

# NDSGS Newsletter

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## *Special points of interest:*

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports
- New Stump the Genealogist Column

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## President's Letter

Welcome to the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. We are experiencing the effects of the age of electronics. I am sad to report that the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society voted to dissolve their organization. They had a good number of members, but only a few did the work and attended the meetings. They had great presentations and had a large number of people attend those presentations. They put out a great newsletter, participated in the annual Library summer reading kick off program at the Heritage Center, had help desk at the public library for starters of family history, put on a couple of great workshops, went into schools and put on family history classes, did individual research for people, helped push to get the North Dakota Death Index on line, and published good books with lots of information on people, cemeteries, and certain church records. I know that the Bismarck area is losing a society that has been a great influence for family genealogy.

The problem that I see is that we are getting older and losing our members to death. We need to get younger people involved. How do we do that? With electronics being so popular with them, they don't get interested in genealogy. Everyone is so busy with their different activities, they don't have time to think about family history. What a discouragement this is that someday all of our history will be gone. No one will know our personal stories, because no one will be interested enough to pass it on.

We have to come up with some exciting ideas to interest the younger generation. Let's all get on board and work for that light at the end of the tunnel. Let's make sure that our generation is not forgotten.

I hope that we as a society can help out our members. Keep them strong by our being involved with them.

Our next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Legislative Assembly Room at the North Dakota State Heritage Center. Shane Molander will be our presenter and will give us some insight on projects that are going on, information on any new collections, and news of any legislative concerns. Hope to see everyone there.

Thank you

Alfred A Buchholz, President NDSGS

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, April 7 at 1 pm CDT in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

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

# North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Alfred Buchholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on 7 October 2016. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Gen Hutmacher, NDSGS; John Beving, RRVGS; Iona Loken, MRLGS; Mary Bueling, NDSGS; Daphne Drewello, JRGS; and Alfred A. Buchholz, BMGHS. Guests: Rolly Loken and Lynn Bueling.

Mary Lou Bueling gave a report on the Family History Workshop in Moorhead that occurred September 24. D. Joshua Taylor was the featured speaker, giving four presentations. Taylor appears on the PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*. DNA was the subject of presentations by a scientist and a lay person to give different perspectives. Jon Beving gave a presentation on Civil War records.

The Heritage Education Commission awards several book and research awards each year at the Family History Workshop. Mary won this year's Audrey Zube Jones Award for her book *Katherine Baumstark Fergel Family Tree 1725-2016*. The Audrey Zube Jones Award takes into consideration the "future usefulness to family, local or regional historians as well as to family descendants."

Mary Bueling encouraged everyone to attend next year's Family History Workshop in Moorhead as well as the Germans from Russia convention to be held in Bismarck July 12-16, 2017.

## Business meeting minutes

### Secretary's Report

Gen Hutmacher made a motion, seconded by John Beving that there was no secretary's report due to the

lack of a quorum at the July meeting, however an email vote was taken in July to place an ad in the 2016 Family History Workshop syllabus. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Alfred Buchholz read the treasurer's report from the report Patrice provided him. Motion made by Ione Loken, seconded by Pat Ashley to file the treasurer's report. Motion carried

### Old Business

Alfred is checking on using Skype or Messenger to hold meetings. Messenger has the ability to record a presentation but can only be used by one person. He will continue working on this and give a report at the next meeting.

No one volunteered to chair the Vital Records Access Committee. Pat agreed to send information that Patrice and she obtained about Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana vital records laws to Daphne.

### New Business

The Legislative session is coming up and Alfred will email any information he receives pertaining to genealogy to the membership.

It was noted that the *NDSGS Newsletter* as well as records of the NDSGS are held at the North Dakota State Archives.

Next meeting: April 7, 2017 in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Acting Secretary

Pat Ashley

## More North Dakota Newspapers at *Chronicling America*

The following newspapers were selected to be digitized on the *Chronicling America* website at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. Some may already be up, but they will all be up by September.

<i>Griggs County courier</i>	Cooperstown	1885-1902
<i>Cooperstown courier</i>	Cooperstown	1902-1905
<i>Courier Democrat</i>	Langdon	1891-1920
<i>Cavalier County farmers press</i>	Langdon	1920-1921
<i>Bottineau Courant</i>	Bottineau	1904-1922
<i>Dickinson Press</i>	Dickinson	1883-1917

<i>Sioux County Pioneer</i>	Fort Yates	1914-1922
<i>Emmons County Record</i>	Linton	1884-1922
<i>Oakes Weekly Republican</i>	Oakes	1889-1902
<i>Oakes Republican</i>	Oakes	1903-1906
<i>Oakes Times</i>	Oakes	1903-1922
<i>Bowbells Tribune</i>	Bowbells	1904-1922
<i>Jamestown weekly alert</i>	Jamestown	1905-1922
<i>Washburn leader</i>	Washburn	1890-1922
<i>Hope pioneer</i>	Hope	1883-1899, 1921-1922

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

## New Book Acquisitions

by Stephanie Kom, Head of Technical Services—Archives

New since October:

### NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Arends, Shirley Fischer. *The central Dakota Germans : their history, language, and culture*. [United States]: SFA Publishing, [2016].

Benoit, Virgil. *French heritage in the Midwest of the United States: the Red River Valley of the North*. Grand Forks, North Dakota: University of North Dakota, c2004.

Carlson, Alvar W. *German-Russian houses in western North Dakota*. Atlanta, Georgia: Pioneer America Society, 1981.

*Mandan memories, 1881-2006*. [Mandan, North Dakota: Mandan News, 2006].

*Pioneers' Association : Devils Lake Region*. [Devils Lake, North Dakota: Pioneer Association?, 1926?].

### FAMILY HISTORIES:

Anderson, Kathie Ryckman. *Ryckman: one family's journey from the mid-1600s through 1887*. [Georgetown, Texas: K. R. Ryckman, c2017].

Backman, Margaret and Eva Anderson. *Kanski family history*. [Bismarck, North Dakota: s.n., 1987].

Belyea, Marlou. *"But you must all come so that you will not have anything to call you back" : Richard LaRue and Rachel Jane Holman and their children: Quaker pioneers from Indiana to Kansas to North Dakota*. [Berkeley, California: Marylou Belyea, between 2010 and 2015].

Belyea, Marlou. *Bessie Taylor's family: pioneers in Minnesota and North Dakota*. [Berkeley, California: M. Belyea, between 2010 and 2015].

Champagne, Antoine. *Documents et renseignements inédits sur La Vérendrye et sa famille*. [Lévis, Quebec: s.n., 1956].

Champagne, Antoine. *Les Gaultier de la Veranderie et de Varennes et leur lignée masculine pendant quatre siècles: 1550-1950*. Saint-Boniface, Manitoba: Société de la Généalogique Canadienne-Française, [1958].

Harper, Mary Lou. *Harper-Schindele family history*. [United States]: M.L. Harper, [2012].

Harvey, Lynda. *An Opp family saga*. [United States: L. Harvey, 2007?].

Ludwig, John A. *A family history for Hannah Theoline (Swenson) and John Edward Ludwig*. [Hillsboro, North Dakota]: J.A. Ludwig, c2016.

Martineau, E.A. *To my father, F. Martineau: in tribute to a pioneer, whose toll and hardships for the benefit of younger generations, is appreciated*. St. John, North Dakota: E.A. Martineau, [1943].

Nielsen, Andrew. *Wanzen family history*. [N.p.: n.p., 2016].

Richard, Francois J. *Les Richard et d'autres*. [Fargo, North Dakota?: International Richard Reunion], 2006.

Sprynczynatyk, Connie, ed. *A family history of faith, hope, and love*. [United States]: Mixbox, [2016].

### OTHER:

Baglien, Samuel. *An account of the 164<sup>th</sup> Infantry regiment on Guadalcanal from October 7, 1942 through February 23, 1943*. [Yucca Valley, California: Herman D. Wildermuth, 1989?].

*BHS 1966-86 class of '66 high school reunion*. [Bismarck, North Dakota: Class of 1966, 1986].

*BHS & SMCHS class of 1966 30<sup>th</sup> reunion*. [Bismarck, North Dakota?: n.p., 1996].

*Bismarck High School class of 1966 ten year reunion*. [Bismarck, North Dakota: Class of 1966, 1976].

*Bismarck, North Dakota: Polk city directory*. Livonia, Michigan: Polk Co., 2016.

*Class of 1968 reunion-gram: Bismarck State College 25 year reunion by mail*. [Bismarck, North Dakota: Bismarck State College National Alumni Association, 1993].

*Clues: American Historical Society of Germans From Russia*. Lincoln, Nebraska: American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, 2016.

*Fargo Forum obituaries*. [Fargo, North Dakota: North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, 1992].

*Flasher High School, 1922-2002: all school reunion, including the schools of Freda & Raleigh*. [North Dakota: Reunion Committee, 2002].

*Flasher United Church of Christ 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary*. [Flasher, North Dakota]: Flasher United Church, [2008].

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*New Book Acquisitions (Continued from page 3)*

*Guadalcanal campaign veterans 2005 member directory.* Portland, Oregon: Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans, 2005.

*Journal of Peter Garrioch, Red River Settlement, 1843-1847.* N.p.: n.p., 185-?.

Lee, Margie R. *Kinfolk : tracing the footsteps of my Scandinavian and German ancestors from Minnesota to Washington.* Portland, Oregon: Two Totem Press, 2007.

Map Corporation of America. *Map and directory of information, Bismarck and Minot North Dakota with indexed streets.* Boston, Massachusetts: Map Corp. of America, [between 1960 and 1964].

Raum, Elizabeth. *German immigrants in America : an interactive history adventure.* Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2008.

*School reunion, 1922 through 1977, schools of Flasher, Freda, Raleigh.* [North Dakota: n.p., 1977].

*School reunion, 1922 through 1989, schools of Flasher, Freda, Raleigh.* [North Dakota: n.p., 1989].

*Sentimental journey, 1913-1971 : Bowman, North Dakota.* [North Dakota: n.p., 1971].

*35<sup>th</sup> reunion Class of 1966, Bismarck High School, St. Mary's Central High School.* [Bismarck, North Dakota: n.p., 2001].

## YEARBOOKS:

*The beacon.* Minot, North Dakota: Northwest Bible College, 1961, 1971, 1972, 1973.

*Bruin.* Fargo, North Dakota: Fargo South High School, 1969

*The coyote.* Dickinson, North Dakota: Dickinson High School, 1917.

*Eagle.* Minot, North Dakota: Northwest Bible College, 1986.

*The firefly.* Flasher, North Dakota: Flasher High School, 1940.

*The forx.* Grand Forks, North Dakota: Grand Forks High School, 1920, 1922, 1930, 1931, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1952, 1953, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1979.

*Kaleidoscope.* Bismarck, North Dakota: University of Mary, 1998, 1999.

*The Laconian.* [Fargo, North Dakota: Fargo North High School, 1969, 1970.

*Midway monarch.* [Inkster, North Dakota: Midway High School], 1965, 1966.

*The mill.* Fargo, North Dakota: Mayville State Teachers College, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966.

*Prairie smoke.* [Dickinson, North Dakota: Dickinson State Teachers College], 1934.

*Prairie smoke.* [Dickinson, North Dakota: Dickinson State College, 1980.

## New Local Government Records

*by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist*

41783 Griggs County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Records, 1883-1925, 4r. (#17371, 17382, 17384)

41782 Oliver County. Commissioners, Proceedings of the Board, 1885-1904, 1r. (#07948)

41784 Williams County. Auditor, Marriage Records, 1894-2013, 14.8 GB

41785 Williams County. Auditor, Commissioner's Proceedings, 1894-2011, 7.68 GB

41786 Williams County. Auditor, Park Board Minutes, 1973-2011, .0829 GB

41787 Williams County. Auditor, School District Reorganization Records, 1953-2007, .179 GB

41788 Williams County. Auditor, Water Resource District Records, 1972-1983, .0047 GB

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*New Local Government Records (Continued from page 4)*

## The following were not previously inventoried or were incorrect:

41190. LaMoure County. Verona School District Records, 1964-2001, .75ft./1v. Consists of school board minutes, audits, financial reports, policy book, and poll & tally lists

## McLean County. Superintendent of Schools:

40171 Clerk's Annual Report, 1968-1971, 1ff. Includes school district, bonds, state school construction fund, general fund expenditures, checks issued, warrant balance, indebtedness, and cost per pupil.

40172 Treasurer's Annual Report, 1968-1971, 1ff. Lists school district, general and special funds receipts and expenditures, reconciliation of bank accounts,, and total funds in hands of treasurer.

40176 Pupil Membership Reports, 1972-1975, 3ff. Contains school district name and number, names of students, grade (i.e. 6th grade), days present and days absent

40177 Superintendent's Notice of the Beginning of School, 1973-1975, 1ff. Includes names of teachers, subject or grade taught, and years of experience for grade school and high school. Arranged by school district

40178 Poll Books and Tally Lists, 1968-1971, 1ff. Contains poll books and tally lists for school district elections.

40179 Election of School Officers, 1969-1978, 3ff. Contains certification/ election/selection and qualification of school officers and members of school board.

## Williams County Auditor:

40475 Abstract of Votes, 1924-1936, 2ft. Consists of election vote totals from townships or precincts throughout the county. Includes general, primary, and special elections on the national, state, and local levels of government.

40525 Applications for Bounty for Tree Planting, 1916-1924, .5ft. Includes name and residence of applicant, description of land on which the trees are planted, number of acres planted, types of trees, date planted, number of trees, number of living trees to each rod of hedge, how title was acquired to the land, and a drawing of the tree planting.

40488 Misc. Records, 1924-1930, 4ff. Includes List of Persons Liable to Perform Military Duty in Athens Twp.; Poll & Tally List Village of Epping; Application to Operate a Pool Hall; and County Jail Survey

40486 Official Oaths, 1891-1923, 1ff./1v.

40476 Petitions, 1903-1920, 7ff. Contains Bridge and Road Petitions, Petition for Tax Levy to Fund Promoting & Assisting Immigration, Petition to Form a New County of Arkansana, Petition to Organize Divide County, Petitions to Organize Townships, and Misc. Petitions.

40491 Record of Patients at the State Hospital for the Insane, 1907-1918, 1v. RESTRICTED

40480 School District Bonds, 1907-1915, .5ft. Contains minutes of the School Board, Resolution of Board Calling Election to Vote on Bonding Issue, Petition for Bonds, List of Legal Voters, and Poll Book Tally List and Official Returns of School District Special Election.

404833 Seed and Feed Grain Contracts, 1909-1920, .5ft.

40489 Tax Deed Record, 1907-1930, 4v. Contains record of deeds issued by the County Auditor for tracts of real property sold for delinquent taxes. Includes Auditor's Certificate of Tax Sale showing legal description, date sold, amount of sale, person to whom sold; individual assignment; notice of expiration at time of assignment; notice to delinquent property owners of deadline to redeem property and amount owned; sheriff's return; and affidavit of publication.

40490 Tax Deed Pending Record, 1924-1927, 1v.

40469 Tax Levy, 1908-1946, 2ff.

40470 Wolf Bounty Record, 1903-1924, 1ff./1v.



Mary Misk, 91, of Granville, North Dakota, died 5 February 2017. Mary was a charter member of the Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society. She helped with cemetery readings,

planning programs and copying vital statistics from the Minot Daily News. Mary was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In March 2016 she was honored as a Rosie the Riveter. A memorial service will be held 14 July in Granville in the morning, with a graveside service that afternoon at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Red River Valley Genealogical Society

*by Keith Zeutschel*

RRVGS continues to improve our library in preparation for the Spring Workshop we will hold on March 25 at our library in Bonanzaville at West Fargo ND. It is located at 1351 West Main, West Fargo, ND. 9:00 AM registration with workshops starting at 10:00 AM. We will have 6 different sessions which are open to all attending. The cost is

\$35 at the door, \$30 preregistration or \$25 if you are a member and preregister. Deadline for preregistration is March 20th. RRVGS will provide a light lunch at Noon. To preregister simply go to our website, click on the registration link and provide the needed information.

Looking forward to seeing you at the workshop.

## Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

*by Kathy Holte*

At our January 2016 meeting we discussed updating our current website and increasing awareness of our society as well as membership. We decided to design a brand new website that will be easier to navigate and maintain with the help of a new member. We increased awareness by setting up a booth at the Family History Workshop in Moorhead, MN last fall. It was interesting to discover that MRLGS is not well known. Attendees were surprised and many were curious.

Ron Penfold, with the ND Masons, was a guest speaker last year. He has given us permission to copy their membership files. We will be indexing this information during this year.

In December 2016 we had good participation in the “show and tell” introductory session and it was so interesting that we did it again in January 2017. We will continue to begin each meeting with introductions and “show & tell.” It brings back memories for us while going through boxes

and albums and the rest of us are anxious to see what everyone brought with them to the meeting.

Our January 2017 guest speaker was Paul Ali who is of Mongol and western Turkic descent. His ancestors were from the Middle East and he is a direct descendant of Genghis Khan who was born in 1227 and the ruler of the Mongolian Empire. He is also a descendent of the sultans of the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). Future guest speakers will include Jim Thom, who has owned several businesses in Minot over the years, and is a story teller, as well as WWII Veteran Lynn Aas. We are also planning a field trip to the Rugby Museum this year.

The MRLGS meets the first Saturday of every month, except July, at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Minot Public Library in Minot (except when noted). Visitors welcome!

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## Minnkota Genealogical Society

*by Michael Swanson*

The Minnkota Genealogical Society (MGS) is composed of members from northeast North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. We meet the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks, MN. MGS officers for 2017 are Mike Swanson (President), Nancy Larson (Vice-President), Lenore Anderson (Secretary), and Ron Baker (Treasurer).

MGS ended 2016 with our annual holiday potluck. In addition to wonderful fellowship and good food, participants donated funds to local food banks. More than \$100 in donations were collected and later distributed to food banks in East Grand Forks and Grand Forks. An “antiques roadshow” was also

organized for the event with guest Ell-Piret Multer of the Plain & Fancy Antique Mall in Grand Forks conducting appraisals of items brought by MGS members. In January, we held our annual program-planning meeting for 2017. Vice-President Nancy Larson prepared a list of possible topics, which were discussed by the membership. It is a bit of a challenge to come up with new and interesting program ideas, but it is even more of a challenge to find local speakers to conduct programs on these topics. Despite these hurdles, we were able to assemble a list of programs and speakers on a variety of topics for the year.

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# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

*Minnkota Genealogical Society (Continued from page 6)*

Our February program featured Dr. Gordon Iseminger of the UND History Department who presented on patent medicines. These concoctions were frequently used by our ancestors for a variety of ailments at a time when there was uncertainty about the medical profession. Despite outrageous claims by the manufacturers of these medicines, they were quite popular and various kinds were often kept in households. Many of these elixirs were nothing more

than alcohol mixtures laced with narcotics and sometimes with trace amounts of poisons. In addition to his interesting presentation, Dr. Iseminger brought an array of patent medicine bottles that he obtained from an abandoned home north of Grand Forks.

Upcoming programs will feature reports from the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, German genealogical research, and storytelling. Visitors are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

## Former Williams County Genealogical Society by Gloria J. Johnson

I am working on the second update to our cemetery index book *Gateway to the Past - Rural Cemeteries of Williams County, North Dakota*.

It will be available through Books on Broadway, Williston and also in the back of each new book purchased.

Even though our genealogy group meets no more, Adrienne and I continue to keep our obits updated at the local library and work on updating our book.

## North Dakota Marriage Index

by Ann B. Jenks, State Archivist

The indexes we have completed are on this page:

<http://history.nd.gov/archives/marriage.html>

Family Search digitized the film from the following counties and said they were going to have them indexed:

Adams, Bowman, Burke, Cass, Eddy, LaMoure, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean County, Mountrail, Ransom, Richland, Steele, Sargent, and Sioux.

Ancestry borrowed the vesicular duplicate microfilm rolls to digitize for the following counties:

Bottineau, Burke, Cass, Dickey, Eddy, McHenry, McLean, McKenzie, Mountrail, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, and Sioux.

Microfilmed records from Bottineau, Burleigh, and Dickey will be made available to Family Search.

McIntosh County has been refilmed and the Clerk said no to Family Search and Ancestry, so it needs to be indexed.

I just finished filming Griggs county and have to ask the Clerk about allowing Family Search and/or Ancestry access to the film.

We received a digital copy of the Williams County marriages and our IT person is working on extracting the index. The dates are not included.

## RootsTech 2017

RootsTech was held in February in Salt Lake City. If you missed a session many are available online for FREE at <https://www.rootstech.org/>. Sessions include "Megadata—Writing on the Back of a Digital Picture," "Getting Started in Genealogy," "Tracing Female Lines," "Next

Steps in British Research," "How to Preserve Your Family Heirlooms," several DNA sessions and more. This is a great way to learn from the experts in the comfort of your own home!



## North Dakota Marriage Index

*by Patrice Hartman*

I am pleased to share the following news about ND Marriage Records that are online:

Familysearch.org has an index of North Dakota County Marriages 1882-1925 with the images. You can also browse the images but have to figure out which number corresponds to each county. You can go through the catalog to find a particular counties records.

I believe they have the following counties online: Adams, Bowman, Burke, Cass, Eddy, LaMoure, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Ransom, Richland, Steele, Sargent and Sioux.

Ancestry.com also has an index of North Dakota, Marriage Records, 1877-1929 with images. You can also search by county and by date range.

I believe they have the following counties online: Bottineau, Burke, Cass, Dickey, Eddy, McHenry, McKenzie, McLean, Mountrail, Ransom, Richland, Sargent and Sioux.

Thank you to the State Historical Society of ND for microfilming these records and for coordinating with these companies to place these records online. We are hoping more counties will become available as time goes by. Thank you also to those who helped with indexing these records through the State Historical Society of ND.

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society started this project many years ago to index the pre 1925 marriage records and to place them online so it is great to see this happen.

## Iowa Newspapers to be Digitized

The State Historical Society of Iowa plans to preserve more than 12 million pages of newspapers, representing more than 300 titles, and dating to the 1830s. A 5-year

contract with Advantage Companies will be at no cost to the state, and ownership of the physical newspapers will remain with the State Historical Society of Iowa.

## World War I: Online

The Library of Congress has launched a portal to its World War I holdings as part of a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the U. S. involvement in the war.

The collection includes recruitment and wartime information posters, photos, manuscripts and papers of prominent figures, newspapers, maps of campaigns and battle lines, sound recordings of prominent leaders of the era, war-related sheet music and early films.

The portal will include links to the online version of the Library's new exhibition "Echoes of the Great War: American Experiences of World War I" which opens April 4.

Articles from the Library blogs, written by curators, will offer insight into the collections and highlight stories and materials.

There is also WWI-related content for teachers, a guide for on-site visitors to the Library in Washington and details on lectures, programs, concerts and symposia related to the conflict.

Check it out at <https://www.loc.gov/topics/world-war-i/?locl=blogloc-ww1>

## Iceland's Entire Family Tree is Online

Iceland has everyone's family tree, complete with original source citations, online and available for all the country's citizens to see. The [islandingabok.is](http://islandingabok.is) website hosts the online registry Íslendingabók ("The Book of Icelanders") with information about the families of approximately

720,000 individuals who were born in Iceland. The database is in Icelandic and access is limited to Icelandic citizens and legal residents of Iceland.



## Chronicling America

Fifty five African American newspapers from across the U. S. are now available online. Included is Frederick Douglass' newspaper, the *New National Era*. *Chronicling America* is a valuable resource that can be searched by state, newspaper, date, keyword, or any combination of the above. *Chronicling America*

is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress.

Check it out at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

### Bismarck Tour Company presents the Germans-from-Russia Heritage Tour



Sundays June 4, July 2 and August 6

Tour Host: Paulette Bullinger

North Dakota was the destination of approximately 70,000 German-speaking settlers from the Volga river region and from German villages in what is now the Ukraine. Travel from Bismarck to the Lawrence Welk State Homestead with plenty of stops at stunning churches and iron-cross

cemeteries along the way.

5 hours / \$95 per person (*includes lunch*)

Departs from the North Dakota Heritage Center at 11:00 am and returns at 4:00pm

*Reservations required.*

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## Stump the Genealogist

In our last newsletter we asked our readers for the answer to the following question:

How would you find the death of someone who was rumoured to have been shot and killed in North Dakota in 1884?

The answer: Newspapers, especially the North Dakota newspapers on the *Chronicling America* website (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>) which has some North Dakota newspapers from 1873 to 1922. The search can also be expanded to cover newspapers in the surrounding

states. Because the death occurred in 1884 and probably was recorded in several newspapers it would most likely show up on this free newspaper website.

Our new question is: How can I find out if my ancestor from Illinois visited her brother in North Dakota in the early 1900's?

To answer send a list of what sources can be checked to either Patrice at [patrice@ndsupernet.com](mailto:patrice@ndsupernet.com) or Pat at [pashley@ndsupernet.com](mailto:pashley@ndsupernet.com).

## Citation Corner

Have you ever wondered what kind of grades your ancestors received in school? Where can you find this type of information? Did your parents or grandparents keep their school records? There can be individual records or the teacher's records. If these teacher's records can be found they may provide grades, ages, parents names and how many days the student was in school. They may also contain a list of subjects taught, how the school day was organized and information about the school property.

School records might be found at the county courthouse, libraries, museums, Historical Societies,

archives or in someone's home. I found local school records at the Superintendent of Schools office in Mott, ND.

These records were organized by year and by the location of the school.

The citation for this record would contain the location of the record, title of the record, name of the school, date and the repository location.

North Dakota, Hettinger County. Teacher's Report, Cannon Ball School District No. 8, 5 April 1909; Superintendent of Schools, Mott.

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH  
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## Upcoming Events

25 March 2017. Red River Genealogical Society. Spring Workshop, West Fargo. For more info: <http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>

1-2 April 2017. Swedish Genealogy Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: [oldmillmuseum.org](http://oldmillmuseum.org)

**7 April 2017. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.**

10-13 May 2017. National Genealogical Society. Family History Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina. For more info: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

**7 July 2017. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, RRVGS, Fargo.**

12-16 July 2017. Germans from Russia Heritage Society. Annual Convention, Bismarck. For more info: <http://www.grhs.org/>

28-30 July 2017. International Germanic Genealogy Conference, Brooklyn Park, MN. For more info: <http://www.ggsnmn.org/cpage.php?pt=83>

4-6 August 2017. Icelandic Communities Association. Deuce of August, Mountain, ND. For more info: <http://thedeuce.org/deuce-of-august-2nd-of-august/>

21-23 September 2017. Montana State Genealogical Society. Annual conference, Billings. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/>

23 September 2017. Heritage Education Commission. Family History Workshop, Moorhead, MN. For more info: <http://www.heritageed.com/>

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