

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: I promised to give you some ideas that have worked for me.

To give you an idea of how I follow family history. I started with PAF at least 15 years ago. This my cousin started me with. He is a LDS member and has been researching for over 30 years. PAF was great. I added Legacy to which I transferred my PAF files. Luckily I did this as a virus corrupted my PAF files which are now not usable. Since then I've added My Heritage, FamilySearch and Find A Grave. In Find A Grave I have probably tied together over 500 sites: parents & children, sibling & sibling. Through My Heritage I have met four relatives who are working on three of my lines. Three are in this country and one in Norway. On my wife's lines I am now corresponding with three who are working on her lines. One is in Canada, one in Germany, and one in the USA.

I also attend stevnes, Norwegian lags or groups from an area in Norway. These I have found very beneficial both from the wealth of information, books, etc, that they have but also the visiting with fellow searchers. At a stevne in Alexandria I commented that my great grandmother had for a while lived in the log cabin that later became the first court house in Pope County, Minnesota. To which the person in charge brought a lady over to visit with me. In visiting we found that my great grandmother was also her great grandmother. I am also a member of Germans from Russia. They have an excellent library with information on their lineages.

I have attended the fall workshops in Moorhead which also have been very beneficial. NDSGS had a workshop here a few years ago when Genie Lang was in charge. I attended that and learned a lot. One item was that you could access Ancestry.com at the Bismarck Library or the state library and not have to pay a fee.

Our last meeting in Bismarck was very beneficial. Sarah Walker is very knowledgeable and is great at making sure everything is easily understood. I'm sure our next speaker will do as well. **It is worth your while to drive on in and come to the meeting.**

Sincerely,

Erling Olson, NDSGS President

Next Meeting

David Mayer, Information Systems Administrator at the North Dakota State Archives, will speak at the next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society, Friday, July 13 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. David will give a presentation on the Rediscovery collections management software the Archives is now using.

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

North Dakota State Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2018
Legislative Assembly Room-State Historical Society of
North Dakota

Present:
Erling Olson
Patrice Hartman
Stephanie Kom
Pat Ashley
Norma Dooley
Stella Papachek

President Olson called the meeting to order at 1:02
PM

Old Business:

The association has a new mailing address as the former P.O. Box is no longer maintained by the defunct Bismarck-Mandan Historical/Genealogical Society.

Pat Ashley made a motion to approve the new mailing address.
Norma Dooley seconded the motion
Motion carried

Sarah Walker of the State Historical Society of North Dakota gave a presentation about oral histories and other items of interest on the archives' website.

New business:

Association would like to explore the possibility of

changing the current ND legislation regarding vital records access. We should look into why 125 years was decided on, what is going on nationally, who sponsored the legislation change and what the vote was. Steph Kom will take the lead on the committee.

The Moorhead Genealogy Conference is coming up in September. The conference allows for new networking opportunities and education. We should consider taking out a small ad as we have done in years past.

Stella Papachek made a motion to approve taking out the ad in the Moorhead Genealogy Conference's booklet.
Patrice Hartman seconded
Motion carried

David Mayer of the State Historical Society of North Dakota will be the July meeting speaker.
Gary Ball-Kilbourne who performs research for others will speak at the October meeting.

President Olson suggested that many of us within the society are experts on something so more members should work on giving presentations if they can.

In order to gain more member involvement in the meetings, can we look into Skype as an option?

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Secretary

Stephanie Kom

Remembering Genie Lang



Eugenie Lang was born in Carson, North Dakota in 1948 and died 11 April 2018 in Bismarck.

She served as North Dakota State Genealogical Society's President from 2014-2015, and helped organize the NDSGS Workshop held in April 2015.

She was also a member of the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society and the Germans from Russia Heritage Society. At the time of her death she served on the Governor's Committee for Vocational Rehabilitation.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

41867 Cass County. Clerk of Court, Burial Transit Permits, 2000-2018, 4CF

41866 Ramsey County. Recorder, Marriage Records, 1884-1925, 4,028DF

41872 Divide County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, 1911-1961, 42CF

41868 Walsh County. City of Grafton. Auditor, Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Improvements, 1973-1974, 3LF

41864 McLean County. Malcolm School District #38, Treasurer's Annual Report, 1932-1959, 1ff.

41865 Walsh County. Park River School District #8, Records, 2006-2008, 7DF

41870 Morton County. Recorder, Burial Transit Permits, 1990-2017, 3CF

41869 County and Municipal Blueprints and Drawings, 1883-1980, 9LF

41871 Morton County. Recorder, Wills for Safekeeping, 1915-1945, .25CF

New Book and Journal Acquisitions

by Stephanie Kom, Head of Technical Services—Archives

New since March:

North Dakota Local Histories:

Hickson centennial, 1883-1983. [Hickson, North Dakota]: n.p., [1983].

Isern, Thomas D. *Touring German-Russian country from Ashley, North Dakota*. Fargo, North Dakota: Center for Heritage Renewal, North Dakota State University, 2016.

Peace Lutheran Church (Hazen, North Dakota). *Peace Lutheran Church: 75th anniversary, 1909-1984*. Hazen, North Dakota: Peace Lutheran Church, 1984.

Preszler, June Veneta. *United Methodist Church: Dickinson, North Dakota 1917-2017*. [Bismarck, N.D.]: June Veneta Preszler, 2017.

Wilkins, Wynona Huchette and Robert P. Wilkins. *The first hundred years: the history of St. Paul's Church, 1880-1980*. [Grand Forks, N.D.]: [Century Creations], [1980].

Family Histories:

Oster, J. D. *History and ancestry of Frieda Sailer and Otto Oster and their descendants, 1907-2017*. N. p.: n. p., [2018?].

Other:

Bell, Thomas W. *A guide to Brampton Cemetery, Brampton Township, Sargent County, ND*. [Lisbon, North Dakota?]: [Tom Bell], 2006.

Bisle-Fandrich, Elvire. *Sunflowers & thistles: Bessarabian Germans speak out*. Translated by James Gessele. Second Edition. Fargo, North Dakota: Germans from Russia Heritage Collection, [2016].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Divide County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2018].

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

Henderson, William. *Walking in the shadow of death: The story of a Vietnam infantry soldier*. Murrells Inlet, South Carolina: Covenant Books, 2017.

Jacobi, Bud and Jan Jelliff. *Bud Jacobi's World War II story: the Italian campaign*. [Grand Forks, North Dakota]: [The Author], [2004?].

League of North Dakota Municipalities. *Directory of North Dakota township officials*. Bismarck, North Dakota: League of North Dakota Municipalities, [1948].

Newgard, Thomas P. *Patterns on the prairie*. Moorhead, Minnesota: Thomas Newgard, [2017].

Rolly, Inez Cross Brown. *My uncle sent me*. N. p.: [The Author?], [199-?].

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State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Books and Journals (Continued from page 3)

Journals:

Bowdon Public School. *Beaver*. [North Dakota?]: [Bowdon Public School].

Dunseith Public School. *Dragon*. [North Dakota?]: [Dunseith Public School].

Enderlin centennial flyer. Enderlin, North Dakota: n. p., n.d.

Lehr High School. *Leopard*. [North Dakota?]: [Lehr High School].

Red River Valley memories. Hendrum, Minnesota: Heritage Publications, 1996-2000.

Richardton High School. *The rebel*. [North Dakota]: [Richardton High School].

St. Leo's High School. *The lions' den*. Minot, North Dakota: senior class of St. Leo's High School, 1937-1949.

Sheldon High School. *Shadows*. [North Dakota?]: [Sheldon High School].

Sykeston High School. *The Hiawatha*. [North Dakota]: Sykeston High School, 1940-.

Towns. Moorhead, Minnesota: Towns Unlimited Publications, 1980-1981.

Valley City State Teachers College. *Tawacin*. Valley City, North Dakota: Valley City State Teachers College, 1943-.

Mark H. Kellogg Diary

by Shane Molander, Deputy State Archivist

An interesting item in the State Archives that garnered some media attention a few months ago is the Mark H. Kellogg Diary, 1876 (Manuscript 20017). To refresh your memory, Kellogg was a journalist for the *Bismarck Tribune* and possibly a few other newspapers from back east. During the 7th Calvary's pursuit of American Indians that refused to stay on reservation lands. Kellogg accompanied Lt. Col. George Custer's 7th Calvary to what became the Battle of the Little Bighorn, June 25-26. Custer and Kellogg were two of the 274 men killed in overwhelming defeat. Kellogg's diary was recovered from the area and eventually, 109 years later, was donated to the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

The diary consists of 42 loose pages of Kellogg's handwritten notes he took during the expedition. They are mostly general observations of the troop movements, weather, scenery and wildlife encountered along the way. The journalist probably used these notes to write his stories that were dispatched back to the *Tribune* during the expedition.

Following his death, Kellogg's belongings were sent back to the home of John P. Dunn III in Bismarck. Kellogg had been staying at the Dunn home since his move to Bismarck in 1873. The Dunn's had been a prominent family and started the first pharmacy in early Bismarck. Dunn sought out Kellogg's family and returned some of his belongings to them. The diary, however, he did not.

Mark Kellogg was born in Canada and moved around several times as a child and eventually settled in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He was married there in 1861 and had two daughters. In 1867 his wife died and Kellogg left his daughters to be raised by an aunt. He moved around the next few years working at various newspapers in the Midwest, eventually ending up in Bismarck.

Following Kellogg's death, the diary remained in Bismarck with the Dunn family until 1940, when they turned it over to the *Bismarck Tribune*, believing it was the *Tribune's* property since Kellogg was writing for them at the time. *Tribune* publisher Glenn Sorlie turned the diary over to the State Historical Society in 1985. Interest and speculation about the stains on the pages of the diary increased as Custer enthusiasts were now able to view it in the archives. Some suspected they were blood stains, believing the diary was near Kellogg's body. In 1995 the stains were tested at the state crime lab and it was determined they likely came from coffee, whiskey, or dirty water. It is likely the diary was recovered from camp near the Powder River, miles away from the battle. The Mark Kellogg diary certainly created and carried on a story of its own. A scan of the diary can be found on Digital Horizons at <http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital/collection/uw-ndshs/id/2045/rec/3>.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society by Keith Zeutschel

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society (RRVGS) is geared up for another summer of helping you trace your family history. We have switched to our Summer hours now and are open three days a week. Thursday's and Friday's we are open from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and on Saturday from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. You can also set up an appointment for a different time by emailing us at rrvgs@fargocity.com and we will try to find an agreeable time and someone to meet you at the library. For those that do not know,

we are now located at Bonnazaville in West Fargo located at 1351 W Main Ave, West Fargo, ND, however all mail should be sent to our normal address which is P O Box 9284, Fargo ND 58106-9284. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Be sure to go to our website at www.redrivergenealogy.com for further information about our library.

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 June 25th, July 30, August 27, and September 24th.

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

Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Monday

James River Genealogical Society by Barb Caine

James River Genealogy Club meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, April through November, alternating between Carrington and Jamestown, ND. The June, August and October meetings are held in Carrington at Northern Electric Co-op. The April, May, July, September and November meetings are held in Jamestown at St. Paul's UMC. We meet at Pizza Ranch for informal dining and genealogy discussion an hour before. Visitors are welcome. Our address is: PO Box 1625

Jamestown, ND 58402. Our email address is: jamesrivergenealogy@yahoo.com

For our May meeting, Eunice Meidinger, a representative of AARP gave a presentation on how to keep safe as we are searching on the internet. Our June meeting consisted of how to make a movie presented by Dr. Bernard Hoggarth. He also gave us hints and ideas on how to use technology and media tools in our family searches.

Remembering Clara Bliss



Clara Bliss was born in Bowman, North Dakota in 1940 and died there on 2 May 2018. She became the Director of the Pioneer Trails Museum in Bowman after starting there as a

volunteer. She was President of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society from 2004-2005. She was also a member of the Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Kathy Holte

The Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Saturday, June 2, 2018 with a potluck at noon. Cake, coffee and punch were served after a nice visit. There was a good attendance of 18 members with two charter members present. John Mogren and Carol Schwan visited with Minot Daily News reporter Jill Schram. You can find the article at minotdailynews.com and search “genealogy”. John and Carol are holding the latest issue of the RECORD featuring the history and recollections of MRLGS, photos and member recipes.



Citation Corner

Genealogists use newspapers to find all kinds of information about our ancestors and family members. How do you cite an article from a newspaper? Sometimes you might actually cite a physical newspaper that you are reading. In the past you may have looked at old newspapers in bound books or loose filed. For many years in my research I looked at newspapers on microfilm as that was the only way to research them.

Now we can look at many newspapers online. I will give you a number of different examples of citing your newspaper source.

Clarence Hartman obituary, *Eido Connect* (Mott, North Dakota), 21 April 2018, p. 23, cols. 1- 3.

Antoine Didier obituary, *Courier-Democrat* (Langdon, North Dakota), 11 May 1905, p.1, col. 1; SHSND

microfilm 982; State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck.

John Merry, Notice of Homestead Proof, *The Washburn Leader* (Washburn, North Dakota), 20 Dec. 1890, p. 1, col. 5; digital image, *Library of Congress, Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers* (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov> : accessed 1 June 2018).

Douglas Johnson obituary, *The Mapleton Times* (Mapleton, Iowa), 18 May 1950, p. 7, col. 5; digital image, *Advantage Preservation* (<http://mapleton.advantage-preservation.com/> : accessed 1 June 2018).

Newspapers are interesting sources and can yield unique stories and valuable information.

Pre-1925 Marriage Index Update

The Ramsey County, North Dakota, pre-1925 marriage index is now online. Check it out at

http://history.nd.gov/archives/marriage_ramsey.asp

Archives - Marriage Index - Ramsey County

County: Ramsey County (N.D.)

Groom: Aaberg, Carl A

Bride: Hassett, Florence

Date: 1/12/1917

Info:

Norwegian - American Bygdelagenes Fellesraad

National Council for the Norwegian-American Bygdslag

Bygdslag are organizations comprised of descendants of emigrants from Norway to North America. Every "Lag" seeks to preserve and strengthen bonds with its home district or community-of-origin in Norway.

Here are some of the yearly get togethers (Stevne) for Norwegian-American lags. "Norwegian-Americans from specific areas of Norway"

Go to http://www.fellesraad.com/fell_roots.htm#Fyike for more information about their Stevne where you can download posters and registration forms or links to more information from their lag.

Stevne (stev-neh) is a Norwegian word that means conference, gathering, or reunion.

June 20-22, 2018
Nordlandslag Stevne (5, 17, 9) will meet in Fargo, ND
<http://www.fellesraad.com/nordlandslag.htm>

June 20-23, 2018 (7,8,13,15,11)
Valdres Samband/Vestlandslag Stevne will meet in Alexandria, MN.
Vestlandslag Stevne is made up of: Hardanger (7), Møre og Romsdalslag (8), Nordhordland (7), Rogalandslag (13), Sognalag (15), Sunnhordland (7), Sunnfjordlag (15) Vosselag (7) Valdres Samband (11)
<http://www.fellesraad.com/vestlandslag.htm>
http://www.fellesraad.com/valdres_samband.htm

July 12-15, 2018 (11,4,16)
Seven Lag Stevne will meet in Willmar, MN.
Seven Lag Stevne is made up of: Hadeland (11), Landingslag (11), Numedalslagenlag (4), Ringerike Drammen Districts (4), Sigdalslag (4), Telemag (16), and Totenlag (11)
http://www.fellesraad.com/seven_lag.htm

August 8-11, 2018 (11,10,14,6)
Tre-Lag Stevne will meet in Austin, MN
Tre-Lag Stevne is made up of: Gudbrandsdal National (11), Trønderlag (10,14) and Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken (6)
<http://www.fellesraad.com/gudbrandsdalnational.htm>
<http://www.fellesraad.com/tronderlag.htm>
http://www.fellesraad.com/nord_hedmark_og_hedemarken.htm

August 9-11, 2018 (4,15)
Hallinglag (4) and Sognefjordlag Stevne (15) will be held in Decorah IA
<http://www.fellesraad.com/hallinglag.htm>
<http://www.fellesraad.com/sognefjord.htm>

September 8-9, 2018
Opdalslag Stevne (14) will meet in Centerville, SD.
<http://www.fellesraad.com/opdalslag.htm>

September 12-15, 2018 (1,12,6)
Romerikslag (1,12) and Solgriag (6) Stevne will meet in Fergus Falls, Mn.
<http://www.fellesraad.com/romerikslag.htm>
<http://www.fellesraad.com/sognalag.htm>

September 16, 2018
Nordfjordlag Stevne (15) will meet in Spicer, MN.
<http://www.fellesraad.com/nordfjordlag.htm>

(New) Vest Agder (19) & Aust Agder (2) is in process of forming a Bygdslag



- 05. Finnmark
- 17. Troms
- 09. Nordland
- 10. Nord-Trøndelag
- 14. Sør-Trøndelag
- 06. Hedmark
- 11. Oppland
- 01. Akershus
- 02. Aust-Agder
- 03. Bergen (city)
- 04. Buskerud
- 07. Hordaland
- 08. Møre og Romsdal
- 12. Oslo (city)
- 13. Rogaland
- 15. Sogn og Fjordane
- 16. Telemark
- 18. Vestfold
- 19. Vest-Agder
- 20. Østfold

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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

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/>

3-5 August 2018. Deuce of August Icelandic Celebration. Mountain, North Dakota. <http://thedeuce.org/deuce-of-august/>

20-22 September 2018. 29th Annual Montana State Genealogical Society Conference. Great Falls, Montana. <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

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.

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