

# 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**

I hope many of you have seen the new Heritage Center! It is a wonderful facility already and it is exciting to realize that some of the largest halls are not even open yet. Please check out the exhibits and spend a day learning about the early years of our state. It is a trip you will not forget.

Our next meeting will be held at 1PM, Friday, July 11, 2014 on the UND campus in Grand Forks. The program and meeting will be held in the East Asian Room, on the fourth floor of the Chester Fritz Library. This room is just down the hall from the Department of Special Collections. The program will be Michael Swanson, assistant archivist in the Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections, speaking on the topic "What's so Special about Special Collections." This presentation will provide an overview of the holdings in Special Collections, with special emphasis on the genealogical materials. A tour of Special Collections will also be provided. For those arriving early or wishing to stay after the meeting, Special Collections will be open 8:00 to 4:30 on July 11.

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If you have any questions, Please feel free to email me at [glang@midco.net](mailto:glang@midco.net), or contact one of the other officers listed in this newsletter. Take care and enjoy your summer.

Genie Lang

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 11 at 1 pm CDT in the East Asian Room, Chester Fritz Library, UND, Grand Forks.

Details on parking and location can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

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

Business meeting

## MINUTES

Pat Ashley made a motion, which was seconded by Al Buchholz, that the minutes of the October 11, 2013 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

The workshop will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Stephanie Kom volunteered for the publicity committee.

There was a motion made by Daphne Drewello and seconded by Pat Ashley to charge \$15.00 and \$20.00 for those who register for the workshop after the registration deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Al Buchholz and seconded by Erling Olson to have a booth at the Moorhead Workshop on September 20th and to place an Ad in the booklet. Motion carried. Patrice volunteered to help with this. A handout

will be printed with information about the spring workshop.

Patrice talked about the project to index North Dakota marriage records. This project began in 2006 to index the pre 1925 marriage records for all counties in North Dakota. The NDSGS received a grant of \$500.00 in 2007 to place this marriage index online. Initially this index was to go online with the Great Rivers Network but that site did not work for this index. Through the years various counties have indexed their records and some of these indexes are online. Currently to find an early marriage record you have to check with each county to determine which has the record you are searching for. Having a statewide index would greatly facilitate finding the marriage record.

In 2013 the SHSND received a grant to microfilm and index the marriage records from 10 counties. They hope to apply for this grant each year to continue to microfilm and index the marriage records. Volunteers will be needed to do the indexing. Contact Patrice Hartman if you are interested in helping.

Next Meeting: The summer meeting will be July 11, 2014 at UND in Grand Forks.

More information will be in the next newsletter. The summer Newsletter Deadline is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary  
Patrice Hartman

Several videos on paper and photograph preservation have appeared online in the last few years. Now, the North Carolina State Historical Records Advisory Board and the State Archives of North Carolina with the support of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission has produced a series of videos with basic information on caring for important family papers. They may be viewed free on YouTube. Each video lasts about 10 minutes.

[Identifying and Protecting Essential Family Records](#)

[General Paper Preservation Tips](#)

[Caring for and Sharing Family and Personal Papers](#)

[The Care and Preservation of Family Photographs](#)

[Managing and Preserving Digital Images](#)

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

## New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since March:

### NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

De Celle, Marc. *Close encounters of the Fargo kind*. [Reines Acres, North Dakota]: Marc de Celle, c2013.

*Glover centennial, 1887-1987 : Glover, North Dakota*. [S.I.: s.n., 1987?]

Hannah Centennial Book Committee. *Hannah, 1896-1986, 100 years*. Hannah, North Dakota: Hannah History Book, 1996.

*Rolette centennial and all-school reunion directory, Rolette, North Dakota*. Rolla, North Dakota: Turtle Mountain Star, [2005].

Teie, William C., Andrew John Teie, Julie (Pladson) Stroh. *The Pladsons of Newburgh Township*. Rescue, California: Deer Valley Press, c2013.

### FAMILY HISTORIES:

Hock, Franklin. *Pinky : the story of North Dakota's first aerial combat ace on Guadalcanal*. Hot Springs, South Dakota: Fall River Pub., c2014.

Larson, Don J. *Lucky's life : letters home from Lt. William R. Larson, USNR, beloved son, brother, and torpedo bomber, fighter pilot in WWII, VC 38*. Portland, Oregon: D.J. Larson, c2014.

### OTHER:

Bartow, Jane Beaton. *To Elinor : a romance in two voices*. Bloomington, Indiana: iUniverse, c2013.

Bergland, Betty A. and Lori Ann Lahlum, editors. *Norwegian American women : migration, communities, and identities*. St. Paul, Minnesota: Minnesota Historical Society Press, c2011.

## New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

41624 Adams County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1907-1925 microfilm

41623 Benson County. East Fork Township, Township Records, 1927-2003, 1ft.

41625 Burleigh County. Recorder, Wills, 1903-1944, ft

41626 Logan County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1890-1925 microfilm

The Archives at the North Dakota State Heritage Center would like volunteers to help index and iron pages from certain counties for the pre-1925 Marriage



records. Anyone interested in helping please contact Ann Jenks at the Heritage Center.

Are you looking for a death record? Why not try *Online Searchable Death Indexes & Records* at <http://www.deathindexes.com/>. The site is easy to use and is organized by state with a few large cities having separate indexes. This website is a

directory of links maintained by Joe Beine and continues to grow as he finds more death records available online.

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Minnkota Genealogical Society

*by Ron Baker*

Hello warm weather! After a tough winter in the Red River Valley we are all ready to be outdoors, without a parka. A brief summary of our activities:

March 11, 2014: Brick wall discussion. Minnkota members were given 5 minutes each to describe their “brick wall” research problems for analysis by the meeting participants. This helps us all to hear about different possible research solutions and apply them to our own research. A great “ice-breaker” for a group of genealogists that might not know each other.

April 8, 2014: Poor farm presentation given by Kenneth J. Dawes of Grand Forks. Mr. Dawes explained that before welfare, “poor farms” and other similar entities were created to help needy people at the county and township level. He also stated that very few records exist for research because of the lack of formal infrastructure for such non-government groups. Many times only census records may list a group of people considered a part of a needy relief situation.

April 12, 2014: Family History Fair at the Grand Forks LDS Family History Center. This was a great effort and attendance was 140+. Many presenters helped educate new and old genealogists and feedback was very positive. Minnkota member and secretary, Lenore Anderson, was instrumental in coordinating this event. The Minnkota Genealogical Society was a co-sponsor.

May 13, 2014: Minnkota member, Barb Knipe, gave a brief presentation about Scandinavian research and gave out a list of online resources. Then, she opened up the floor for participants to list some of the locations their ancestors were

from. This should help open up discussion with others that research in the same locales or are trying to locate the place of origin of an ancestor.

Upcoming meeting topics:

June 10, 2014: UND Special Collections Library Associate Brian Baier will make a presentation about a blog that he created as a means of communicating genealogical information and family pictures to other relatives. The meeting will be held at 7 pm in the Chester Fritz library on the UND campus in Grand Forks, ND.

July 2014: Annual Minnkota Genealogical Society picnic.

August 12, 2014: Members of the Minnkota Genealogical Society will meet in Grand Forks, ND to carpool on a road trip to Cavalier, ND. A tour of the Pembina County Historical Society museum and the Heritage Center at the Icelandic State Park are on the agenda. Minnkota Genealogical Society member, Ron Baker, will be the coordinator.

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Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Campbell Library, 422-4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, East Grand Forks, MN. We have a variety of monthly presentations, member sharing time and a business meeting. Please check our website for contact and any updated schedule information. Meetings may be cancelled without notice if the weather conditions are unfavorable for travel.

Website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~minnkota/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~minnkota/)

Pennsylvania state death certificates have started to appear on *Ancestry.com*. By November death certificates from 1906-1963 should be online. And birth certificates from 1906 are scheduled to be online in March 2015. You

can read more about this project at <http://users.rcn.com/pahraccess/Pahr-Access-ProgressReport.htm>.

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## James River Genealogy Club

*by Genie Lang*

James River Genealogy Club  
Searching Eddy, Foster, Stutsman and Wells  
Counties  
651 - 4th ST N, Carrington ND 58421  
[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndjrge/  
index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndjrge/index.htm)

The James River Genealogy Club meets at 7:00  
p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. Our meeting  
locations alternate between Carrington and

Jamestown ND. We were snowed out for our  
April meeting, so our program guest, Joel Arnold,  
gave a presentation on his new book, *Ox Cart An-  
gel*, in May at the Post House in Jamestown. He  
read from his book and discussed the history of  
the Red River trails, ox carts, and the Metis peo-  
ple. Copies of the book were available for pur-  
chase. Visitors are always welcome at our club  
meetings.

## Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

*by Peggy Smetana*

MRLGS had a field trip to Pioneer Village  
( Ward County Historical Society) to see how we  
can work together to preserve our history. Next  
month (July) DAR will enable genealogists the

opportunity to check out records of DAR/SAR.  
August, Father Joseph Senger will be speaking  
about Germans from Russia.

## Details for NDSGS Meeting at Grand Forks

Ample parking should be available on side  
streets, such as Harvard and Cambridge streets,  
north of University Avenue in the vicinity of the  
library. Please obey all parking signs and be  
aware that some of these streets are one-way on-  
ly. People can be dropped off in front of the li-  
brary in the bus lane along University Avenue.  
Other options for parking are the surface lot  
south of the library at Centennial Drive and Cam-  
pus Road (there is a self-pay kiosk at the north  
end of this lot) and the parking ramp at the cor-  
ner of University Avenue and Columbia Road  
(entrance to the ramp is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North).  
A link to a map of the area is here: [https://  
www.google.com/maps/@47.9226379,-  
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# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

*by Alfred A. Buchholz*

Time goes so fast. We here at BMHGS have had several very good meetings with lots of exciting things happening. The March presentation was on preserving our memories on video. Shari Huettl of the "The Memory Preserve" showed us how and what to record. Mike Knudson's presentation of "Native Americans in WWI" in April was very interesting with a Native American member of our audience bringing in the uniform of her grandfather for us to see. In May, Eric and Susan Holland give a presentation on the possibility of our organization doing an oral history project of our society. After the presentation, it was decided that we should go ahead with this project. When completed it should give a good history of our Society starting with founding members and continue on to the present.

We participated in the Reading Kickoff Day on 31<sup>st</sup> May at the North Dakota State Heritage Center. We again had the genealogical Patch work project for the kids to work on. Many of the parents that were with the children were impressed with the idea. We handed out a lot of our membership pamphlets besides. I hope that we will get some new members from this.

Our June meeting will have Nadine Sheets and Mike Knudson present a "Genealogical Trip to Norway and Sweden".

We will not have meeting in July. If you are having family reunions as many do in July, be sure to capture some of the history of your family.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a potluck picnic at Eric and Susan Holland's historic 1935 Pink Storybook Stucco and Gardens home at 222 West Ave C in Bismarck. Can only park on one side of the street. Bring a dish to share and a chair.

September 11, Renee Walery presents Linda Slaughter Barbara Handy-Marchello- "Speaking about Linda Slaughter".

October 9, Doug Wurtz presents "Small rural cemetery revitalization project"

Nov 13, Susan Holland will present "Creating a Book & Exhibit from Research"

December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have "Historical Christmas-dress in 19<sup>th</sup> century clothes, bring items from Christmas 1890-1920 with a story to tell and goodies to share.

As you can see we have very interesting programs and invite everyone to join us and partake of all this fun and information.

## Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

*by Patrice Hartman*

For our May meeting Marlene Kouba talked about her recent trip to Ireland. We also discussed the National Genealogical Society live streaming sessions. In June we will look at the Digital Horizons website to see what county and city histories are available. For the July meeting we will talk about the resources that are available in the UND special collections. The topic for August has not been decided yet.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We usually meet in one of the lower level meeting rooms. We have members from Stark, Hettinger and Dunn Counties who attend the meetings. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information.

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# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Genealogy Center 2014 at the Deuce of August

*by Sunna Furstenau*

The Genealogy Center will be open for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in Mountain, ND during the annual Deuce of August. We will be connecting cousins, finding ancestors, and helping people discover their roots. Everyone is welcome to visit and ask any questions about genealogy. We can help with your Icelandic Roots or with any other heritage

### **The 2014 Hours will be:**

**July 31<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 2-5**

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 2-5**

**Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Saturday 11-5**

The success of the Genealogy Center depends on Icelandic Genealogy specialists who volunteer their time and the exceptional Genealogy Database of Hálfðan Helgason.

This year, Sunna Pam Furstenau and Cathy Josephson will once again volunteer their time at the Genealogy Center. Others may join in but have not committed their volunteer time yet.

Cathy lives in Vopnafjörður, Iceland. She grew up in Minnesota and is the manager for the East Iceland Emigration Center in Vopnafjörður. We are so lucky to have her expertise.

Sunna grew up in Eyford Township and lives west of Gardar and in Fargo. In the summer of 2013, Hálfðan and Sunna worked on transferring the database to a non-profit organization called Icelandic Roots. This non-profit organization is now owned by Sunna and Jeff Furstenau.

Along with Sunna, Hálfðan, Cathy, and about 10 other genealogists volunteer their time to make the database better and more comprehensive. It is now open to the public to join. Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Icelandic Roots Genealogy Database: [www.IcelandicRootsDatabase.com](http://www.IcelandicRootsDatabase.com) Click on the Membership Link.

It is an amazing site with all of the data from Hálfðan Helgason's lifetime of work (512,601 people as of September 2013). Since then, we have added 10,000 new names along with some very interesting new features. The new cutting edge software provides so many valuable features. We are adding more genealogy information every day.

There are links to Cemeteries, Photos, Places, Headstones, Maps, and much more. It includes genealogical and historical information on people from Iceland, Canada, USA, and other countries where Icelanders live.

The 11<sup>th</sup> year at the Deuce was a huge success and we are looking forward to another great year of connecting people to their Icelandic ancestors and cousins. Thanks to the ICA and the MCC for including this unique experience each year at the annual Icelandic Heritage celebration. For more info about the celebration, see the website: [www.august2nd.com](http://www.august2nd.com)



The National Archives has free census, immigration, and draft registration forms, as well as an ancestral chart and

family group sheet. Check out this great resource at

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/char ts-forms/>.

## Digital Horizons

*by Stephanie Kom*

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is currently adding digitized versions of selected North Dakota county and town histories to Digital Horizons <http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/index.php>.

Digital Horizons is an online collection of thousands of images, books, documents, video, and oral histories depicting life on the Northern Plains from the late 1800's to today. NDSL is currently only adding items in our collection that are out of copyright or were published without copyright notice up to 1978. There are approximately 120 books uploaded to date and available for full text searching. That's right—FULL TEXT SEARCHING. It will no longer be

necessary to pour over every page of a book looking for historical tidbits or an elusive ancestor. In addition to NDSL's books, you can find photos and other items that have been contributed by The North Dakota State Historical Society, NDSU, Prairie Public, and Concordia College. The website and software will be updated in the near future so the look, functionality and search options may change. Happy hunting! Contact Stephanie Kom at the North Dakota State Library with any questions or comments [sbaltzer@nd.gov](mailto:sbaltzer@nd.gov) 701-328-4629

To browse just the State Library's materials go to: <http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/ndsl-books>

## Veteran Oral History Transcription Project Update

*by Jane Cumber*

In September 2013, the Heritage Education Commission received a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant to transcribe oral history interviews from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to provide better public access.

The HEC is pleased to announce that phase 1 of the transcript project is nearing completion with 52 veteran histories transcribed and 46 available online, out of approximately 60 funded by the grant. The HEC estimates that the 14 remaining will be completed by July. All will be available at [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com).

We would appreciate your completing a very brief survey on the importance of these transcripts. The results of this survey will be used in our final report.

[www.heritageed.com/vetsoralhistory/survey.html](http://www.heritageed.com/vetsoralhistory/survey.html)

The HEC is continuing to transcribe these important historical interviews from our nation's veterans. Approximately 50 veteran oral histories remain to be transcribed and we continue to get requests from veterans who want to tell their story. As an independent 501(c)(3), HEC accepts donations to help expand the Veterans Oral History Project. To help preserve and recognize the contributions our veterans have made, please visit [www.heritageed.com/](http://www.heritageed.com/) with donations.

Veterans are welcome to contact [info@heritageed.com](mailto:info@heritageed.com) for information on having their story recorded.

FamilySearch now has hundreds of videos for beginning to advanced genealogists in their learning center. Topics range from "What is a Census?" to the "Genealogical Proof Standard," and focus on research in 30 countries. Best of all these can be accessed free at

<https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html>.






## How Do You Pronounce “Ye”?

by Richard W. Eastman


This article originally appeared in *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* at <http://www.eogn.com/> and is used here with his permission.

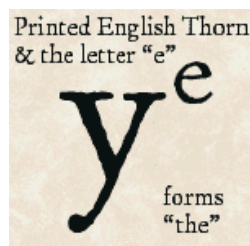
Many of us have encountered “ye” in old documents. Of course, we have all seen tourist shops labeled as “ye olde” something-or-other. How many of us know how to pronounce that?

For years, I assumed it was pronounced as it was written. I would pronounce it as “Yee Old.” Perhaps a more correct way to write it is with a long e: . I was a bit surprised later to learn that I had been wrong.

What looks like a “y” is a written character deriving from the old English letter, “thorn,” representing the “th” sound. No, it is not the letter “y,” it is the letter thorn. The thorn was commonly used in written English in the Middle Ages and for some time after. That explains why we see it on old documents and even in modern written sentences that imitate historical writing. Other than these cases, the thorn has now almost disappeared.

The thorn originally appeared to be written a bit different than the letter y as it had a descender. In fact, it looked more like a lower case “p” on top of a lower case “b” than a “y.” It typically looked like this: Þ.


This was before the days of printed books when all documents were written by hand. The exact shape varied from one scribe to the next. Depending upon the scribe, the second letter was often written above the thorn, as in . Reprints of the 1611 edition of the King James Version of the Bible always show “ye” written as:



By the mid-15th century almost all scribes stopped using the descender, and the thorn has since been written in an identical manner as the modern letter “y.”



THIS SHOWS THE “THORN” IN BOTH UPPER AND LOWER CASE, IN SERIF AND SANS SERIF FONTS.

While the Middle English thorn is now written exactly the same as a modern letter y, it always was pronounced with a voiced “th” as in “this.” In other words, several hundred years ago the word that was written as “ye” always was pronounced as “the,” exactly the same as it is today. An educated person of 1611 would always pronounce  as “the” although today we might spell it as “thee” when referring to a person, as in “thee of little faith.”)

Wikipedia has a rather detailed description of all this at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thorn\\_\(letter\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thorn_(letter))

So what killed the thorn? According to at least one source, it was the printing press. Here’s a simple but plausible explanation from [http://www.h2g2.com/approved\\_entry/A2922077](http://www.h2g2.com/approved_entry/A2922077):

The thorn was particularly popular as a sign for ‘th’ in Medieval English, but with the advent of printing came a problem. There was no thorn sign in the printing fonts, as they were usually cast outside of England. So, since the sign for thorn slightly resembled the lower-case ‘y’, that’s what was substituted.

The thorn was used in several languages besides English but has since been replaced by other letters in all languages except Icelandic, where it is still used.

So, how do you pronounce the following?



Answer: “The Old Pizza Parlor”

Have you been bitten by the Genealogy Bug?  
Come to the Spring Genealogy Workshop



April 11, 2015

Noon – 4:30 PM

Location: North Dakota Heritage Center, Bismarck

Session by: Dr. Igor Ovchinnikov on the DNA Project

Other presentations on Native American History, Veterans, Local Government Records, and  
Book and Paper Preservation.

Pre-Registration fee - \$10 for NDSGS members  
\$ 20 for Non-members (includes one year membership  
to NDSGS)

Registration Deadline: March 15, 2015

Sponsored by: North Dakota State Genealogical Society

## 39th Annual Family History Workshop

The Heritage Education Commission is pleased to announce registration is open for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Family History Workshop, **It's Elementary**, at [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com).

Tom Rice, CG, Certified Genealogist, will be our main presenter at the workshop which will be held Saturday, September 20, 2014, at Horizon Middle School, 3601 12th Ave S, Moorhead, MN. This location is easily accessible to the handicapped. Please note the workshop date is earlier than normal and was to accommodate Mr. Rice's schedule.

Tom Rice is a professional genealogy researcher, lecturer and writer. He is a past director of the Minnesota Genealogy Society (MGS), a member of MGS's education committee, a director and

past officer of the Irish Genealogy Society International (IGSI). He is the managing editor of The Septs, the award winning journal of IGSI. He volunteers as a genealogy helper at the Minnesota Historical Society library. He has attended nine week-long workshops at IGHR and SLIG.

We also want to remind you the Family History Research Award Entries must be received by September 1. More information is available at [heritageed.com/heritageed2/bookawards/indexbookawards.html](http://heritageed.com/heritageed2/bookawards/indexbookawards.html)

For more information about the workshop, the presenters, the family history research book contest and on-line registration, please visit [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com).

Elizabeth Shown Mills has developed a free resource based on her book, *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, is available at

<https://www.evidenceexplained.com/tags/quickleson>. This is a great opportunity to learn from one of the experts in the field. A forum is also available where she will answer questions.

## Citation Corner

Many of our ancestors applied for a homestead when they settled in their new home. These homestead files are available from the National Archives. An index to federal land patents is also available on the Bureau of Land Management website. Patents are the original document showing the initial transfer of title from the federal government to an individual. This patent information is needed to apply for copies of the homestead files.

Elements of these citations are the application no., application date, name, location of the land, certificate number and the land office.

This particular citation shows that the heirs of Rebecca E. Morgan received this patent. Because of this the file is quite extensive and contains information on all of the heirs. Rebecca died

between the date of the original patent and the final application. It also contained the date and place of her death.

Application no. 848, 12 April 1905, Heirs of Rebecca E. Morgan (Hettinger County) homestead file bearing final certificate no. 328227, 24 April 1913, Dickinson, North Dakota, Land Office; Homestead files. Records of the Bureau of Land Management, Record Group 49; National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Homestead files contain information about the person and their family, the naturalization process if they are not a citizen, a description of the home and buildings, improvements made, crops and animals. They also have to prove that they have lived on the land for five years.

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH  
DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

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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

**11 July 2014. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Department of Special Collections, UND, Grand Forks.**

1-3 August 2014. Deuce of August. Icelandic Communities Association. Mountain, North Dakota. For more info: <http://www.august2nd.com/>

21-24 August 2014. Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe 2014 Convention. Calgary, Alberta. For more info: [https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention\\_news.html](https://www.sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html)

20 September 2014. 39th Annual Family History Workshop. Moorhead, Minnesota. For more info: [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com)

25-27 September 2014. Montana State Genealogy Society Conference. Helena, Montana. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

27-28 September 2014. Discover Your Swedish Roots Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: [www.oldmillmuseum.org](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org)

**10 October 2014. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.**

**11 April 2015. North Dakota State Genealogical Society Workshop. Heritage Center, Bismarck.**

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