

NDSGS Newsletter

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- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

HURRAY! We have plans for a meeting in July which is already next month. I hope many of you can join in the conversations at the Bismarck State Historical Society building. We will have a short business meeting and as much time as needed for exchange of ideas and the highlight will be a presentation by Shane Molander, State Archivist, on what the Archives has in its collection.

I just became aware that one of the items that are judged and displayed at the North Dakota State Fair are articles gathered in "The Heritage Contest." These stories are about what life was like in North Dakota in the early years. They will be displayed in the 4-H Hall in the ND State Fair Center during the fair which runs July 23-31. The contest is sponsored by the North Dakota State Fair. Additional support comes from Minot State University and the Northern Plains Writing Project.

Each North Dakota resident may enter up to three works which illustrate aspects of North Dakota's culture and heritage. Maximum length for a work is 2,500 words. Judges will look for quality of writing, relevance to the history and culture of North Dakota and human interest when judging works entered.

There are two categories of entrance: writers 20 years of age or younger and writers 21 years of age and older. Complete rules and suggestions are found on page 61 of the Exhibitor Handbook and by going online to www.NDSTATEFAIR.COM.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is Friday, July 9 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

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

There were no meetings this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Advantage Archives

An idea has been presented to use some of our NDSGS funds to help digitize North Dakota Newspapers. Currently we have almost \$7000 in our bank account. We would work with the NDSHS Archives and Advantage Archives on this project. Many of our ND newspapers are online already with this program and the structure is already in place so it would be easy to add newspapers

to this website (<http://ndarchives.advantage-preservation.com/>)

The amount to spend and which newspapers to digitize will be discussed at our July meeting so please come and share in this decision. These are your membership dues that have built up over the past few years so come be involved in our genealogical society.

New York Family Connection

By Patrice Hartman

I recently made a breakthrough on a family I have researched over the years. I found a connection from Illinois to a specific county in New York where the family originated from. The New York land deed appears to be a distribution of sorts to the heirs of the father. No probate or other documents have been found or online family trees to indicate who the parents of this individual are. The deed names the person in question, his wife and where they lived at the time so I know that it is the correct family. It also names other individuals who I assume are siblings and where they lived at the time. I have been able to find lots of information about this group of individuals and hopefully will be able to put

them in a family group soon.

I found this New York land deed from an index that is online at <https://www.familysearch.org>. A regular check of this website is important to locate new records that are being indexed and digitized at a fast pace. Millions of new images are added every week through a new process called Explore Historical Images. Some have no name indexes yet but you can check this system to locate the images. Go to the website, then search and then images. Search by place, date or life event to locate the data.

Civil War Era Signatures were discovered beneath layers of wallpaper and paint in Beaufort, South Carolina.

In late 1861, several buildings were turned into Union hospitals. The soldiers doodled and signed their names on one mansion's walls.

See the full article at https://blog.fold3.com/these-walls-do-talk-civil-war-signatures-discovered-beneath-layers-of-wallpaper-and-paint/?utm_source=find&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=find-Apr-2021.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records

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

March 2021 – May 2021

41977 McKenzie County. Auditor, Tax Deed Records, Undated, 38 feet

41970 McHenry County. Board of County Commissioners, Plat of School Townships, 1886, 1 item

41982 McKenzie County. Sheriff, Civil Fee Calendar, 1913-1949, 1 volume

41981 McKenzie County. Sheriff, Real Estate Mortgage Sale Records, Circa 1906-1966, 3 volumes

41971 Morton County. Clerk of Court, District Court Minute Book, 1941-1944, 1 volume

41975 Morton County. Clerk of Court, Judgment Dockets, 1879-1914, 2 volumes

41969 Morton County. Recorder, Warranty Deeds, 1882-1894, 1 folder

41974 Mountrail County. City of White Earth.

Auditor, Records, 1908-2015, 1.25 feet

41973 Walsh County. City of Grafton. Auditor, Oaths of Office, 1968-2010, 0.25 feet

41968 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Probate Cases, Circa 1881-2006, approximately 275 feet

41983 Walsh County. Clerk of Court, Register of Official Bonds and Oaths, 1887-1932, 1 volume

41972 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Class Lists, 1921-1957, 3 feet

41979 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Records, Undated, 1 foot

41978 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Record of School Districts, 1896-1909, 1 volume

41980 Walsh County. Superintendent of Schools, Poll Book, Tally List, Official Returns of Elections, Circa 1993-1998, 0.5 feet

41976 Williams County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, Circa 1962-1987, 46 feet

The North Dakota State Archives is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 701.328.2091 or email archives@nd.gov See their

website for further information <https://www.history.nd.gov/archives/index.html> .

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I am looking forward to visiting this exhibit in July to learn additional facts about our state. I wonder if the State Historical Society has some of these stories on file. It is a question we can get an answer to at our July meeting.

There is also a photography section. I will have to check this out, also, to see if there is a section of historical pictures.

It is amazing how our ancestors have expanded

into so many countries that I had never dreamed they would. I understand this happens as new cousins are found through DNA. I always said I was half Danish, and the rest a group of British and German persons. Now my cousins have some roots in all the Eastern European countries as well as the Scandinavian areas.

Looking forward to seeing you in Bismarck in July.

Stella Papachek

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society library is now open for researchers to trace their ancestry. Our hours are on Friday's from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on the third Saturday of the month after our monthly meeting from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Our most recent acquisition is many microfilms that cover census records of Dakota Territory and South Dakota. These may be viewed right at our library as we now have a new film reader. The images can be transferred

to our printer for ease of printing. Check on these new films the next time you visit our library. Of course, we also have a large collection of the obits from the *Fargo Forum* on film. The library can be contacted at rrvgs@fargocity.com or our web site at RRVGS.ORG. You may also leave a message on the phone at 701-239-4129 but messages are usually only retrieved on Friday.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by James C. Falcon

After several months of not meeting, due to COVID-19 concerns, the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society has been meeting since March 2021. Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Minot Public Library. Be sure to watch the Society's Facebook

page

(<https://www.facebook.com/northcentralnorthdakotagenealogy>) and website (<https://www.mouseriverloopgenealogy.com/>) for more information.

Free FamilySearch Lookup

FamilySearch is now offering a free lookup service for when you can't visit the Family History Library. Staff and volunteers at the library will look up specific records in their collections that cannot be viewed online. Since this is not a research service

people will have to identify the specific record from FamilySearch.org that they need to see. To use the Lookup service, complete the form at <https://form.jotform.com/201775133001037> to request a copy of the image of the document.

Free FamilySearch Webinars

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is closed until July 6 but they are providing webinars online. Classes for June, July and August are posted at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars. The classes are broadcast via Zoom. No registration is

required.

There are classes on using FamilySearch Family Tree, using the FamilySearch catalog, the research process, German research, records in Norway and Finland, Navigating Nordic Names, etc.



IN MEMORIAM

Erling Olsen, NDSGS Vice President, died 9 June, 2021 at Bismarck. He was born in 1937 at Maddock, North Dakota, to Earl and Laura (Lageson) Olson. Erling was very interested in his heritage and also served as President of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. He was a member of the Sons of Norway Lodge and traced his ancestry back to King Harald

Hårfager of Norway. As a proud Norwegian he was also a member of several Bygdelags (Tronderlag Valdres Samband and Vestlandet) that seek to preserve and strengthen bonds with the community of origin. Erling always enjoyed sharing his knowledge of Norwegian genealogy with others at our meetings.

Citation Corner

Historically orphanages were viewed as a place to teach values to disadvantaged children and prepare them to be independent adults. A large number of these children were not fully orphaned. Seventy percent of the children placed in a St. Louis, Missouri, orphanage had one parent still living. Many of these children were institutionalized for less than a year and most returned to their family or friends.¹

These records can offer a wealth of genealogical and family information. The elements needed to cite these items, include the name of the record, child's name, date, orphanage and location. If the record is held at a different repository that should

be noted.

A citation for an entry record may look like this:

Nomination Paper for Grace Bishop, 31 July 1925, Royal Albert Orphanage, Henwick, Worcester; Worcestershire County Council, Worcester, England.

¹ *Orphanages: An Historical Overview. The Role of Orphanages in Child Welfare Policy* (n.p.: Family and Children's Services Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services, 1995), 2-3; image, *Minnesota Legislative Reference Library* (<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/docs/pre2003/other/950265.pdf>) : accessed 7 June 2021).

Old Records Shed New Light on Smallpox Outbreaks in 1700s

Newly digitized church records posted online by Boston's Congregational Library and Archives are shedding new light on smallpox outbreaks that hit the city in the 1700s.

A minister's diary is not only a daily accounting of

the church, but also serves as a town record. Read more on this topic at:

<https://apnews.com/article/us-news-smallpox-coronavirus-pandemic-health-795b86e0d8fd632034cf70fc320e4c91>.

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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

9 July 2021. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.

30 July—1 August 2021. Deuce of August. Icelandic Communities Association. Mountain, ND. <http://thedeuce.org/>

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

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