

NDSGS Newsletter

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President's Letter

I am hoping winter went well for everyone. Our first meeting of 2013 will be at the Minot Public Library on Friday, April 12. The plan is to have a tour of the library first at 1 p.m., as we can't get into the meeting room until 1:30. If you are in the Minot or surrounding areas and have always wanted to come to a meeting but couldn't make the drive to Bismarck please come and bring a guest if you like. We will have a full meeting with the tour and continued planning for a small workshop next April.

State Archives news: The fall and winter were quiet, as visitation has been down since the closure of the State Museum in mid October. We are anticipating that the summer is going to be down too (except during the middle and end of July surrounding the Germans from Russia Heritage Society convention) because of the closed museum, poor economy and high gas prices, so there will be ample opportunity for people to get into the archives to work on some family history. If you can't come to the archives, now is a good time to write for paid searches for naturalization records, obits and biographies before we get busier in the spring. The open Saturdays continue to be very slow. When the archives started opening one Saturday a month 10 years ago we had the family history community in mind, and we wonder why more people do not take advantage of this resource as visitation has declined steadily.

Also concerning both our open Saturday and the 2013 GRHS convention, we will again be switching the Saturday in July from the second Saturday (July 13) to the third (July 20) to allow convention attendees to come to the archives if they wish. The change last year was an overwhelming success as we had one of our busiest Saturdays ever. Please make note of this if you were planning a visit around that time and also let others in your local societies know of the change.

If you have questions about the meeting, about the April 2014 workshop or anything else e-mail me at gwysk1@gmail.com or gwysk@nd.gov, or one of the other officers listed in the newsletter.

Greg Wysk

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, April 12 at 1 pm CDT in the **Minot Public Library**, 516 2nd Ave. SW.

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.

Directions: The Minot Public Library is located across the street from City Hall and the Police Station. If you are traveling north on Broadway turn left (west) on Second Avenue (has a traffic light). Go down the hill, the library is on the right. Turn right, then left to get into the parking lot.

North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

President Greg Wysk called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on October 12, 2012. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical society club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; Don Smith, Al Buchholz, Beth Bauman, BMHGS; George Freeman, ICA; Iona Loken, MRLGS; Barb Caine, Eugenie (Genie) Lang, George Barron, Daphne Drewello, JRGC; and guests Katherine Bauman, Karen and Michael Johnson.

The NDSGS honored the following three members for their outstanding contributions to genealogy in North Dakota. Beth Bauman, George Barron and Don Smith. Patrice Hartman read short articles about each of the members being honored and a plaque and a gift certificate was presented to each of them by Greg Wysk.

Business meeting

MINUTES

Al Buchholz made a motion, which was seconded by Iona Loken, that the minutes of the July 13, 2012 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Genie Lang and seconded by George Freeman to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

Greg Wysk will work on a facebook page for the NDSGS. Information about the people who were honored will be placed on the page.

Greg Wysk talked about a letter that was sent to the County Recorders from Darin Meschke in April regarding birth and death registers. The archives has been working with the counties to encourage them to turn these early registers over to the archives. A number of counties have done this. These are restricted records.

Ann Jenks contacted the North Dakota Library Association regarding having Heritage Quest as one of the online databases available through the State Library.

Several libraries are in favor of this. Greg will set up a meeting with Mr. Bivins to discuss this.

Greg asked the members to suggest topics for the mini-workshop to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the SHSND. The workshop will run from 12:30 to 4:20 and will offer 3 sessions with a choice of 2 classes during each session. Suggestions were Native American Research, Veterans, GRHS-Oral and written Biographies, Book and paper preservation, Photo Preservation, DNA, Local government records at the archives, GRHS-Overview of the Library resources.

Workshop committees: Finance: Patrice Hartman, Printing/Mailing and Registration: Daphne Drewello and Barb Caine, Publicity: Greg Wysk and Genie Lang. Let Greg or Patrice know if you would like to be on one of the committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Buchholz made a motion to approve having a 1st and 2nd Vice President office to be held by Genie Lang and Daphne Drewello, seconded by Genie Lang. Motion carried.

Al Buchholz made a motion to reimburse members that travel to special events for the NDSGS to be retroactive, seconded by Daphne Drewello. Motion carried.

Iona Loken made a motion to email ballots out to all members when an election will be held so that all can vote and also to solicit opinions regarding offices, seconded by Don Smith. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2013 meeting will be held at the Minot Public Library at 1 PM central time. A tour of the library will precede the business meeting.

Spring Newsletter Deadline is March 12th.

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

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

State Historical Society of North Dakota

New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New books since September/October:

NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Dinwoodie, Betty and Bernice Houser, editors. *Sanish memories*. [S.I.: s.n., 1972].

Dinwoodie, Betty and Bernice Houser, editors. *A time and place to remember : Sanish, N.D.* [S.I.: s.n., 1973].

Faith of our fathers—living still : 100th anniversary, First Lutheran Church, Fessenden N.D. July 10-11, 1999. Fessenden, North Dakota: First Lutheran Church, [1999].

Price, Chris. *The old church on Walnut Street : a story of immigrants and evangelicals*. Grand Forks, North Dakota: Grand Forks Community Land Trust, c2012. [Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Forks]

Sanish reunion, July 1 & 2, 1989, New Town, North Dakota. [S.I.: s.n., 1989].

FAMILY HISTORIES:

Bye, Jean Irene Trueblood. *The Lageson Fragodt family : the descendents of Kari Gudbrandsdatter Fragodt and Lage Larson Vassjo 1806-2007*. Fargo, North Dakota:

Jean I. Bye, 2007.

Chong, Peggy. *My story-telling of our family*. Garretson, South Dakota: Sanders Printing Co., [200-].

Stinson, L. Marilyn Cameron. *A McLean family history : Ross-Shire, Scotland*. St. Joseph, Minnesota: L.M.C. Stinson, c2012.

OTHER:

Lorénzen, Lilly. *Of Swedish ways*. Dick Sutphen, illustrator. Minneapolis: Dillon Press, 1964.

Moberg, Vilhelm. *A history of the Swedish people*. Paul Britten Austin, translator. London: Heinemann, 1972.

Telelaget of America. *Telemark to America*. [Minnesota]: Telelaget of America, c2011.

New plat books and directories for the following counties: Williams (2012), Ward (2009), Pierce (2012), McKenzie (2012), Hettinger (2011), Divide (2011), Burke (2010), Pembina (2012)

New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

41540 Eddy County. Auditor, Abstract of Votes, 1900-1989, 4ft.

41545 Eddy County. Auditor, Personal Property Tax List. 1904-1905, 1v.

41546 Eddy County. Auditor, Register of Disbursements. 1911-1916, 1v.

41536 Eddy County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, 1896-2009, 53 ft.

41541 McLean County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1900-1978, 27ft.

41542 McLean County. Clerk of Court, Criminal Case Files, 1899-1950, 1 ft.

41549 Mountrail County. Clerk of Court. Birth and Death Records, 1943-1985, 9v.

41548 Pembina County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Licenses, 1872 & 1881-1888, .5ft.

41547 Ramsey County. Edmore School District #2, Records, 1983-2006, .5ft.

41543 Renville County. Clerk of Court, Records, 1903-1946, 1.5ft/2v. Consists of Druggist's Permits, Justice Court Criminal Cases, Justice Docket-Civil & Criminal, Liquor Violations, Mother's Pensions, Naturalization Correspondence, Official Oaths, Stallion Service Record, US Commissioners Court Docket, and War Ration Books.

41544 Walsh County. Bell School District #5, Records, 1903-1956, .5ft.

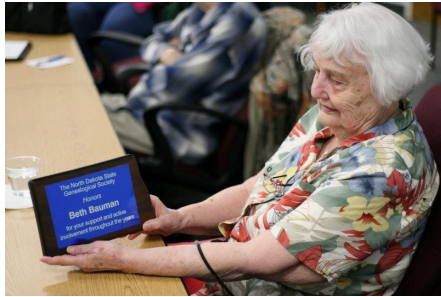
41538 Walsh County. Harriston Township, Record Book, 1880-1886, 1v.

41537 Walsh County. Minto Special School District. Proceedings of the Board of Education, 1900-1906, 1v.

41539 Walsh County. School District #20, Clerk's Record, 1882-1895, 1v.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Honorees

Beth Bauman was always interested in family history. She served as a volunteer and was the first Director of the Family History Center in Bismarck for many years and has



helped many people with their family history. She spearheaded the extensive research materials collection that is available at the center.

She was a charter member of the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society and has served in many offices within this organization. She has been instrumental in many of the workshops that they have held and has taught classes and volunteered for many other jobs within this group.

She was also a charter member of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society.

Beth was one of the principal people involved in the compilation of *Burleigh County Prairie Trails to Hi-Ways* and the *Burleigh County Book of Remembrances*. Other books and indexes include the *Mandan, ND Newspapers 1882-1924*, *Index of Marriage Records, Pre-1925 Burleigh County*, *Kennelly Funeral Home Records 1906-1953* and *St. John's Cemetery*.

She was involved with Random Act of Genealogical Kindness. Beth enjoyed teaching genealogy classes at Bismarck State College and to senior groups and at workshops. She was called to serve a mission for her church and was sent to Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho to work in the family history center there.

Beth was instrumental in the set up of the North Dakota Death Index computers at the State Archives and was on the committee that worked to place the North Dakota Death Index online.

She was involved with the State Archives when they indexed the 1885 Dakota Territory census and spent many hours researching for the compilation of the various cemetery indexes, newspaper indexes and books.

Beth got her pilot's license before her driver's license and while attending Utah State College at Logan she taught flower arranging classes (her parents were florists). During World War II she drove army trucks and was also a driver for officers.

We honor Beth and her extensive contributions to gene-

alogists in North Dakota and other states.

Don Smith has enjoyed family history for many years. He was an early member of the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society and served as the Treasurer for many years. He was a member of the Publication committee, where he spent most of his time printing and researching for publications. He also worked on compiling the newsletter and has done most of the copying and mailing for many years.



The copier for the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society was kept in Beth Bauman's basement and when the day care kids came home from school and saw his car parked at the house they would run in and yell "Don's home" and then go down and tell him what was happening in their lives. He always patiently listened to them.

Don was a founding member of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society and served as Treasurer for 16 years. Don also volunteered to copy and mail the newsletter three times a year.

Don spent many hours helping the State Archives index the 1885 Dakota Territory Census.

Don has been involved in many aspects of both of these organizations and has volunteered for many jobs with the workshops they have presented.

Don enjoys being involved and worked on many of the indexing projects of the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society over the years.

He was involved in the committee to place the North Dakota Death index online.

We honor Don for his many years of service to the North Dakota State Genealogical Society and for his contributions to genealogists in North Dakota and other states.

George Barron began his career in Jamestown ND as a science and chemistry teacher for Jamestown Public High School for 36 years beginning in the fall of 1951. He had previously taught for one year at Cleveland,

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ND. George retired from teaching in 1986. In approximately 1988 at the request of his daughter, George started helping her with their family's history project. That was all it took, George was "hooked."



George's first genealogical projects compiled and published included: *The Berner Book* – for a mini reunion of the cousins of his wife, Jewel. Each family was given a copy at the reunion. In addition George created a self guided tour of family sites in the Jamestown and rural area for the cousins during the weekend reunion in 1994; *The Barron Family from Banffshire, Scotland to Moody County, Dakota Territory, USA Book* in 1995 with his cousin Norma Johnson of New Mexico. This book details their two lines of the Barron clan. Their book won 1st Prize at the Family History Workshop in Moorhead, MN.

George has belonged to the James River Genealogy Club since his conception in 1991 in Carrington, ND. George continues to serve as its first and only vice president. He began doing searching for Stutsman County in 1991 and continues to provide this service today for a donation to the James River Genealogy Club, along with other searchers in Foster, Wells and Eddy counties. These searches include seeking out and obtaining copies of as many of the records as available for each request.

His summer projects included reading tombstones in cemeteries of Stutsman County Supplement 1 in 1991 and Supplement 2 in 1992 aided by his wife, Jewel, and their "cemetery" Golden Retriever dog. Various cemeteries in Logan County and Kidder County in 1996; Foster County-1997; Sheridan County and Eddy County-1998; did field work on revision of Cemeteries of ND Wells County-1986-1998; Rural and Village Cemeteries of Stutsman County-1999; Most Cemeteries of Jamestown, Stutsman County-2000; Morton County cemeteries, 2001, Rural and Village Cemeteries in Barnes County-2002; Cemeteries of Valley City-Barnes County-2003; Sioux County cemeteries-2004; Northern and Southern LaMoure County cemeteries in 2005; Highland Home Cemetery of Jamestown ND along with Griggs County cemeteries in 2007. He was aided by his traveling cemetery buddy, Daphne Drewello, of Jame-

stown and his ever faithful cemetery Golden Retriever. Together they traveled thousands of miles, read thousands of tombstones and collected thousands of records to aid in getting the most correct information. Following the collection process, George created books for each of these cemeteries which can still be obtained today through a donation to the James River Genealogy Club.

George's winter projects included creating many indexes and creating a book for each project along with data bases that he maintains on a daily or annually basis: Obituary index to Stutsman County Record, 1930-1941 and 1942 to January 1961 (closing); Newspaper Obituary Indexes for Cleveland, ND 1914-1925, Courtenay 1901-1922, Kensal 1903-1942, Medina 1905-1920 & 1929-1934, Montpelier 1914-1934, Pingree 1908-1930, Streeter 1908-1930, Woodworth 1912-1935.

Published Marriage Indexes – Stutsman County records 1884-1975, Stutsman County records 1975-2002, pre 1925 marriage index on Stutsman County is on the internet at usgenweb.org

Other Compiled and Published General Indexes by George –

- *Graduates of Stutsman County through 1925*, 2003
- *Early Death Registers of Stutsman County 1893-1943*, 2001
- *All Stutsman County Burial Permits in existence*, 2004
- Published Jamestown, (ND) Area Photos, 2009 (abt 1500 entries)
- Murders, shooting, killings, suicides & general unusual deaths – on 3rd book (currently 6,000 entries gleamed from newspapers)
- *Graduates of Stutsman County Schools, 1926-1935*, 2010
- *Indexes to Stutsman County School Census 1901-1941 (many volumes), 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, and 1951.*

Daily, George still enters obituaries from the Jamestown Sun and entries to his Murder and Unusual Death databases.

This article falls far short of listing all of the contribution George Barron has made to genealogy buffs searching for information on their ancestors in Stutsman County and its area. When George gets "stuck" he will call his family and friends to try to gleam out any clues as to where he should go next. One of his daughters usually ends the call with "Good Luck, Sherlock."

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.

Bonnie Tressler of Jamestown gave a very interesting presentation at our September meeting. She spoke on “Where We’re From” and showed participants how to organize their answers into a poem. Bonnie volunteered to take the answers given by the members and organize them into a poem.

The October meeting was held in Carrington. John

Mogren gave a presentation on Genealogical Websites. This was very informative and was enjoyed by all.

The November meeting was held in Jamestown. Members who attended the October 6, 2012 Family History Conference in Moorhead, MN gave reports on the sessions they attended. Also members were encouraged to bring an ethnic food and told about the food’s background. We were able to taste some Armenian, Dutch, French Canadian, German, American and Scandinavian dishes. Also at this meeting, George Barron was honored for his work on Genealogy work. He had been featured in *The Jamestown Sun*.

The April meeting will be held in Carrington. The program has not been set yet.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by *Iona Hystad Loken*

The Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society, comprised of members from Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Renville and Ward Counties, as well as a member from Saskatchewan, meets monthly except June and July in the Community Room of the Minot Public Library. We were saddened to lose our member, Gordon Peterson (1926-2012). Gordon became very interested in genealogy and spent many hours as a volunteer at the Family History Center in Minot.

Our quarterly newsletter, *North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record*, focuses on a different township in a county rotation that includes excellent resource information. Editor, John Mogren, continues to provide us with much useful information as well as interesting tidbits. The last issue contained 30 pages!

Roll call always turns out to be an educational, entertaining, and fun part of our meetings. Summer and holiday happenings as well as interesting, less known, historical places in North Dakota, have been some recent topics.

Programs have included a guest speaker from Minot State University on *Digital Minot: an On-line Muse-*

um of Local History. Members have presented varying topics e.g. *A River Boat Trip in Russia; An Overview of Ancestry.com, The Website; Find a Grave* (our member Herb Schwede has contributed thousands of names and pictures to this site); and *Genograms*. Time for networking genealogical finds and research problems often prove to be a help in a “brick wall” situation.

A noon meal and auction, our annual November fundraiser event, generates a lot of excitement with bidding in quarter increments. Queries are noticeably less (probably due to the increase in on-line information?)

Officers elected for the 2013 calendar year are: Mary Misek – president (Mary is a charter member!); Vice-President – Diane Stevens; Recording Secretary: Nancy Bergstrazer; Treasurer: Sheila Guvakosky; and Corresponding Secretary: Lillian Vanneett.

Members are happy to welcome the North Dakota State Genealogical Society to Minot for its regular April meeting on April 12th at 1:30 p.m. at the Minot Public Library.

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Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Ron Baker

After a winter of snuggling up to the computer and inputting all the new information from the past year into our family databases, we are looking forward to more sunshine and new opportunities to expand our family trees and networking with others.

A brief summary of meetings in late 2012...

September 11: George Freeman, Minnkota member, gave an overview of Family Tree Maker 2012 software.

October 9: Igor Ovtchinnikov, PhD., biology professor at UND, gave a presentation on the North Dakota Genetic Ancestry Project. About 15 Minnkota members volunteered to provide DNA samples for this interesting project.

November 13: Dr. Kimberly Porter of UND discussed the history of homesteading and information relevant to family research.

Our group got right down to business in 2013 under the leadership of...

President: Mike Swanson

Vice-President: Nancy Larson

Secretary: Lenore Anderson

Treasurer: Mona Leake

January 8: Discussion and brainstorming about 2013 monthly programs was the focus along with officer election. Member sharing was interesting with new research breakthroughs, technical tips and new contacts made.

February 12: A presentation by Cathy Altepeter, Minnkota member, about the commercial website, "Find A Grave," was the focus of the meeting. She covered the many aspects of being a registered user in order to set up memorials (individual grave listings). There are many details, from adding pictures and text to each memorial to communicating with viewers and other registered users. Also, the example of a direct relative asking a registered user to transfer ownership to them of an ancestor's site was very insightful.

Upcoming programs that are planned for 2013:

March 12: Father William Sherman to speak on various ethnic groups and cultures in relationship to family research.

April 9: Arne Brekke will discuss Scandinavian farm and place names.

May 14: Program topic will either be, "probate records," or, "writing your memoirs."

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/

Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by Linda Zeuschel

Hello from the Red River Valley Genealogical Library. Starting in April our days will expand to three days a week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 11:00 to 3:00 pm for the months of April through October.

On the 30th of March from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm we will be having our 3rd Annual Spring Symposium. It will be held at the RRVGS Library, Suite L116, 112 North Univ. Drive, Fargo. Cost: \$30.00 at the door. \$25.00 if pre-registered by March 16. Price includes lunch. Our focus for this symposium will be on Military Records.

The long awaited Roseau County, MN Cemetery Records have been published and are for sale.

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Each volume is over 300 pages and is \$35.00 plus \$5.00 postage.

We have also received many new books in the library this winter. So include us on your schedule of Genealogy travels for this season. We are always excited to see you.

North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by Alfred A. Buchholz

I had a very exciting thing happen to me just before Christmas. My cousin that lives in Seattle, Washington, called me up and wanted to give her brother a super Christmas present. She wanted some documentation and information on my mother's side of the family. I had a lot of that type of information, so I copied it and sent it though the postal system three days before Christmas. They received it on the 24th and I got a call that evening with sounds of joy and surprise. I hadn't talked to them in years and now I am finding out about their families and adding to my data base. I think that sometimes we just forget about who might be interested in family history.

BMHGS has had some exciting programs already this year and more to come. Karen Herzog presented "Once Upon a Time: Using Storytelling to Make History Come Alive" Genealogies, obituaries, birth certificates, census records, dates and places, you have them, Now What? From ancient times, stories were the way history was passed from one generation to the next. Humans still love stories. So how can you add the depth and dimension of storytelling to all those facts and figures?

By the time you receive this newsletter, Jackson Bird will have presented "Who The Irish Are And What Makes Them Unique".

On April 11th, we will meet at the City/County Building at 221 N 5th street. Debbie Kroshus will begin letting us in at 6:45 pm. She will explain what records can be found and demonstrate how they can search for the history on property. She will also explain how her office is the record keeper for marriage license and how it is her offices responsibility to issue marriage licenses. Her office has the official marriage licenses dating back to the late 1800's.

May 9th, Lynn Bueling will present "Who was William Wade and Why You Should Know About Him".

May 31st, we will participate in the 2013 Summer Read-

ing Kickoff on the State Library and ND Heritage Center grounds. The event this year will be from 10 am to 3 pm and the theme is "Dig into Reading". We are going to use the Genealogical Patch Work Quilt project since it was such a hit last year. We had lots of kids participate with this project as well as their parents. What a great fun opportunity to get family involvement into Family History! There were about 3000 kids that attended last year.

13 June we will tour the Bismarck Public Library .

There is no meeting in July and we hope that everyone has a Happy 4th and remember our independence.

8th August we will have a potluck picnic at a local park

12 September, Steve Axtman from the North Dakota State Library will speak on the use of computers at the State Library and what other things that we can find at the State Library.

10th October, Ann Vadnie will present "Some Interesting Things about Bismarck". I am sure that this will be an interesting topic. Last year when Ms Vadnie talked about the naming of streets, we could have had two or three more hours to listen to this topic.

14th November will be a tour of the newly remodeled North Dakota Heritage Center and the new addition . This will an event to look forward to.

12th December will be Christmas Traditions and get together at the Library.

As you can see we will be busy and hope that everyone will attend our meetings. For more information please contact me,

Alfred A Buchholz
President BMHGS
Aabuchholz@yahoo.com

Southwestern North Dakota Genealogical Society

by Patrice Hartman

In October we shared a list of genealogical books that we each own. We did not meet in November or December. In January we shared research finds from the last year and interesting stories about our ancestors. In February we will look at Headstone Records for US Military Veterans.

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

Red River Valley Genealogical Society's 3rd Annual Spring Symposium

When: Saturday, March 30, 2013, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Where: RRVGS Library, Suite L116, 112 N University Drive, Fargo

Cost: \$30.00; \$25.00 if pre-registered by March 16, 2013. Price includes lunch

Program

9:30 - 10:00: Registration; library available for research

10:00 - 11:30: Colonial Wars, The Revolution & War of 1812 by Alice Ellingberg. How to glean family information from the records these wars produced, plus the hereditary societies, their publications and websites

11:30 - 12:00: Introduction to Military Documents by John Beving. A brief survey of how to use the various military records to flesh out your ancestor's military service.

12:00 - 1:00: LUNCH; library available for research

1:00 - 2:00: The Civil War Service of John Boylan And Its Aftermath - A Case Study In Civil War Research by John Beving. The personal and family information available through military and pension records using the example of one soldier.

2:00 - 3:00: Reading the Photograph by Pam Burkhardt. How to analyze your family photo collection by using such clues as clothing & hair styles, automobiles, architecture, changes in processing, etc.

3:00 - 3:30: The Music of the Civil War by John Cruden. The songs And music of the Civil War Era.

3:30 - 4:00: library available for research

To pre-register, fill out form and mail to: RRVGS, PO Box 9284, Fargo, ND 58106 - 9284. The Society's phone number is (701) 239 - 4129.

2013 Spring Symposium

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Number Attending: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

Digital Minot was begun at Minot State University to engage student research with the surrounding community. Materials and records include: historical photos, postcards, newspaper articles, advertisements,

scholarly journals, legal documents, oral histories, and biographies.

<http://digitalminot.minotstateu.edu/omeka/items/index/page/2>

Tentative NDSGS spring 2013 meeting agenda

1. Tour of the Minot Public Library until at least 1:30; can't get into meeting room until then

2. Review and approval of minutes from October 2012 meeting

3. Treasurer's report

4. Old business

A. Workshop – continue work

1. Invite UND professor and pay his expenses – yes or no?

2. If UND professor presents, combine 2 sessions and have in auditorium so he can speak to everyone – yes or no?

a. Can adjust times a little to give him 1:15 or so

B. Future ballots for officers

1. Do we want to have e-mail ballots, put ballots in newsletter, etc.?

2. If no election, need to fill positions

(second vice-president, secretary for sure, possibly others)

C. Web page – improvements, additions, etc.

D. Heritage Quest

1. Trying to set up meeting with Hulen Bivins in July or October – letter sent; haven't heard back

E. Facebook page – any help to society or not?

1. Changes to page to get more views.

5. New business

A. Moorhead 2013 – booth or not? Ad in brochure or not?

B. 2014 meetings – hold July or October meeting in another city, yes or no?

C. Meetings of other societies in surrounding states – any representation, ads in brochures, etc.?

6. Club reports, additions to agenda and miscellaneous



The State Archives reading room will NOT be open the second Saturday in July (July 13). Instead we will be open the third Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to match up with the Germans from Russia Heritage Society convention that will be in Bismarck that week. Newsletter editors for individual

societies, PLEASE include this notice in all publications up to that date so we can get the word out about the change to as many people as possible. Thank you.

Citation Corner

Census records can yield lots of potential clues for locating your ancestors. Remember to search for variant surname spellings for each of your ancestors or search by using just their first name. Sometimes page by page searches in a specific location are necessary to locate the family or person of interest. Search both federal and state census entries, agricultural schedules, mortality schedules, veterans schedules and other types of schedules.

Scan the pages both before and after your family of interest to determine if there are any other family members or neighbors listed. Compare handwriting to verify spellings of names and places. Try to locate your family in each of the available census years to locate missing children or in

laws, spouses who may have died etc.

Check the 1880 census schedule for defective, dependent and delinquent classes. This schedule is now on ancestry.com but only for 17 states.

The following is a source citation for an entry in the 1880 Dakota Territory census.

1880 U.S. census, Pembina County, Dakota Territory, population schedule, Enumeration District [ED] 128, pg.10, dwelling 83, family 90, David Beauchamp; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 4 December 2008); citing National Archives microfilm publication T9, Roll 114.



The main doors to the North Dakota Heritage Center have now been open since late November, so patrons to the State Archives do not need to go through NDHC security. The archives and museum store are open regular hours listed on the SHSND Web site at <http://www.history.nd.gov/index.html>; the State Museum remains closed during construction and remodeling.

The **War of 1812 Pension Digitization Project** is making progress but needs our help. The War of 1812 pension records are among the most requested documents at the National Archives. But these fragile documents are in urgent need of digitization. Of the 7.2 million pages to be digitized nearly half a million have

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Upcoming Events

30 March 2013. Red River Valley Genealogical Society 3rd Annual Spring Symposium. Fargo. See page 9 for registration form.

12 April 2013. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Minot Public Library, Minot.

26-27 April 2013. Nordic Genealogy Conference. Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. For more info: www.mnsgs.org/

27 April 2013. Roots & Branches: Growing Your Family Tree. Brookings, South Dakota. For more info: brookingsworkshop.blogspot.com/

8-11 May 2013. National Genealogical Society Family History Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. For more info: www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info.

12 July 2013. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.

2-4 August 2013. 114th Annual Deuce of August, An Icelandic Celebration. Mountain, North Dakota. For more info: www.august2nd.com/index.htm.

26-27 September. Montana State Genealogical Society 24th Annual State Conference. For more info: montanamsgs.org/conferences.html

28-29 September 2013. Swedish Genealogy Workshop. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: www.oldmillmuseum.org/

4-5 October 2013. North Star Conference. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. For more info: www.mnsgs.org/

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