

NDSGS Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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President's Letter

Spring is almost here and I can't wait to see green grass and flowers again. I hope you all had a good winter, even if it was cold.

Our first meeting will be held April 11, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the Legislative Assembly Room at the North Dakota State Historical Society.

State Archive News:

Greg Wysk at the State Archives tells us that visitation has been up about 15% for about the same time last year. Greg also says that visitation is still pretty slow compared to the past years. If you can't come to the archives, you can write for paid searches for naturalization records, obituaries, and biographies and many people did just that. Greg states that correspondence has been up approximately 25%. This work is seasonal, with the biggest increase occurring during the winter. He also states that at this point there are no plans for any big changes to the archives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at glang@midco.net, or contact one of the other officers listed in this newsletter. I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the coming year.

Genie Lang

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, April 11 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 Greg Wysk called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on October 11, 2013. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Genie Lang, Al Buchholz, Jerry Wutzke, BMHGS; Daphne Drewello, Serena Doepke, JRGC; Erling Olson.

Business meeting

MINUTES

Pat Ashley made a motion, which was seconded by Genie Lang, that the minutes of the July 12, 2013 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Al Buchholz and seconded by Serena Doepke to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

There was a motion made by Daphne Drewello and seconded by Pat Ashley to postpone the workshop to April 11, 2015 due to construction delays at the Heritage Center. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Buchholz and seconded by Genie Lang to reimburse Patrice Hartman for 2013 expenses. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections: Term: 2014-2015

President: Genie Lang

V. President: Daphne Drewello

Second V. President: Erling Olson

Sec.

Treasurer: Patrice Hartman

The SHSND has received a grant to microfilm and index the marriage records from 10 counties. Volunteers will be needed to do the indexing. Contact Greg if you are interested in helping.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2014 meeting will be held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Spring Newsletter Deadline is March 11th.

Remember to visit the State Historical Society Archives on the 2nd Sat. of each month, open from 10 to 4:30.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

Minnesota Veterans Oral History Transcription Project

In September 2013, the Heritage Education Commission received a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant to transcribe around 75 oral histories interviews from World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans to provide better public access.

The HEC is pleased to announce that the first interview transcripts are now available at www.heritageed.com.

The HEC is continuing to transcribe these important historical interviews from our nation's veterans and as an independent 501(c)(3), accepts donations to help expand the Veterans Oral History Project. To help preserve and recognize the contribution our veterans have made, please contact the HEC with veterans contact information and donations.

News from the National Archives

The National Archives recently announced it will be closing three National Archives facilities within the next two years.

The Anchorage facility will close this year, but the rec-

ords will be moved to Seattle, WA, digitized and placed online. The two Philadelphia facilities will be consolidated this year, and the two Fort Worth facilities will be consolidated in 2016.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since September:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Ashley, 1888-2013, North Dakota. [Ashley, North Dakota: Ashley 125th Committee, 2013].

Bowdon all-school reunion, 1897-1995, July 1 and 2 1995. [Bowdon, North Dakota?: n.p.], 1995.

Bowdon all school reunion July 3 and 4, 1985, 1897-1985. [Bowdon, North Dakota?: n.p.], 1985.

Carson centennial : the first 100 years, 1910-2010, Carson, North Dakota. [Carson, North Dakota: Carson Centennial Book Committee, 2010].

Edgeley, North Dakota, 1887-2012. [Gwinner, North Dakota: J & M Printing, 2012].

Engstrom, Wesley C. *Whispers from a press : stories from The International newspaper, Portal, North Dakota.* Cle Elum, Washington: W.C. Engstrom, 2013.

50th anniversary 1941-1991 Community Church of God, Bowdon, North Dakota. [Bowdon, North Dakota: Church of God, 1991].

Grove, Monica (Sand), compiler. *Centennial, Balta, the city of the prairie, North Dakota, 1912-2012.* [North Dakota: n.p., 2012].

Hazen on the horizon : 100 years, 1913-2013. [Hazen, North Dakota]: Hazen Centennial Book Committee, [2013].

Ibarra, Angeline Reinbold. *Tales of a community that was : Krassna, North Dakota : a memoir.* Okanogan, Washington: ElderBerry Books, c2011.

Kelsh, Ramona, editor. *Fullerton revisited : celebrating our legacy.* [Fullerton, North Dakota: Fullerton

Centennial Book Committee, 2012?].

1913-1963 Arnegard all school reunion, 1972. [Arnegard, North Dakota: n.p., 1972].

1913-1963 second Arnegard all school reunion, 1982. [Arnegard, North Dakota: n.p., 1982].

Wilmington Lutheran Church diamond anniversary 1907-1982, Arnegard, North Dakota. [Arnegard, North Dakota: Wilmington Lutheran Church, 1982].

Wilmington Lutheran Church golden anniversary 1907-1957, Arnegard, North Dakota. [Arnegard, North Dakota: Wilmington Lutheran Church, 1957].

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Glass, Carole, editor. *Pioneers on the plains : the story of the Kraft family.* [Wisconsin: A. Glass, c2013].

Willprecht, Nora Dunham. *Willprecht family history, 1776-1988.* Frazee, Minnesota: N. Willprecht, 1988.

OTHER:

Hite, Richard. *Sustainable genealogy: separating fact from fiction in family legends.* Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., c2013.

Quasquicentennial anniversary book, Eureka, South Dakota, 1887-2012. Eureka, South Dakota: Big "Q" in One-Two Book Committee, 2012.

Solhjell, Kare Olav. *Hol-Amerika : forteljina om utvandringa fra Hol I Hallingdal 1837-2010.* [Hol]: Hol Kommune, 2013.

New plat books and directories for the following counties: Billings (2012), Mountrail (2013), Stark (2013), Traill (2013), Mercer (2013), Burke (2013).

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

41621 Cavalier County. Henderson Township, Township Records, 1908-1929, 2v.

41622 Ward County. Clerk of Court, Justice Dockets - Civil and Criminal, 1889-1916, 2v.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

James River Genealogy Club

by Genie Lang

The James River Genealogy Club, comprised of Eddy, Foster, and Stutsman County searchers, meets the first Tuesday of each month. They alternate the meetings between Northern Plains Electric Co-op in Carrington and Ave Maria Village in Jamestown. Cathy Paulson and Barb Caine are co-presidents, George Barron is the Vice President and Mary Kuhn is the secretary – treasurer.

The James River Genealogy Club met in November and heard reports from the attendees at the 2013 Family History Workshop, Moorhead, MN. Also Phyl-

lis Braaten, librarian at the University of Jamestown Library will speak about some additional genealogical resources available on the area that are available.

During the winter The James River Genealogy Club does not meet. Our next meeting will be April 1, 2014 at Carrington. Members have been encouraged to read one of the new genealogy books in the library. At the April meeting, members will share new tools they have learned and they will share their findings on the new materials. These programs have been very informative.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Peggy Smetana

MRLGS. 2014 Program Calendar

Jan. DAR ----- cancelled due to weather-- changed to July

Feb---- Veteran Records-- Kathy Holtz

Mar---- Family Search LDS---Jen Jacobs

Apr.----- MPL--- Janet--- What's new and what's available at MPL

May----Photography--- Bill Lenards

June---WCHS-- Sue Bergen

July---DAR ---Nancy Legerski State Regent

Aug-- Germans From Russia --Fr. Joseph Senger

Sept---Handwriting/ Transcribing---P. Smetana

Oct.-----Tombstones/Grave markers

Nov. ---- Auction/Potluck fund raiser

Dec---- Christmas Traditions

This is the tentative schedule for 2014 Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society
Peggy Smetana, President 2014

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Linda Zeuschel

Since this is the 47th anniversary of the RRVGS, we have decided to update a bit of the library and to bring it into the modern era.

After many years with the current web site, we have decided to update it. It is currently being worked on and we hope to have it up and running very soon. Many of the old features will still be there, however, there are many improvements being added this time. We also now have Wi-Fi available to patrons of the library. It certainly is an improvement over the slow

dial-up system we have had. We hope that when you come to check out our library, you will find it a bit more user friendly.

We have also done some additional physical remodeling to the library. Some tables have been replaced, newer computers to go along with the Wi-Fi system. Redesigning of some shelving systems and computer tables. We continually receive additional book and history donations at the library and it is always a

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Minnkota Genealogical Society *by Ron Baker*

Winter has finally broken it's hold in the Red River Valley. A brief summary of our activities:

October 8, 2013: Minnkota Antique Roadshow coordinated by Minnkota member Cathy Altepeter. Members were asked to bring one piece for a brief analysis by Ell-Piret Multer, a local antique dealer. As each piece was highlighted, Minnkota member Mike Harvey filmed the event and donated a DVD of the final filming to each Minnkota member. A very fun event.

November 12, 2013: Minnkota members Cathy Altepeter, Phyllis Quam and Lorene Anderson led a presentation on researching probate records at the Polk County, Minnesota courthouse and carrying on research at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. Handouts helped to back-up the presentations. Very informative.

January 14, 2014: Annual Minnkota planning, goal setting and election of officers meeting. Our officers for 2014: President – Mike Swanson; Vice President – Nancy Larson; Secretary – Lenore Anderson; Treasurer – Ron Baker.

Much discussion on future presentations and our upcoming 20th anniversary celebration.

February 11, 2014: Military Records research presentation by Minnkota member Daniel Saurwein. Dan gave a very informative presentation on where to find records for United States wars from Revolutionary War to WW1. After WW1, some records are being

opened to the public and put online, such as on Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. Dan had books on hand for us to peruse and handouts for useful dates and addresses for each war. Again, very informative.

Upcoming meeting topics:

March 11, 2014: Brick wall discussion. Minnkota members are asked to bring their "brick wall" research problems for a 5 minute analysis by the meeting participants.

April 8, 2014: Poor farms presentation and research opportunities.

April 12, 2014: Family History Fair at the Grand Forks LDS Family History Center. Free. See this website for more information and registration:

www.lds.org/familyhistoryfair

May 13, 2014: Presentation by natives from Norway.

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, member sharing time and a business meeting. Please check our website for contact and any updated schedule information. Meetings may be cancelled without notice if the weather conditions are unfavorable for travel.

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

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society *by Patrice Hartman*

In October we talked about using the Nook for research and histories. Some books and histories are available for free. We also learned how to order microfilms from the family history library and how to use the microfilm reader/printer/scanner at the Dickinson Public Library. In November the topic was "When there is no probate or will what other records might you find?" Janet Billings, the Dickinson family history library director also talked about the library and what is available there. We did not meet in December or January. In February we will share our research finds from the last year and in March we talked about deed

mapping software. The April meeting will be on naturalization records.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Dickinson Area Public Library. We usually meet in one of the lower level meeting rooms. We have members from Stark, Hettinger and Dunn Counties who attend the meetings. Contact Patrice Hartman for more information. patrice@ndsupernet.com

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Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred A. Buchholz

As 2013 came to a close, I realized that I had not accomplished very much. I didn't do much Family History work at all. My resolution for this year is to at least go and interview one or two of my final living relatives. I missed a couple of chances and now they are gone. What a waste. I encourage everyone to do this. It may be the last time you can.

We had a very interesting year at BMHGS with many good program presentations. It was a shame that more members didn't take advantage of them. The program committee has put together another year of excellent presentations.

In January, we went to the Rice Bowl for our meeting and it was excellent. February, the members of the BMHGS were treated to a tour of State Historical Society new Heritage Center addition. I was unable to attend, but others that did were very impressed. On the 13th of March, Shari Huettl, a talented video expert and owner of "The Memory Preserve," will give a presentation on how to preserve your photos, family history and stories, out of date videos, film, and other family treasures with keepsake state-of-the-art digital video/formats. On April 10th, Michael Knudson

will give a presentation of "Native Americans in WWII". May 8th is yet to be announced. May 30th will be the annual Reading Kickoff at the North Dakota State Heritage Center. This event draws about 3000 kids and give our society an opportunity to have a fun project for them to look at starting a small ancestry chart. June 12th Nadine Sheets and Mike Knutson will present "A Genealogical Trip to Norway and Sweden". We don't have any meetings in July. August is our annual pot luck picnic, which will be at Erik and Susan Holland's historic 1935 Pink Storybook Stucco and Gardens, 222 West Avenue C, Bismarck. Sept 11th and Oct 9th have yet to be finalized. November 13th, Susan Holland will present "Using Genealogy to create a book" and on December 13th will be "Historic Christmas Party." We will dress and display an item from a chosen decade.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. They are held at the Bismarck Veterans Public Library in room B of the lower level at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month unless noted in the program.

For more information you may contact me at 701-250-0920 or aabuchholz@yahoo.com

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challenge to find space for them.

Currently we are also busy scanning obituaries into a file which will be search-able. Thank you to Glenn E. for all the work he has put into our computer system and the remodeling he is doing.

With the coming of spring we also will be extending our hours. Starting in April we will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 11:00am - 3:00 pm for the summer months.

Our 4th annual Symposium "Back to Basics" will be held on March 29th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the RRVGS library. Pre-registration is \$30.00 by March 15 or \$35.00 at the door. Lunch will be provided. We invite everyone to attend. Contact the RRVGS library if interested. Email rrvgs@fargocity.com or mail to PO Box 9284 Fargo, ND 58106 Phone 701-239-4129 or Linda at 701-799-5156

Also like us on Facebook - Red River Valley Genealogical Society.

Do you have Irish Roots?

From the RootsIreland.ie website

RootsIreland are pleased to announce that the first edition of our new e-Newsletter *Clann* is now available at

<https://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/71043/322291/pub/html5.html>

Going Home for Father's Day 2013

by Marie Cadieux Hodges

It was Father's Day, June 16, 2013 but there were no fathers being honored in our group. There was, however, a comforting feeling that we were all honoring our fathers in one way or another.

When I woke in my cousin's guest bedroom on a sunny summer morning I wrestled with the questions of whether or not I should attend church that morning, and, if I did, where I would go. The tradition for me had been that when visiting from out of state we would sleep at the farm near Pingree, North Dakota, get up bright and early and drive twenty miles into Jamestown to attend Mass with Grandma Amy Cadieux in the Basilica of St. James where many of the Cadieux family had been baptized and married. After Mass we'd quickly return to the farm for barely a bowl of cereal before heading into Sunday School with Grandma and Grandpa Brady at the Pingree Congregational Church. Since we went to religion classes daily in Catholic school we were usually star pupils in Sunday school classes. Grandpa Charles Edgar Brady nearly burst his buttons when, finally, as a fifth grader, I played "For God So Loved the World" to open Sunday school. My Aunt Luella Hopewell played in that church for something like 40 years. But in 2013 I opted to go to Pingree with Chuck Brady since there were no living Cadieux relatives with whom I could attend Mass.

The church in Pingree is slowly dying. I was told there are only about twelve remaining members. The basement has been damaged by a rising water table and is no longer usable. But there were two other guests that Sunday besides me. My eighty-seven year old Aunt Vivian Brady Sheets had driven in for the occasion and unbeknownst to us another cousin, Lyle Hopewell. Vivian grew up attending this church as had Chuck and Lyle in the ensuing generation.

The minister, Bryce Taran, a grandson-in-law of the minister that most of the family remembered, asked Chuck if he would sing "Faith of our Fathers" with another congregant. When he saw Lyle he asked if Lyle would join Chuck and Luanne as well. The service began and I thumbed through the hymnal to check the piano score for that hymn and then nudged Lyle and asked in a whisper if he thought I could play for them. A piano teacher of many years I knew I could carry it off despite being a classroom general music teacher for the last dozen years. When the minister invited them up front I stood with them and gestured to Arvadel at the piano, asking if she mind-

ed if I played for them. She smiled and quickly got up out of the way. As I settled in, she decided to sing alto with the trio and then her son, the minister, also decided to join the choir. He quipped to the few folks remaining in the pews, perhaps about five people, "Welcome to choir practice!"

I checked fingers, keys and music and then looked up at the group. I said, "One question, please?" And the minister peeked around the singers from the far end to accommodate my question. "My sins are forgiven, right?" I asked with a smile. And he returned "Only if you confess them!" with a wide grin. There were more of us up front than in the pews. Since we'd all sung or played for choirs before, I told them that they'd know when to begin and I played a very standard introduction. We were an awesome sound. When we sat down after three verses Aunt Vivian whispered that she had hoped we would do another song.

Can't help but realize how proud Reverend Noel McCoy would've been of his daughter, Arvadel, and her son, Bryce, as they presided over church that Sunday. Chuck's father, Uncle Elden Brady, worked tirelessly for Pingree Congregational Church as well as singing bass in the choir with his wife, Aunt Jean Moran Brady, singing alto for many years alongside Aunt Vivian. Our Grandpa Charles Edgar Brady would have been proud to see three grandchildren picking up the yoke of church work. Grandma Idane Brady played piano enough to get Aunt Lue and me started and Grandma continued to practice and present solos on Sundays up into her mid-eighties. Lyle might have been thinking of his mother more than his father that day. I can still see her fingers nervously bounce silently on the keys as she waited to see whether Reverend McCoy would sing the next verse with her accompaniment, or preach it. His standard line was that he and mother sang good and loud. Mother sang good, and he sang loud.

We left Vivian's and Lyle's cars there near the church and drove into Jamestown to Uncle Elden's favorite restaurant, The Depot, to have lunch. Vivian reminded us that he always ordered pancakes but none of us did. The day didn't end there. No one ever really said with historical accuracy how Great-Grandpa Charles Brady lost his homestead. It wasn't during the Great Depression like many thought. His wife died in 1924, and some said it was from a broken heart over losing their home. But I heard or read somewhere that only three farmers in the county had managed to hold on

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to their land in the lean times just after World War I. His granddaughter, my mother Elida, surmised that he'd mistakenly paid too late one year and the bank had foreclosed. If I get the time, someday I will find the court documents but for now I just wanted to find the dirt, the actual land in question. So after church on Fathers' Day, June 26, 2013, an unlikely quartet of stray Brady relatives, fortified with lunch from The Depot restaurant in Jamestown, North Dakota, ventured into Stutsman County to find the original homestead.

Two years prior Marie, the cityslicker cousin from out-of-state, had nudged Chuck, the homegrown cousin, to drive out in the county and find the location of the soddy where their grandfather had been born, the day after the big storm, in 1888. Marie had found the recorded deed in the county courthouse. There's something humbling and inspiring when you see an original homestead deed where the land isn't purchased but deeded from the United States to Charles Brady. It's also hard not to think of the displaced Native Americans and how they might have regarded the transactions of white men. Our family enjoyed camping and many times I had realized that proving up on a homestead would've meant camping out in extreme conditions for a full year, for some a full lifetime. We drove up next to the farm we thought was the site of the Brady homestead. Chuck was even more at home in the neighborhood and drove into the yard. We made friends that day with Myron Vigersaa and he said his sons had been all over the land on all-terrain vehicles and there was no particular place on the property that might have been the location of the soddy so we all figured his home was built on the site.

Not so fast. We adventurous cousins sat around Chuck's dinner table that evening and his wife kept glancing at the county land book. "I think you were on the wrong farm," Judy finally said. After some deliberation we realized she was right. We were two sections west and one south of the homestead farm. The farm we should've scouted was owned by Myron Vigersaa's uncle. Chuck looked weary but said, "There's still a little daylight. Do you want to go back?" But I let it go until the next trip.

So now in 2013 four of us piled into Chuck's truck, determined to get to the right location this time. By the way Chuck described where we were going it sounded like he'd done more scouting during the past two years so that we'd be sure to finally get it

right. I watched our blue location dot move along county roads on Mapquest. Finally Chuck turned into a rutted farm road at the north end of some shade trees. According to the county's map of farms and sections, we had finally arrived. The North Dakota wind whipped the grass so much Marie took a video of it. It might not be amber waves of grain yet but that was the idea. She also scooped up a half cup of black dirt to take home and put in a backyard planter just for good luck. The shade trees signified an uncultivated area that had previously had a home on it. According to information and maps from 1913 we had finally arrived.

Particularly if you're from the city, the open expanses of farm land can be daunting. And once again Marie thought of the extreme deprivation that homesteaders had faced. Harsh North Dakota winters, droughts and the personal sacrifices too. Jessie Wilson Brady arrived on the homestead to a soddy, a dirt home where the sod "bricks" grew together for shelter. She arrived from Ontario as a newlywed, bore a daughter in the first year only to lose her at the age of five months. She probably got word that her father back in Canada had passed away too. Sometimes I wonder at the overwhelming personal strength they showed in sticking out American homesteading rules.

Chuck and Lyle explored several roads back to the cars waiting by church. High water had closed most of the nearest routes home. They talked about wildlife and hunting. Both Chuck's father and Marie's had worked in state and/or federal wildlife jobs. We saw two fawns drop down into the tall grass in the ditch as we approached. Our spirits soared with the birds we watched and heard.

It wasn't finding the homestead site that was the highlight of the day. As we drove along I realized that we represented four different families. There were no parents, children, spouses or siblings. The conversation bounced back and forth from the past to the present and back, from one missing loved one to another. There was teasing and care-filled questions. We filled holes for each other, holes in our hearts where missing family members had left us. I realized once I was home again that this was the reason families have reunions. You can talk about people and times that are long gone as if it is fifty years ago and no one has to ask who you are talking about, or why they mean something to you all. At a minimum we made a memory. We found the homestead and we found family.

Pre-1925 Marriage Index Update

NDSGS is working with the State Archives to index pre-1925 marriages. Currently the State Archives has the following marriage records and/or indices:

Adams—index only

Barnes—filmed and indexed

Billings—filmed and indexed

Burleigh—paper index

Cass—currently filming and will use the NDSU archives index

Emmons—filmed and indexed

Grand Forks—index only

Grant—paper index

Hettinger—index only

Kidder—index only

McHenry—filmed and indexed

McLean—filmed and currently indexing

Morton—filmed and will use the BMHGS index

Pembina County—1881-1888 in paper format and they sent an index

Richland—index only

Stark—index only

Steele—filmed and partially indexed

Stutsman County—in paper format and we use George's index, to be filmed

Towner—paper index

Traill—index only

Walsh—filmed and indexed

Ward—filmed and indexed; some records are missing

Williams—index only

Six more counties will be filmed before June 30.

Digital Public Library

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) launched in April 2013 as an all-digital library that aggregates millions of photographs, manuscripts, books, sounds, moving images and more from libraries, archives and museums around the United States. Several large content providers including the New York Public Library, the Smithsonian, Harvard University and the National Archives are sharing content from one online catalog in the DPLA.



Users can browse and search collections by keyword, timeline, map or exhibition. Search results can be viewed by format, owning institution, partners, date, language and subject. Each result links to the original object on the content provider's website.

DPLA provides a convenient way to search multiple libraries, museums and archives at one time. Best of all access is free. Go to <http://dp.la/> to start exploring.

North Dakota Atlases Online

Many old North Dakota atlases are available at [http://www.historicmapworks.com/Browse/United States/North+Dakota/](http://www.historicmapworks.com/Browse/United_States/North+Dakota/). The atlases cover the years from

1870 to 2007. Other states are also represented on this website.

Grand Forks Family History Day

Grand Forks Family History Day is an interactive FREE event designed for anyone ages 12 and above interested in Family History. This event is sponsored by Family Search/ Roots Tech 2014, and hosted by The Minnkota Genealogical Society and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with members in North and South Dakota and Minnesota. "Find Your Family Tree on Cherry Street" is being held on Saturday April 12th, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Registration is encouraged online prior to the event at <http://grandforksfhc.weebly.com>. However registration will be allowed at the door on that day. Light lunch will be provided for all registered attendees. Come for part or all day.

Who should attend? Whether you are just getting started with photos and stories or are already into your family tree; avid genealogist or simply a curious history buff, there is something for you. What will be presented? Experienced presenters in the field of family history and research methods will offer help

teaching us preserving & publishing stories through photos and sound, powerful features of the free Family Search/ Family Tree online program and Family Search Wiki, tips on researching Scandinavian, Germany and Central European countries, immigration research, free family website research, military records, and the latest methods such as DNA studies, over 20 live or downloaded classes listed and described on the website <http://grandforksfhc.weebly.com>.

A special feature is the "Giving Back to the Community" project lead by Young Men and Women ages 12 and above from throughout North and South Dakota and Minnesota through Family Search Indexing. They are inviting all attendees to join them anytime throughout the day.

For more information, please visit our website at <http://grandforksfhc.weebly.com> or email Lenore Anderson at lnana.anderson@gmail.com

Citation Corner

Unpublished diaries and journals are often used to determine dates of events or understand our ancestor's lives. Many diaries have been passed down from generation to generation, some are located in archives, or as digital images on the internet. Just as with other documents we use, when analyzing these sources determine the purpose and motivation of its creator. A marriage may have been backdated, or a role in an event may have been exaggerated.

The basic elements of citation for privately preserved items are the identification of the type of item; the current or last-known location of the item; a description of the item; and a statement of provenance, or the chain of title from the original owner to the present.

For example:

William Sprague, "Journal" (MS, Floyd, Iowa, 1897), 6 October 1897 entry; privately held by William Bond Sprague, Jr., West Linn, Oregon, 2010. William Bond Sprague is the great-grandson of the journal's author. This journal, 3" x 7", was passed from the original owner to his son, William Otis Sprague (1872-1954) to his son William Bond Sprague, Sr. (1897-1995), from whom the current owner inherited it.

The date of creation of the diary or journal, in this case 1897, should be used if known. If you consulted a diary held by someone else, the year that you consulted it should be included following the address of the owner. However, if you are the current owner, the date may be omitted. The street address of the current owner may be inserted or withheld for privacy purposes.

Are you interested in learning more about citing your sources? The National Genealogical Society now has a three-module self-paced course, *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation*. Michael Grant Hait Jr., CGSM helps genealogists with this sometimes confusing area of research. The course modules consist of lessons, examples, citations and graded quizzes. Topics are "Introduction to Documentation," "Basic Citation Principles," and "Applying Citation Principles." You will need either a computer or table with an internet connection to take advantage of this course. For further information visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/guide_documentation_sourcecitation

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Upcoming Events

29 March 2014. Red River Annual Symposium. Fargo. See RRVGS Report on page 6 for more information.

11 April 2014. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

12 April 2014. Grand Forks Family History Day. For more information see article on page 10 of this Newsletter.

25-26 April 2014. Minnesota Genealogy Society Northstar Conference. Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. For more info: www.mnsgs.org

7-10 May 2014. National Genealogical Society Conference. Richmond, Virginia. For more info: <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/event-registration/>

11 July 2014. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Department of Special Collections, UND, Grand Forks.

1-3 August 2014. Deuce of August. Icelandic Communities Association, Mountain, North Dakota. For more info: <http://www.august2nd.com/>

21-24 August 2014. Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe 2014 Convention. Calgary, Alberta. For more info: www.sggee.org

20 September 2014. 39th Annual Family History Workshop, Moorhead, Minnesota. For more info: www.heritageed.com

25-27 September 2014. Montana State Genealogy Society Conference. Helena, Montana. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

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