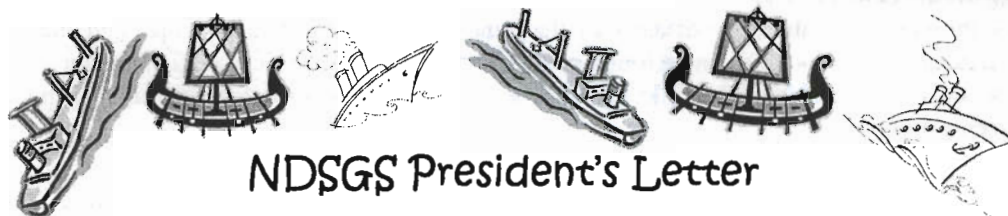


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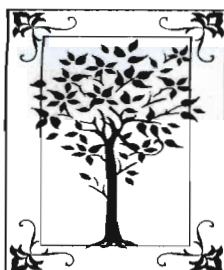
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NDSGS President's Letter

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NDSGS is off to a new year and a good start. Meet the new State Archivist, Ann Jenks, at the March meeting and get a tour of the not-quite-fully-moved-in State Archives addition.

In April, go to the FREE John Coletta talk on Friday night, April 11, 2008, at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Coletta is author of They Came in Ships and the keynote speaker at the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society Biannual Genealogical Workshop. There is a registration fee for the Saturday genealogy workshop, "Journey Into Genealogy," with John Coletta, keynote speaker and provider of workshops during the day. The Journey Into Genealogy Workshop goes from 8 a.m. to 4:30 on Saturday, April 12, at Horizon Middle School in Bismarck and features lots of great topics and speakers, drawn from genealogical societies around the state. There will be more information about the workshop on the BMHGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndbmhgs/>

In the meantime, if you have ideas about what you especially would like NDSGS to work on, and if you want to be part of NDSGS's planning effort and its work on top priorities for the next one to five years, please be in touch. One way to get in touch is to view the NDSGS website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndsgs/index.html>

If you are interested in the genealogy workshop in April, please see the article discussing the workshop later in this newsletter.

Best wishes for the coming year!

Susan Dingle, President, NDSGS

Next Meeting!

The North Dakota State Genealogical Society will meet at 1:00 PM March 7, 2008 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.

Susan



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



James River Genealogy Club

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndjrgc/>

Submitted by *George Barron*

While our club does not meet again until April 1, members are busy doing genealogy and working on winter projects. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, usually at the Northern Plains Electric Coop in Carrington, April through November. Our officers are the same. Details of our contact people and club internet page showing services and books for sale can be found on the North Dakota State Genealogical Society internet page (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndsgs/>). Links can also be found on the ndgenweb home page (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndgenweb/>).

At our August meeting, we met for a dinner meeting at the Gladstone Inn at Jamestown. One of our members, Noma de Plume, gave a moving account of a recent several week workshop she spent in Germany, taking a course in advanced German. She gave very interesting accounts of her interaction with other students in the class, who were mostly from other foreign countries. She also gave a number of pointers on how to do family searching there, and some of the tricks of the trade.

Our September meeting was spent in the computer lab at the Carrington High School Library. We had for instructor/helpers member Barb Caine of Jamestown, and Librarian Sharon Paintner, of CHS. Much of the learning was done on using Ancestry.com. Both instructors were great and the time went by in a flash!

At our October meeting, we heard from Ron Vossler, noted ND author of many books and films featuring his Germans from Russia background. He presented "Scraps of Family History: a Quilt for the Future" He had many questions from our members and guests, as a measure of their interest.

Our searching experts continue to help client searchers from a distance looking for family in this area. We are busy furnishing page copies of various publications which are indexed and up on our usgenweb (<http://www.usgenweb.com/>) county pages. We have been busy with a number of general searches for everything we can find on a specific family. Our search customers range across the world, including a couple recently, one from Sweden and one from England, in addition to others from the US.

Our cemetery crew worked all last summer on collecting data, and got "Cemeteries of Griggs County, North Dakota, 2007" compiled late in the fall. The every name index to that book is posted on the ndgenweb archives page under Griggs County. Of historical note, my seven year old cemetery dog, Jasper, died in October from a recurring bout of mast cell cancer. I now have another slightly used Golden Retriever, Max, who is maybe something over a year old. His only interest so far is anything that moves, and he has yet to scent his first cemetery! Against his better judgment, he has made friends with my inside cat and the three outside cats.

The current help projects being pursued by this reporter include printed indexes for the Jamestown Sun obituaries, and for the burial permits turned in to the Stutsman County Recorder during 2007. I recently finished a book "The CCC Boys of Stutsman County", which is a reprint of all of the CCC articles that appeared in the Stutsman County Record from 1933 through 1942, along with a few other trinkets, including "The CCCs Recalled 63 Years Later". Have worked some of the winter so far continuing to index obits in the Stutsman County Record and have reached 1948 on the way to the 1964 end of that newspaper.

South West ND Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndstark/>

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

For the October meeting one of the librarians at the Dickinson Public Library talked about library resources including the vertical file and other lesser known collections and the history of the building. We did not meet in November or December. For the January meeting Patricia Ashley talked about the website <http://www.footnote.com> and the many records that are available on this site. This website can now be accessed at most family history libraries for free.



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Alvinna Martel*

Our group continues to meet every two months with no meetings in the summer. We will be meeting in March, May and then again in September. We meet the second Saturday of the month. The time has changed to 10:30 hoping this will bring more members at this later time. We continue to share experiences that we have had in researching our family ancestors.

The marriage records for Williams County, dating back from 1892 to the present, are now on file at the Williston Library in a notebook binder for research. This information includes the name of the 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. We are waiting for the County Webmaster to put the records online.

The Williams County cemetery books are continually being sold. The price for the book is \$35 and the CD is \$15.

A donation of \$100 has been given to the Cut Bluff Park located east of Williston for a tree to be planted in the park area. The park has a Lewis and Clark theme with areas for picnicking and camping.

New D ring binders have been purchased to replace the old obituary binders at the Williston Library. Members volunteered and the old records have been transferred to the new binders.

Member Marv Baarstad shared his experience of being in Jamestown and seeing the two albino buffaloes. He passed around information and pictures that he had.

Our group will be having a booth at the Scandinavian Festival in Williston on February 23rd. There will be genealogy displays that members have put together involving research done on their ancestors. The Williams County rural cemetery book "Gateway to the Past" will also be for sale. Volunteers from our society will be there throughout the day to help manage the booth and be available to answer questions.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>

Submitted by *Jackie Marler*

CABIN FEVER!

RRVGS Librarian Linda Zeuschel got a case of Cabin Fever the other day and made some changes at our Library. Two existing rooms were made more open by deleting furniture (a desk and a table) and the patron use computers were centralized in the North Dakota resource room. We hope this will make a more inviting research space for our patrons. Please stop in!

SCANNING PROJECT DONE.

Michael Hanson of the Genealogical Society of Utah has finished scanning RRVGS produced records including our headstone transcriptions, the funeral home indexes, pioneer certificate records, our obituary clipping files and other miscellaneous projects. In return for allowing this use of our records the Utah group has given us DVDs of these scans for our own use.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

We have on 2008's docket, to complete the canvass of the headstones of Roseau County, Minnesota. The late Milt Sather and his wife had copied a majority of the county's cemeteries and had sent the materials to us. There are about 20 smaller sized cemeteries left to accomplish. We hope to cover the remainders this summer and publish a new book in our series.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Arlene Cable*

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Minnkota Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~minnkota/>

Submitted by *George Freeman*

September 11, 2007 Program: Cathy Altepeter shared her story with pictures and other items she brought back from her trip to Alvdal, Norway.

October 9, 2007 Program: How to create a Family History video and audio DVD -Mike Harvey

November 13, 2007 Program: Genealogy for Seniors – George Freeman. A look at some of the family history treasures seniors can share with their families. A demonstration of Skype, an audio-video internet communications program was presented.

December 11, 2007 Program: Christmas Supper at the Bronze Boot Restaurant in East Grand Forks, MN.

January 8, 2007 Program: Skill Building Session: **Land Records**, a slide presentation was presented by Lucinda Lebel and Boyd Wright.

February 12, 2007 Program: MGS Constitution and By-Laws changes and DVD Orphan Train Program.

Upcoming Meetings in 2008 – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM EGF, MN Public Library.

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.bmhgs.com/>

Submitted by *Meredith Gross*

Come Journey Into Genealogy with us April 12, 2008. Plans for the workshop are moving right along. Registration forms have been sent out. If you did not get one in the mail, check out our website at <http://www.bmhgs.com> and register today. More information on the classes being offered is available in another part of this newsletter also.

Also Friday, April 11, Dr. Philip Colletta will be giving a presentation at the Heritage Center entitled "Is Any Body There? We hope you will be able to join us Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Our program committee has great plans again for the coming year. Our February meeting will focus on learning about the different types of genealogy software available and a little about them. March and April, however, will be used to prepare for the workshop.

Stay warm and thinks spring! Make plans on attending the genealogy workshop April 12, 2008, at Horizon Middle School.

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.ptm.org/>

Submitted by *Clara Bliss*

Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society has very little to report as it has been very slow here. Once the tourist season is over we see very few people coming into the museum and also very few people inquiring about Genealogy. Over the summer there were a few folks in asking questions and like always some we could help and others not.

The museum is planning to make some changes and once this is done the Genealogy department has been promised a larger area. We dream and look at plans and different ideas for the increased space that we could use. In the mean time the clipping and filing continues. We were given a box of old newspapers, parts of papers and other various items that we have been going over and have found lots of weddings, obituaries and news items from as far back as fifty years. We consider this to be a real find. Since the papers are old and falling apart much of this has to be copied and that takes time and man power. Like all societies we sure could use more volunteers.

If any of you ever get to Bowman we sure would like to have you stop to see the museum as well as our department. A call first would be appreciated as we are not there all of the time. Come see us!



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndmrlgs/>

Submitted by *Linda Ringsaker*

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Minot Public Library in Minot, North Dakota. While programs are interesting we have often come up with interesting conversations amongst us after the meeting is over with. We all have been working on our own genealogy. There are times when someone is looking for something and someone else has information or websites that can hook them up to.

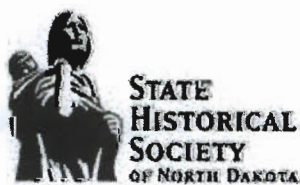
There have been queries that have been sent in and answered and some pending.

One of our members, Joan Peterson won first prize at the North Dakota State fair for her ethnic display. She has many beautiful and interesting pieces from the Czech Republic. Bob Miller was a presenter at our October meeting. He is a greeter at Wal-Mart and kept us interested as he shared recollections of Minot in the 1950's and 1960's. He also shared his memories of being involved in North Dakota politics. Herb Schwede shared with us his continued work on the <http://www.findagrave.com> website. If you haven't visited the website for some time, we'd encourage you to take a look. We had our annual ethnic potluck and progressive auction in November. That is the only fund raiser we have and everyone enjoys it.

Mike Bartlof, Oxbow, Canada, has brought us quite a bit of information about Canadian research. He has given us a few websites that we can access and given us some information that has been about the library in Regina, Saskatchewan. He had brought a few of the books that he has collected or was given. He has remarked at how his collection has grown and his son has become interested in genealogy also. He has a book that shows obituaries of people that he knew over the years and has attended their funerals. It's been a good reference sometimes for him when there are inquiries.

John Mogren gave a presentation at our February meeting on the North Dakota law changes from the last legislative session on access to North Dakota birth and death records. The North Dakota Department of Health has concerns were about identity fraud which was the basis for their request to change access to vital records. It was mentioned that immediate family could get birth and death certificates, however they are required to show identification and tell their relationship.

After serving 12 years as our representative on the North Dakota State Genealogical Society Executive Board John Mogren asked that we consider another representative for our society and Iona Loken agreed to be our representative for 2008.



New State Archivist

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*, article from 01/04/08 news release (<http://www.nd.gov/hist/>)

Ann Jenks began work January 2 as State Archivist. She is the University Archivist and Head of the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, where she has been employed since 1996. Prior to that, she was state historian at the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre, where she worked in the archives division. Her work has included appraising and accessioning county, municipal and state records in Ohio and South Dakota.

Jenks has earned Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees in history from Bowling Green State University. She replaces Gerald Newborg, who retired November 9 after serving as State Archivist since 1981. Jim Davis, the SHSND's head of reference services, served as the acting director of the State Archives and Historical Research Library in the interim between Newborg's retirement and Jenks arrival.



State Historical Society of North Dakota



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<http://www.nd.gov/hist/>

Submitted by *Greg Wysk*

A lot has happened at the State Archives since the final NDSGS meeting last summer. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new archives addition was held on Nov. 2, in conjunction with the 19th Annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History. Gerald Newborg retired on Nov. 9, after serving as State Archivist for 26 years. New State Archivist Ann Jenks started work on Jan. 2. The new library cataloger, Naomi Frantes, also started in November; she replaced Loren Jechort, who retired in September after 15 years with the agency.

Work on the new addition continues. The senior staff and the archives specialist have moved into the new wing, and other staff and equipment will be shifting around in the building throughout the spring. Moveable shelving is going into place in February and March, and the movement of archival materials from off-site storage into the new building will take place throughout the spring and summer.

The archives staff and volunteers continue adding marriage indexes into the database and processing any marriage records that come in. Recent indexes include those from Kidder and Adams counties. We're also looking at filming some of the records that have come in in the last couple years, with Barnes County marriage licenses likely next on the list. The archives staff also added inventories to civil and criminal case files from Pembina, Ramsey, Stark and Dickey counties, among others, into the database.

Two staff members will give presentations at the BMHGS workshop on Saturday, April 12.

Books received since the previous newsletter

Provided by *Rachel White*, technical services head

1. New atlases from Midland Atlas for the following counties: Renville (2007), Benson (2007), Bottineau (2007), Grand Forks (2005), Dunn (2005), McLean (2007), Ramsey (2007), Divide (2003)
2. Cathrine Myles & John McCann family ancestors and descendants: Ireland to Ontario, Canada to North Dakota, USA to Alberta, Canada / Mary J. Sayles
3. The Nadolski-Stadtherr family from Central Europe to Central Canada to the U.S.A. / Jacob Robert Hehn
4. Brush Lake: from Ice Age to a summer resort / Mercer-Brush Lake Community Association
5. Prairie churches of Griggs and Steele County
6. The Link family history: Max Julius Link & Rosa Bertha Meth & Link history / compiled by Mary Hamblen
7. Cemeteries of Griggs County North Dakota / compiled by George L. Barron
8. Currier family records of U.S.A. and Canada / compiled by Philip Joseph Currier
9. Research in the land entry files of the General Land Office: record group 49 / compiled by Kenneth Hawkins
10. Citing records in the National Archives of the United States
11. A tale of two sisters: letters written by Marian Hurtt and Elinor Hurt to their family in Manitoba and Saskatchewan / edited by Heather Ferris
12. The week of the 70th Mohall all-school reunion, June 23rd-27th, 1982
13. The golden years of Glenburn High School, 1922-1972
14. Wilton centennial: 100 years, 1899-1999
15. Tolley, N. Dak fiftieth anniversary, 1905-1955
16. A history of Lansford, N. Dakota, 1903-1953
17. The homesteaders, Loraine, North Dakota
18. Lansford school reunion, 1908-1978
19. Lansford school reunion, 1908-1985
20. Sherwood and community, 1904-1979
21. Carpio all school reunion, 1918-1975
22. Yellowjacket diamond memories, Mohall all school reunion 1912-1987
23. Lansford school reunion, 1908-1970
24. Graduates of Sherwood High School, 1920-1970

REMINDER:

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

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



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Daphne Drewello called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on September 7, 2007. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

ROLL CALL:

Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Jessica Rossow, Don Smith, Susan Dingle, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Dorothy Pearson, Clara Bliss, BCHGS; George Freeman, MGS; Linda Zeutschel, RRVGS; John Mogren, Iona Loken; MRLGS. Keith Zeutschel, Gerald Newborg and Lotte Bailey, guests.

PROGRAM:

Gerald Newborg, the State Archivist of SHSND, talked about the changes he has seen over the years and the changes he foresees in the future. He began his career as a teacher and then attended graduate school at UND. He then worked at the Ohio Historical Society for about 7 years. After obtaining an MBA degree he worked in the business field for several years. The family decided to move back to ND and the State Archivist position came open about the same time as the Heritage Center was built. When he began there were no finding aids for the governmental records. The newspaper holdings were not complete and only about 12,000 items were cataloged. Currently there are 65,000 cataloged items. Manuscripts have also been cataloged. The ND newspaper publishers asked the archives to microfilm the newspapers. The funding to accomplish this came from a grant through the US newspaper program, the Bush Foundation and contributions from local historical societies and other groups. The newspaper collection went from 4,000 rolls of microfilm to 15,000 rolls of microfilm. They are looking at digitizing the newspaper microfilm.

Projects: The legislature decided that all naturalization records should be housed at the archives. At that time they were not indexed so the archives began this process. Delores Vyzralek encouraged Jerry to proceed with the indexing. They had one slow computer to use for this. The archives had to justify having a computer so they did a study to show the need for the computer. The central data processing division (Now ITD) at that time determined personal computer purchases (the CDP was a mainframe operation) on how many lines of type you completed in a day.

How to preserve electronic records? Records will all be digital in the future. The expansion will double the space available for the archives. It may be enough space for 20 years. Many records will be coming into the archives this next year from the courthouses and other groups.

Digitized newspapers. The requirements take terra bytes of storage for this with the need to keep 3 images of each page of the paper. The archives does not have its own server so this becomes a big storage problem. There is a need to develop cooperative funding for this project.

Where do we go from here? There has been a lot of internal progress in the last two years with cataloging of materials. They can now do more cataloging of photos, maps and more inventories on the website with links to ODIN. The website is being redesigned to highlight various items including ODIN. Working on an agreement with Prairie Public Broadcasting and NDSU, NDIRS and Concordia College to buy into the software they have to access image files, books etc. (ContentDM) The cooperative project is called the Red River Digital Archives. Working cooperatively, the funding burden was less, since the money to purchase the software was not in the Society's approved budget. The process will begin sometime this year to convert moving picture files and sometime later to incorporate more technology into the exhibits in the museum.

Great Rivers Cultural Heritage Network: Working with the MNHS to test a search database for the three state region of ND, SD and MN to enable access to these collections. Funded by the Bush Foundation. The problem will be moving information from Access to Oracle and determining the cost of conversion.

Bill Shemorry Collection: publisher, historian, photographer from Williston. The collection of 50,000 plus images will be housed at Williston State College. Internship at SHSND to inventory and organize the collection. Williston State College has applied for a grant to follow through with this project and to allow access to the collection.

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Ancestry.com is making an effort to provide cooperation and credit to the people who have done work for them and the entities that have provided data for the indexing projects. They have purchased the 1915 and 1925 ND state census records on microfilm from the archives.

The group expressed a thank you to Jerry for working with us as we began the NDSGS. John Mogren said Jerry has been a "Friend to Genealogists." It takes cooperative work to preserve the records. The group enjoyed cake and coffee after the presentation.

BUSINESS MEETING

John Mogren made a motion, which was seconded by Susan Dingle that the minutes of the June 8, 2007 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

NDIRS Indexing project. John Mogren corresponded with Jon Bye about this project. Tabled until the March meeting. If you know of new publications please send the various libraries purchase information.

Jessica Rossow will be the newsletter editor. We will plan to send the newsletter by email to those who have that capability. Some will also still be mailed. Please send her a list of email addresses of the people who receive the newsletter.

Pre 1925 marriage index. Lotte Bailey has talked to all the county recorders except for three for the counties that the archives does not have records or indexes for. The plan is to have the SHSND microfilm these marriage indexes and create a database from them. The response has been very positive.

Heritage Quest: A sample letter was printed in the newsletter. Please consider sending a letter about this to the ND State Library.

Goals and Objectives: Since MRLGS did not have a representative at the June meeting, John Mogren followed up on the NDSGS's request to prioritize the identified goals from the strategic planning. MRLGS identified three of the goals as the ones they would like to see the NDSGS focus on: 1. Collection and preservation of records. 2. Sexton and cemetery records. 3. Index the ND state census of 1915 and 1925.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections:

Vice President/President Elect: Pat Ashley elected. Jessica Rossow made a motion which was seconded by Dorothy Pearson to cast a unanimous ballot for Pat Ashley for Vice President. Motion carried.

Jessica Rossow made a motion which was seconded by Dorothy Pearson to cast a unanimous ballot for the remaining board members to continue in their positions. Motion carried.

President: Susan Dingle has moved into this position.

Vice President: Pat Ashley.

Secretary: Patrice Hartman

Treasurer: Don Smith

Newsletter Editor: Jessica Rossow

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Society Reports:

MGS: Had an interesting presentation on writing your family history by placing it on a DVD. The software program used was Windows Movie Maker. George Freeman has sold 50 copies of Vol. 1 of the Pembina County Pioneer Daughters and will be setting up a website.

The next Meeting is Friday, March 7, 2008 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



**2008 MEMBERSHIP
DUES ARE DUE!
OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS
EQUIVALENT TO THE CALENDAR
YEAR: JANUARY 1 , 2008 To
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SUPPORTING MEMBER: (\$10.00) _____

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES:

(1 TO 10 MEMBERS = \$5.00) _____

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Box 485
BISMARCK, ND 58502-0485**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NDSGS.



INTERNET FAVORITES



www.footnote.com

Submitted by *Pat Ashley*

Footnote.com is one of a number of subscription databases appearing on the internet recently. What makes Footnote.com different is its partnership with the National Archives to digitize their holdings. In an agreement reached last year, Footnote.com will digitize selected records of the National Archives (NARA), beginning with microfilmed records. Footnote.com also accesses state archives and other repositories of original information.

There are many free images currently available at Footnote.com, including papers from the Continental Congress, Constitutional Convention records, copy books of George Washington's correspondence, and records from the Pennsylvania Archives.

Subscription titles include compiled service records of Confederate Soldiers, Custer's court martial, Revolutionary War service records, FBI case files, WWII US Air Force photos, Nebraska Homestead records, Texas birth and death certificates, naturalization records, several small town newspapers, and much more. About 2 million pages are added each month.

All of the images are indexed, so you may find your ancestor in unexpected records. I have been researching my ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War and obtained a copy of his pension file from the Family History Library's microfilm of the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Application files. When I entered his name in the search engine at Footnote.com, I came up with several hits and noticed several of them were in other men's pension files. On viewing one of these other files, I found a deposition written by my ancestor stating that he was raised by this veteran's brother and the approximate location where he lived at that time. This information was new to me and has sent me off on another direction with my research.

With a membership, images may be saved, and shared with family and friends. Story pages may be utilized to share your research with others, make an online scrapbook, and upload your own images.

Footnote.com may be accessed free through your local Family History Center. Or a membership may be purchased for an annual fee of \$59.95 or \$7.95 for a month. Currently there is a 7-day free trial offer.

Genealogy in the Information Age

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

If any are interested in pursuing the past vs. present vs. future of genealogy a bit further, they might be interested in the NGSQ paper, "Genealogy in the Information Age: History's New Frontier?" by Elizabeth Shown Mills posted at

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/articles/NGSQVol91Pg260-77-Genealogy&History.pdf>

This originated as NGS's centennial address, but grew before NGSQ published it.

Elizabeth Shown Mills is a genealogist and historical writer who has spent her life studying Southern culture and the relationships between people, emotional as well as genetic. Her dozen books and more than 500 articles on generational history have been published by popular and academic presses in history, literature, and sociology. A faculty member and course director at the Samford University Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Elizabeth is a past president of both the American Society of Genealogists and the Board for Certification of Genealogists, as well as past editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Her 2004 historical novel *Isle of Canes* (based on her research in the archives of six nations), follows a Creole family across four generations as they rose from slavery to hack an empire out of Louisiana's cane brakes before the Civil War and Jim Crow again stripped them of everything but their pride. Mills is best known, however, for two reference works that are considered "standards" in her field: *Evidence: Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* (1997) and *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace* (2007). (From Wikipedia)





INTERNET FAVORITES



Success at Genealogy Bank!!

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

I have spent several years researching the Merry family of McLean County, ND. I recently found the marriage of John Merry and Agnes Lambert in a Bismarck Tribune newspaper. I knew that the marriage had occurred between 1888 and 1897 when Agnes died. I have checked the McLean County and Burleigh and Morton County Courthouses for this marriage record with no success. I have also scanned years of the Washburn newspapers where they lived with no success. So I decided to check [genealogybank.com](http://www.genealogybank.com). They have a collection of historical newspapers that includes the Bismarck Tribune from 1885-1900. When this marriage appeared on the search I really got excited. This is the only proof that exists for this marriage as the marriage records for this time period in Burleigh County are missing. This time period of the Washburn newspapers is also missing.

So this is how I found it. Go to <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/keyword.html>

You can do a search for free that will give you a short preview of the article. It will list the newspaper name and date. Then I went to the State Historical Society of ND and located the article on the newspaper microfilm.

Click on Historical Newspapers. Then search on your surname or surname and first name. To see the marriage I found search on Lambert, Agnes and restrict it to North Dakota in the Publication Location drop down box. The search engine is fairly decent at matching first and last names together in articles.

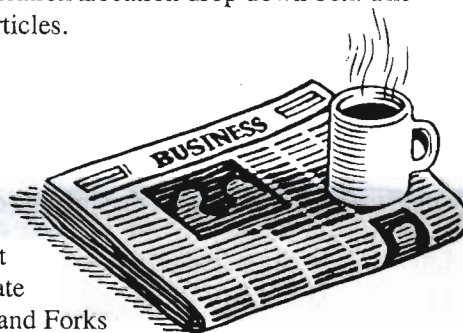
Date: November 2, 1889

Location: North Dakota

Paper: Bismarck Tribune

Married: Merry-Lambert

Note that this appears to be the complete article. Sometimes you only get a sentence or two. Note also that this is the Bismarck Daily Tribune that is on this site. You can see what other newspapers are available for each state by clicking on the title list by historical newspapers. They also have the Grand Forks Herald from 1879-1922. You can also subscribe to this website and note that they do have other collections. From time to time they do offer lower subscription rates.



Surname Suggestion List Software

Submitted by *Meredith Gross for Matt Combs*

I have written a software program for the genealogy community called "Surname Suggestion List". This program was written to make it easier to search the internet for a particular surname and other surnames which sound like that surname.

The web page for the software is located at <http://home.triad.rr.com/combsfamily/sslmain.html>.

I would appreciate it if you could let your society members know about the program. I think they will find it very useful. If you would provide a link to the site in your newsletter, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you, Matt Combs (MattCombs@triad.rr.com) from Lewisville, NC

National Archives announces new rates

Submitted by *Jessica Rossow*

As of October 1, 2007, the reproduction fees at the National Archives have been increased. Please visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/fees.html> for more information. Another article to review on this submit is available here: <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2007/nr07-128.html>

Other Notes of Interest

REPORTS

Please consider submitting your articles of interest to our society's publication.

Township Records Still offered for Sale

It happened again! I found township records for sale! This time I was attending the fall bazaar at the United Methodist Church in Minot on October 6, 2007. Here was a notebook with the handwritten clerk's minutes of the Osloie Twp., Mountrail County. I asked the price and was told "give me a quarter" so for twenty-five cents I purchased the records from the 1939 to 1949. The following week I took them to the State Historical Society of North Dakota and donated them. They have been assigned number 41241 in the Local Government Collection. **Please keep watch for any records and if at all possible make certain they are preserved in a central repository.**

Submitted by John Mogren

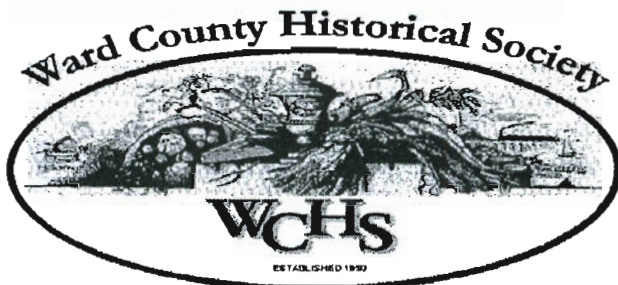
New Book Published



The book title is: BRUSH LAKE HISTORY, The history of Brush Lake, FROM ICE AGE TO A SUMMER RESORT By James Gessele. It

is in preparation for a 100th anniversary of the MBLCA (Mercer-Brush Lake community Association, scheduled for July 4, 2008. Has many photos and is indexed. I think it's about \$15.00. If you want a copy, contact Ray and Sharon Schock, 1210 W Coulee Rd, Bismarck 58501 or 701-223-5186

Submitted by Patrice Hartman via Vivian Merkel of Washburn, ND



The Ward County Historical Society in Minot, ND has changed their website address to

<http://wchs.dnsalias.org/wchs/>

Palatine DNA project

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

Direct Descendants of 1708-1710 Palatine Emigrants

<http://www.ftdna.com/public/PalatineDNAProject/#surnames>

PENNINGTON COUNTY MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE LINK

FOR ANYONE DOING RESEARCH IN NORTHWESTERN MN OR THE GRAND FORKS AREA OF ND, HERE IS THE PENNINGTON COUNTY MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE.

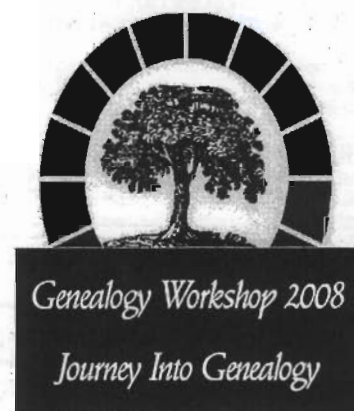
THEY HAVE INDEXED OBITUARIES AND OTHER ITEMS FOR PENNINGTON, MARSHALL AND RED LAKE COUNTIES. EVEN SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF FARMS.

[HTTP://WWW.PVILLAGE.ORG/](http://www.pvillage.org/)

SUBMITTED BY PATRICE HARTMAN

Do you have a trip to Bismarck-Mandan planned for April 12, 2008?

Why: Bismarck/Mandan 2008 genealogy workshop
 When: April 12, 2008
 Where: Horizon Middle School
 500 Ash Coulee Drive
 Bismarck, ND



Workshop Speakers

Saturday's keynote luncheon speaker will be Dr. John Philip Colletta of Washington, D.C. One of America's most popular genealogical lecturers, he is a frequent presenter at the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institution and at many genealogy-related programs. He is the author of They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record and other books. Also presenting at the workshop is Marit Lucy, an expert in Norwegian and Scandinavian research. She has worked for many years at the LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City. She is the author of Advanced Research-Denmark and Advanced Research-Norway, presented in Seattle, Wash., in Sept. 1995.



April 11, 2008 evening details

In addition to the four Saturday workshop sessions, Dr. Colletta will be the presenter at the Friday evening, April 11, genealogy program at the State Heritage Center, Bismarck. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Dr. Colletta will speak on "Is Any Body There? - Tracking Ancestral Remains." The presentation is free and open to the public, with a reception and book signing following the presentation. The Friday evening activities are co-sponsored by the State Historical Society of ND and the Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society.

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

Workshop Schedule

Saturday, April 12, 2008

(All times - Central Time)

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration
 8:30-8:40 a.m. Welcome
 8:45-9:55 a.m. Class 1
 9:55-10:35 a.m. Break
 10:35-11:45 a.m. Class 2
 11:55 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Lunch
 1:25-2:35 p.m. Class 3
 2:35-3:15 p.m. Break
 3:15-4:25 p.m. Class 4

Registration form

Name _____

Complete address _____

Telephone _____

Number of registrants _____

Amount enclosed _____

(\$30/person before Mar. 29, 2008)

(\$35/person after Mar. 29, 2008)

No guarantee of lunch or syllabus if registration received after Apr. 1. Send registration form and check or money order, payable to BMHGS to:

P.O. Box 485

Bismarck, ND 58502-0485

