

# NDSGS Newsletter

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## *Special points of interest:*

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports
- New Stump the Genealogist Column

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## **President's Letter**

As we journey through this life, we sometimes forget to make note of what we thought was not important. I think that we have many stories to write down and pass on to our children or grand-children as is my case. I had the opportunity to have my grand-daughter Erin for four days and the questions she asked me, made me think that I have not told her anything about my life. We had such a good time together and now she knows a little bit more about me and some about her great grand-parents.

Another opportunity that I had in May was at the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society meeting, which was a tour of the North Dakota State Library. They had large section of books dealing with histories of counties and towns in North Dakota. The one thing that got my attention was The Digital Horizons. Stephanie Baltzer Kom was our guide and is Digital initiatives Coordinator. She showed us how to get on and research.

[www.digitalhorizonsonline.org](http://www.digitalhorizonsonline.org) was the web site she used. She asked if anyone had an area and name to look up and I had. I picked Cass County and Langer. The information was overwhelming.

When I got home, I went to that site and played with it a little more and it was fun. I looked up Casselton and looked at some old pictures and some great memories.

I would suggest that you would try this site if you haven't yet.

If anyone has something that our society could be of help, please let me know.

Alfred A Buchholz

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, July 8 at 1 pm CDT (noon MDT) in the basement classroom, Stoxen Library, Dickinson State University, Dickinson. See map and directions on page 7

There will be a business meeting followed by a presentation on the Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library

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 Alfred Buchholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on April 8, 2016. The meeting was held in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Alfred Buchholz, BMHGS; John Beving, RRVGS; and Steph Kom, NDSGS.

Business meeting

## MINUTES

John Beving made a motion, which was seconded by Steph Kom, that the minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to the absence of the treasurer, Pat Ashley made a motion, seconded by John Beving, that the treasurer's report be suspended until the next meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

Alfred Buchholz said that Patrice Hartman asked to be relieved from the chairmanship of the Vital Records Access Committee. Alfred will send an email to the membership asking for volunteers to chair the committee. Pat Ashley will provide Alfred with a summary of what has been accomplished so far.

The Facebook page was discussed and Steph Kom informed us that she, Patrice Hartman and Pam Furstenau have access to it.

## NEW BUSINESS

The meeting schedule for the next few years was discussed. In July 2016 we will meet in Dickinson, July 2017 in Fargo, July 2018 in Minot, and July 2019 in Grand Forks.

A discussion of using Skype at our meetings was tabled until Alfred Buchholz gets more information on whether it would be feasible.

NDSGS will return to having a program prior to the business meeting. Alfred Buchholz will arrange the programs in Bismarck and will leave it up to the individual societies for the meetings in their areas.

Alfred mentioned announcing meetings for free on media access, in a *Bismarck Tribune* article and in their Calendar of Events.

A motion was made by Steph Kom, seconded by John Beving, to reimburse Pat Ashley for \$35.66 for newsletter mailing costs. Motion carried.

A discussion of the cost of mailing the newsletter was held, wanting to encourage more members to receive it electronically to save money.

Next meeting: July 8, 2016 at 1 PM CT, noon MT, at the Dickinson Area Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05.

Submitted by Pat Ashley

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

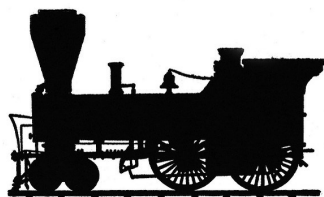
## New Local Government Records

*by Ann Jenks, State Archivist*

41777 Adams County. Recorder, Partnership Agreements, 1939-1947, 1ff.

41778 McHenry County. Clerk of Court, Appealed Case Files, 1955-1991, 1ft.

41775 Wells County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1885-1907 1.5ft.



The Midwest Genealogy Center at the Mid-Continent Public Library in Missouri now has an index to U.S. Railroad Retirement Claim

Records. The index provides instructions on ordering the file from the National Archives and Records Administration's Atlanta office.

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

## New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New since February:

### NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

*St. John the Baptist Church, Wyndmere, North Dakota, June 17th 1990 : 75th anniversary of parish, 50th priesthood of pastor.* Wyndmere, North Dakota: St. John the Baptist Church, [1990].

*The warrior / Wyndmere High School* (1967 yearbook). Wyndmere, North Dakota: Wyndmere High School, [1967].

*Wyndmere High School alumni directory 1910-1985, Wyndmere, North Dakota.* Wyndmere, North Dakota: Wyndmere High School, 1985.

### FAMILY HISTORIES:

Bach, Harold L. *Memories of the Depression, World War II and happier years.* [Bismarck, North Dakota]: H.L. Bach, [2006].

Bueling, Mary Lou. *Katherine Baumstark Fergel family tree, 1725-2016.* Mandan, North Dakota: M.L. Bueling, [2016].

*Burke-Bear* [assembled from Bear & Burke family photos, papers, letters, and more]. [United States: s.n., c2015].

Grundeir, Kathy, compiler. *The Anderson-Bolton family.* [United States: K. Grundeir, 201-?].

### OTHER:

Taylor, Maureen Alice. *Family photo detective: learn how to find genealogy clues in old photos and solve family photo mysteries.* Cincinnati, Ohio: Family Tree Books, 2013.



## 2015 Membership Dues are Due!

*Our membership year is the same as the calendar year:*

*January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

### NDSGS Membership Dues:

Individual (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Member (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

### Society Membership Dues:

(1 to 10 members = \$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(11-25 members = \$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(26-50 members = \$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

(51+ members = \$35.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks out to NDSGS and mail your dues to the following address:**

Patrice Hartman

5750 104 Ave SW

Regent, ND 58650

Also please indicate if you would like to receive your NDSGS Newsletter by email \_\_\_\_\_ or mail \_\_\_\_\_.

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by *Linda Zeutschel*

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society has now completed the move from their old location into new spaces at Bonanzaville in West Fargo, ND. Many hours were put in by several people to get the space converted to our new library.

We will be holding a Grand Opening on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 pm and everyone is invited to attend to see the new layout. Coffee, punch and cookies will be available. If you are unable to attend the Grand Opening be sure to come any time during business hours.

We will also be changing our hours of operation starting

July 1st. The library will now be open on Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, on Fridays from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and on Saturdays from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Plus we will attempt to be open during special events at Bonanzaville and the Red River Valley Fairgrounds.

The location of Bonanzaville is 1351 West Main Ave in West Fargo, ND. Our mailing address will remain the same as before. PO Box 9284 Fargo ND 58106-9284.

Join us for the fun of GENEALOGY!!

Website [www.redrivergenealogy.com](http://www.redrivergenealogy.com), email [rrvgs@fargocity.com](mailto:rrvgs@fargocity.com), or follow us on Facebook.

## Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by *Alfred A. Buchholz*

The BMHGS has had several good programs so far this year. We enjoyed a presentation by Renee Walery on the use of Facebook for genealogy. There is a lot of information that we can find on Facebook if we take the time to find it. Brian Backes gave us a presentation on "What information can we find on the *Find A Grave* website. There is more there than just looking at grave markers. We also had a tour of the North Dakota State Library and the many books that are available there as well as all the on-line things we can find. Kate Waldera, with the Bismarck Veteran's Memorial Library gave us training on Library Edition of *Ancestry.com* and *World Vital Records* and showed us how we could access *World Vital Records* from home with our Bismarck Library card allowing us to research on that site from our homes.

Our June 9<sup>th</sup> presentation is also going to be great as we have LaDonna Brave Bull Allard talking about "Differences in Doing Genealogy for Native Americans".

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we are participating again this year in the "Summer Reading Kick-off at the Heritage Center.

Our society made a decision to have more genealogy presentations this year and it is paying off very well.

Come, join us at our meetings at the Bismarck Library, 515 N 5<sup>th</sup> S., room B of the lower level at 7 pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

## New York and Indiana News



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is offering FREE access to all its New York databases at [AmericanAncestors.org/New-York](http://AmericanAncestors.org/New-York) with registration as a Guest User.

Twenty three databases are included in this free offer including Abstracts of Will, Administrations and Guardianships, 1787-1835, and Albany County Deeds Index 1630-1894.



Nearly 17 million Indiana birth and death certificates from the early 1900s and marriage records from 1958-2005 have been digitized through a partnership between state officials and Ancestry.com.

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## James River Genealogy Club

by Barb Caine

James River Genealogy Club meets at 7:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month April through November alternating between Carrington & Jamestown ND. We welcome guests and potential members to attend our meetings. We gather informally at Pizza Ranch for pre-dinner dining.

Our April meeting was held in Carrington and members reported on what projects they worked on over the winter months. Our May meeting was held in Jamestown and we did a brainstorming session on upcoming programs and also held discussion about our page on USGenWeb. Our next meeting will be in Carrington and the program will be on The Goths.

It has been decided that we will raise our yearly dues from \$5.00 to \$12.00. We extend our support and well wishes to our secretary, Mary Kuhn, whose husband Arnie is undergoing medical issues. We also send get well wishes to George Barron who has had some health issues. We are missing these vital members at our meetings and wish to say thank you for all they do.

James River Genealogy Club

Searching Eddy, Foster, Stutsman and Wells Counties

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndjrgc/index.htm>

Our E-mail Address: cpaulson@dak

## Minnkota Genealogical Society

by Michael Swanson

The Minnkota Genealogical Society meets monthly throughout the year on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are generally held at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, though other meeting locations are used on occasion. Our society began the year with our annual planning meeting in January. Through suggestions from members, we were able to create a tentative program schedule with suggested speakers. The program in February was by member Daniel Sauerwein, who spoke on the topic of "Blogging Your Past." Daniel discussed different reasons for blogging, demonstrated several blogging platforms, and provided tips and tricks. Examples of genealogy blogs were shown and discussed.

Our March program featured Marsha Gunderson, a long-time member of the Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission (GFHPC). Marsha explained the mission of the GFHPC and clarified what historic status entails for a house or neighborhood. She continued with a discussion of sources that can be used to research the "genealogy" of a house. April was a busy month for our society. Our regular monthly program began with a discussion on the

implications of the sale of *Family Tree Maker* by Ancestry. Member and Vice-President Nancy Larson then gave a presentation on Ellis Island, including a video she purchased after recently touring the site. Minnkota, along with the local LDS Family History Center, sponsored Family Discovery Day on April 16 in Grand Forks. This free family history event consisted of a variety of live and recorded presentations on assorted topics. More than one hundred people attended.

In May, our presenter was Luana Gilstrap from Fargo who spoke on "Genealogy Nuts and Bolts." Through various examples, she highlighted basic points of genealogical research that we all need to keep in mind. Utilizing some of her strategies can also be used to overcome brick walls in our research. Luana will be returning in the fall with part two of this presentation. In addition to the varied programs, our monthly meetings include delicious treats provided by members, sharing of genealogical information, and assisting fellow members in their research. Visitors are always welcome to attend one of our regular meetings.

## Stump the Genealogist

Introducing "Stump the Genealogist" column. Send in your research question about North Dakota and see if a member of our North Dakota State Genealogical Society can answer it. Questions can be emailed to Pat Ashley or

Patrice Hartman, coeditors of the newsletter. (Email addresses are on page 8.) The answer will hopefully appear in the next newsletter.



## HERITAGE EDUCATION COMMISSION

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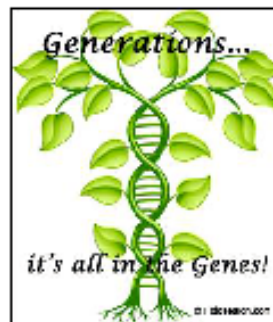
# Generations ... It's all in our Genes!

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Family History Workshop  
September 24, 2016 • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Horizon Middle School • 3601 12th Ave S • Moorhead, MN



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### Workshop Presentations

D. Joshua Taylor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the U.S. Between 1780 and 1830</li> <li>Mapping Your Success: Employing Maps for Genealogical Research</li> <li>Mission Accomplished: Planning Your Research Trip</li> <li>New Tools and Ideas in Research</li> </ul>
Verlyn Anderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norwegian Research Online</li> <li>Land Records</li> </ul>
John Beving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Civil War Research and Records</li> </ul>
Pam Burkhart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovering Genealogical Clues in Old Photographs</li> </ul>
Luana Gilstrap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventing and Over-Comeing Brick Wall Part 1</li> <li>Preventing and Over-Comeing Brick Wall Part 2</li> </ul>
Kristi Kaiser & Margaret Zeren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Moment in Time: using timelines to discover moments in your ancestor's lives</li> </ul>
Jackie Marler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning Genealogy</li> <li>Newspapers</li> </ul>
Jeremiah Moerke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNA 101</li> </ul>
Dr. Igor Ovtchinnikov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Dakota Ancestry Project</li> </ul>
Ron Salber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>German Research</li> </ul>
Rob Flanagan Stieglitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DNA Genealogy</li> <li>DNA Beyond Genealogy</li> </ul>
Michael Swanson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancestry</li> </ul>
Tony Tilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make Mine Digital</li> </ul>

Please pre-register on-line at [www.heritageed.org](http://www.heritageed.org) for the workshop, including luncheon, by Friday, Sept. 16, 2016. The Moorhead Community Education on-line registration allows for payment with the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. Additional information will be available at [www.heritageed.com](http://www.heritageed.com). If you are unable to register on-line, please complete this form and mail to Moorhead Community Education.

To pre-register for the workshop, including luncheon, return this form with check/credit card information or call 218-284-3400 by Friday, September 16, 2016.

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Family History Workshop participants \_\_\_\_ [number] @ \$49 each \$ \_\_\_\_ total workshop fees  
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Please indicate ALL participant name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make check payable to ISD 152 for above Total and mail to: Moorhead Community Education, 2410 14th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560  
or Credit Card: (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover

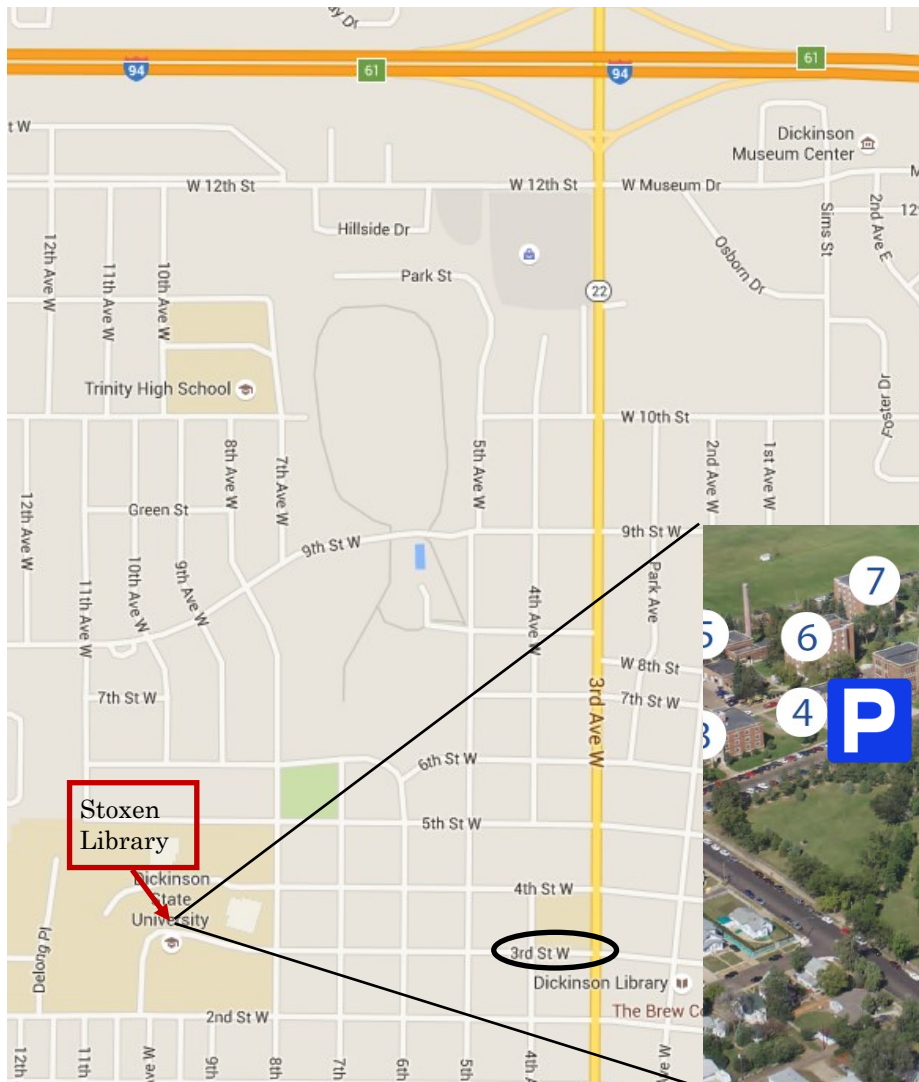
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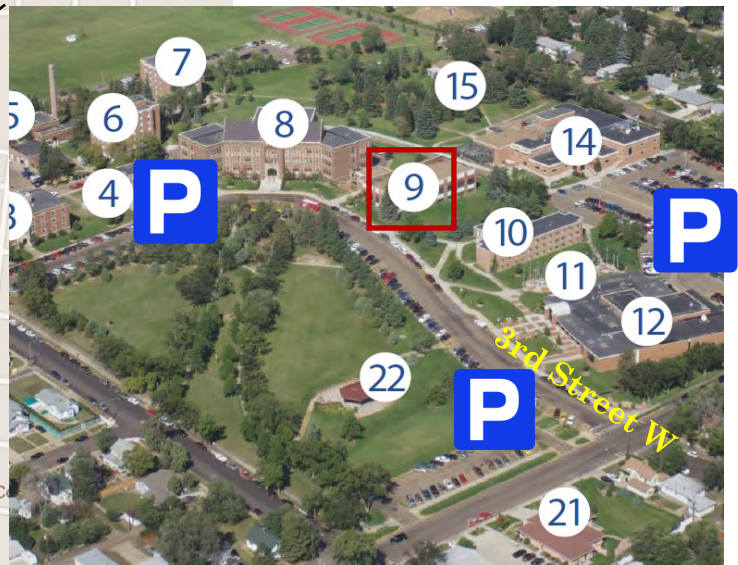
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## July 8 Meeting Information



Our meeting will be held in the classroom in the basement of Stoxen Library, DSU. I-94, Exit 61: Turn south toward downtown Dickinson. Turn right (west) on 3rd Street W and follow that street onto the campus. Stoxen Library is the 3rd building on the right (no. 9 in the photo below). There are a few parking spots up by the library, otherwise please park behind the student center (no. 12 in photo below) or in front of the student center.



## Citation Corner

Church records can be difficult to locate but well worth the effort. Consider the fact that they might contain the names of grandparents or relatives who were witnesses. They should at least give the date of the event, parties involved and where the event took place. Sometimes the record will verify a cemetery record or place of death and age of the deceased. The record might list that an ancestor was disciplined for not attending church or for loose behavior.

You may have to hire a researcher to view the records for you if they are in a private repository. Search for church records in church archives, university libraries, state or local archives or the church itself. Some church records have been microfilmed by other organizations.

To cite church records you would list the church as the author, then the church location, record and book title, repository and repository location. So for a record found at a church the citation would be as follows.

Orleans Church of Christ (Moulton, Iowa), "Minutes-Journal," p. 18, T. B. Asby death (1866); parish, Moulton.

This church is located in Washington Township, Appanoose County, Iowa and these minutes listed that my ancestor T.B. Asby died August 1, 1866 aged 84 years on page 18. I spent several months tracking down this particular church record but it was well worth the time and effort.

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH  
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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: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/)



[www.facebook.com/#!/NorthDakotaStateGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/#!/NorthDakotaStateGenealogicalSociety?fref=ts)

## Upcoming Events

**8 July 2016. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, noon-2pm MDT (1-3pm CDT), Stoxen Library, Dickinson State University, Dickinson.**

29-31 July 2016. Deuce of August. Icelandic Communities Association. Mountain, North Dakota. For more info: <http://thedeuce.org/2016-deuce-of-august/>

29-31 July 2016. Society of German Genealogy in Eastern Europe. Annual meeting and convention. Calgary, AB. For more info: [https://sggee.org/convention/convention\\_news.html](https://sggee.org/convention/convention_news.html)

7-11 September 2016. Germans from Russia Heritage Society 46th Annual International Convention. Rapid City, South Dakota. For more info: <http://www.grhs.org/>

22-24 September 2016. Montana State Genealogical Society. Annual Conference. Missoula. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

24 September 2016. 41st Family History Workshop. Moorhead. For more info: <http://www.heritageed.com/>.

1-2 October 2016. Discover Your Swedish Roots Workshop, Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: <http://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/index.aspx?nid=388>.

**7 October 2016. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm, State Archives, Bismarck.**

**North Dakota State Genealogical Society**

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