

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

APRIL PRESENTATION

Do you have photos, negative, slides, video tapes, old reels, SD cards, external hard drives, etc and are tired of having your memories scattered across devices and stacked in boxes? Are you concerned that your children or grandchildren may toss or lose your old photos and genealogical work? Kari Hausauer, photo coach, and NDSGS member will be giving a presentation focused on organizing your photo collection using the FOREVER platform. Scheduled for April 12 at 1 pm in the archives meeting room at the ND Heritage Center, this event is designed specifically for genealogists and memory-keepers.

In this session, we'll discuss how you can consolidate your cherished memories in one safe place with FOREVER. Learn efficient organizing techniques tailored to preserving your family history and precious moments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is Friday, April 12 at 1 pm central time in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck. **Kari Hausauer** will talk about **Preserving Your Memories. There will also be Election of Officers for 2024-2025.**

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

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

We did not have a meeting as we did not have a quorum.

We did have an interesting presentation by Brian Backes on contributing to and using

Find A Grave in our research. He has been contributing to Find A Grave for over 14 years and has added nearly 40,000 memorials and over 66,000 photos.

Citation Corner

I recently found a newspaper ad with a photo of my parents from 1950 on Newspapers.com. I had never seen this photo before and had not found it in any of the other online newspaper archives. It could be this newspaper or this particular year was only recently placed online. I then proceeded to check again to see if I could find it anywhere else online. I did not so I then searched for a microfilm or digital copy in various places. Since it was published in Sioux City, Iowa I checked the State Historical Society of Iowa, local museums in Sioux City and libraries. The photo was taken by Russ Hansen who worked for Swift and Company. So I also checked for collections that might contain his photographs or that might contain the photo in its original form. I also checked with the *Sioux City Journal* to see if they might still

have the original photo. I was not able to find any original papers or photos. So I asked the Sioux City Public Library to see if they could possibly make a better digital copy and they were able to lighten it a bit.

The source citation for this ad would be:

Leland Johnson photo in “What I like about Sioux City,” *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal*, 17 September 1950, p 12, digital image, *Newspapers.com* by Ancestry (<https://www.newspapers.com/image/510608185/?xid=5499&ancestry=true/>: accessed 28 January 2024.)

Always keep searching and looking as you never know what you might find new online in collections.

NDSGS Has a New Website!

by Patrice Hartman

Late last year Ancestry announced all Rootsweb sites would no longer be active which meant no changes could be made to our old website. So a decision was made to set up a new website for the NDSGS at <https://nds.gs.org/>

Jessica Rossow and I worked on creating

this website through Go Daddy. Please check it over and send ideas and updates. We also need someone to take care of the website. So here is your chance to participate in our society. Let me know if you would be willing to do this. You can email me at patrice@ndsupernet.com

Advantage Archives added 1.6 million newspaper pages in January [https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/advantage-](https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/advantage-archives-adds-1-6-million-historical-newspaper-pages-january-2024/)

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State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Local Government Records & Other Acquisitions

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

RECENT MANUSCRIPT ACQUISITIONS:

21665 Nielson Family History. Consists of short biographies, an explanation of the process by which the research was conducted, background information about the surname Neilson, news clippings and copies of photographs with caption information, additional notes, county and township plat maps showing homestead claims and personal knowledge of the write of the Neilson family after they moved to North Dakota. Biographies include: Rev. Moses Neilson, John Neilson, Rev. Johnston Neilson, Hugh Lant Neilson, Thomas Johnston Neilson. Also includes information on the Haux family, Sarah Houston (The Neilson German Connection), the Everett Family, and Grace Ethelbert Neilson Tharalson.

11602 Agricultural Adjustment Act Ledger, Adrian, LaMoure County (N.D.). Very limited location but detailed plat maps of farms on each sections of Adrian Township (Township 136 N Range 63), with handwritten notes documenting land use, crops and acreage, 1937.

11608 Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Lakota Elders Preservation Project Collection. Collection consists of 29 portrait photos of Lakota elders, 3 videos of Standing Rock circa 1958, and 6 video interviews with Lakota elders that lived on the Standing Rock reservation prior to flooding of the area related to the 1944 Flood Control Act. Project began in 2020 and was completed in 2023. Photographs and quotations from interviews were used in a book on the subject.

Biographical/genealogical information on the following people and families: George Eugene "Gene" Wasson, Charles L. Heater, Edward Lian, Elmer T. Lian, Valentine "Vic" Daniel Volney and family, Weiss, Nelson (and Gipp and Zahn families), Durkin and Rolczynski, Mathisen, Scherr, Baumgartner, Sharp, Sahli, Storholt, Landsberger.

Photographic materials featuring the follow people and places: Henry A. Perrin, Oline and Anton Amundson family, John Martel, Clarence and Kayla Kleven, T. E. (Theodore Edward) and Regina Velo Mills family, Bottineau, Mandan, St. Paul township, Bowman.

RECENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS:

42026 Burleigh County. City of Bismarck, Advisory Boards Minutes, 2009-2023

42022 Cavalier County. Clerk of Court, District Court Cases, 1887-1905

42023 Cavalier County. Clerk of Court, Civil Judgements, 1892-1957, 1979-2008

42020 Cavalier County. Langdon Area School District #23, Audit Reports and Tax Documents, 2009-2016

42024 Oliver County. Auditor, Abstract of Votes, 1934-2010

42025 Oliver County. Treasurer, Tax Lists, 1889, 1919-1922

RECENT PUBLICATION ACQUISITIONS:

Note, Margot. *Creating family archives: a step-by-step guide to saving your memories for future generations.* Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 2019.

Bingham, Fred J. *Binghams in North Dakota and beyond: a family history from 1863 to 2022* .[United States]: Fred J. Bingham, [2022?].

Beavers, Greta S. Weber, David L. Schram and Donald L. Beavers. *Gottfried Weber family: with emphasis on descendants of Johann Peter Weber b. 1743, Büches, Germany to Messer, Russia to Kansas/Oklahoma USA: a 250 year journal.* Yorktown, Virginia: printed by John Henry Printing Inc., 2015.

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North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by Shirley McMillan, President

My name is Shirley McMillan, and I'm the new president of the Mouse River Genealogical Society.

The Mouse River Genealogical Society meets the first Saturday of every month at the Minot Public Library.

Our first program was presented by Herb Schwede, who gave an update on getting information from tombstones using the updated FindAGrave.com. Herb has an amazing collection of more than 8400 photos of gravestones of this area.

During the year, we will observe traditions such as visiting an area or site that has information helpful to genealogy research. Last year we visited the Heart of America Germans from Russia Heritage Center, which houses a collection of artifacts from German families who came to Pierce county. There will be an ethnic lunch but other plans for the forthcoming year are evolving.

Stop and visit us if you're in Minot that first Saturday.

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Keith Zeutschel

The RRVGS continues to respond to various requests from patrons, new and old. At our meeting in February, we discussed the usual goings on of the society. Librarian Scott continues to search in local thrift store and book sales for additions to add to our library collection. Glenn has been working on resorting various books and pamphlets on our shelves in order to make items easier to find and to clean up some of the out-of-place selections. Jackie reports that she has started collecting items for the next newsletter which

is due sometime this spring. Please send her articles of interest to her. The society is working on having a workshop on April 20 from 1 to 5 PM. More details to be announced.

If you have tried to call the library in January and early February and could not get an answer, we apologize for the issue. The phone line had separated outside, and repairs were needed. We are back on line again, so please try to call again.

New Acquisitions (Continued from page 3)

Egger, Merna Lanthorn. *The Peter Lanthorn family in Portal, North Dakota: Merna (Lanthorn) Egger remembers growing up in Portal*. [n.p.]: [n.p.], 2014.

Fite, Frances Field Holden. *Robert B. Field: a pioneer Portal, North Dakota, banker: a collection of historic material about Robert B. Field and pioneer banking in North Dakota*. [n.p.]: [n.p.], 2014

Curtis, Edward E., IV. *Muslims of the heartland: how Syrian immigrants made a home in the American Midwest*. New York: New York University Press, [2022].

Naše rodina = Our families: newsletter of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society

Lovoll, Odd S. *Two homelands: a historian considers his life and work*. St. Paul, Minnesota: Minnesota Historical Society Press, [2018].

Connections

by *Jessie Fuher*

This week a dear friend of over 40 years was telling me about going through some of her mother's papers and finding a note about the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Her mother died some years ago and I thought it would be fun to find information that was of interest to her mother and thus foster a new connection between her and her mother. I told my friend I'd do some digging and see if I could find anything. I poked around on Ancestry and started putting together her family tree on her mother's side. It was lush with documentation and pictures. (So jealous!) I got on a roll and soon found that my friend could likely qualify for DAR membership through more than one ancestor.

I continued hunting further on one family branch and found the first of her ancestors to come to America. Just for fun I thought I'd see if I could get specific details: I found the name of the ship he had sailed on, and the manifest of passengers on that ship. I looked through the names on the manifest to document my findings, and what to my wondering eyes should appear was not only HER 9X great grandfather's name, but also the name of MY 10X great grandfather, Rowland Stebbins. I literally sat in shock, staring

at my computer completely gobsmacked! My friend's grandfather sailed to America on the same ship as my own grandfather 350 years ago! With only 80 passengers on a ship making a voyage of more than two months, I am certain they knew each other. Both men came from the same area in England, were both 40 years old at the time, and had each brought their wife and children on this perilous journey to the New World in search of religious freedom. Each family took different paths afterward with no intersections that I can see, but eventually each had a granddaughter that would go to college at the same time in Grand Forks, ND and become life-long friends. The connection formed in 1634 was again rekindled in 1981!

Can you imagine talking to those grandfathers in 1634...telling them that one day their granddaughters 9 generations and 350 years down the line would be attending University in the middle of this new country to which they were sailing, and sharing the story of their new found connection...seeing each other via video on their cell phones from their homes 1500 miles apart?! It happened. It's a fact. Connections are real. They are there if we but look for them.
#Destiny

This and That

James River Genealogy Society has a new website <https://jamesrivergenealogyclub.com/>.

FamilySearch provides online consultations, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/library/online-consultations> .

Montana digitized newspapers are at <https://mths.mt.gov/Research/collections/newspapers/mtnews>

Chronicling America is transitioning to a new website <https://www.loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america/about-this-collection/>

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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

19 March 2024. BCG free webinar
“Maternal Threads Unwoven: Identifying
Margareta’s Mother in 18th Century
Sweden,” by Jill Morelli, CG, CGL [https://
legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=2619](https://legacy.familytreewebinars.com/?aid=2619)

**12 April 2024. North Dakota State
Genealogical Society meeting.
Bismarck.**

20 April 2024. RRVGS free seminar and
workshop on German Genealogy and
History. West Fargo. [https://
www.rrvgs.org/](https://www.rrvgs.org/)

21 Sep. 2024. Scandinavia—Landscapes of
Lineage. Heritage Education Commission.
Fargo. <https://heritageed.com/>