

NDSGS Newsletter

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- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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State Archives hours:

8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. M-F,
except holidays

2nd Saturday of each
month, 10 a.m.—4:30
p.m.

Editor's Notes

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Brian Backes will give a presentation on Find A Grave at our October meeting.

Brian Backes grew up in Glenburn, a small town 20 miles north of Minot and graduated from Minot State University with a degree in accounting. He moved to the Bismarck area 30 years ago when his job at Bridgeman in Minot went away and he transferred to the Bismarck plant. After working in accounting for 25 years he decided to do something different and started working at Dakota Supply Group, working in the warehouse, currently running the receiving department.

He discovered Find A Grave while searching for the grave of his grandfather's brother, a Catholic priest who is buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Bismarck. Discovering Find A Grave sent him on a mission to help others find their ancestors by helping to make Find A Grave a valuable genealogy resource for this area.

Brian, his wife Joan, and their cat Charlie, live east of Bismarck.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To continue this great society we all need to be willing to step forward and accept positions of leadership. Please consider how you can help and share your talents with other members. Remember all we have accomplished and what we can do in the future to preserve our records and history.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is Friday, October 13 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. **Brian Backes** will talk about **Find A Grave**. **There will also be Election of Officers for 2024-2025.**

All individuals who have paid their membership are welcome to attend. All genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

We had a wonderful tour 7 July 2023 at the SHSND collections area. We saw items that would be of interest to those searching for 3D objects that belonged to their ancestors. Lori Nohner, Assistant Curator, showed us a family bible with names and dates, a pocket watch from Norway that had a photo locket attached to it, a fiddle case also from Norway, a wreath made of yarn with two photos in a shadow box, a quilt

with names and a date on it. We also viewed many other items in the collection such as immigrant trunks, clothing, furniture, uniforms, paintings. In the recent acquisitions exhibit we viewed the fiddle that was handmade with hardanger designs and other items from Norway. Please join us for our next meeting on October 13th at the SHSND archives.

Citation Corner

It's back to the basics again for this article. As genealogists or family history researchers we utilize local county histories, published family histories and other books in our research. Concepts for book citations can be utilized to draft citations for other sources.

Book citations typically include the author's name, title of the book, place of publication, publisher, year of publication and page number. All of these elements are usually found on the title page of the book.

The title should be copied exactly from the title page, not the spine of the book. If a book was a compilation or had an editor, that name would replace the author's name with comp. or editor following the name. In cases where there is no author Anonymous may be substituted for the author's name or the field may simply be left

blank. If it is a revised edition that would be noted. If there is no publication place or publisher n.p. or no place or no publisher should be inserted in the proper place. For no publication date insert n.d.

So a citation for a book we consulted in our research would look like this:

Cass County Historical Society, *Rural Cass County: The Land and the People* (Dallas, Texas: Taylor Publishing Co., 1976), 901.

The format changes a bit in a list of sources or a bibliography. See the list of new books on page 3 for that style.

Citation details allow anyone, including yourself, to locate that resource again and analyze the information it contains.

Scrapbook Preservation

Melissa Barker, aka the Archive Lady, outlines how to preserve scrapbooks.

1. Digitize every page using a flatbed or overhead scanner, or a digital camera.
2. Purchase archival tissue paper slightly larger than the scrapbook page from an online archival materials store.
3. Place the tissue paper in between each page of the scrapbook.
4. Purchase an archival box that is flat with a

separate lid.

5. Label the box for easy retrieval.

To learn more see https://kygs.org/five-easy-steps-for-scrapbook-preservation-from-the-archive-lady/?utm_source=General+Member&utm_campaign=b2205a7182-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2023_July&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-f581a9d1b3-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=b2205a7182&mc_eid=4df4200b34

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records (March-August 2023)

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

Recent Local Government Acquisitions:

- 42018 Burleigh County. Lein Township. Township Clerk Records, 1912-1960
- 42015 Burleigh County. Office Register of Deeds, 1906
- 42012 Divide County. Lee School District No. 22, Clerk's Record, 1931-1956
- 42016 Foster County. City of Carrington. Clerk of Court, Index Book, 1961-2011
- 42014 LaMoure County. Dean Township. Township Clerk Records, 1917-1927, 1940-1969
- 42017 McKenzie County. Statement of Assessment of Teacher's Salaries and Teacher's Retirements 1914-1972
- 42013 Walsh County. Register of Births, Deaths, Infectious and Contagious Diseases, 1906-1919
- 42019 Ward County. Superintendent of Schools, Records, 1888-1979

Recent Publication Acquisitions:

- Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council. *Local Profiles of the Cities and Counties of Region VIII*. Dickinson, ND: The Council, 1980.
- G.J. Barker-Benfield and Catherine Clinton. *Portraits of American Women: From Settlement to the Present*. Oxford University Press, 1998.
- Judith Aasheim Ganyo. *I Morgen! Tomorrow!: Stories and Family Photos of C. Theodore Thoresen Aasheim and Josephine Rollofson Aasheim*. [United States]: Judith Aasheim Ganyo, 2023.

Vern Steyer, editor. *Steyer Memories*. [United States]: n.p., 1985.

Lillian Schlissel, Byrd Gibbens, Elizabeth Hampsten. *Far from Home: Families of the Westward Journey*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1989.

Through donations to the State Archives' manuscript and photograph collections, information/records were received on the following people/families/places:

- William and Martha Wallace (Moffit, N.D.)
- George Haynes (doctor in the NDNG)
- Clarice Mildred Hildre, Dahlen (N.D.) and UND
- Nils Nilson and Josephine Nygaard Nelson (Nilson) family
- residents of St. Luke's Nursing Home in Dickinson, N.D.
- Warwick High School
- Helen McPhee, Bismarck High School
- Salina Hoel and Randal Robertsdahl
- St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Dickinson, N.D.
- Kathleen (Braithwaite) Stenhjem and Paul E. Stenhjem
- Oscar Barrett family (Emmons County and elsewhere in ND)
- Litchfield Family
- NDSU and Fargo.

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North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by John Mogren, President

June once again found us setting up a table at the Swedish Midsummer Festival at the Scandinavian Heritage Park in Minot to answer family research questions. This festival celebrates the longest day of the year with many activities for three days including dancing around the midsummer pole, evening bonfires along with vendors and food trucks, guest speakers and a church service in the Gol Stave church. This year Melissa Gjelstad, a professor at UND spoke on Norse Mythology in a room filled to capacity, but the event is not limited to Scandinavians. The Minot Air Force Base brings many young people who attend the festival from various states. So, when we get out our laptop computers to assist with genealogical research at the Midsummer Fest, we hear many interesting family stories from many various countries.

Dr. Bethany Andreason, professor of history at MSU, was our program presenter at our meeting in June. Her PowerPoint presentation on the early Scandinavian churches in the surrounding area was very interesting and gave us insight into some of the traditions and practices of the early settlers.

For decades each July our group plans an outing. This year fourteen of us visited the Prairie Village Museum in Rugby, ND. Museum director, Shane Engeland and MRLGS member Vicki Hoffart guided the tour. We visited the (new) Germans from Russia building and saw Father Sherman's exhibit with pictures of the early

Germans from Russia that settled in North Dakota. We had time to leisurely walk around the museum grounds and take in the history preserved here. Some members made a quick visit to the Farmer's Market taking place on the front grounds of the museum. Lunch was at Rockin' Relics, in downtown Rugby, and then the group stopped at the amazing Bell Tower located in downtown Rugby. It was a beautiful day and we had a great time.

At the August meeting we spent time discussing the July trip as well as some new local genealogical resources. It continues to hold true, even after all these years of doing genealogy, we can learn from one another.

The September meeting, we have the Mina Aasen Lodge #55 of the Daughters of Norway doing a presentation.

In October we are looking forward to going to the First Lutheran Church to visit their archives. This church is one of the oldest in Minot and has a designated archives committee and archives room. The records are a treasure trove of the accounts of the earliest day families in the Minot area.

November will once again be our Holiday Social with a noon ethnic meal.

Our website is down but our webmaster James is working on creating a new website for us. We are on Facebook. Check us out!

Southwest North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

We have started to meet again after three years hiatus. Hopefully we can meet once a month during the summer and fall. Meetings will be at the Dickinson Public Library unless otherwise noted.

In June we discussed source citations and why

they are important. In July we met at the FamilySearch Center (FSC) in Dickinson to find out about the resources that are available there. Mary Hill, FSC Director was the speaker.

Please join us and bring a friend. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

Our Genealogy Society continues to help people from around the area with their searches. VP Glenn reported that he had several visitors in from Minnesota last weekend that spent much of the day searching and stated they would be back another time. Jackie continues to be our Society Newsletter editor. She is continuously searching out new ideas for inclusion. Currently she is also working on a presentation for the Family History Workshop to be held in Fargo. Secretary John has had recent shoulder surgery, so he is not available currently. John B recently made a

presentation at Fort Abercrombie State Park. The topic was the court martial of Major Reno. It was well attended. After many months of diligent scanning, Keith has completed six apple boxes of obits that someone had clipped from many small-town newspapers in the area and had placed on index cards. The information will be added to our website in the future.

If you are planning a trip to Fargo, be sure to contact our society about using our resources by making an appointment outside of regular hours. rrvgs@fargocity.com or 701-239-4129.

Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Peter Bouley

The Minnkota Genealogical Society was formed in 1994. We are a group of people of all ages, interested in genealogy and the pursuit of tracing our family history. The purpose of this organization is to:

- instruct in basic genealogical research
- provide support to other researchers
- create new and widening interest in genealogy
- to preserve genealogy type records

Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Campbell Library, 422 4th St NW, East Grand Forks, MN. We have a variety of monthly presentations. Some months we will have a speaker from outside our group, other times a member will do a presentation on genealogy or on their own family tree. If a member has been abroad doing research, a presentation may be

given on that trip.

May – We held a Family History Class presented by our Nikki Carson which was available to the general public and was to bring education of the world of genealogy by presentations about online sites, software, and the “How To” about beginning a genealogy research project for your family.

June – Nancy Larson of MGS presented on the topic of “How to Use County Plat Maps”.

July – We try to have one social and fun night a year. We recently had a fun night of trivia about our local heritage, and the greater Grand Forks region. This was followed by an appetizer potluck.

August – We held our annual Cemetery Cleaning event where we spent time cleaning up graves at the Babyland area of the city cemetery. It was followed by a dinner social for those in attendance.

In Wisconsin, 70 ledgers were found at the Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center inside abandoned laundry bins. Previously thought to have been discarded during one of the construction phases, the ledgers contain information about inmates dating from 1866 to

1975. Data includes age, religion, occupation, height, weight, etc. The ledgers are currently being digitized by the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

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

Website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/



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Upcoming Events

13 Oct. 2023. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.

27-28 Oct. 2023. North Star Genealogy Conference.

Eagan, MN. <https://mngs.org/north-star-2023>

12 April 2023. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.