

NDSGS

NEWSLETTER

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



COME SEE
WHAT WE'VE
COOKED UP
FOR YOU THIS TIME



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Calendar of Events

September 21 & 22:

Prairie Churches of ND Project
Oakes & Cavalier

September 25:

Genealogy Workshop in Moorhead

October 26 & 27:

Prairie Churches of ND Project
Hebron & Williston

October 28:

PHOTO Workshop - SHSND/Bismarck

October 29-31:

Governor's History Conference

"Myth and Reality:

The Military Experience in North Dakota"

ND Heritage Center - Bismarck

GENEALOGY CRUISES!!

Mexican Riviera = October 31, 1999

Alaska Inside Passage = May 7, 2000

1-888-707-4386 or (360) 459-2403

Website: <www.CruiseLady.com>

Park Genealogical Books additions

Minnesota Atlas and CD

-for German researchers:

Meyers Orts Gazeteer (terms/definitions)

History of Brunswick (German Duchy)

Check: <www.parkbooks.com/Html/hot.html>

Mouse River Loop Genealogy Society!

Norlene, Lillian and John attended the Quarterly meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society in June. Lillian provided a report to our group on that meeting.

MRLGS had our annual genealogical tour in July, and some of our members were able to participate in that time of learning about genealogical resources in North Dakota.

We are excited to have some new "younger" members with an enthusiasm for indexing records. We are thankful for their work in our society. Several of our members attended family reunions over the summer and it is always interesting to hear how much ingenuity people can have when it comes to organizing reunions.

Remember we meet the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library. Come visit us!

Submitted by John Mogren

*Genealogy -
where you confuse the dead
and irritate the living.*

I have the book...

"Tales of Mighty Mountrail Vol I, 1979" 625 pages.

It has many stories of the first residents of Mountrail county, and includes township plat maps. Willing to do lookups

Delores I. Schattler schatler@ctaz.com



A little thought...

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
Would you be proud of them or not?
Or don't you really know?
Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees.
And some of them, you know,
Do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row,
There might be some of them perhaps
You shouldn't care to know.
But here's another question
Which requires a different view --
If you could meet your ancestors
Would they be proud of you?

-- by Nellie Winslow Simmons Randall

YEARLY NDSGS DUES

- \$ 5.00 Individual
- 10.00 Supporting
- 5.00 Society (1-10)
- 10.00 Society (11-25)
- 20.00 Society (26-50)
- 35.00 Society (51+)

Queries welcome!!

Current officers(1998-2000)

James Stark, President
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BISMARCK-MANDAN HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The BMHGS has completed the Webb Brothers Funeral Home Record Abstract (covers 1908-1945) and the Convert/Convert Boelter Funeral Home transcripts (covers 1930-1948); both were located in Bismarck. Presently we are working on the Kennelly (Mandan) and Perry (Bismarck) Funeral Homes.

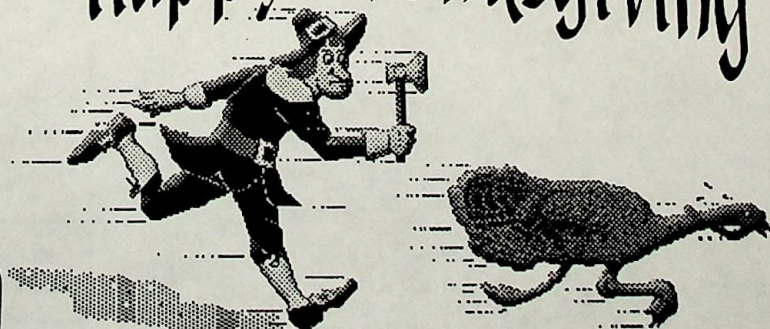
On a sad note, The Prairie Heritage Chapter of GRHS (Germans from Russia Heritage Society) has disbanded. Their state headquarters is located in Bismarck and is a great place to research for those with German backgrounds. We have, of course, invited all of their members to join us and are looking forward to them doing so.

Our other projects, including the '2000 workshop,' are proceeding, but are mostly in the talking and planning stages. The next issue of the Dakota Homestead newsletter will be in the mail early in September, if our copier stays healthy and the Creeks don't rise.

If you are in Bismarck on the 2nd Thursday of any month except July and January, please join us at our regular meeting (7 pm; out by 9 pm) in the Bismarck Public Library. Bring your friends.

Don Smith, Delegate to NDSGS

Happy Thanksgiving



GENE LOGY

Here's the list
of those attending the
last meeting:

George Barron (JRGC)
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Clara Bliss (BCHGS/PTRM)
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Lillian Vannett (MRLGS)
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Minute Highlights from June 18, 1999

Treasurer's Report: Balance = \$645.81

MINUTES: Distributed, read and approved.

SOCIETY REPORTS:

BBHGS: Planning workshop for Fall of 2000
McIntosh County Cemetery Book has been updated.

WCGS: Gravesite data collection - 3/4 of Williams County done.

OTHER REPORTS:

Discussion: Non-profit status for NDSGS = Initiate process okay'd

G. Barron = indexing Stutsman County school records.

SHSND: (Delores) Book sale was very successful.
October 28 = Photograph Identification and Restoration;
October 29-30 = Workshops on ND Military History

Demonstration: D. Smith = new binding for publications/Staples for \$30

Sharing: Information about genealogical websites distributed.

NEXT MEETING: NDSGS brochure design/membership card?

Friday, September 17, 1999 @ 1:00 pm @ Heritage Center, Bismarck

Dorothy T. Pearson, Secretary



State Historical Society — INFO —

Activities around the Reading Room of the State Historical Society of North Dakota during the summer continued to be very active, to put it mildly. People came from all over the United States and Canada, as well as foreign countries, to use collections of the State of North Dakota to find information on their families. They continue to be impressed with the information they are able to collect and the ease of that collection. They are benefiting by the on-going work of the members of NDSGS and its efforts to gather and publish the indexes and transcripts to records which provide the valuable information for their searching.

The Governor's History Conference, sponsored by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, will be held at the North Dakota Heritage Center on October 29-31. The theme of the conference this year is

"Myth and Reality:
The Military Experience in North Dakota".

A workshop many people will not want to miss is scheduled for Oct 28 at the Heritage Center; it will deal with PHOTOGRAPHS: How to date and identify them along with their care and management. This low cost workshop will help provide answers to the special handling problems of the photo collection and will provide those attending an opportunity to ask questions of an expert.

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Dolores Vyzralek, Chief Librarian
State Historical Society of North Dakota
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<http://www.state.nd.us/hist>

A blurb about Vital Records...

If you're trying to obtain a copy of a birth, death, marriage or other certificate in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota, check out this vital records information page:

Minnesota <<http://www.vitalrec.com/mn.html>>
North Dakota <<http://www.vitalrec.com/nd.html>>
South Dakota <<http://www.vitalrec.com/sd.html>>

It contains information on obtaining vital records in every county in Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota, as well as, every state and territory in the U.S. along with some great links.

PRAIRIE CHURCHES OF NORTH DAKOTA PROJECT

North Dakota has a rich legacy of ethnically and architecturally diverse historic churches. This Project is a partnership of local, state and national organizations committed to helping North Dakota's communities and congregations preserve their historic church structures.

Four meetings are being held in North Dakota to acquaint people with the nature of this preservation Project and explore possible solutions.

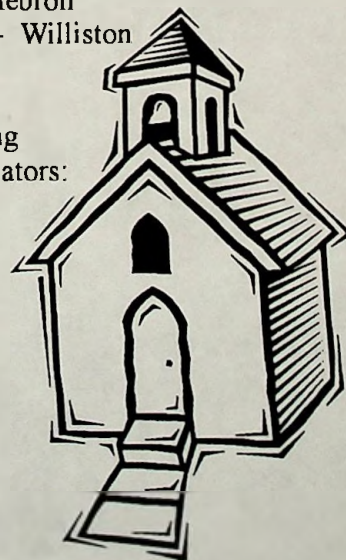
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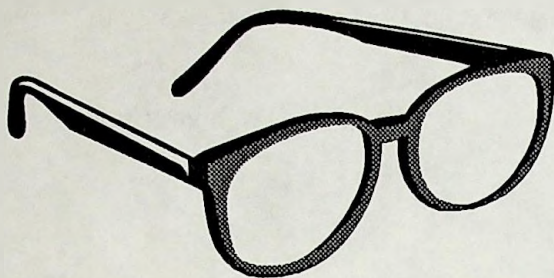
Tuesday, September 21 - Oakes
Wednesday, September 22 - Cavalier

Tuesday, October 26 - Hebron
Wednesday, October 27 - Williston

Interested in attending?
Contact one of the following
for referral to local coordinators:

Mary Humstone
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<humstone@verinet.com>
Rolene Schliessman
(701) 328-2666
Russell Ford Dunker
(701) 945-2394





AN EDITORIAL NOTE...

FEAR OF PROSELYTIZING ADDRESSED

With the availability of the Family Search website hosted by the Church of the Latter Day Saints, a few people have expressed concern that the information collected might be used in the church's missionary outreach activities.

The St. Paul, Minnesota Pioneer Planet featured an article about the Church's genealogical resources.

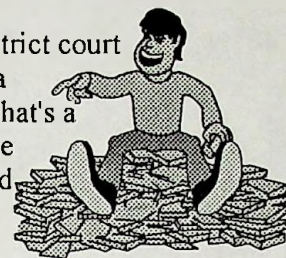
"The Latter Day Saints church -- probably best-known for its legions of young missionaries -- promises the genealogical ministry will not be used to recruit prospective members. What researchers will find, however, is incredible help.... Since the beginnings of the church in the 1700s, Mormon doctrine has encouraged followers to record their heritage. At some point the genealogies and the ancestors are baptized by the church. All of this is in accordance with the denomination's focus on families."

In response to the article, editors at LDS@World-Gems, who distributed the article via the internet, commented, "The article contains a few minor mistakes, but presents a positive view of the Church's contribution."

To those new to genealogy, the website found at <www.familysearch.com> opens a wealth of possibilities for starting work on tracing their roots; for those who are proficient in on-line research, it provides another means of cross-referencing their endeavors which is appreciated.

For more information about LDSWorld-Gems, please see: <<http://www.ldsworld.com/gems/>>

"How come the clerk of a district court can charge \$10 for a copy of a marriage certificate? I think that's a little steep, and certainly in the harassment category. We need some discussion and input on such loud charges"



George L. Barron: 8399 33rd St. SE
Jamestown ND 58401

FEEDBACK:

I called the GF County Clerk of Court and she indicated that the fee of \$10 for certified copies of marriage certificates was statewide.

Sandy Slater: Head, Special Collections
UND - Grand Forks

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Marriage license/certificate costs are:

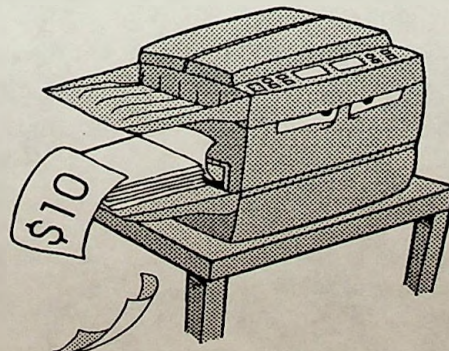
Morton County--35 cents per page
(older ones have 2 pages)
\$10.00 for a certified copy.

Burleigh County--20 cents per page
\$10.00 for certified copy

I called Jim Gange, Court Administrator. He says "certified" are \$10.00 per copy set by statute. Also searches of a more complicated nature are \$10.00. However, marriage license, etc. copies (not certified) are to be copying costs only.

He also stated that the Clerk of Court was new and had been using an obsolete Clerk's manual, so he has sent her an updated one.

Don Smith: BMHGS (Bismarck-Mandan)



Thanks to Joy Fisher and Joe Zsedeny, Bureau of Land Management data has been uploaded onto the North Dakota GENWEB archives.

Using this information you can obtain copies of the patent file for \$10 from the National Archives at the following address:

Reference Branch (Lands)
National Archives
Washington, DC 20408
(202) 501-5428



You need to submit your request on a copy of Form 84. To get the form, send an e-mail message to

inquire@nara.gov

In the body of the message, be sure to ask for Form 84 "Order for Copies of Land Entry Files", tell them how many copies you want (get at least 2, in case you make a mistake) and give your name and snail address so they can send you the forms.

(Or you can send a snail mail letter to above address). Sending by e-mail takes less than a week; by snail mail both ways takes about 2 weeks.

To access this information, one types in the general URL (Universal Resource Locator or Internet address) and adds the information that takes him to a specific county site. Below is a list of counties and the key word which needs to be added to the URL:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/nd/>

- then add one of the following:

adams/adamland.html
barnes/barnland.html
benson/bensland.html
billings/billland.html
bottineau/bottland.html
bowman/bowmland.html
burke/burkland.html
burleigh/burlland.html
cass/cassland.html
cavalier/cavaland.html
dickey/dickland.html
divide/diviland.html
dunn/dunnland.html
eddy/eddyland.html
emmons/emmoland.html
foster/fostland.html
goldenvally/goldland.html
grandforks/gratland.html
grant/gratland.html
griggs/grigland.html

hettinger/hettland.html
kidder/kiddland.html
lamoure/lamoland.html
logan/logaland.html
mchenry/mchelaland.html
mcintosh/mcinland.html
mckenzie/mckeland.html
mclean/mcleland.html
mercerc/mercland.html
morton/mortland.html
mountrail/mounland.html
nelson/nelsland.html
oliver/olivland.html
pembina/pemland.html
pierce/pierland.html
ramsey/ramsland.html
ransom/ransland.html
renville/renvland.html
richland/blmland.html
rolette/roleland.html

sargent/sargland.html
sheridan/sherland.html
sioux/siouland.html
slope/slpeland.html
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traill/trailland.html
walsh/walsland.html
ward/wardland.html
wells/welland.html
williams/willand.html



QUERY EXCHANGE

[Snail-mail responses can be sent to Editors of the Newsletter for forwarding.]

I am researching the Charles (Carl) Dablow family that lived near Fessenden, North Dakota. Carl came from Pommern, Germany. He was married to Katie Peper.

Mary Guffey <maryg@mcn.ne>t

My great-grandfather's naturalization record are listed in the book put out by Williams County Genealogical Society. His name is Patrick Noonan and he probably lived in Noonan at the time, as he was the first mayor.

Sharon Martin <sharon@proaxis.com>

I am seeking information about my grandfather's sister, Olga Aasland, born 7 APR 1891 in Sandnes, Rogaland, Norway. The only information I have is that she settled in Valley City, ND and married a Foss. They had two children, Agnes and Myrtle. She married a second time but I have no information on that marriage.

Joe Aasland, Calgary, AB CANADA <jasland@cybersurf.net>

Can anyone give me any information about the "Old Soldier's Home" in Lisbon? Also about the cemetery there? I just discovered my g-grandfather's obituary, and it says he died there in 1905, and is buried in the cemetery there. I would like to know how to get some information about him. His name was Ernst F. Schumann, and is listed in the settling of Walsh County and in the history of Acton and Grafton.

Libby Saxby, San Diego, CA <libbyl@san.rr.com>

WILLIAMS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"Give me your tired, your poor..."
Hey, they're genealogists!

Summertime saw WCGS members out gathering more gravesite information from rural cemeteries in the eastern part of the County. On Saturday, July 17th, a field trip/picnic to the Tioga area helped complete major cemeteries (despite rainy weather).

An application was submitted to Casual Day for Charity for funding the next step: computerizing the data for publication. An award of \$600 was given.

The Society has continued to meet on Saturdays (usually the 2nd one of the month @ 9:30 a.m.) to facilitate those who work, and currently use Faith United Methodist Church as the location.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Happy
New Year



QUERY SUBMISSION FORM

Name(s)

Information (dob/dod/area lived in/marriage/offspring/etc)

Also Researching:

Respond to:

Address:

Member Queries Welcome

() Interested in membership

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