

NDSGS Newsletter



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NDSGS President's Letter

On August 18, a memorial service was held on the grounds of the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center in Minnesota to celebrate the placement of hundreds of new grave markers in the facility's cemetery. St. Peter, like many institutions across the country, originally marked the graves only with a number. Thanks to the efforts of a Minnesota organization, Remembering With Dignity, many of these numbered markers are being replaced with markers that show names and dates. It is estimated that approximately 12,500 people were buried in the cemeteries of Minnesota state institutions, their graves either unmarked or marked only with numbers.

In 2000, George Barron and I worked on a cemetery book that included both cemeteries at the North Dakota State Hospital. Almost all of the graves were marked with at least a name, even though a lot of the spellings on the original patient-made stones were strange. George discovered that the secretary in the chaplain's office had made the cemeteries her special project. She managed to have money allotted in the chaplain's budget for replacing stones that had disintegrated or were in bad shape. She then went out and got bids in order to ensure that the Hospital got the greatest number of stones they could with available funds. One woman made a difference because she believed that everyone wants --- and deserves --- to be remembered with dignity.

Daphne Drewello <drewello@daktel.com>

Next Meeting!

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet at 1:00 PM Sept 7, 2007 at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

All Genealogical societies in North Dakota have paid their membership and are encouraged to send a representative of their society. Lets' Network! Our presenter will be Jerry Newborg who will soon be retiring as Archivist for the SHSND. Jerry will be talking about the changes he has seen over the years and the changes he foresees (and would like to see) come in the future. Although Jerry is not leaving right away, he will probably be gone by the time of our meeting next spring. Come and wish Jerry well on his new adventure!

Daphne



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James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by *George Barron*,

(August 24, 2007)

At our July meeting we had members each tell stories on the subject "How They Met". Some told of how they met their wives or husbands, and some told of how their some of their ancestors met. It was an interesting topic as each member in attendance had a story or two on that subject.

Our August meeting was held at the Gladstone Hotel in Jamestown and included a pre-meeting supper. Our speaker was one of our members who had gone to Germany in March and taken a couple week advanced German class. She was expecting some more Americans, but the other members were from all over the world, learning German to be able to converse. She said that almost every one in Germany speaks English with a flair and English signs and bill boards are the norm.

In our up coming meeting in September, is scheduled to be held in the Carrington High School computer lab. Several of the members expressed the need for help in searching all of the on line databases. Some of our members who are experienced in internet searching, and the Carrington High School librarian are planning to help the rest of us dummies.

Our cemetery crew working, Griggs County, have finally read the last two cemeteries and have about ten left to check against computer printouts. Then there is still the scrounging around trying to find people with records that can be photocopied, and used to match against the "stoners" to flush out the "no stoners". Seems like the summer has gong by in one big swish. There were many days just too hot to try to copy stones. Even Jaz is smart enough to stay out of the heat as much as possible. He moves along with you by parking in the shade of tombstones.

South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

(May 13, 2007)

The May topic is Revolutionary War pensions. This summer we may go on a cemetery tour if the weather cooperates. Other topics will be to share a research problem and locating library resources. The Dickinson Public library remodeling project is mostly completed. The original building was restored to its original condition. There now is a small room for the microfilm readers that can be darkened for better viewing of the microfilms. This is a vast improvement over the various places that the readers have been located in the past. Stop in if you are in Dickinson

(August 14, 2007)

At our June meeting Pat Ashley talked about writing research reports. How to do it and what to include and the different types of reports. Each report would include background information and evaluation of what you know and what information you want to find. The group did not meet in July. For the September meeting we will visit the Joachim museum and Danielle Stuckle will talk about their collections, grants, upcoming projects and volunteers.

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Clara Bliss*

(August 26, 2007)

It has been a busy summer here in the Bowman area as we have celebrated our 100th anniversary in early July. This naturally brought a few extra (200 to 300) persons to town. All of them with questions and interest in the Bowman area. We had over 200 visitors at the museum one day and some of them were looking for family history. Sad to say some of them we had no help for, others we could help and still others we were able to point them in the direction of someone who perhaps could help. We feel that most of them left satisfied with the information that we were able to garner for them. One family we sent to visit with Mae Ione Hande at Rhame and she was able to take them to the cemetery where all of the family is buried. Mae Ione is one of our Rhame historians and she is called on often.

The history of the business places that we hope to be able to gather has proved to be a larger and much harder project than we realized. It was not done by this summer but has not been abandoned all together. It will just take that much longer to complete. Old records of businesses are hard to come by and that is part of the problem. Any one have any good ideas for us on this project?

Back to the Centennial, the wagon train was a major light light for many folks and if the weather had been just a bit more compatible there would have been many more riders and wagons but it was extremely hot so some had to bow out. I felt sorry for the horses as they appeared to be very fatigued by the time they reached Bowman after their 25 mile trek over 2 days. The music was excellent but again the heat keep some folks at home. The DECADES show which was a fashion, music, history presentation was well attended and many favorable comments were heard about it. The centennial was a major undertaking and lots of hard work and those of us who live here are just glad that centennials come only once every 100 years. Let the next generations worry about the 200th.



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Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Gloria Johnson*

(May 21, 2007)

Our society has met in January, March and May of 2007 and we will not meet during the summer months. Our next scheduled meeting is September 8th, 9:30 AM at Hardee's.

The sale continues of our cemetery book and CD. We will hopefully have an update done by this fall.

We finished our study of the Amish in Lancaster, PA. This was an interesting area of study. Alvinna Martel passed out copies of the book "The Amish" for our group and copies of maps of the Lancaster area in Pennsylvania. The project on marriage records is being worked on and should be in book form for our city library within a few months. These records date back from 1892 to the present. This information will include name of bride and groom with a number that is to be used at the court house to obtain a copy of the marriage record for a fee of \$10. Adrienne Stepanek has been helping to proof-read to printouts at the courthouse.

Genealogy classes were offered at the college this spring and to be taught by Roberta Rollefstad. But there was not enough interest or signups to hold these classes.

Computer training classes are being offered at the Salvation Army, Mon - Fri, 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Call 572-2921 for Philip to signup or for more information. This is an excellent opportunity to get hands-on experience operating your computer with programs or the internet. Also Adrienne shared that the Williston Community Library now has ancestry.com available on its internet service.

Our society is looking at inviting a librarian to inform us as to the resources available at our local library this fall. Also to offer a open house at the Mormon Family History Center this fall with our group as hosts. A handout on "Old Medical Terms" was reviewed. Small town newspapers can be found at www.smalltownpapers.com

A handout of "Mastering The Census" was passed out and reviewed. Our group will purchase for our city library files copies of the Williams County Farmers Press newspapers dated 1947-1953 (6 rolls).

(August 21, 2007)

There is no additional news from our society as we have not meet all summer.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Bev Moe Haykel*,

(May 24, 2007)

The biggest project of the Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society lately has been the launching of our new website on Roots Web. The tireless and hardworking John Mogren has taken on the task of setting up the site. As always he is doing an excellent job. You can now find us on the web at www.rootsweb.com/~ndmrlgs/index.html. Visit our site soon.

We continue to meet at the Minot Public Library on the first Saturday of each month with the exception of July. We have had some great sharing of experiences the past few months and continue learning from one another. Those with less experience are ever grateful for the help of our many experienced genealogists who are always willing to share with the newbies. The experienced members are also learning from the new members who are sharing new ideas and techniques. It seems that no matter what your experience level there is always something new to learn or a new twist to an old technique that will get you excited about genealogy all over again.

We are donating a book to the Minot Public Library in memory of Louise Jevne who recently passed away. Louise was a charter member of the our Society and will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

(August 25, 2007)

The Mouse River Genealogy Society has had a slow summer. We had a great presentation at our June meeting. Liz Greenfield gave a presentation called "Preserve Your Memories-Fast and Easy." She showed us options for creating photo memory books. She also showed us how she crops, restores and enhances photos for her albums. Using a photo imaging program it is easy to make you photos look their best. By cropping and editing you can make your photos look the way you imagined when you clicked the shutter.

We don't meet in July and in August our presenter had to cancel. Also in August many of our members had family reunions and trips and were unable to make it to the meeting.

We are looking forward to fall arriving and having many more of our members in town and able to attend the meetings. Bob Miller of Minot will be presenting a talk about the history of Minot and we are also looking forward to a presentation about using DNA in genealogical research..



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Minnkota Genealogical Society

Submitted by *George Freeman*

(May 26, 2007)

March 13 – Program - Odds and Ends Night

Larrie Wanberg – talked to us about the Heritage Network at UND. The website 'heritagenetwork.us' is in the works. The heritage hubs in each of the eight regions in North Dakota are starting to put together networks in conjunction with museums and gen societies.

Marge Burnstad – added to her family history program from January:

~ Showed pots with beans used as flower pots holding pens with flowers on end for the tables. Gave away as door prizes.

~ Miniature candies with candy wrappers with Norwegian flag and writing on them. And small post it notes with covers of the flags.

~ She also had Swedish book that someone had given her and she was giving them away to whoever wanted them.

Rick Audette – showed some pictures of the headstones from the cemetery project.

April 10 – Minnesota Memories Author spoke at East Grand Forks Campbell Library on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 P.M.

"This will be Joan Claire Graham's third presentation at the Campbell Library. Graham presents an entertaining and helpful session on written memories giving tips on starting, continuing and finishing the story. It is with enthusiastic pleasure we invite her to the library once again."...Anita Poss

Joan Claire Graham calls herself "The Purveyor of Memories," and since 2001 she has published hundreds of true Minnesota stories in her *Minnesota Memories* books. Her six volumes stand on their own as a source of entertainment and Minnesota history, but encouraging people to write their true stories has produced a secondary effect.

"I started out trying to combat negative Minnesota stereotypes prevalent in popular culture. People I met in California and Washington, D.C. had demeaning opinions of Minnesota people based on Ole and Lena jokes, the movie *Fargo* and Rose on "The Golden Girls."

"I thought it would be fun to challenge real Minnesota people to dispel those stereotypes by telling true stories that demonstrated not only their good humor, but also their work ethic, intelligence, stamina, resourcefulness, loyalty and respect for traditions. I had heard enough stories to know there were millions of good ones, but the challenge was to get people to write them for publication."

By 2001 she compiled enough material for a book, and in late June she loaded 2,000 copies of *Minnesota Memories* in a van and set off on a 10,000-mile odyssey around Minnesota. She knocked on doors of small town newspapers to create publicity and presented programs at schools, churches, clubs, private homes, libraries and historical societies.

"By the end of that year I had received enough stories to publish *Minnesota Memories 2*. There has been a steady stream of submitted material since then, and I'm currently working on *Minnesota Memories 7*. My oldest contributors were in their 90s, and my youngest was 9 years old. Having a story published gives ordinary people a chance to become part of recorded Minnesota history."

But the secondary effect of her encouragement to write stories for *Minnesota Memories* books, an effect she did not anticipate, is that she has become an ambassador and head cheerleader for writing family books of stories. In her lively programs, she reads from published material, gives writing tips, and urges people to put together books for their families, church groups or towns.

The response has been overwhelming. Because of her encouragement, library volunteers in Albert Lea, Austin and Lake City have published collective memoirs for their town celebrations, and individuals contact her regularly to report about their family books.

"A book of family stories is something you won't be returning because it's the wrong size or color. It's the perfect gift," she says.

Graham will be presenting a program at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. For more information contact the library or visit www.MinnesotaMemories.com.

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May 8 – Scandinavian Roots, Bruce Melby, he talked about Swedish research.

Upcoming Meetings in 2007

June 12, July 10 picnic, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11 Christmas supper.

Sandy Slater, head of the Chester Fritz Library Elwyn B. Robinson Special Collections has announced her retirement beginning July 7. A reception honoring Sandy will be held Thursday, May 31, in the East Asian Room of the Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and thank Sandy for her dedication to the University.

Sandy began her work in 1985 as a library associate in the department. She was appointed head of the department five years later in 1990. During her many years of service, she has greatly contributed to the growth and development of the library's Special Collections. Her responsibilities have included administration of the University archives program, collecting regional historical manuscripts and records, developing the family history collection and the special book collections, including the Norwegian Bygdebok Collection and Fred G. Aandahl Book Collection. She was also curator and coordinator of the East Asian Room, and the bibliographer for the history department. Additional responsibilities included editing and contributing articles to the library's annual newsletter, *Lux et Lex*. She also coordinated the Merrifield Competition and chaired the competition jury since its inception in 1994. This competition has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to students who have written papers using the primary resources housed in Special Collections. She has coordinated the Robinson Lecture, and edited the Robinson Bibliography, since its inception in 1991.

In recent years, Sandy has directed the expansion of Special Collections digital information. Today there are over 550 finding aids to the manuscript collections available through the Internet. In addition, four different digitization projects including the Dakota Student Index, the E.J. Lander & Co. Land Records, the Grand Forks Marriage Records, and the Grand Forks Coroner Records, have been made available electronically.

Sandy has promoted historical preservation on the local and state level by serving on the North Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board since 1990. She has been a member of the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission since 1987 and has served as vice chair since 1999. Sandy is active in the University's Nordic Initiative and is currently participating on the Historic Preservation Committee for UND's 125th Anniversary. Over the years, she has participated in many workshops and conferences on historical preservation and genealogy and is widely recognized as an expert on archival administration and special collections.

The staff of the Chester Fritz Library, the University community as well as archivists and researchers in Grand Forks and throughout the region, will miss Sandy. Please join the library staff as we wish Sandy good health and great happiness in her future adventures. -- Wilbur Stolt, director of libraries.

June 12 - Program: First ND Woman Doctor ~ Eileen Nelson - Linda Larson did introduction Eileen shared how she did her research and shared what she learned about the first ND Woman doctor, which she learned, was Dr. Helena Knauff Wink. She ended up finding information. She performed the first appendectomy in the upper Midwest on her dining room table. One difficulty she had was that she could not find any licensed woman doctor in the state of ND. Found out that Dr. Wink was licensed in June 1885 when ND was still known as a territory. Eileen shared the story she put together on the story of Dr. Wink. Also baked some Boston brown bread to share from a recipe used by Dr. Wink. Died at age 83 still practicing medicine. Commemorative wall in the Hugo store in Jamestown, which was build where the house had stood. 1882 the 2nd woman doctor in ND was Mary Young and practice in GF - UND Smith Hall named after her.

July 10 picnic

August 14 – Rick Audette gave a presentation on translation software available on the internet. Michael Harvey presented a different concept of presenting family history to family members. Instead of making a report or a book he made a DVD with slide and movie presentation with background music and narration. Interesting idea.

Upcoming Meetings in 2007

September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11 Christmas supper.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Arlene Cable, reporter*

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society does not have a report for this time.



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Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by Jackie Marler

(August 23, 2007)

WE ARE 40!

Red River Valley Genealogical Society is celebrating its 40th Anniversary Year with an open house at the RRVGS Library 112 N University Drive, Suite L116, Fargo 11 am to 3 pm on 15 September 2007. We invite any State Genealogical Society member to join us for cake and coffee and conversation. About 1pm, we will be entertained with presentations by Curtis Eriksmoen and Andrea Hallgrimson, historical columnists for the *Fargo Forum*. Here is a little bit of our history, written by Audrey Lehse in *The Chronological History of the Fargo Genealogy Society*:

"Along about September of 1967, Shirley Simmons and I, who had talked about our family ancestry man-times over the years, started discussing our great grandfather's both having served in the Civil War. We each knew what companies they had belonged with, but did not know the way to go about finding the records. Becoming curious as to where the Civil War records were, we called the American Legion and were told in these exact words, 'Hell, I don't know, why don't you write the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.?' We did this and soon received a letter stating they were forwarding our letter to the National Archives where all war records are kept. We were on our way!"

A whole year of piquing the interest of other budding family historians and gathering members came to fruit: "The first meeting of the Fargo Genealogy Society was held September 27, 1968 at the home of Mrs. A.W. (Shirley) Simmons, with Seven (7) members present,

- Mrs. R.E. (Marjorie) Cole
- Mrs. Harold (Alberta) Curtis
- Mrs. Charles (Marian) Edgerly
- Mrs. O.A. (Anna) Stevens
- Mrs. A.W. (Shirley) Simmons
- Mrs. Donald (Naomi) Zabel
- Mrs. Gordon (Audrey) Lehse

Mrs. Fred (Judie) Metcalf could not attend but had already paid her dues to become a member."

RRVGS has always been dependent on the kindness of its members. Today our 4,000+ resource Library is located in the former Manchester Biscuit building in downtown Fargo. Previously it was found in the old Red River Human Services building and prior to that it was, on:

"October 9, 1969 ... decided that since the Library was just too large to carry in apple boxes from house to house any longer that we needed a permanent meeting spot. Mrs. Simmons so very graciously offered her home, which was immediately put to a vote by Mrs. Stevens and was unanimously carried."

During the 40 years in the rear view, the Society accomplished many firsts and many goals:

- Collected headstone data from Minnesota and North Dakota county's cemeteries and published volumes of the information.
- Collected the records of 29 different funeral homes in 9 counties, listing approximately 51,000 names, and created indices to same.
- Nurtured a library collection growing it from apple box size to fill a five-room suite.
- Published a newsletter continuously from 1971.
- Maintained an obituary clipping project from the local Fargo papers from 1975
- Established the longest continuously running genealogical society in the state of North Dakota.

Issued over 800 pioneer certificates, documenting people who settled in North Dakota before 2 November 1889.

Our April 28, 2007 workshop was very well attended. We hope to continue to offer a workshop or two in the upcoming years.

Major fundraising efforts were undertaken this year as the Society faced some fiscal uncertainties. We have been caught as many individuals by inflationary increases in the costs of doing our business. Once again we have been lifted up by our members' generosity. Recently we have received donations of a new photocopier, a new file cabinet, cash in various denominations, donations of used printer and copier cartridges and several life memberships. We are most grateful to our members for their response.



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Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Jackie Marler*

Continued

Our member, Fay Littlefield, is working on leading a tour group of genealogists to the library in Salt Lake City, tentatively scheduled for some time in 2008, seeking 10-20 participants.

We invite inquiries to Fay at faylit@msn.com

The Hallinglag of America had its centennial celebration June 2007 in Moorhead, Minnesota and Walcott, North Dakota. The Lag had its M. Kay Buckingham Memorial Family History Collection comprising about 500 resources available to visitors at the annual meeting. About 100 researchers registered to use the materials during the 12 open hours. After the meeting, the collection was returned to its usual home in the RRVGS Library where any patron may use the resources.

RRVGS will have a table at the upcoming 32nd Annual Family History Workshop on October 6, 2007 on the Minnesota State University—Moorhead campus. See you there.

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

(May 15, 2007)

Submitted by *Meredith Gross*

Greetings from the BMHGS!

Journey Into Genealogy: That is the title for the 2008 genealogy workshop. Plans are coming right along. We have also secured Horizon Middle School as the location, same as the last workshop in 2006. In addition to Dr Colletta as our keynote speaker, we have arranged for Marit Lucy from Salt Lake City to be a presenter along with several others. The date will be April 12, 2008.

Some of the committees that we are in need of help with now are the Sponsorship Committee, Publicity Committee, and Speaker Committee. Please consider donating some of your time to help make this workshop a great success. If you would like to help on another committee those would include Building and Facility, Exhibitor, Lunch, Printing/mailing, Registration, and Welcoming. Our next planning meeting has not been set yet, but if you would like to be involved and would like to be informed of the next meeting, you may contact any of the steering committee members for more information or to volunteer.

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Our May meeting included a talk by First Sergeant Johnson from Fort Abraham Lincoln. He gave us insight into the life of a cavalryman at the fort. We learned quite a bit and even some interesting trivia. Our June 14 meeting will take place at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park where we will be taking in the activities at the Fort Lincoln Festival (celebrating the 100th anniversary of being Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park). We would be happy to have you join us each second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Bismarck Public Library. You can check out our website for the schedule of upcoming programs at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndbmhgs/index.htm>.

(August 24, 2007)

Program for Sept. 13, 2007

The theme for the meeting is 'Who's Yer Daddy?'

Members of the society will bring various reference materials to help other members and guests with questions about genealogy. Some of the references that will be available are some DAR records, postal list of farm names in Norway from the early 1970s, as well as some North Dakota records of WWI veterans.

The second part of the program will cover serendipitous moments of members. The meeting will be at 7 pm at the Bismarck Public Library, 515 N. 5th St.



State Historical Society of North Dakota



Books received since the previous newsletter, list provided by Rachel White
Report submitted by Greg Wysk (May & August Report combined)

1. A brief history of Burleigh County: with a chronology of some of the outstanding events of the county's earlier days (1933)
2. Guide to German historical sources in North American libraries and archives (1991)
3. Dakota uprising victims : gravestones & stories (2007)
4. A history of Velva : Star City Centennial (2005)
5. Highlights of the first ten years, 1995-2005, with stories about Norwegian heritage, emigration in America / published by Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag
6. Schmidt reunion, August 9 & 10, 1980, Linton, N.D.
7. Jamestown newspaper obituary index for 2006 : also Stutsman County burial permit index for 2006
8. St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1906-2006 : a century of faith
9. Schmidt genealogical information / by Lorraine Margaret Sadowski
10. The McKenzies of Kenmare / by Jon C. McKenzie
11. The life of one small town boy / by George D. Nordling
12. One-room schools of the Middle West : an illustrated history / by Wayne E. Fuller
13. Americanizing the West : race, immigrants, and citizenship, 1890-1930 / by Frank Van Nuys
14. Childhood on the farm : work, play, and coming of age in the Midwest / by Pamela Riney-Kehrberg
15. A directory of the descendants of Charles and Anna Lidstrom / by Kermit Lidstrom and Betty Lidstrom Mills
16. Records of the Harvey funeral homes, Harvey, North Dakota : recordings from 1907-1980 / compiled by the Central North Dakota Genealogical Society
17. Obituary index to the Stutsman County (ND) Record for 1930 through 1941 / compiled by G.L. Barron during 2006 and 2007
18. Mountains, fjords, prairies : tracing the Norwegian and American lineage of Jorgen Jensen Tengesdal and Mette Sophie Lurfald / compiled by Kristine A. Tengesdal
19. The life and times of the Friedrich and Christina Miller family from a German village in Russia, to the plains and orchards of America / compiled by Les Abraham
20. Moulton family in Cando, North Dakota, 1920-1930 / by Deane Dierksen
21. The Gerhard Wiebe family, 1858-2007 / by Richard A. Vorwerk, Jr.
22. From the prairie: a 1986 directory of Abraham and Anna Josephson's descendants/compiled by Ruth McCloskey Donelson; updated by Lisa Donelson in 2007
23. A history of Bowman County / compiled and written by Colleen Coniff Kelley
24. Military records at the National Archives / compiled by Trevor K. Plante
25. Abstracts & indexes of obituaries, the Journal, Divide County, Crosby, ND, 1995-1999 and 2000-2004 (2 volumes) / Rod Gillund
26. Swede Township cemetery, 1903-2007 : burial records and individual information / Jeff Malm
27. Pembina County pioneer daughter biographies / compiled by George A. Freeman



Other News:

In the NDSGS newsletter you should mention again that the archives will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, except during legal holidays (Veteran's Day and Good Friday/Easter on the occasions they fall on that weekend). This change is due to the change in Heritage Center weekend hours -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., every weekend, again, except during legal holidays.





NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Daphne Drewello called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on **March 9, 2007**. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

ROLL CALL: Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Jessica Rossow, Don Smith, Meredith Gross, Susan Dingle, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; John Mogren and Iona Loken, MRLGS; Dorothy Pearson, BCHGS. Michael Pearson, guest.

BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes**

Jessica Rossow made a motion, which was seconded by Dorothy Pearson that the minutes of the September 8, 2006 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by John Mogren and seconded by Susan Dingle to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

John will continue to explore indexing ethnic biographies at the SHSND.

NDIRS Indexing project. George and Daphne did some preliminary compiling of indexes to printed histories for Stutsman County and for books that are available at the Jamestown Public Library. George emailed Jon Bye for more direction on this. John Mogren will contact Jon Bye to find out how to proceed with this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals and Objectives for the next 5 Years

Indexing Projects

- a) Complete index of ND marriages online
 - a.1 pre 1925 ND marriage index
 - c.2 Produce list of known missing records 10 year project
- f) Index 1915 and 1925 ND state census
 - d.1 Cemeteries not registered with health department
 - d.2 Compile cemetery book for every county in ND
- g) Photography index of SHSND photo archives. Text database is searchable by subject, town and name.

Promote/ Communicate with people

- b) Advocating to government for our goals and objectives and genealogy in general
- c) Preservation/ Retention of Records
 - c.1 Library campaign for records
- d) Cemetery records – promote ND health dept. to educate/enforce record maintenance
- e) Promote communication/ interaction between genealogical societies and historical societies
- h) Grant writing for projects
- I) Coop with counties to obtain indexes for records at SHSND and other indexes to records
- j) ITD record management- presentation by Becky Lingle
- k) Nominate members for awards/ recognition
- l) Moorhead annual workshop and other events rent a booth-advertise
 - l.1 Print meeting minutes in other newsletters
- m) Obtain feedback from groups and societies/ ideas/ observations

Legislation

- b.1 Review existing laws – certification of cemetery sextons

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



Pre 1925 Marriage Index: Patrice Hartman met with SHSND staff members Lotte Bailey, Jim Davis, Jerry Newborg and Greg Wysk on February 8, 2007. The index will be posted on the archives website. Records will be added to the archives existing marriage database. A letter will be sent to the counties asking for pre 1925 marriage indexes and pre 1925 marriage records only if they want to release them. Jerry Newborg will obtain a cost estimate from ITD for the website creation.

Newsletter: Please send in the reports for the newsletter as soon as possible after the notice goes out.

Society Reports: See the newsletter for additional information.

SHSND: The Record (1895-1905) is being scanned. This source contains many biographies and some of the volumes are indexed. Construction is somewhat behind on the addition but it should be completed this summer. Note the time change for weekend hours for the building and archives.

Beginning May 16th the building will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10-5. The archives will be open on the second Saturday of the month from 10-4:30.

BMGHS: Planning is in progress for the upcoming April 14, 2008 workshop. Committee descriptions were handed out. Please contact Meredith Gross if you would like to volunteer. **JRGS:** Will be working on updating the Griggs County Cemetery book this summer.

The Next Meeting is Friday, June 8, 2007 at 1:00. The speaker will be George Freeman on Icelandic Heritage. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary

Goals and Objectives for the next 5 Years for the North Dakota State Genealogical Society
Please share with your societies for feedback. Patrice

Indexing Projects

- a) Complete index of ND marriages online
 - a.1 pre 1925 ND marriage index
 - c.2 Produce list of known missing records 10 year project
- f) Index 1915 and 1925 ND state census
 - d.1 Cemeteries not registered with health department
 - d.2 Compile cemetery book for every county in ND
- g) Photography index of SHSND photo archives. Text database is searchable by subject, town and name.

Promote/ Communicate with people

- b) Advocating to government for our goals and objectives and genealogy in general
- c) Preservation/ Retention of Records
 - c.1 Library campaign for records
- d) Cemetery records – promote ND health dept. to educate/enforce record maintenance
- e) Promote communication/ interaction between genealogical societies and historical societies
- h) Grant writing for projects
- I) Coop with counties to obtain indexes for records at SHSND and other indexes to records
- j) ITD record management- presentation by Becky Lingle
- k) Nominate members for awards/ recognition
- l) Moorhead annual workshop and other events rent a booth-advertise
 - l.1 Print meeting minutes in other newsletters
- m) Obtain feedback from groups and societies/ ideas/ observations

Legislation

- b.1 Review existing laws – certification of cemetery sextons



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Daphne Drewello called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on **June 8, 2007**. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

ROLL CALL: Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Jessica Rossow, Don Smith, Susan Dingle, Linda Hippen, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Dorothy Pearson, BCHGS; George Freeman, MGS; Linda Zeuschel, RRVGS. Sharon Freeman and Lotte Bailey, guests.

PROGRAM

Lotte Bailey introduced Sharon Freeman from the Records Management Division of ITD. She gave a brief history of the Records Management Division which began in 1961 under the Secretary of State office. In 1971 they began offering microservices. In 1984 they were placed under the Office of Management and Budget. In April of 1990 ITD became its own department. The Records Management Division is a division under ITD. ITD employs about 250 people. ITD Records Management works with state, county and city records. The record retention schedule is reviewed and each record series is reviewed on the basis of 4 criteria. The individual office decides if the record has administrative value, the auditor determines if the record has audit value and the Attorney General determines if the record has legal value. The next step is to check with the SHSND to see if the record has historical value. All of these things are evaluated before the decision is made to dispose of the record. In 1989 a grant from the NHRPC enabled a project manager to inventory records to develop a retention schedule for the County Offices.

There were two handouts. One on the ND Century Code and one containing a list of websites with references to retention schedules and other resources for records management.

Non records are mostly drafts of records that are rewritten in another form for retention. There are very few non records. They do not have to be retained.

Court records are under the supervision of the Supreme Court but they also work with the Records Management Division. A disposal report is sent to the counties and they fill it out and send a certified copy back to records management. Counties and cities do not have to follow the record retention schedules. There are some penalties for not following the schedules. Records management does some training on records retention.

A 6 year log is kept of the record of disposal. The SHSND also maintains a file for each county of records received from the county.

Link to ITD: <http://www.nd.gov/itd/records/res.html>

BUSINESS MEETING**Minutes**

Jessica Rossow made a motion, which was seconded by Daphne Drewello that the minutes of the March 9, 2007 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Susan Dingle and seconded by Dorothy Pearson to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

NDIRS Indexing project. John Mogren corresponded with Jon Bye about this project. Tabled until the September meeting.

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



There was no June newsletter. Would we be interested in receiving the newsletter by email? Jessica Ros-sow located a free program for creating pdf files. The free PDF software is called "PDF995" and it's found at <http://www.pdf995.com/> More specifically found here: <http://www.pdf995.com/download.html>

This free tool will convert files to PDFs. You can then email out the PDF file to members who request it and they can use the free Adobe Acrobat (www.adobe.com) reader to view the files.

Pre 1925 marriage index. Lotte Bailey will be meeting and talking to the county recorders at their annual meeting this month about the records. There is no estimate for the cost of the website yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Heritage Quest/ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Patrice sent a letter to the State Library in December asking if they would consider offering these databases to the public. This subscription is only offered to libraries now whereas in the past it was offered to genealogical and historical societies. North Dakota is the only state that does not offer this resource in any library in the state. Patrice asked that each society consider sending a letter about this to the State Library. Please include a request to make these databases accessible from a patrons home.

Sandy Slater, head of the Chester Fritz Library Elwyn B. Robinson Special Collections at UND is retiring in July.

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society Convention will be held July 19-22, 2007 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Don Smith will check to see if we could have a display or hand out brochures at this convention.

The 32nd Annual Family History Workshop entitled " Old Trails, New Highways will be held October 6, 2007 at Moorhead, MN. Daphne will take NDSGS brochures to this workshop.

Elections for officers will be held at the September meeting.

The Cultural Heritage Grant application is online at the SHSND home page. Applications are due by July 31, 2007.

Goals and objectives: Minnkota liked the list. No other comments. Tabled until the September meeting.

SOCIETY REPORTS: See the NDSGS newsletter for additional genealogical society information.

SHSND: There are two summer staff, Sarah Walker and Jennifer Sivertson working in the reading room. Construction of the addition should be complete this summer. A meeting room will be added on the second floor. The Shemorry collection will be housed at Williston State College and possibly include digital access. An intern is working on the inventory that may be completed by this fall.

BCHGS: The Bowman County Centennial will be June 30- July 4, 2007. A book will be available for purchase.

BMGHS: Planning is in progress for the upcoming April 14, 2008 workshop. In addition to the keynote speaker Dr. John Colletta, Marit Lucy will be teaching Scandinavian research classes.

JRGS: JRGS: Received a used microfilm reader/printer. Jamestown will be celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2008. No book will be published.

MGS: Working on compiling East Grand Forks cemetery records, planning a workshop for this fall, George Freeman has written a 3 volume book on Pembina County Pioneer Daughters which includes scans of the original documents and an index. It will be available for purchase soon.

RRVGS: Working on compiling Roseau County, MN cemetery records.

The next Meeting is Friday, September 7, 2007 at 1:00. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary

THE LEGEND OF POKER JIM

A Tale of North Dakota, Poker Jim and our Wild West

By Kim Fundingsland, Minot Daily News Submitted by Gloria Johnson



If he were alive today, you'd probably find him seated at a poker table on one of those cable television shows where guys wear goofy glasses and play for thousands of dollars while holding lousy cards. Producers would undoubtedly allow an extra minute or two of air time for a featured look at North Dakota's very own Poker Jim, the man with almost as much state territory named after him as former president Theodore Roosevelt.

The sprawling Poker Jim oilfield covers a big portion of McKenzie County, the largest county in North Dakota. There's also the historic Poker Jim Cemetery, one of the oldest in the state. Take a look at a North Dakota National Grasslands map and you'll find numerous references to Poker Jim. And then there's the Poker Jim legend, a legend that still lives on more than 110 years after his death.

Where he came from, what his real name was, what he looked like or how old he was is not important to know. Too much information would probably take away from the legend. Nevertheless, Poker Jim is one of the men who added to the unique character of the old West and early days of North Dakota.

In the winter of 1893-94, cowboys Poker Jim and Cash Lantis were hired to stay at the Lower W-Bar Ranch, really not much more than a line shack, located south of present day Arnegard. Their lonely job at the remote camp was to keep W-Bar cattle from leaving the protective breaks of the Badlands and venturing onto the prairie where they would likely perish in a winter storm.

Poker Jim probably dressed and looked like most of the cowboys of the day – sporting chaps, neckerchief, crumpled hat, handgun usually within reach and a rifle on his saddle. Wintertime apparel likely included a coat made of buffalo hid or heavy wool. One fact that is known about Poker Jim is that he was afflicted with a seemingly incurable disease: poker. According to the book “50 Years in the Saddle”, Poker Jim earned his nickname from his love of card playing.



“Legend has it that it was almost impossible to drag him away from a poker table. Winning or losing, the game had a fascination for him. Another characteristic was to imbibe in whiskey over a long period.” Whether it was poker or whiskey that eventually led to Poker Jim's demise is uncertain, but both likely had a hand in the cowhand's lonely and miserable death.

Sometime in early February 1894, Poker Jim and Lantis found themselves running low on supplies, not a good thing during a long and cold North Dakota winter. It was agreed that Poker Jim should undertake a dangerous winter ride to the small frontier town of Glendive, Montana some 65 miles distant. Undoubtedly, Poker Jim's love of the card table played a part in his wintertime gamble that soon had him saddling up his horse and preparing a pack-horse. At Glendive, Poker Jim could stock up on necessary items that would see him and Lantis through the remainder of the winter. Bacon, beans, skillet bread, tobacco, coffee, kerosene, matches and whiskey were said to be on Jim's shopping list. Of course, there'd be the chance to find a poker game in Glendive.



The distance between friendly line shacks roughly varied from 15 – 20 miles, meaning Poker Jim could take about three days to reach Glendive if he over-nighted with fellow cowboys. Not much is known about Poker Jim's lonely ride to Glendive, other than that he arrived there. On his return trip, he bunked with Tuff Bentley, the foreman at Horse Camp on Smith Creek. According to Bentley, Poker Jim spent the night and then saddled up early in the morning to cover the final 15 miles back to the Lower W-Bar. Bentley said Poker Jim wasn't feeling well but surmised that was probably the result of too much whiskey, a general practice among the cowboys of the day.

When Poker Jim became overdue at the Lower W-Bar, a group of concerned cowboys took up the search. The riders eventually found Poker Jim. He was sitting on the ground with his back against a large rock – frozen solid. “His saddle horse was tied to a cottonwood nearby. The horse had eaten all the bark. The pack-horse was a short distance away and apparently had been turned loose. Burned matches were found near Poker Jim's body where he had tried to build a fire but couldn't do so. His body was taken to the W-Bar ranch.”

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With his death, the legend of Poker Jim was born. One story that has persisted through the years is that Poker Jim's frozen corpse was wrapped in a blanket and placed in the rafters of a line shack for safekeeping. The reason being that the ground was too frozen to permit the digging of a proper grave and the work could easily be done in the spring. As the tale goes, a group of cowboys unfamiliar with Poker Jim entered the tiny line shack, lit a fire in the stove and settled down to a game of poker. As the shack warmed up, so did Poker Jim. When the temperature was just right and Poker Jim no longer rigid, he tumbled from the rafters and onto the table of the unsuspecting card players.

Imagine their surprise! Whether or not the tale is true, it is one that has added to the legend of Poker Jim. Poker Jim was eventually laid to rest in the W-Bar Cemetery next to Sid Tarbell, a former foreman and friend. Somewhere along the way, the cemetery was renamed in honor of Poker Jim. Rather than a traditional headstone, Poker Jim's final resting place was topped with a large rock that is said to be part of the very stone his frozen body was found leaning against. This large rock atop a lonely Badlands butte marks the final resting place of Poker Jim.

Although virtually unknown and isolated in life, Poker Jim's name will live forever on maps and signs throughout present-day McKenzie County lore.

(This article was brought to the meeting of the Williams County Genealogical Society for discussion beings it involved Poker Jim Cemetery. I have also included information on the Poker Jim Cemetery as found in the cemetery book "The Final Resting Place" – McKenzie County Cemetery Book) Gloria Johnson

POKER JIM CEMETERY

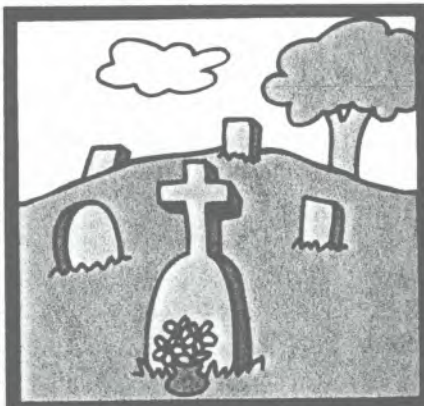
W-BAR BOOTHILL CEMETERY

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Submitted by Gloria Johnson

Two and one half miles west of Arnegard, thirteen miles south, two miles west, seven and one half miles southwest, past Dave Crighton's ranch, then about one eighth of a mile to the east on a trail leading to the top of a hill. It overlooks the Little Missouri River Valley. Sid Tarbell of Bellows Falls, VT. was the foreman for Pierre Wibaux on the W Bar Ranch cattle camp on the north bank of the Little Missouri River near the mouth of Hay Draw. He got tangled up in a rope he had tied two horses with and got a compact fracture of his arm. When Dr. Stickney, from Dickinson, got there, gangrene had set in and there wasn't much the doctor could do. Tarbell died and he was buried near the ranch and this became known as W Bar Cemetery. This was in the later 1880's.

Poker Jim also worked for Pierre Wibaux. In February of 1894 the camp was almost out of food and other necessities, so Poker Jim decided to go to Glendive for supplies. When he didn't return, the men went looking for him and found him frozen to death sitting next to a large rock. He was eventually buried in the cemetery and years later, nine men moved half of the rock where he had froze to death to mark his grave.



Buried here are:

Burgoyne, George M. "Lucky" 8-19-1867 to 9-20-1940	Hermanson, Carl (cremains) 5-30-1922 to 6-5-1993
Cornell, Mike (cremains) 2-11-1952 to 2-28-1997	Madson, Margaret (homesteader) 5-14-1890 to 4-1-1973
Crighton, David 8-27-1897 to 6-18-1960	McIntyre, Fred 8-29-1902 to 8-9-1976
David W. 8-2-1931 to 1-30-1998	Parks, Mr.
Mamie 3-28-1906 to 9-13-1992	Poker Jim (Cowboy) ? to 2--1894
Dahl, Edna (cremains) 5-20-1908 to 10-5-1988	Potts, Arthur "Mel" 1879 to 1955
Davis, Chester (Rancher) 1-17-1894 to 4-21-1957	Stewart, Bill 1869 to 5-13-1939
Gore, Robert 1-28-1854 to 7-25-1945	Tarbell, Sid (cowboy) ? to 8--1888
Scott (Rodeo rider) 12-16-1880 to 3-2-1955	Teisinger, Roy 7-26-1902 to 5-12-1981
Henry, L.O. "Pat" (cremains) 8-24-1916 to 11-5-1995	Woods, Dan 1-7-1916 to 12-22-1996

There are possibly four unmarked graves outside of the fence, maybe two women and two children. Mrs. Romaine Clause bought the headstone for Scott Gore to repay the kindness from him when she was a youngster.



Notes of Interest From the Editor's Desk

REPORTS

Please consider submitting your articles of interest to our society's publication. Tell us about milestones in your life including any genealogical finds!

Scandinavians Celebrate Annually
In Minot, North Dakota
October 11-14, 2007
<http://www.hostfest.com/>



Several of the genealogy societies have submitted their newsletters to me to glean for information to put in the State Newsletter. If you can send it via email that is even better as then I can simply cut and paste the information. It is difficult to decide sometimes what I should include.... but here are some *Notes of Interest* that I hope you enjoy.



Hey John:

July 26, 2007

Reason for sending a note. I just finished copying and binding my latest death notes and index from Divide County Journal at Crosby, North Dakota. For periods of 1995-1999 and 2000-2004.

Copies are now located at:

1. Divide County Library, Crosby
2. Williston Library
3. Minot Public Library
4. State Historical Society
5. Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU
6. Special Collections, UND Chester Fritz Library, Grand Forks.

Thanks for the notes you send out re: genealogy.

Rod Gillund



Helen Fritchie writes:

Re: The Lost Colony DNA Project & Symposium

This sounds like an interesting project. If you know anyone who might interested pass it on-----

Helen. -----

I came across it on the Austin Family Genealogy Forum

<http://www.genforum.familytreemaker.com/austin/messages/6573.html>

Welcome new NDSGS member:

Linda Hippen

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What are your thoughts?

Should we continue to publish a "snail-mail" newsletter? Is it time for some changes?

What is of most interest to you to read about in the newsletter?

How often should we publish a newsletter?

Jessica Rossow has introduced us to the idea of utilizing technology and using email to distribute the newsletter. This would make distribution easier but we may lose some graphics. Talk with your society's representative to the NDSGS and convey your thoughts. Each society has a voice and we want to know what you think.



The NDSGS encourages all local (ND) genealogical societies to donate one copy of their works/publications to the SHSND Archives & Research room. This is our central repository for North Dakota genealogical materials.

Please consider other genealogical repositories for your publications as well to make them available for researchers.

The State Archives and Historical Research Library reading room is open for research 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

It is also open for research the **second Saturday of each month** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except legal holidays.

Thanks Greg for the reminder!





Notes of Interest From the Editor's Desk

REPORTS

Please consider submitting your articles of interest to our society's publication. Tell us about milestones in your life including any genealogical finds!

Oktoberfest
In New Leipzig, North Dakota
September 28-30, 2007
<http://newleipzig.com/txt/2007.html>

Patrice has reminded us it is time for election of officers. The intent has been that the office of the president would rotate between the genealogical societies. This isn't a requirement of our constitution or by-laws but rather a way of ensuring each group has the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Our President Elect is Susan Dingle of the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society and will take the gavel from Daphne Drewello of the James River Genealogy Club.

Patrice has put together a list of those who have had the served as President. If your society has not had the chance to serve and you are interested please let us know as we will vote at the annual meeting on September 7th. Thank you Patrice for submitting the names:

Past Presidents of the NDSGS

John Mogren, MRLGS

Jim Stark, RRVGS

Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS

Clara Bliss, Bowman Co. HGS

Daphne Drewello, James River GS

Pres elect: Susan, Dingle Bismarck MHGS

Current officers:

Daphne Drewello, President

Susan Dingle, VP

Patrice Hartman, Sec

Don Smith Treas.

John Mogren Newsletter Editor

In the past the VP has moved up into the President's position.

The following groups have not had a member serve as Pres.

Williams County GS

Minnkota GS

Central NDGS

PEMBINA COUNTY PIONEER DAUGHTER BIOGRAPHIES BY George Freeman

17 women charter members organized the Pembina County Pioneer Daughters in 1940 to honor the memory and spirit of those women who pioneered in Pembina County by writing their biographies. Hand written histories of over 1000 women pioneers were collected and typed along with histories of cities, Doctors, churches, and organizations. The hardships and events of the pioneer women's biographies paint a vivid and colorful picture of the homestead era of Pembina County, North Dakota.

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Areas covered

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(501 pages)

Volume 1 @ \$40.00 USD

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Pembina

Walhalla

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Volume 3

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Drayton

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(540 pages)

Volume 1 @ \$40.00 USD

Note: All Icelandic Biographies for Pembina County are included in volume 1.

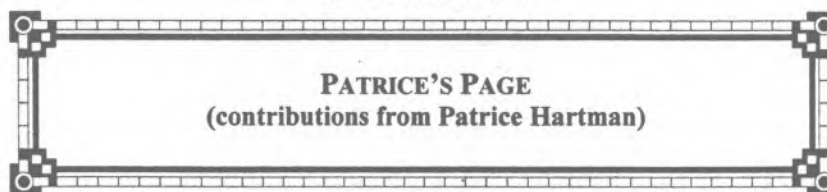
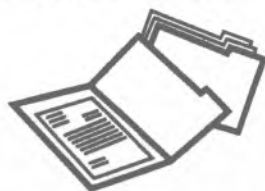
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Some Sites Worth Seeing

Midlands Historical Data United Kingdom

This website was created to help family history societies, libraries, and archives in the West Midlands make digital copies of their old local history books, maps, photographs, directories, etc. The website is not-for-profit and images are searchable online. You can also purchase CDs of the materials www.midlandshistoricaldata.org/index.html

Note: Thanks to Hugh Watkins for making me aware of this site. Hugh runs a great genealogy-related blog, "Genealogue," from the UK. It is located at <http://hughw36.blogspot.com/>

Find a Grave in Stockholm, Sweden

This site, created by the Stockholm Cemeteries Administration, allows you to search for burial information on the approximately 525,000 individuals buried in Stockholm's eleven general cemeteries. Digital maps of the cemeteries are available. <http://hittagraven.stockholm.se/>

Immigrant Servants Database

Nathan W. Murphy, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Utah, accredited genealogist, and employee of Price and Associates Genealogical Services (project sponsor), is reconstructing a passenger arrival list of indentured servants coming to colonial America. According to the website, "More than 75 percent of the colonists who settled south of New England financed their voyages to the New World as indentured servants, convict servants, and redemptioners. This project aims to identify all immigrants described by these terms in American and European sources from 1607 through 1820." To date, there are approximately 10,000 immigrant servants listed in the database. That number continues to grow. www.immigrantservants.com

From: RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine

18 April 2007, Vol. 10, No. 16

Here is a humorous incident that happened to me and my mother. My father had died the previous year and she (at eighty-two years old) was having health problems. On one of my visits over the weekend, I took my mother, who needed to use a wheelchair, to visit my father's grave, which was a few hours away. We got there in the afternoon, parked the car, and sat for awhile. After getting back into the car, intending to leave, we realized the gate had been closed and locked while we were inside. We drove around the cemetery but all the gates were locked. The only opening was a small gate I could just walk through. The nearby cemetery office was also closed. Not having a cell phone, I walked to the closest house to see if they could find someone to open the gate. I finally found a neighbor who knew the caretaker and called to tell him of our dilemma. He lived about forty-five minutes away but eventually came and opened it up for us. I thought my mother would be upset, but she wasn't--she always had such a great sense of humor. We laughed many times after that about the possibility of spending the night in the cemetery. Since then, I always check to make sure I know the hours a cemetery will be closed. -- Thanks to Barbara Anderson

From: RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine 16 May 2007, Vol. 10, No. 20 (c) 1998-2007 RootsWeb.com, Inc.

FamilySearch Unveils Program to Increase Access to World's Genealogical Records

If you're a member of a historical society or other record repository, you'll want to read this. FamilySearch has just announced a program--called Records Access--to help archives and record repositories around the world digitize, transcribe, index, and make their unique genealogical collections available online for free.

Heritage societies can work with FamilySearch to make their collections available and FamilySearch is offering to provide access to their state-of-the-art digital cameras, software, and more. The information will then become available on FamilySearch.org and/or the affiliate institution's website. At least an index to the collection will be made available on FamilySearch.

Noted genealogist Dick Eastman is calling this "perhaps the most important genealogy announcement of the past few years." To read a press release for the announcement and Dick Eastman's comments, please visit:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/05/familysearch_to.html#more

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Contributions from Patrice Hartman
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At our NDSGS June meeting I mentioned the letter I sent to the ND State Library regarding Heritage Quest and ProQuest Historical Newspapers. I am sending a copy of the letter I wrote and ask that each genealogical society consider sending their own letter to the ND State Library about this. Let me know if you have any questions. Patrice Hartman

North Dakota State Library
604 E. Boulevard Ave. - Dept. 250
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

Today's Date

Dear Sir or Madam:

Would the North Dakota State Library consider offering Heritage Quest and the ProQuest Historical Newspapers to the citizens of ND? It would be a wonderful asset for genealogical and historical research in North Dakota. This subscription is only offered to libraries now whereas in the past it was offered to genealogical and historical societies. By offering this resource patrons could then access the information from home.

All 49 of the other states in the United States offer Heritage Quest through at least one library in their state. See website: <http://www.eogen.com/HeritageQuestOnline>

Heritage Quest Key Resources:

Census

Family and local history books

Persi

Rev. War Pension and Bounty land warrants

ProQuest Historical Newspapers is a separate subscription that would offer access to most early American newspapers. These newspapers are listed below.

The New York Times, 1851-2002; The Wall Street Journal, 1889-1988; The Washington Post, 1877-1989; The Christian Science Monitor, 1908-1992; The Los Angeles Times, 1881-1985; The Chicago Tribune, 1849-1985; The Atlanta Constitution, 1868-1925; The Boston Globe, 1872-1922; The Hartford Courant, 1764-1984

http://il.proquest.com/products_pq/descriptions/hnpextra.shtml

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,

Editor's note.

I asked Patrice if Persi is a misspelled word and she wrote back,
"It is Persi!! (Periodical Source Index)."

Website for explanation: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/persi.html>

Contributions from Patrice Hartman
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Attached is an article George (Feeman) sent to Patrice regarding the retirement of Sandy Slader at UND.

Sandy Slater, head of the Chester Fritz Library Elwyn B. Robinson Special Collections has announced her retirement beginning July 7, 2007. A reception honoring Sandy will be held Thursday, May 31, in the East Asian Room of the Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and thank Sandy for her dedication to the University.

Sandy began her work in 1985 as a library associate in the department. She was appointed head of the department five years later in 1990.

During her many years of service, she has greatly contributed to the growth and development of the library's Special Collections. Her responsibilities have included administration of the University archives program, collecting regional historical manuscripts and records, developing the family history collection and the special book collections, including the Norwegian Bygdebok Collection and Fred G. Aandahl Book Collection. She was also curator and coordinator of the East Asian Room, and the bibliographer for the history department.

Additional responsibilities included editing and contributing articles to the library's annual newsletter, *Lux et Lex*. She also coordinated the Merrifield Competition and chaired the competition jury since its inception in 1994. This competition has awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships to students who have written papers using the primary resources housed in Special Collections. She has coordinated the Robinson Lecture, and edited the Robinson Bibliography, since its inception in 1991.

In recent years, Sandy has directed the expansion of Special Collections digital information. Today there are over 550 finding aids to the manuscript collections available through the Internet. In addition, four different digitization projects including the Dakota Student Index, the E.J. Lander & Co. Land Records, the Grand Forks Marriage Records, and the Grand Forks Coroner Records, have been made available electronically.

Sandy has promoted historical preservation on the local and state level by serving on the North Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board since 1990. She has been a member of the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission since 1987 and has served as vice chair since 1999. Sandy is active in the University's Nordic Initiative and is currently participating on the Historic Preservation Committee for UND's 125th Anniversary. Over the years, she has participated in many workshops and conferences on historical preservation and genealogy and is widely recognized as an expert on archival administration and special collections.

The staff of the Chester Fritz Library, the University community as well as archivists and researchers in Grand Forks and throughout the region, will miss Sandy. Please join the library staff as we wish Sandy good health and great happiness in her future adventures. -- Wilbur Stolt, director of libraries.

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Contributions from Patrice Hartman*Continued from previous page....*

Patrice:

June 15, 2007

This is in response to your inquiry about the Records Management Intern Program provided by NDACo. We provide the Intern at a reduced cost to county offices to assist with their records retention. The Intern uses the retention schedule provided by ND Information Technology, which is posted on our website. The Intern uses staff at ND ITD for retention procedures and the ND State Historical Society as a resource for anything that has historical value. We do not keep an inventory of files the Intern has reviewed for retention.

In 2006 the Intern spent as little as an afternoon in a county office and as long as two weeks.

Following is a list of county offices that used the Records Management Intern Program in 2006:

Barnes County Emergency Management and Highway Department
 Cavalier County Clerk of District Court
 Cass County Information Technology
 Dickey County Auditor and Recorder
 McLean County Clerk of Court
 Morton County Clerk of Court
 Mountrail County Clerk of Court
 Rolette County Social Services
 Stark County Clerk of Court
 Steele County Recorder and Clerk of Court
 Traill County Clerk of Court
 Wells County Auditor

At this time I am compiling a list of county offices that are interested in the 2008 Records Management Intern Program. Thank you for your inquiry and let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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 "Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude"

October 6, 2007**"Old Trails, New Highways"****32nd Annual Family History Workshop****Moorhead, MN****\$30.00 by Sept. 28****<http://www.mnstate.edu/heritage/FHW32.htm>****October 8 & 9, 2007****Norwegian Heritage and Family history Conference
 Ramada Inn, Grand Forks****Lodging Reservations before September 23.****No registration fee listed yet.****<http://www.conted.und.edu/norwegianconference/>**

Our 40th Anniversary open house will be held on the 15th of September at the Library. Street address: 112 North University Drive, Suite 116 Fargo. The Open house will run from 11 am - 3 pm. We will have speakers Curt Eriksmoen and Andrea Hallgrimson historical columnists published in the Fargo Forum. They will talk at about 1 pm. Join us for drink, cake and conversation!

New Library Hours:**May - August: Tues., Wed., Sat. 11 am - 3 pm****Sept. - April : Wednesday and Saturday 11 am -3 pm****Closed Holidays****We are a volunteer staff.****Please call first 701-239-4129****Collecting Printer and copier cartridges as a fund raiser.****Bring you cartridges into the library.****Thank you!!*****Submitted by Linda Zeuschel***

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- 1.) Gilby Centennial
- 2.) Jud Centennial
- 3.) Iron Riders
- 4.) Custer and Sitting Bull by Stephen Ambrose
- 5.) Burial Sites of Indian Chiefs
- 6.) Adams Luthern Church, Adams, North Dakota
- 8.) Catholic Membership Directory, Bathgate, Cavalier, Neche, North Dakota
- 9.) 100 Years of Amazing Grace Centennial Celebration 1895-1995 East Walle Lutheran
- 10.) East Walle Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thompson, North Dakota 58201
- 11.) Atlas of Grand Forks County, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- 12.) 40 Years of Hope, Hope Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota
- 13.) Women of North Dakota- Marilyn Ridenhower
- 14.) TR: Man of Dakota
- 15.) Bethany Lutheran Church, Hatton, North Dakota
- 16.) Faith's Rich Heritage Faith United Methodist Church, Fargo, North Dakota
- 17.) St. Henry's Catholic Church, Regent, North Dakota
- 18.) Pioneer Women Teachers of North Dakota X
- 1.) Dresden 75th Anniversary (ND)
- 3.) 100 Years Less Ten
- 8.) Norway Lutheran Congregation, Denbigh, ND
- 9.) Trinity's 1st 75 Years Bismarck, ND
- 10.) Sutter's Fort
- 12.) Hoople, ND X
- 13.) Norman Lutheran Church, Clifford, ND X
- 14.) Pekin School Reunion 1907-1965
- 16.) St. Mary's Cathedral - 1899-1949 X
- 17.) Lebanon Lutheran Church - Amidon, ND
- 19.) St. Martin's American Lutheran Church, Casselton, North Dakota
- 20.) United Methodist Church- Crystal, North Dakota
- 2.) Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Grafton, ND 1881-1981
- 5.) United Lutheran Church Brocket, North Dakota
- 6.) Bang Lutheran Church 1881-1971
- 7.) Bang Lutheran Congregation 1881-1941
- 8.) Bang Lutheran Church 1941-1951 - Portland, North Dakota
- 9.) Bang Congregation 1881-1981
- 10.) New Town, North Dakota
- 11.) St. John's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, North Dakota
- 12.) Salem Lutheran Church, Cummings, North Dakota
- 13.) St. Stephen's Church, Richardton, North Dakota
- 14.) First Presbyterian Church, Langdon, North Dakota
- 15.) Presbyterian Church of Langdon, North Dakota
- 16.) Nora Lutheran Church, Gardner, North Dakota
- 17.) Walle Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thompson, North Dakota
- 18.) Zoar Free Lutheran Church, Hatton, North Dakota
- 19.) Mayville Lutheran Church, Mayville, North Dakota
- 20.) Martin's Lutheran Church, Casselton, North Dakota
- 5.) GF City Directory
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- 8.) GF City Directory
- 9.) Galesburg, North Dakota Centennial
- 10.) Golden Jubilee Roseglen, North Dakota 1917-1967
- 11.) West Fargo, Centennial, West Fargo, North Dakota
- 12.) Reynolds, North Dakota

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- 1.) Remembering Kathryn- A Century Of Stories (Kathryn, North Dakota)
- 2.) Wimbledon History 1893-1968 - (Wimbledon, North Dakota)
- 3.) 1899-1999 100 Years Spring Creek Lutheran Church- Hastings, North Dakota
- 4.) Numedahl-A Norwegian Community Hidden In The Hills of Pembina Valley,Cavalier,ND
- 5.) Ashley Centennial, Ashley, North Dakota
- 7.) 50 Years of Riverdale, North Dakota
- 8.) Foster County, North Dakota
- 9.) Brave North Dakota Families
- 10.) Immanuel Lutheran Church Rolla, North Dakota
- 11.) Zion Lutheran Church, Kramer, North Dakota
- 12.) Methodism - Drayton, North Dakota
- 13.) Carpio Lutheran Church Centennial 1887-1987, Carpio, North Dakota
- 14.) Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, North Dakota
- 15.) Our Saviour's Lutheran -- Rolla , Perth, North Dakota
- 16.) Willow Creek Lutheran Church, Overly, North Dakota 1885-1985
- 17.) All Nations Lutheran Church Rock Lake, North Dakota 1898-1998
- 18.) Lesje Lutheran Church 1899--1999 Souris, North Dakota
- 19.) History of Valle Lutheran Church, Overly, North Dakota 1889-1989
- 1.) The Way It Was- Native People
- 2.) History of Bethany Lutheran Church, Minot, North Dakota
- 3.) Hope Lutheran Church, Surrey, North Dakota 10th Anniversary
- 4.) Hope Lutheran Church, Surrey, North Dakota 1994
- 5.) Hope Lutheran Church, Surrey, North Dakota 1998
- 6.) Hope Lutheran Church, 20th Anniversary, Surrey, North Dakota
- 7.) Western North Dakota Catholic Church
- 8.) St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kulm, North Dakota
- 9.) Troy Evangelical Lutheran Church Crosby, North Dakota
- 10.) 75th Anniversary Peace Lutheran Church, Crosby, North Dakota
- 11.) 65th Anniverary 1907-1972 Bethlehem Troy, Crosby, North Dakota
- 1.) Bethel Lutheran Church, Bowbells, North Dakota
- 2.) Bowbells United Methodist Church, Bowbells, North Dakota
- 1.) McCleod Centennial
- 2.) Fort Abercrombie
- 3.) St. John's Lutheran, Dickinson, North Dakota
- 4.) Writing Rock Lutheran 75th Anniversary - Alkabo, North Dakota
- 1.) 90th Anniversary 1894-1984 First United Methodist Church Enderlin, North Dakota
- 2.) St. John's Lutheran Church, Ryder, ND
- 4.) History of the Hutterite-Mennonite Centennial
- 1.) Prairie Portraits, Clifford, ND 1881-1981
- 2.) Harvey Centennial
- 3.) North Dakota Towns
- 4.) Fessenden Centennial
- 5.) A History of Foster County
- 6.) Little Norway Congregation
- 7.) Sundal Lutheran
- 9.) Trail of the Pioneers
- 10.) Monango Church
- 11.) Hamberg, North Dakota
- 12.) Pierce County
- 13.) 50 Years in Pierce County
- 14.) Sheridan's County Heritage
- 15.) Morton Prairie Roots

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- 16.)Perry Church, Portland, North Dakota
- 17.) Moffit, North Dakota
- 18.) Robinson, North Dakota
- 19.)Hebron, North Dakota
- 20.)Slope County Atlas
- 21.)Adams County Atlas
- .)Souris Lutheran Church
- 22.)Abercrombie Lutheran Church
- 23.) Ashley, North Dakota
- 24.) Rolette County, North Dakota
- 27.)Garrison, ND
- 28.)North Dakota – Every Place on the Map
- 29.)A History of Velva X
- 30.)Sterling Centennial (ND)
- 31.)Hope Centennial
- 32.)Our Saviour's Church, Dazey, North Dakota
- 33.)A History of Galchutt, North Dakota
- 34.)Taylor, North Dakota Centennial
- 35.)Enderlin, North Dakota Jubilee
- 36.) Elgin, North Dakota
- 37.) Hankinson, ND Centennial
- 38.) Fargo, ND
- 39.) Litchville, ND 1900-2000
- 40.) Jamestown's Diamond Jubilee
- 41.) Stanley's Centennial 1902-2002
- 42.) Steele Centennial
- 43.) Adrian
- 44.) Butte
- 45.) Foreman, ND
- 55.)Parshall, ND
- 56.)Pettibone, ND-----1910-1960
- 57.) Wells County 1884-1984-----
- Souris, North Dakota
- 58.)-----Trail County History Vol. II --
- 59.)Makoti Jubilee
- 60.)Ray, North Dakota Centennial
- 61.)Marion, ND
- 62.)Braddock, ND
- 63.)Menoken, ND
- 64.)Medina , North Dakota
- 65.)Mercer County Cemetery Index
- 66.)Gackle, North Dakota
- Theodore Roosevelt in North Dakota
- 67.)--- Action in Aneta---
- 68.)Flasher, North Dakota 75th
- 69.)“Prairie Portraits”, Pillsbury, North Dakota
- 70.)Diamond Jubilee, Mayville, North Dakota 1881 –1956
- 72.)Frog Point Story
- 73.)Fort Ransom 1878-2003
- 74.)Ussatis Family
- 75.)Butte, ND 1981
- 76.)Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Upham, ND
- 77.)Upham

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- 78.) St. John's - Upham, ND
- 79.) Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga ND
- 80.) Maddock, ND 50 years
- 81.) Rolette County Atlas
- 83.) Portrait of a Church
- 84.) Dunseith, North Dakota
- 85.) Tioga, North Dakota
- 86.) The Quiet Conquest
- 87.) McLean County Book—
- 88.) Grand Forks County Atlas -
- 89.) History of Central North Dakota -----
- 90.) Erie, North Dakota
- 91.) Bowman United Methodist Church 75th
- 92.) Bottineau County Atlas -
- 93.) Pingree Centennial -
- 94.) St. Mike's Church-----
- 95.) A Year's History, St. Mike's Church-----
- 96.) St. Mike's Church -----
- 97.) Ashley, North Dakota 1963---
- 99.) North Dakota and Minnesota Church & Town Histories
- 100.) Milton, North Dakota ----
- 101.) 125th Birthday 1878-2003 Tappen, North Dakota
- 1.) Manvel Centennial
- 2.) History of Olga, North Dakota 1882-1982
- 3.) Underwood History 1903-2003
- 4.) Hannaford Area History
- 5.) A History of Rolla, ND 1888-1988
- 6.) Atlas of Walsh County
- 7.) St. Mark's Fargo, ND)
- 8.) Berlin, ND
- 9.) First United Presbyterian Church, Egeland, ND
- 10.) North Viking Lutheran Church, Maddock, ND
- 11.) Golden Jubilee Harlow, ND
- 12.) 75th Anniversary 1887-1962 - Maddock, ND
- 13.) Brocket Diamond Jubilee, Brocket, ND
- 14.) History of Edmore North Dakota and Community
- 15.) Prairie Patchwork- Drake, ND
- 16.) Finley 75th Anniversary
- 17.) Adams County, ND
- 18.) Hettinger, ND 1907-1982
- 19.) Voyage From Voerang
- 20.) Slope County Saga
- 21.) Maddock, North Dakota
- 22.) Renville County Atlas
- 23.) Grand Forks County History Book
- 24.) Sargent County History Book
- 25.) Almont, North Dakota
- 26.) Verona Centennial
- 27.) Wildrose, ND
- 29.) 1958 LaMoure County Atlas
- 30.) Fargo Revisited
- 31.) Walsh County North Dakota Farm Directory

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- 32.) History of Rolette, North Dakota & Directory
- 33.) 75th Anniversary of New Salem, North Dakota
- 34.) Our Heritage 1886-1986 Leeds York, North Dakota
- 35.) Viking Community/Church 1886-1987
- 36.) As the Sod Was Turned
- 37.) Richland County, North Dakota Rural Resident Directory 1979
- 38.) Fargo Diamond Jubilee 1950
- 39.) A Century of Progress 1984 Northwood, North Dakota
- 40.) Granary of Guelph, North Dakota
- 55.) Havana Centennial
- 56.) Atlas of Sioux County
- 57.) Church of St. Boniface Golden Jubilee Lidgerwood, ND
- 58.) Nome, North Dakota
- 59.) Krabbenhofts and Kin 1872-1949 -
- 60.) Swan and Marie Hokanson Their Life and Times -
- 61.) Chenoworth Trailblazers , Sioux County, North Dakota
- 62.) Our Ancestors: A Chronology of Events
- 63.) The Townspeople The Way It Was -
- 64.) Ashley 1888-1988
- 66.) Ramsey County Atlas-
- 67.) Steele County
- 68.) Tower City, North Dakota Centennial 1879-1979
- 69.) Williston Centennial
- 70.) New Salem Centennial 1883-1983
- 71.) Norman Lutheran Church, 1957
- 72.) Maddock Church X (St. Olaf Lutheran Church?
- 73.) Golden Jubilee 1903-1953 Zion Lutheran Ashley, ND
- 74.) Knox Area History, (ND)
- 75.) Kulm, ND Centennial 1882-1992
- 76.) Munich Centennial, Munich, ND
- 77.) Dakota Lineman
- 78.) History of Rogers, ND
- 79.) Walcott Centennial, Walcott, ND
- 1.) Crosby Diamond Jubilee
- 2.) Gone But Not Forgotten Deisem
- 3.) Hebron, ND X
- 5.) Barnes County History
- 6.) Danzig
- 7.) Wildrose
- 8.) Cando
- 9.) Tolna
- 10.) Alsen
- 11.) Benedict, ND
- 12.) Ransom County History
- 13.) Upham, ND 100 years
- 14.) Upham, 50 years.
- 15.) Wright Funeral Home Volume - 1942-1993
- 16.) Riverside Cemetery 1877-1927
- 17.) Riverside Cemetery 1963-1995
- 18.) Riverside Cemetery index 1928-1962
- 19.) Wright 1882-1941
- 20.) Pastor Handbook of O. D. Purinton an early Baptist Minister of Dakota Territory

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- 21.) LaMoure County Vol. 13
- 22.) Memorial Park Cemetery
- 23.) Funeral Home Records Wahpeton,
- 24.) Almont Golden Jubilee
- 25.) Herby Lutheran Church 1891-1991
- 1.) Langdon, North Dakota
- 2.) Cemeteries of Sioux County, ND
- 3.) Cemeteries of Kidder County, ND
- 4.) History of Lisbon
- 5.) Cemeteries of Eddy County
- 6.) Cemeteries of Foster County
- 7.) Cemeteries of Logan County
- 8.) Cemeteries of Sheridan County, ND
- 9.) Aurelia Cemetery and Carbondale Township Vital Statistics
- 10.) Obituary Index of Kenmare County
- 11.) Cando, North Dakota Centennial
- 12.) Ypsilanti, ND Centennial

Editor's note: This was submitted by George Freeman and is a list of books Virginia Tupa sent to DAR. I don't know what the numbers were for unless it had to do with the grouping of books she sent each time.

Excerpts from FOUNDATION NEWS

Virginia A. Nelsen, Executive Director, Post Office Box 1976, Bismarck, ND 58702-1976,
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As hearings began during the 2007 Legislative Session on the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center and the Historical Society budget, it was evident that the voices of regional supporters were being heard and were making a difference.

Legislators often commented on the emails, phone calls and personal contacts they had received from our supporters. *Thank you, thank you. Your personal commitment to support the Historical Society did make a difference.* Through the Society's budget and one time expenditures, over \$15.5 million will be invested in regional history programming, new interpretive centers, improvements to historic sites across the state—building a body of history attractions that are a treasure and a compliment to the state, its citizens and visitors.

You can be proud. We are proud of you. We thank you for helping us get this work done for the state's history agency.

SB 2018 – Budget for the State Historical Society

The \$15.5 two-year budget includes the following one time and ongoing program expenditures. The Society budget recommended by the Governor was fully funded and many enhancements were added during the 2007 Session. These investments in the heritage tourism infrastructure for the state of North Dakota are creating a great body of history attractions. We thank the Governor and the Legislators for their vision and their commitment to these investments.

SB 2341 North Dakota Heritage Center Expansion Project

Funding from the 2007 Legislative Session provides for a down payment on the expansion project. Over the next two years, the Society will be able to secure architectural plans, exhibit and technology plans and cost projections for the extensive project. Fundraising will continue in the private and federal and grant sectors. Provides for \$1.5 million in State funds for planning the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. This is triggered by \$1.5 million in cash and pledges raised by the Foundation to release the State dollars.

Again, we thank you for your work during the 2007 Legislative Session. You did a great job. You can be proud of the part you played in these negotiations. Virginia Nelsen, Executive Director, SHSND Foundation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bismarck/Mandan group plans 2008 genealogy workshop

The Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society will host its bi-annual genealogy workshop on April 12, 2008, at Horizon Middle School, Bismarck.

Saturday's luncheon speaker will be Dr. John Philip Colletta, one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers and a renowned author. Entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, he lives in Washington, D.C. and conducts workshops for the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local universities. One of Colletta's most popular publications is *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record*.

His luncheon topic on "Only a Few Bones: How to Turn a Juicy Family Story into a Book...and a Career!" not only entertains and informs, but also gives the conference participants an insight into who Colletta is and how he came to do genealogical lecturing and publishing.

He will also present three workshop sessions, including:

- "Libraries, Archives and Public Record Offices: Understanding Resource Repositories;"
- "Lesser-Used Federal Records: A Sampling for Fresh Research Ideas;" and
- "Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your HEAD!"

On Friday evening, April 11, Colletta will present one of his favorite topics, "Is Any Body There?—Tracking Ancestral Remains." Beginning at 7 p.m. at the State Heritage Center, Bismarck, the Friday presentation is free and open to the general public.

His collection of anecdotes from his own research and travel experiences is very popular with genealogical and non-genealogical audiences. The stories are true, funny, shocking and touching. All genealogists can identify with them, and non-genealogists will get a sense of the fun and excitement of genealogy.

Colletta will hold book signings on both Friday evening and on Saturday.

Other Saturday workshop speakers will include:

- Marit Lucy, Scandinavian Research;
- Madeline Heer, "Beginning Genealogy - Roots and Raspberries;"
- Beth Bauman, "Census Records;"
- Donovan Feist, LDS Family History Center;
- Patrice Hartman and Nancy Englerth, Internet research;
- Jo Ann Winistorfer, "Tracing Your Dakota Roots," possibly with an emphasis on homestead records;
- State Historical Society of North Dakota staff members, sessions on State Archives and Historical Research Library and preservation of photos and documents;
- funeral home records; and
- Native American research.

As during the 2006 workshop, the BMHGS will again have folk artists displaying and demonstrating their traditional work of inkle weaving, tatting, knife making, quilt making and bead working.

The BMHGS workshop committee welcomes the participation of area ethnic, heritage and historical groups, as well. Organizations interested in sharing information about their group, along with exhibiting and selling items unique to their organization, are welcome to call contact BMHGS Steering Committee member Nadine Sheets at 701-355-1091 or at nksheets@bis.midco.net.

Mary Bakeman, with Park Genealogical Books, will be available in the vendor area. Bakeman carries a wide variety of historical and genealogical materials geared toward North Dakota's ethnic groups. She will also be selling Dr. Colletta's books. The State Historical Society of North Dakota gift shop staff will also be on hand with some of their wares.

The BMHGS is grateful for the generous financial grant support from the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

The BMHGS has been promoting and aiding in family research since 1971. Its goals are to promote and encourage active interest in genealogy and history throughout the region and beyond by retrieving and preserving historical and genealogical records, improving the availability and access to public records and fostering education and training in genealogical and historical research.

For more membership or workshop information, visit www.bmhgs.com or call 701-223-6273.

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**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH
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The North Dakota State Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. The mission of the society is to encourage networking between genealogical societies and others engaged in genealogical research in North Dakota.



OFFICIAL ROSTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLDIERS, SALIORS AND MARINES
When looking for relatives, don't forget to consult the veteran's books, such as ROSTER of the Men and Women who served in the Army or Naval Service (including the Marine Corps) of the United States or its Allies from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918. Prepared and published under the direction of Brigadier General G. Angus Fraser, the Adjutant General of North Dakota. By authority of the Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND 1931.

A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remebered with pride by remote generations. ~Macaulay



Biography is the only true history.
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