this Spring. Consideration is being

given to doing something in the Fall but nothing definite. We have also decided to pass on the selling of Brats at Hornbachers and Cash Wise for this year. Jackie reported that she is searching for articles for our next Newsletter due later this year. Linda reported that we have acquired many more books and all have been cataloged and placed on the shelving. Currently the library is open on Friday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM through April and by special appointment. In May, Bonanzaville opens for the Summer and we are deciding how to change the days we are open. Glenn continues to work on the new Web Page and hopes to complete it soon.

Learn From Home Opportunities

Due to COVID-19 many genealogy conferences and meetings have been cancelled. Dick Eastman of Eastman's *Online Genealogy Newsletter* is posting many of the cancellations at <https://blog.eogn.com/>.

I have put together a short list of some learn from home opportunities.

Many webinars are offered at no cost. These organizations have announced their 2020 webinar schedules:

Board for Certification of Genealogists <https://bcgcertification.org/bcg-2020-free-webinars/>

Florida State Genealogical Society <https://flsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=253>

Minnesota Genealogical Society <https://mngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38&page=1&nr=50&ec=7&tf=12>

Ontario Genealogical Society <https://ogs.on.ca/webinars-2020/>

Southern California Genealogical Society
<http://scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

Utah Genealogical Association
<https://ugagenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=626>

Some archived webinars are available here:

FamilySearch
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars#Past_Webinars_.26_Handouts

Legacy Family Tree Webinars
<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

RootsTech <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

The National Genealogical Society has several courses for which they charge a fee. <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/genealogy-courses/>. In addition to their May conference they also offer some live streamed sessions.

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have a film reading machine and many films on hand. I have heard rumors of other towns in North Dakota having this access, also, and I hope they share their information with us. The Devils Lake Library has a complete file of all the Devils Lake newspapers on film. They have a new machine that will scan books, put them on thumb drives and are starting an internal program to make historical items in their possession and the local museum's records on an accessible online program. They are working with the State Library and some of these may go on the Digital Horizons site. I will let you know how this progresses. This is another "time" program. No one ever said researching genealogy was quick.

My next project for research was going to my county court house to the County Recorder's office. I knew the locations of land that came through my family but I didn't know exactly how. Those patient ladies helped me find deeds and copied them. I looked at the deeds before Grandpa Fred appeared through to when my Dad owned the acres. This was quite a story, also. This was in the time frame of 1906 to 1940s so there were a lot of mortgages, Sheriff's sales, shifting of land among family. While there, Patty Hilbert, the County Recorder, told me about these packets you could order from the National Archives Trust Fund if you had an ancestor who homesteaded. I just got my packet yesterday and I felt it was well worth the \$50.00 it cost (yes that is a bit pricey but seems like all papers cost us something lately). It contained 24 copied pages including the complete Homestead Application papers such as records, of course, of all the fees and what they were for, the records of his application for citizenship and his citizenship certificate, the Affidavits of Publication and a copy of the article in the paper, signature pages of each person who testified for him of living on the land.

Last week I spent four days listening to the live feed from the Roots Tech gathering in St Lake City. I did this last year for the first time and enjoyed their sessions. I learned some very good techniques. They are all recorded and looks like they keep about 4-5 years available online. Last year they had some very new methods by *Ancestry* on the DNA cousins. I had spent many hours working on my 30,000 people and here was an entirely new way to see where they had connected on my tree, with some success, some not so successful. Thus with these new techniques, I spent most of the remainder of the winter, well into spring, redoing all my people into new classifications. A session this year covered copyrighting of information

shared.

I have spent time at the Warwick Cemetery and added some people and pictures to Find A Grave. This is a fun project. Rather personal as I think about 20 percent of the people out there are related somehow to my grandchildren. Now on a RootsTech session, I learned you can download an app on your phone, go out to each grave, press a button, and the location will be recorded along with the person and their grave. How great is that for anyone searching for an ancestor and wandering around any cemetery with more than a few people in it.

Basically, after all my rambling, I hope we can use the newsletters and meetings to share just how it is we have been successful in finding information. I do enjoy a puzzle and the joy of getting to that record that ties things together. I really feel there is a wealth of information and with all this new technology, it will become more and more important we know just how to hop on the web and find it. It is not always possible to drive to a location to look through records, but when these get online, so much will be within our reach. It will take, again, "time" but even what is out there now, is well worth searching for. The Digital Horizons already has mega information on their site.

Patrice was so good about setting up sessions for the meetings this year. It is one big step in finding sources of information. I encourage each club to keep in touch with the state society so we can have a central point of sharing our thoughts and progresses. All suggestions on improvement of our network would be appreciated. I realize that so much of this is "old hat" to many of you. There are many, such as myself, that have not had the opportunity to have all this knowledge and do appreciate your sharing.

I hope to see you at the next meeting on April 17 in Bismarck which features Michael Swanson from UND Library Special Collections in Grand Forks. I know this will be most informative.

Take Care
Stella Papachek
NDSGS President

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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/



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

Upcoming Events

17 April 2019. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting has been cancelled.

20-23 May 2020. National Genealogical Society Conference. Salt Lake City, Utah.
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

12-14 June 2020. Manitoba Genealogical Society conference. Winnipeg. <http://conference.mbgenealogy.com/>. Conference has been cancelled.

10 July 2020. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.

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