

NDSGS Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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State Archives hours:

8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. M-F, except holidays

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

Editor's Notes

JULY SPEAKER

Andrew Robinson is the State Archaeologist of North Dakota. He has a background in cultural resource management archaeology and geophysics. He has authored over 200 archaeological reports and performed over 500 cultural resource projects in 12 States from Alaska to Florida. Andrew has held archaeological positions with private firms and the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the US Forest Service. He completed his master's degree thesis on historic Fort Rice, North Dakota. Andrew has extensive knowledge on GPS and geophysical equipment including ground penetrating radar, magnetometry, and electric resistivity. He is a member of the Register of Professional Archaeologists and is the current President of the National Association of State Archaeologists. He has an interest in genealogy through tracing his own ancestry and using genealogy data for historical and archaeological research.

Please consider volunteering to serve as president so the society can continue. The president arranges programs, prepares reports and conducts three meetings a year, ensures official reports are filed, co-signs checks, and coordinates with other genealogical societies in the state. If you are willing to help in anyway with our state society we can discuss this at our July meeting. We might be able to offer hybrid meetings possibly for the July or October meetings.

Please also remember to pay your dues if you received an email notice to do so. Perhaps the local societies could gather individual dues for their members and then mail them all together to the state society or mail one check for all with a list of people that paid their dues.

Let me know if you have other suggestions or concerns.

Patrice Hartman, Treasurer

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is Friday, July 12 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. **Andrew Robinson**, North Dakota State Archaeologist, will be the speaker.

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

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

We did not have a meeting as we did not have a quorum. We need people to step up and serve as an officer. Our speaker was one of our members, Kari Hausauer, speaking about safeguarding our family history.

She reminded us to remember the 3-2-1 Rule

3 Copies of Your Data: Your primary source and 2 backups.

2 Different Types of Media: Use a flash drive, external hard drive (EHD) or solid-state drive (SSD).

1 Offsite Backup: Protect against physical risks like fire or disasters by keeping an extra EHD at a neighbor's house or using cloud storage.

Kari Hausauer, coached people in preserving their memories through FOREVER.com, a technology company she has been associated with for 7 1/2 years.

FOREVER offers guaranteed permanent storage

for your photos, documents, audio files and videos, making it an ideal choice for genealogists.

Here's why:

Unlike other storage options, FOREVER ensures your data is preserved and accessible for generations, fulfilling the "1" in the 3-2-1 rule with robust, offsite backup. Forever Storage is guaranteed for your lifetime plus 100 years.

Enhanced Security: Your memories are stored privately, securely, and encrypted, protecting them from loss, theft, and damage.

User-Friendly Organization: The platform allows easy organization into albums, tagging, and sharing of your digital archives, making it simple to pass down your family's history. Kari gave an example of how she uses a modified ahnentafel numbering system to organize her family history records. FOREVER also provides digitization for all old media and is a premier digitization center.

Citation Corner

Several articles written by archaeologists have been helpful to my research. One corroborated the deaths of my ancestors by drowning, with evidence of a dwelling that was destroyed by flood water in 1648. Other articles have helped flesh out the lives of my ancestors and offer new avenues of research. Some of these articles can be found by searching Google Scholar, or JSTOR.org. JSTOR requires free registration to access most content. While we might not find these articles on typical genealogy websites, or in genealogy libraries, the citations follow the same rules as genealogical journal articles. The elements include the author, article title, title of the journal, volume number, date, and page numbers, and if the article is found online, that location information also needs to be included.

For example: Paul R. Huey, "The Mahicans, the Dutch, and the Schodack Islands in the 17th and 18th Centuries," *Northeast Historical Archaeology*, 22 (1993): 96-118; imaged, *ResearchGate* (https://www.researchgate.net/publication/320341888_The_Mahicans_the_Dutch_and_the_Schodack_Islands_in_the_17th_and_18th_Centuries : accessed 4 June 2024).

If you would like to learn more about these citations, Elizabeth Shown Mills recently released the latest edition of her *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, fourth edition (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2024) upon which this column is based.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records & Other Acquisitions

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

RECENT MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS:

11622 North Prairie Lutheran Church Records, rural Velve, (N.D). Consists of a church history, Secretary's record book with minutes, Church Council record book, Ladies Aid records, constitutions, by-laws, programs, anniversary books, records of baptisms, funerals, births, burials, Treasurer's book, news articles, annual meeting of Hope Lutheran Parish report, proposed Parish agreement, guest books, Norway Lutheran Church (Denbigh, N.D.) and Stenkjaer Lutheran Church (Simcoe, N.D.) anniversary books and photographs of the church interior, anniversaries, confirmation groups and parishioners.

11366 50 Years in the Saddle Club Collection. Research and organizational files of the 50 Years in the Saddle Club (Watford City, N.D.). The collection documents biographies and stories of ranchers and other residents of western North Dakota. The organization published the Series: 50 Years in the Saddle: Looking Back Down the Trail.

Photographic materials featuring the follow people and places: John Martel, St. Paul Township (Stutsman County), T. E. (Theodore Edward) and Regina Velo Mills, Bowman (N.D.), Northwood, Leeds, Starkweather, Valley City, Walhalla, Steele, Doyon, Dorothy A. and Bernard W. Meidier, Anna Gudahl and Daniel Jackson, and Paul and Thomas Bell.

RECENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS:

42028 Barnes County. Ellsbury Township. Township Records, 1907-1969

42030 Bottineau County. Tax Director, Tax Assessments

42029 Griggs County. City of Cooperstown. Auditor, Records, 1954-2017

42027 McLean County. Underwood Township. Underwood Commission Meeting Minutes, 1908-2014

42032 Pembina County. School District #1, Records, 1884-1927

42031 Stutsman County. Jamestown Public School, School Board Records, 2008-2012

RECENT PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS:

90th anniversary, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ross, North Dakota, 1907-1997 ([Ross, North Dakota]: n.p., [1997]).

Family of faith (Zion Lutheran Church, 2017 directory) ([United States]: Lifetouch, 2017).

Esmond - Minnewaukan Parish : Trinity, St. Olaf, Immanuel, St. Peter (1997 directory) (Galion, Ohio: United Church Directories, [1997]).

Celebrating 100 years: Salem Reformed Church, 1892-1992 ([Ashley, North Dakota]: [The Church], [1992]).

Malcolm Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 1908-1983 ([North Dakota]: n.p., [1983])

Bowman United Methodist Church: 100th anniversary, 1909-2009 ([Bowman, North Dakota?]: n.p., [2009?]).

Flickerette (Denhoff High School yearbooks) (Denhoff, North Dakota: Denhoff High School, 1955 and 1959).

The Pantherine (Goodrich High School, many years between 1949 and 2011 yearbooks), (Goodrich, North Dakota: Goodrich High School).

Lowell Helland, *Griggs County map series: history that predates the county itself : from about 1480 to 1910* ([North Dakota]: Lowell Helland, 2021).

Ashley centennial: a history of Ashley, North Dakota ([Ashley, North Dakota: [The Committee], [1988]).

Susan Wolff and Marsha Rath, compilers, *Wishek, ND quasiquicentennial, June 29-30, July 1-2, 2023* (Wishek, North Dakota: Quasiquicentennial Committee, 2023).

RECENT ADDITIONS TO ONLINE NEWSPAPER ACCESS:

[The Kulm Messenger \(1929-2020\)](#)

[The Mystician \(Bismarck State College, 1946-2011\)](#)

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Shirley McMillan, President

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society continues to meet monthly, except July, the first Saturday of each month. During this past quarter we toured and held our meeting at the Railroad Museum of Minot. The museum is dedicated to the railroad history and culture that spurred the development of this city. There are uniforms, artifacts, and lots of photos spread over the three story building. There are three cabooses and a wedge plow on the grounds. The museum documents area railroad history from 1886.

At our May meeting, Jan Sabol, representing the Mina Aasen Lodge #55 of the Daughters of

Norway shared her experience from visits to family in Norway. She oriented us to the history and purposes of that organization.

Andrea Blessum is scheduled for the June meeting. She travelled to Germany and researched her Fritel family ancestors. Andrea will display photos and the family tree she has assembled.

We continue to answer queries about people who once lived in the area. Members, with computers, have been at various gatherings to assist with research.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

The RRVGS continues to expand and update their holdings. We invite all to check the selections we have in our library. Recently, we held a free workshop at the library. Our main speaker for the occasion was Gary Heyn, author of the book *Standing at the Grave: A family's journey from the Grand Duchy of Posen to the prairies of North Dakota*. It was well attended, and we had many favorable comments. There was also a presentation by the Curator from Bonanzaville on the many artifacts collected through the years and the challenge of preserving all of it. Our

thanks to Glenn for his coordination of this event. There were 27 attendees.

Jackie reports that the next newsletter is almost finished and will be available sometime in June. Jackie will also do a presentation at the Family History Workshop in September. Her topic will be the collection of Funeral Home records that are available in our library.

Southwest North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

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

In May we discussed research finds from the past few months and new databases that are available for research. The June meeting will be Tuesday,

June 18th at 2 PM MT.

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

The Magic of Interlibrary Loans: Accessing State Archive Microfilm Resources from a Distance

by *Daniel Sauerwein*

This article appears on the State Historical Society of North Dakota Blog at <https://blog.statemuseum.nd.gov/magic-interlibrary-loans> and is reprinted here by permission.

Spring has descended on the Bismarck area after a relatively calm winter for us, and with summer's approach our busy research season is about to come to the State Archives. While we have patrons throughout the year, we tend to get more visitation in the summer months with folks coming to tackle their family history projects or researchers working on that next book or article on a given topic. While most of our collections are only accessible in person in the reading room, interlibrary loans do provide access to many microfilm resources from afar.

Some may be familiar with these services from their local libraries, whether public or affiliated with a college or university. Such loans allow staff to request material the library does not have in its collection from another library, which then loans it to the requesting library to allow the patron access to it for a specified period. With lending libraries, whose materials typically are meant to circulate, such loans are a routine service. At the State Archives, our material is usually not meant to circulate, but some of our researchers are not able to easily come to Bismarck to research in person. If they need access to North Dakota newspaper resources beyond a search for a specific obituary or other article, this is where interlibrary loans come in.

Our microfilmed newspapers are a popular resource for researchers on a variety of topics and projects. While our digital offerings of newspapers are expanding as resources allow on sites such as [Chronicling America](#) and [Advantage Archives](#), many newspapers are not yet digitized, so microfilm is the way to access these.

How does one submit an interlibrary loan request? Contact the appropriate staff at your

nearest local library (public, college, or university) that has a microfilm reader available and is willing to facilitate the loan. They submit the request to us, and we either fulfill it by sending the microfilm in the mail or let them know we are unable to fill it at this time. The loan period is 30 days and can be renewed for an additional 30 days unless there is a need for the film to be returned, in which case we would notify the library. We do charge a fee of \$4 per roll to libraries in the United States to cover postage and other costs associated with the service. Library staff can submit requests via OCLC WorldShare, which is an online portal many libraries use to submit ILL requests, or they can email us the request directly to archives@nd.gov. We also loan to Canadian libraries, though this incurs an \$8 charge per roll because of the increased costs involved.

Some restrictions to this service exist. We loan a maximum of five rolls at a time to a patron. The rolls must stay within the requesting library facility. Also, not all our microfilm rolls can be loaned, but we do let researchers know when they reach out to us regarding a particular resource. And we are unable to loan outside the United States and Canada.

So if you can't make it to Bismarck, consider giving interlibrary loan a try. We have sent dozens of rolls to libraries across the country and to Canada, averaging 75 loan requests per year. We are happy to help libraries and work with them in providing this service to access one of our more widely used resources. Newspapers are a great window into our past, and you can access most of ours via your local library if needed. Give it a try!

Advantage Archives at <https://ndarchives.historyarchives.online/home>

now includes the *Westhope Standard* (1904-1981) and *Larimore Pioneer* (1882-1969).

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NDSGS Dues

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

Website: <https://ndsgs.org/>



www.facebook.com/#!/NorthDakotaStateGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts

Upcoming Events

12 July 2024. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.

1-4 August 2024. Deuce of August. Mountain, ND. [https://](https://www.thedeuce.org/2024-schedule-of-events)

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21 September 2024. Scandinavia—Landscapes of Lineage. Heritage Education Commission. Fargo. [https://](https://heritageed.com/)
heritageed.com/

11 October 2024. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting. Bismarck.