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NDSGS RECEIVES GRANT

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

The NDSGS received a grant of \$1000.00 from the North Dakota Community Foundation. This grant will be used toward the posting of the North Dakota Death Index on the internet. Patrice Hartman, Past President of the NDSGS traveled to Bismarck on December 4, 2003 to attend the presentation at the former governor's mansion. Also present from the NDSGS were Don Smith, NDSGS Treasurer and Beth Bauman. There were approximately 30 people in attendance for the presentations of five checks to various organizations.

The North Dakota Community Foundation received over 100 grant requests in 2003 and the Board of Directors approved 49 of these projects. The Foundation is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans

The following people have been appointed to a subcommittee to oversee the grant funds. Patrice Hartman, Beth Bauman, George Barron and John Mogren. More news about this project will be printed in upcoming Newsletters.

Did you know that by going to the North Dakota State Archives you can search for recorded deaths by using their computers? If a death certificate is on file, it will be recorded on the index. This index also lists the age (if known) and the age of the deceased. It also lists the county of residence and the county where the death occurred.



The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be held Friday, March 19, 2004 at 1:00 PM in the Heritage Center on the North Dakota State Capitol Grounds. All genealogy societies in North Dakota are paid members of the NDSGS and we encourage you to send your members as well as your society's representative to our first meeting of the year. We will have information on the progress report from the ad-hoc committee that is working with the grant funds.

NDSGS President's Letter ~ Clara Bliss

I wish to thank the out going officers for their diligence and hard work toward making the State Genealogy Society the strong organization it has become. A welcome is extended to all new and returning officers. I look forward to working with you in the future. I have found everyone to be cooperative and friendly and look forward to this in the future.

Some interesting ideas for future programs have been presented and hopefully we can follow up on several of them. For the March meeting we will be concentrating our efforts on the grant which we have received. Patrice has assured me she will bring her notes and any information she has available. If any of you have information please bring it to the March 19 meeting. It is a most worth while project that will take the input of all of us. Be prepared with your ideas and input.

I have asked Daphne to follow through with Brent Askvig who is writing a book about the State School at Grafton for our June meeting. I appreciated her work on securing our June speaker. See all of you in March. I can be reached at blissrc@pop.ctctel.com or Clara Bliss, PO Box 911, Bowman, ND 58623

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society Submitted by Clara Bliss

Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society has been increasing their microfilm library through the purchase of several rolls of microfilm of the old area newspapers. Our microfilm/microfiche reader/printer is available for public use. There is a small charge for the use of the machine and any copies made. Several me-

and up keep of the machine possible.

Over the past months we have had several individuals searching for family from our area. Our volunteers have been pleased to be able to help the majority of these people in their search.

morials and donations have made the purchase of films

South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Dickinson Public Library. The following topics were covered: Tombstones and Genealogy programs. The October meeting was spent using the wireless computers at the library to learn more about online genealogy research. The February meeting will cover Church records and repositories.

The Dunn County Cemetery book should be available for purchase soon. Details will be in an upcoming newsletter. Patrice Hartman will be presenting a Genealogy Class at the Dunn County Historical Society on Sat. February 21st.

Patrice Hartman and Kaye Nelson traveled to Salt Lake City in January to research at the Family History Library. Kaye attended the Salt Lake Institute and worked on her Norwegian research. Patrice found a marriage record of her 3rd great grandparents that she been searching for about 20 years. They did marry in Illinois but both surnames were misspelled in the online marriage index and the book index published by the local genealogical society. It took a search of the original microfilmed marriage records to find the record. She was then able to send in the correction to the Illinois online marriage index and the local society. Also located was a probate record for an ancestor in Iowa. In the 1970's the courthouse indicated that they did not have this record. The record was listed under G. W. Convers instead of George Washington Convers. So it always pays to double check the original courthouse records.

State Historical Society of North Dakota

RESEARCH LIBRARY IS OPEN THE 2nd SATURDAY Submitted by Gerald Newborg

We are going to continue to be open the second Saturday of the month thru the summer as well. Hours are 9:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M. We have had positive response to this and think it benefits in-state researchers more to have it open the second Saturday <u>year around</u> than just during the summer. We will not be open April 10, (the day before Easter).

James River Genealogy Club

JAMES RIVER GENEALOGY CLUB WINTER DOINGS

Submitted by George Barron

While our club does not meet again until April, members are busy doing genealogy and working on winter projects.

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At our September meeting all of the members who attended rural schools shared their memories of school days. In October we had an old geezer speak on his life in the Civilian Conservation Camps. Each member was asked to bring a food treat to the November meeting which was "A Taste Of Heritage". I was forced to bring home made oatmeal cookies as an example of the bushels of oatmeal eaten by my Scottish farm servant ancestors. Mavis brought a German dish "Pigs in the Blanket", while Lea brought a Norwegian "Krumkake", and Jodi brought "Rice Cream", another Norwegian delicacy. Bob brought frosted molasses cookies, the recipe dating back to the 1600 American Colonies. Gordon and Lillian brought lefse, Cathy brought rosettes made by her husband, and many other members recalled heritage foods and furnished recipes.

Since our last meeting, our volunteer searchers have been busy with general searches for clients at a distance, and furnishing page copies of our various publications which are indexed on our usgenweb county pages. The index to our latest "Cemeteries of Valley City, Barnes County, ND" is now up on the Barnes County ND archives page, and in the process of posting is an index to the Stutsman County marriages before 1925 added to our Stutsman archives page. Patty is still working on a similar marriage index for Eddy County.

We have printed a number of new books that we have not offered for sale, but have been installed in several libraries. Among them are Stutsman County school censuses for 1930, 1931, and 1933. A new book on Stutsman County school graduates through 1925, another is the index to all Stutsman County burial permits that now exist, and an index to 2003 obituaries in the Jamestown Sun. We also printed a couple books that had been compiled by the Alfred Dickey Public Library, indexes to Jamestown Sun news stories during the period 1970-1979, which includes births, marriages, anniversaries, photos, and general interest stories.

Our club was involved somewhat in the recent opening of the Jamestown Family History Center at the local LDS church. A couple of our members, Jerry and Robert, are volunteer librarians at the center which is now open Mondays and Saturdays 10 AM to 2 PM.

And winter is still underway!



A special personal note: after the November meeting, my new second hand Golden Retriever, Jasper, has learned to eat oatmeal cookies without spitting out the raisins and peanuts!



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by Jackie Marler

RRVGS Officers and Volunteer Staff

President: Alice Ellingsberg Vice President: John Beving

Recording Secretary: John Cruden

Treasurer: Jim Stark

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Sutter

Librarian; Linda Zeutschel Newsletter: Jackie Marler Lineage: Maxine Workman

Trustees: Jackie Marler, Doris Wehr & Jane Skjei

RRVGS Monthly meeting dates & time:



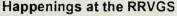
21 February 2004 ~ 10:00 20 March 2004 ~ 10:00 A.M. 17 April 2004 ~ 10:00 A.M. 15 May 2004 ~ 10:00 A.M.

May 15 meeting is the Annual Meeting Five Essential Facts about the RRVG

RRVGS website: www.fargocity.com\~rrvgs RRVGS email: rrvgs@fargocity.com

RRVGS phone number: (701) 239-4129

RRVGS mail: RRVGS P.O. Box 9284, Fargo, ND 58106 RRVGS Library: 112 No. University Ave., L116, Fargo ND



We were treated to a wonderful and enthusiastic presentation by John Guerrero on his research into the Children's Home of the state of Nevada at our meeting in November. Nevada was among the very first states to adopt such a home system. John was a resident in the 30s and 40s and so has a personal interest in the history of the home. His mission was to create a comprehensive list of all the residents in the home from its beginning in 1869. He has found all the names and created a book which lists the names. John is also a well-known contributor to the ethnic research and publication of books on Black-American settlers and Syrian-Lebanese settlers in North Dakota.

A letter we received in October, 2003, contained the following picture and a request for our society member's help in seeing the picture goes to someone with a family interest. Here is the lovely young lady. The back of the picture has a hand-written legend which says: "Mabel Ford Xmas 1900." The photo was taken in the C.L. Judd studio in Fargo. Shelley Cardiel is asking only for the reimbursement of her expenses in obtaining the picture (about \$7.00). Does this person/ name look familiar? Does she' belong in your line? Would she have a home with you?

(Editor's note: the picture was not reproduced for this newsletter)

RRVGS continued...

In Summer 2003 the society received an email concerning a Blensley/Reisrud Family Bible with an offer to send the book to an interested party for the cost of the postage. The society directs any person with an interest to send questions about the Bible to

MJPorter at underhillcompany@gwest.net

Some of the names / dates included in the Bible are

Blengsley, Agust d. 17 January 1874

Blengsley, Mr. & Mrs. - Bible given to them by Pastor R. Anderson, LaCrosse, Wisconsin on 30 Nov 1898 Blensley, Maud Ester d. 3 July 1938 Reedsport, Ore-

Blensley, Lena Molla (one date) 29 June 1937 Minot Knusen, Mr & Mrs. golden wedding 22 Oct 1950; agneswarder

Larson, John d. 27 Feb 1925

Reiersrud, John Alfred (one date) 12 March 1880 Reiersrud sic, Sars (one date) Sept 1841

Reisrud, August Christian 1873-23 June 1950 Minot Reisrud, Martha (one date) 27 Feb 1896

RRVGS has also undertaken a special fund-raising campaign for the purchase of a microfilm reader/ printer. So far we have 5 contributors to this fund. 2003 proved to be a year in which we said goodbye. One of our uncomplaining and reliable volunteers, Grace Kuball, passed away this past summer. Shirley Simmons one of the two founding moth-

Central ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by Arlene Cable

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society elected new officers for the years 2004 & 2005. Marge Irons was elected President, Sharon Haugen, Vice President & Marlene Ripplinger was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Our Genealogical Society has been added to the city of Harvey web site. http://www:harveynd.com/

A brochure is in the making and will be available soon.

Marlene Ripplinger presented her program "The Great Cover Up" at our November meeting.

The Harvey Public Library has a copy of THE HIVE, 1936 Senior class of Harvey High School yearbook. They are having 2 copies printed.

A summer road trip or two are being planned.

(Editor's note: I understand the CNDGS would be interested in learning how to convert indexes from MacIntosh to IBM. Email them the instructions if you can help them out.)

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by John Mogren

Since the last newsletter, the following has been some of the highlights of our organization.

We had a computer presentation at the October meeting concerning on-line research. Our computer guru left us and we are floundering as we try to figure out how to maintain our website. We have a new computer committee and hopefully they will resolve our technology perplexities.

In November we had our annual ethnic potluck dinner. We have been doing this festive meal each year since our group was organized. As you know we North Dakotans love potluck, I have observed that lots of recipes are exchanged each year. The ethnic dinner is followed by our progressive auction which is our primary fund raiser for the year.

In December, Sheila Dalen, the Ward County Recorder presented to us on records in the Recorder's office. This presentation was beneficial to both the new genealogists and the experienced researchers in our group. She encouraged us to be mindful of legislation as it does effect what records are retained and which records are scheduled for shredding. Legislation may also hinder or help genealogists.

In January, President Eva Inches led us in discussion, strategic planning and visioning for the future. That was an excellent opportunity to discuss the our mission and goals

Results of our 2004 election were:

President: John Mogren, Fessenden, ND Vice President: Betty Schlichting, Garrison, ND Treasurer: Agnes Cushing, Minot, ND

Recording Secretary: Mike Bartolf, Oxbox, Sask., Canada Corresponding Secretary: Lillian Vannett, Minot, ND

In February, Art Rude from the Rolette County Historical Society met with us and gave us a presentation on the San Haven Sanitarium. The Rolette County Historical Society has agreed to allow the MRLGS index the records from the sanitarium and that project will soon begin.

Probably the biggest undertaking of our organization is the answering of queries. Our secretary logs in each query and it is assigned to a volunteer to answer. We appreciate the hours and expense that our query committee members donate to our society as they assist others in their research.

We lost two members this year to death, Frank Kirkelie and Edward Bryans, Frank was a new member, joining just last year (2003) while Edward was a charter member (1978) of our society. Edward was active in the development of our bilaws and constitution, he contributed greatly to promote our organization and to encourage others as we continued to be mindful of our mission. We will miss both of these men.



In memory of our genealogist friends who recently passed away

Poem by Marge Stroklund (1918-1993)Donnybrook, ND

Photograph of a Homesteader By Marge Stroklund

They stand beside the "soddy." Erect and proudly there: Horses subtly eminent And every household chair. Father, posed with treasured gun, Is sturdy, staunch and square, Mother's in her ruffled best: The children's feet are bare. The wash bench stands beside the house. The roof is overgrown With prairie grass; but they don't mind. This is their start—their home. My mind goes back: I seem to feel

Imagination soar.

Would I have been as brave as they If I'd been there before? I see the walls where insects crawled The floors of hard-packed soil. The buffalo chips, the meager fare.

The heavy daily toil. The constant fear of Indians. The loneliness out there. My company a lone covote

Who sometimes stopped to stare. The summers dry and dusty hot, The winters long and cold;

To stay alive no easy task-No wonder they look old.

The photograph is yellowed now. But Though it's from the past.

The path they wrought for us to trod Will last, and last, and last,

Chief Librarian at the State Historical Society of North Dakota Retires submitted by John Mogren

Dolores Vyzralek was present at a retirement party in her honor at the State Heritage Center in December 2003. Dolores has worked continuously at the State Historical Society of North Dakota since March 1979. She is a native of Mandan, ND and received her degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Her duties at the SHSND were initially in reference and later she worked in collections, acquisions and helping in cataloging. Her title at the time of her retirement was Chief Librarian. Dolores is married to Frank Vyzralek, who is a past archivist with the SHSND. Presently he works doing independent research. Dolores indicated future plans include swimming at the YMCA and enjoying the freedom to do more traveling around North Dakota. We will miss her quick smile and heart warming laughter as well as all the valuable assistance she has given us. We wish her the best in her retirement.



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NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Patrice Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:00 on September 19, 2003, at the ND Heritage Center. Those in attendance: Don Smith, George Barron, Keith & Linda Zeutschel, Daphne Drewello, Patrice Hartman, Delores Vyzralek, Marlene Ripplinger, Arlene Cable, Greg Wysk and John Mogren. Visitors: Arthur Rude and Shirley Busche.

Motion by Don Smith and seconded by Linda Zeutschel to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2003, meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried

Motion to approve by John Mogren and second by George Barron to approve the financial report submitted by Treasurer Don Smith and distributed by President Patrice Hartman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Questions about the Dunn County Cemetery records. Tabled discussion to next meeting.

- 2. Patrice brought the letters in that were sent to the legislators regarding HIPAA. It did not appear records have been destroyed but most State agencies are looking at development of a record retention and destruction policy.
- 3. Dues will be assessed for next year and reminder sent by treasurer.
- 4. Don distributed a revised membership list.

New Business:

- 1. Patrice Hartman submitted an application for ND Community Foundation Grant for funds to put the ND Death Index on-line. Patrice continues to seek additional grant monies for posting the death index. Maximum grant is \$2,000.00 a year. The group expressed appreciation to Patrice Hartman for her work in this area.
- 2. Thank you received from Liz King for allowing her to come and speak to us.
- 3. John Mogren expressed concern about the location of records for the NDSGS. After some discussion, Don Smith made a motion that the original records, such as minutes and correspondence of the NDSGS be retained at the SHSND archives if they are willing to keep them for us. Seconded by John Mogren. It is suggested this be coordinated between the secretary, president and Dolores Vyzralek.
- George Barron reported that the James River Genealogy Club has subscribed to Ancestry.com. It has benefited the members.
- 5. Don Smith reported that the Grant County Cemetery Book is printed and available. Patrice Hartman will follow up and see if she can find the price.
- 6. John Mogren presented the slate of candidates for the open offices. Clara Bliss, President; Daphne Drewello, President Elect; Patrice Hartman, Secretary; Don Smith, Treasurer. Terms begin January 1, 2004 and run two years.
- 7. President Patrice Hartman called for any other nominations from the floor for the office of president. Hearing none, motion nominations cease for office of president and a unanimous ballot cast for Clara Bliss was made by John Mogren and seconded by Daphne Drewello. Motion carried and Clara Bliss was unanimously elected president. President Patrice Hartman called for any other nominations from the floor for the office of president-elect. Hearing none, motion nominations cease for office of president-elect and a unanimous ballot cast for Daphne Drewello was made by John Mogren and seconded by Don Smith. Motion carried and Daphne Drewello was unanimously elected president-elect. The Secretary called for any other nominations from the floor for the office of secretary Hearing none, motion nominations cease for office of secretary and a unanimous ballot cast for Patrice Hartman was made by John Mogren and seconded by George Barron. Motion carried and Patrice Hartman was unanimously elected secretary. President Patrice Hartman called for any other nominations from the floor for the office of treasurer. Hearing none, motion nominations cease for office of treasurer and a unanimous ballot cast for Don Smith was made by John Mogren and seconded by Linda Zeutschel. Motion carried and Don Smith was unanimously elected treasurer.
- 8. Patrice Hartman sends out the NDSGS brochures to interested individuals. Linda Zeutschel said she would appreciate if each of the societies in the State would send her a copy of their brochures. RRVGS gets lots of memberships by sending their brochures with queries they respond to. It was suggested we could bring brochures to the spring meeting. Patrice Hartman will take a look at the brochure and let John Mogren know what changes should be made. John Mogren will edit them and bring the new brochures back for comments.
- 9. George Barron made a motion to have the treasurer as the society's registered agent. Patrice seconded it. Motion carried. Discussed the possibility of having a presentation from the ND State Records Management Office or from someone from Grafton State School. Daphne Drewello suggested there might be someone from Jamestown who worked at the State Hospital who would be willing to speak with us. She will follow up on this. Gerald Newberg could be asked to speak about legislative issues. Tom Willard the Veteran's Oral History project could be asked to come and speak. Or have a County Veteran's Service Officer.

If unable to attend please have someone from your group appointed to represent your group. Next meeting: March 19, 2004 (third Friday) 1:00. Dolores will find a room. Adjourned at 3:00. Respectfully submitted, John Mogren, Secretary.

Bismarck-Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Susan Dingle

Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society (BMHGS) has 97 members, 55 of which are outside the larger Bismarck-Mandan area or out of state, 42 of which are in the Bismarck-Mandan area.

In January 2004, we looked back at the previous year and saw some meetings with good attendance and some with small attendance. Every month was a program, with programs planned and announced in advance, at meetings, by telephone calls to members the week of the meeting, and by a notice in the Wednesday or Thursday CALENDAR page in the Bismarck Tribune. (Even when we've sent in the notice on a Monday, first thing in the morning, we still get in only on the day before or the day of the meeting. They have lots of people sending in their program notices to this free service.)

We decided to survey members in the area to get input, suggestions, and feedback. Survey questions asked members if they were getting phone calls about meetings, were receiving their newsletters (4 per year), knew of others who might like to join, would be willing to receive meeting notifications by email instead of by phone (to reduce the phone tree size, or to retain the size while adding new members), had suggestions of meeting topics, could help on "Genealogical Help Night" Thursday, August 12, wished to present a topic at a meeting, wished to share other comments or suggestions.

Commemorative stamps and stamped return envelopes helped! And genealogists are helpful people! To date, 24 (57%) have responded.

One member offered to present on a topic. Gary Zentz, our President, had offered to present on Using Digital Cameras and Digital Photos in Family History Projects for the February meeting. Two members offered to help with calling members about meetings, and 16 said they would be glad to get meeting notices by email. Generally, people remembered getting called about most to all of the meetings and getting all of their newsletters. Several people said they liked hearing about the upcoming meetings, but they had schedule conflicts or just had too many other obligations to allow them to make very many meetings

Several said they might be able to help with Genealogical Help Night, where several members will serve as resource persons and genealogy research troubleshooters and people will come with their North Dakota genealogy research questions. If we get your question in advance, we can do some checking and try to have an answer or suggest a resource or strategy to try. Help Night is a program idea that a couple of our active members gave at our annual meeting at the Royal Fork restaurant in January 2004.

We are working on finding a place to meet on Veterans Day, which is the second Thursday in November in 2004, and a day that the Bismarck Public Library and a number of other places are closed. Another couple of members suggested a World War Il veteran as a possible speaker for that meeting, and we are trying to make that happen. BMHGS meets the second Thursday of the month at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library, 515 N 5th ST, Bismarck, in Meeting Room B, 7-9 p.m. EXCEP-TIONS: January we meet for a meal at a restaurant, which for some years now has been the Royal Fork.

July is a big vacation month in North Dakota, so we don't meet that month. Sometimes we take a field trip to another genealogical resource, such as the Family History Center, Germans from Russia Heritage Society, State Archives and Historical Research Library in the North Dakota Heritage Center.

NEW PUBLICATIONS are St. Petri Scandinavian Church Book and 1947-1955 Burleigh County School Census. These new offerings of the publication committee are possible through the vigorous and continuous data entry efforts of publication committee members and the good relationships with various records keepers, private, public, religious, etc. who have let us copy and index their records.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 2004, so far: February 12, Gary Zentz, Digital Cameras and Your Genealogy Projects

March 11, Doug Wick, Automotive History, with Genealogical & Local Historical **Twists**

April 8, Jean DuBois, A Heartwarming Story: Finding the Farmstead of a Boy Placed Through the Children's Aid Society of New York City

May 13, Sharon Silengo, Bismarck Photography Studio Owner (1910s-1920s) Virginia Butler

June 10, Marlene Anderson and Carolyn Twingley, Bismarck State College's

Archives and What They Hold for the Genealogical Researcher

July NO MEETING

August 12. Gene Help Night: Bring Your Questions, Your Success Stories, Your Eternal Quests, Your Partial Successes September 9. Mike Rempfer, Using the WWI Draft Registration Indexes for North Dakota, and the Story of a German-Russian Draftee

To get in touch with the BMHGS: BMHGS, PO Box 485, Bismarck ND 58502, phone 701-223-6273

or go to the website:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndbmhqs/ Reported by Susan Dingle, BMHGS Program Chair, suzsaid@hotmail.com

RICHLAND COUNTY, ND Dick Lekang is willing to look up names in the Richland County History book and Wyndmere, ND Centennial book. If you have an ancestor in that area and would like to see if they are listed, contact Dick at: Relekang@Usfamily.net or

Richard Lekang 6517 Pierce St. NE Fridley, MN 55432

Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Alice Jordan

September: Election of officers took place. New officers are Alice Jordan, president, JoAnn Green, vice-president, Peg Hagan, secretary, and Adrianne Stepanek, treasurer.

October: Greg Everson of Everson Funeral Home presented a program on researching funeral records.

November: We met at the new Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at the Confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. A change to the By-Laws was introduced and general discussion

December: A general discussion was held on tough cases and methods used for solving them. Some good ideas were presented by the members.

January: Barb Grev of Creative Memories Presented a program on scrapbooking and brought samples of scrapbooks and tools for creative scrapbooking. In January, Roberta Rollefstad and Alice Jordan attended the Starry Night In January II, displaying samples of family histories, family trees, and part of the Williams County Cemetery Book. They answered questions about genealogy and family research.

Gloria Johnson continues to work on the Williams County Cemetery Book. Several interesting programs are planned for spring, including court records research, internet research, and a visit to Indian graveyards.



NDSGS has an updated brochure At the September meeting, John Mogren volunteered to update the NDSGS' brochure. The brochure was created in Microsoft Publisher and the draft was mailed to the NDSGS executive board for review. It will be presented at the March meeting for the executive board's endorsement. After that meeting, if you have Microsoft Publisher and would like a copy, let John know and he will attach it to an email so you can print out as many copies as you need. Otherwise a copy will be provided to your society's representative at the March meeting and brought back to you group for duplication and distribution as you wish.



The North Dakota State Genealogical Society has requested that all genealogical societies in North Dakota consider the State Historical Society of North Dakota as our central repository. Please remember to provide a copy of your genealogical and historical works to the State Historical Society of North Dakota so that others may benefit from your research. Contact the SHSND if you have publications, photographs or other materials relating to North Dakota that you are willing to donate or sell.



NDSGS (new) membership from Michigan Stephanie Sanderson, steph7000@yahoo.com researching surnames: COMER, SLAUGHTER, SMITH Welcome Stephanie!



Thanks for paying your 2004 membership dues

Guide to Doing North Dakota Local History

Publication of The North Dakota Humanities Council, March

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 How do we make sense of the census?
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North Dakota Veterans Home P.O. Box 673 Lisbon, ND 58054 (701) 683-4125

Patrice Hartman, President, North Dakota State Genealogical Society

November 12, 2003

RE: North Dakota Veterans Home Records

Dear Mrs. Hartman.

I am writing to say thank you to you and your organization for your dedicated efforts to preserving the history of the citizens of this state. In addition, your interest and concern about the North Dakota Veterans Home is appreciated and valued.

The North Dakota Veterans Home Privacy Committee and Records Department Staff have reviewed the concerns you raised earlier this year regarding the destruction of records here at the facility. We have discussed our policies and procedures related to those concerns.

Our response to your concern will be to retain a record index of all residents with their general information on file. This will retain general information which we believe will be of value to someone seeking information to complete a genealogical study. The remaining record will be destroyed 10 years after someone discharges from the North Dakota Veterans Home or within 7 years of their death. We also found no records dating back to the turn of the century that would be destroyed.

Once again, I want to thank you for your concern about our records and hope that this response meets the need and concerns of your letter.

Sincerely, Jacob Reuter, LSW, Privacy Officer

ART RUDE OF THE ROLETTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIVES A PRESENTATION ON THE SAN HAVEN SANITARIUM AT DUNSEITH, ND

Art Rude was the quest speaker at the September meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society. Art showed old pictures of San Haven Sanitarium at Dunseith. The book, Prairie Past & Mountain Memories A History of Dunseith, ND 1882-1982 has some of the history of the institution which was located in the hills near that community. A group of women appeared before the ND legislature and implored the legislators to fund a sanatorium in North Dakota. In 1911 the first building was erected at San Haven and the first patient was admitted in 1912. The Dunseith site was selected due to fresh air in the hills. Between the years of 1911-1937, 4,274 patients had gone through San Haven for care. Two taxis ran from the train station to San Haven transporting people to visit patients there and two hotels were kept busy in Dunseith.

Art Rude brought an old voucher record from Oct 1916 for members to look at. Children were not allowed to go into the facility to visit parents; Art stated as a child, he stood outside the building and visited his father through an open window. There was a separate children's building for the younger residents. Art also exhibited the patient list books (however some years are missing). The books showed a child as young as 16 months was a resident. The patient list for the years of 1912 to 1955 is located at the Rolette County Historical Society Museum at St. John. Art indicated that the Historical Society may be open to having the books indexed and he would ask the board of directors about that possibility. The museum is open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Sunday afternoons, or by appointment. Contact Art Rude at 701-244-5814. Some records between the years of 1953-1973 are at SHSND

Treatment for the patients with tuberculosis was fresh air and sunshine and the buildings were not heated well as part of the treatment regime. Bed rest, varieties of foods were recommended. By 1935, surgery was possible to remove the diseased part of the lung and there were more recoveries and less deaths from this illness.

In 1959, the capacity was 359, however only 120 patients were being treated; within a few years there were only three cases. They then switched and took the remaining elderly residents to Grafton when San Haven closed in 1988. Sewing factory operated in the buildings for a short time. Then it was offered for sale and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa purchased it. The buildings are in shambles due to vandalism and no up-keep.

There are no known burials on the grounds but some residents may have been buried at Dunseith Cemetery or returned to their home communities.

Those attending the NDSGS felt the meeting was interesting and informative. Thank you Art for this excellent presentation.

Submitted by John Mogren

Obituaries clipped from out-of-state newspapers Contributed by Don Smith

ANDREASEN, Carl Hughes

B. 5-1-1924 in Valley City, ND

D. 3-22-2001 in Orange Co., CA

Spouse: Marjorie

BEEM, Armenouhie Stanley "Armene"

B. 12-4-1927 in North Dakota

D. 10-16-1997 in Arizona

Spouse: Ronald S. Beem

BENNO, Robert

B. 05-25-1927 in Minot, ND

D. 10-23-2001 in Orange Co., CA

Spouse: Mary

BERCAW, Lucille Rose

B. 6-4-1906 in Fargo, ND

D. 4-26-2002 in Santa Ana Heights, CA

BICH, Wesley

B. 7-21-1924 near Martin, ND

D. 6-12-1995 in Arizona

Spouse: Lydia Gramm

Parents: Daniel & Louise Bich

BJERKE, Jerry E.

B. 4-9-1919 in Finley, ND

D. 9-21-2002 in Encino, CA

Spouse: Peggy McKay

Parents: Albert & Birgit (Paulson) Bjerke

BOND, Maryellen

B. 12-12-1919 in Fargo, ND

D. 4-11-2001 Woodland Hills, CA

Spouse: Herbert P. Bond

BOTT, Arthur

B. 2-21-1908 in Venturia, ND

D. 9-27-2001 in Santa Monica, CA

Spouse: Margaret

BRUSSEAU, Clarice Mae

B. 11-4-1932 in Rugby, ND

D. 8-30-2001 in Newport Beach, CA

Spouse: Bruce Brusseau

Parents: Carl "Sid" & Edwidge Bjorlie

BRYAN, Ellmina Mary

B. 2-28-1906 in Grand Forks, ND

D. 3-5-2001 in Glendale, CA

Spouse: Charles Caswell Bryan

BURD, Harry W.

B. 4-28-1922 in North Dakota

D. 3-11-2001 in Arizona

Spouse: Joyce

CAMATTI, Jean M.

B. 2-14-1924 in Grand Forks, ND

D. 1-8-2003 in Spokane, WA

Spouse: Louis J. Camatti

COSTA, Evelyn Maximenko

B. 4-17-1924 in Butte, ND

D. 4-22-2002 in Burbank, CA

CRUZE, Ethyl L. "Susie"

B. 9-16-1914 in Des Lacs, ND

D. 7-13-2002 in Torrance, CA

DAY, Helen Sorenson Williamson

B. 12-23-1914 near Stady, ND

D. 10-13-2001 in Reno, NV

Spouse#2: John Day

Spouse #1: Edwin Williamson

Parents: Hans & Emma Sorenson

DICKINSON, Leonard E.

B. 2-9-1915 in Velva, ND

D. 2-25-1996 in Arizona

Spouse: Carmen

Parents: Albert & Gertrude Dickinson

DIETSCH, Donald LeRoy

B. 6-11-1926 in Jamestown, ND

D. 7-27-2002 in Fullerton, CA

Spouse: Wilma

DIETZ, Mary Patricia

B. 8-15-1917 in Willow City, ND

D. 6-22-2001 in Manhattan Beach, CA

Spouse: Merle A. Dietz wed @ Minot ND

Parents: P. L. & Anna Fitzgerald

DOLVE, Phillip Curtis

B. 2-24-1920 in Fargo, ND

D. 3-2-2002 in Costa Mesa, CA

DOMEK, Clarence W.

A North Dakota farmed died 2-3-1996 in

Tucson, AZ

DONALD, Pile Ernest

B. 1-12, 1924 in Mylo, ND

D. 9-25-1992 in Tucson, AZ

Spouse: Betty

DUNIGAN, Agnes E

B. 2-12-1910 in Beach, ND

D. 11-30-2002 in Arlington, TX

Spouse: Russell Dunigan

EIDEM, Lowell Blaine

B. 12-6-1919 in Brantford, ND

D. 12-20-2002 in Carmichael, CA

Spouse: Mary Oakley

FITZGERALD, James W.

B. 3-17-1939 in Garrison, ND

D. 1-28-2001 in Arleta, CA

Spouse: Ines

FRASER, Joyce

B. 8-16-1909 in Springbrook, ND

D. 1-27-2003 In North Hollywood, CA

FUJIMOTO, LaVerine

B, in Cogswell, ND

D. 2-21-2000 in Alhambra, CA

Spouse: Fred K, Fujimoto

NEE: Anderson

GORDON, Pearl Gordon

B. 1-11-1927 in Minot, ND

D. 12-5-2001 in Tucson, AZ

Spouse: Marvin Gordon

Parents: Sol & Fanny Gordon

GREEN, Ann Helen

B. 1912 in Grand Forks

D. 10-21-2001 in Greenbrae, CA

AKA: Greenberg, Greene

HORN, Carole Christiansen

B. 8-19-1914 near New Salem, ND

D. 5-3-2002 in Pacific Palisades, CA

Spouse: Alfred Horn

Parents: John Christiansen

HUFF, Helen Peterson

B: 1915 in Oakes, ND

D. 11-20-2001 in Ventura, CA

Spouse: Louis L. Huff

NEE: Peterson

JAGER, James J.

B. 7-28-1948 in Devils Lake, ND

D. 10-13-2002 in Lancaster, CA

Parents: Joseph & Rose Jager

JEFFREY, Raymond Vincent B. 1904

D. 2-3-2000 in Arizona

Spouse: Ethel Jean

JENNISON, John W.

B. 8-13-1917 in Williston, ND

D. 2-21-2001 in Los Angeles, CA

Spouse: Leona

Johnson, Peter E.

B. Dec 1916 near Alexander, ND

D. 7-3-2001 in Pacific Grove, CA

Spouse: Fonda M.

JUNGKEIT, Walter O.

B. 1909 in North Dakota

D. 10-27-2001 in Sun City, AZ

Spouse#1: Lena Mae Pebley

Spouse#2: Marietta Tautges

KERKOW, Edna M.

B. 9-30-1919 in Northwood, ND

D. July 2001 in California

Spouse: Earl L. Kerkow
Parents: Peter & Olga Sherva

KLIMPEL, Muriel Adeline

B. 12-3-1910 in Roseglen, ND

D. 10-15-2002 in Fullerton, CA Spouse: George Klimpel

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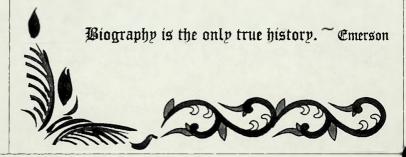
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Divide County History 1974 (blue book)
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Tales of the Mighty Mountrail 1979
Pierce County & Rugby, ND 1886-1986
Renville County History 1901-1976
100 Years of Magic, Ward County 1886-1986

A people that take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remebered with pride by remote generations.

~ Macaulap



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