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- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

Hello to all the genealogists at the beginning of summer. I have been thinking a great deal about our ancestors that have gone through so much over the years with wars, financial depressions, disease, of so many varieties that it is hard to remember them all, that spread through the world. What we are involved in right now is very unique for our lifespan. BUT there are many really intelligent people from all over the world working on conquering this disease so we will soon be able to be out and about and be together again. I am looking forward to that time.

I was on a roll with my research when the pandemic began and I got caught up in the news as it slowly made its way to North Dakota. The call for masks sounded like something I could volunteer for so spent a great deal of time on this project. Now it is sunny outside and the weeds keep calling me. So, I have not done much on my genealogy for several months.

How lucky we are to have our internet when we cannot go visit the museums, libraries, and all those treasure troves that hold old records. Looking through the web site for the State Genealogy Society there are many addresses to connect with for a vast array of subjects. I have connected with historical societies in areas where some of my ancestors lived by going on the web to a city in the area and looking at their listings for local interest places for us to visit or connect with.

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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 scheduled to reopen to the public on June 22. See their website for further information <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/index.html> .

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

There was no meeting in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Genealogy Mentors

by Patrice Hartman

Recently I thought about all of the people who helped in my genealogy journey through the years. I will share a few of them here.

College Professors at Wartburg College in the History and Art Departments.

My parents and grandparents who shared valuable life lessons and information about their parents and ancestors.

My father, Leland Johnson who drove me to the local churches, cemeteries, family homes and library, courthouses and state offices in the 1970's.

My mother, Marietta South Johnson who supported me and my interest in history and learning and family.

My friend, Beth Bauman, who helped start me on my path to research in North Dakota and Salt Lake. We traveled to Salt Lake together in 1992 to research at the family history library in Salt Lake. She had family there and we also went to Provo and other libraries in the area. I found my ancestor Rebecca Conyers burial record in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

George Barron was another one of my genealogy mentors. George was a hard worker and very interested in cemeteries and indexed many newspapers and other North Dakota Records. I used his cemetery indexes many, many times over the years. He was also active in our ND State Genealogical Society for many years.

Don Smith was active for many years in our ND State Genealogical Society as our Treasurer from the beginning until 2012. He was always fun to visit with and travel with. Don was a very positive person and worked on many of the early indexing projects in the Burleigh and Morton County areas.

John Mogren was a charter member of our ND State Genealogical Society and helped guide our group in the early years serving as an officer. Always involved and ready to help. John has indexed many early newspapers and other genealogical records in the Minot area and surrounding counties.

Jacki Keck was involved in the early years and helped with many of the organizational challenges for our ND State Genealogical Society. Jacki was involved in the local group in Williston and always a source for new research areas.

George Freeman of Grand Forks came to some of our later meetings and was good with technology and always looking for ways to encourage digitization of records. He was involved in the Icelandic heritage group and also indexed and published several family heritage books.

Daphne Drewello of Jamestown participated for years with George Barron on cemetery recordings and library resources. She also served as an officer for several years in our ND State Genealogical Society.

Susan Dingle was one of my first contacts at the State Historical Society of ND archives and helped me learn my way around the stacks and microfilm areas. She participated in many areas of our ND State Genealogical Society over the years.

Greg Wysk continued as my contact at the State Historical Society of ND archives in later years and was a great help in many ways over the years. He also served as an officer in our ND State Genealogical Society and was very knowledgeable about resources in the archives and how to find them.

I am sure I have forgotten someone or several people but will end this article for now. Some of these mentors are still with us and some have gone to greener pastures but they all contributed to my vast knowledge of ND history and genealogy and helped to shape my life and my pursuit of family history. Thank you to all who helped on this journey and may we continue to pursue the lives of our ancestors and to solve mysteries.

Please remember to preserve any and all records that are in your possession or that you find along the way so that the future generations will have them to learn from.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

by Lindsay K. Meidinger, *Electronic Records Archivist*

May 2020

41952 Cass County. Fargo Fire Department, Fire Department Relief Association Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, 1909, 0.05 ft.

41954 Grand Forks County. City of Thompson, Audit Reports, 1995-2002, 0.5 ft.

41955 Grand Forks County. City of Thompson, Auditor Records, 1993-2002, 0.5 ft

41953 Grand Forks County. City of Thompson, City Council Minutes, 1988-2013, 1 ft.

Citation Corner

Ostkaka, Danish cinnamon crispies, ArkivDigital, Dala horse are all words that we saw on our trip to Lindsborg, Kansas in May. After weeks of confinement due to Covid-19 my daughter and her family and I traveled to Lindsborg, Kansas from Salina, Kansas for an excursion. It is only about 20 miles so a quick trip on the interstate.

Lindsborg is a beautiful small Midwestern town with a Swedish Heritage. I don't know the history of the town or area but the Old Mill Museum there has held Swedish workshops for many years in the spring and fall. This year the spring conference was cancelled.

We decided to just go and look over the outdoor part of the museum and town without going into anything except the grocery store for snacks and restrooms. So Zane, my grandson and I were the only ones to get out at the museum as Samuel

was sleeping at that time and Claire was nursing. So we explored the old mill area and farm equipment and walked up to the museum visitor center. Then we went to the grocery store to buy some Swedish treats and then came home. Swedish Ostkaka is a custard type of dessert with the following ingredients: half n half, powdered milk, water, flour, sugar, vanilla and rennet, egg. My mother used to make Ostkaka and I still have her recipe but it was fun to try this version and it was very delicious.

The source citation for this trip would consist of the town name, grocery store name and museum and the date. Trip to the Old Mill Museum and Scott's Hometown Foods, May 3, 2020, Lindsborg, Kansas.

We combined a fun trip with my grandchildren and also a way to learn about their heritage. My paternal grandmother was Swedish.



George Freeman died 1 April 2020 at his home. George was active in the Icelandic National League, Icelandic Communities Association of Mountain, North Dakota,

Minnkota Genealogy Society of Grand Forks, Minot Icelandic Heritage Society, FM Icelandic Klub, and the



North Dakota State Genealogy Society. He compiled the *Pembina County Pioneer Daughter Biographies*.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society by Keith Zeuschel

Due to the current shut-down of most activities, RRVGS has also not opened the library. However, our dedicated members have continued to serve as we are able. Using the power of the internet, we have continued to answer inquiries and help fellow genealogists in their search. We have received a few new books and donations during this time and have strived to log everything. We have cancelled our April and May meetings but have plans to meet in June on the 20th at 10:00 AM. Our meetings will continue to be held on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM.

We will reopen our library on Friday June 5th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM and on each Friday after that. New hours have been established as follows. January through December we will be open on Fridays from

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. During May through September we will also be open on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. We are closed on Holidays.

Our library is located at 1351 West Main in West Fargo, ND in the Bonanzaville main entry building however all mail should be sent to RRVGS, PO Box 9284, Fargo, ND 58106-9284. You may also contact us via email at rrvgs@fargocity.com, by Facebook at Red River Valley Genealogy, or our webpage at rrvgs.org. You may also leave a message at 701-239-4129 although it may not be answered promptly.

Last US Citizen Receiving a Civil War Pension Dies in North Carolina

by Dick Eastman, *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* (<https://blog.eogn.com/>)

An article in the *Daily Mail* web site surprised me:

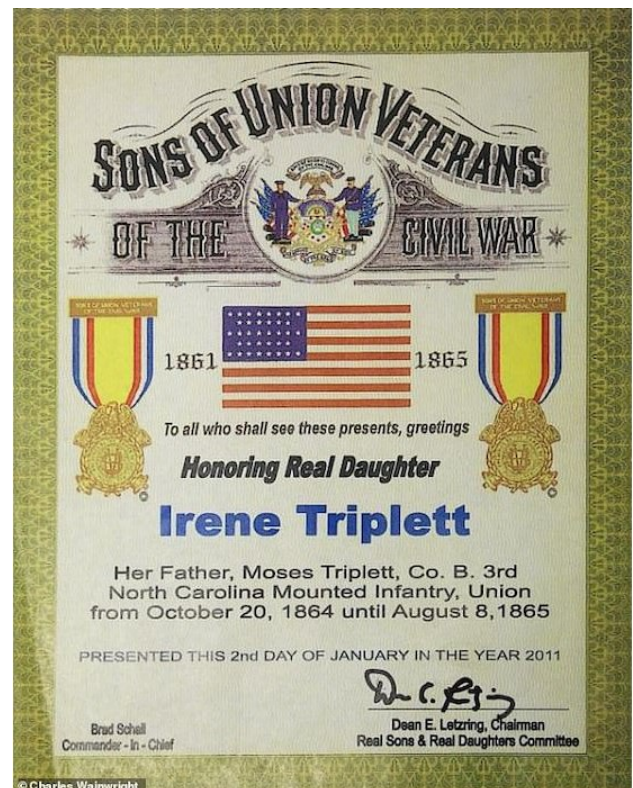
Last US citizen receiving a Civil War pension dies in North Carolina – nearly 170 years after her father defected from the Confederate Army on the way to Gettysburg to fight for the Union to abolish slavery.

- Mose Triplett fought for both the Confederate and Union Armies during the Civil War of 1861- 1865
- In 1930, at the age of 83, his much-younger wife gave birth to daughter Irene
- Irene qualified for a Civil War pension as the daughter of a veteran; and began receiving the government money in the mid-1950s

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You can read the full story at:

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8382349/Last-citizen-receiving-Civil-War-pension-dies-North-Carolina.html>.



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My cousin in the Seattle area has an old album with pictures from the late 1800s, early 1900s. Some are labeled but many are not. I have heard stories about people who verify they are related because they each have the same picture. Some of the people that were identified in this album were centered in Vermont but came to southwestern North Dakota and around Redfield, South Dakota area. Names included are Basford & Kingsbury (very English), McGee (Irish), Holcomb, Haphuis, Lockwood, Barr, Benedick. I am attaching an unusual picture from that album. On the back it just says "Wedding." By the clothing, I have no idea what nationality this would be. The other photo reminds me of "Little Women" and may be four sisters.

Perhaps if we can all share a couple pictures and names, we may find some leads for our trees. It seems wherever you travel and strike up a conversation, it is easy to find people you all are familiar with.

Have a great summer and share with us any story you choose. That is why we have this connection and it is surprising what turns up.

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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, 1-3pm, State Archives,
Bismarck.**

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

oldmillmuseum.org

12-14 October 2020. Virtual British
Institute. [isbgfh.com/Virtual-British-
Institute](http://isbgfh.com/Virtual-British-Institute)