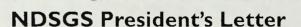
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In his final presentation at the Bismarck Genealogical Conference last spring, Henry Zube Jones stated that the job of the genealogist is to breathe life into those who have gone before. For me, the ancestors seem most alive in cemeteries.

You think you understand about the hardships of pioneer life, but then you see the 5 tiny grave markers in a farm yard, remembering babies born in different years but given the same name. You can hear about the flu epidemic, but its impact isn't clear until you discover 9 graves in the corner of a church yard, the only markers there, all with the date 1918. You can be told about the difficulties of life on the reservation, but then you realize that very few of the markers you've been copying are for people older than 60. You can look at pictures of parents on old German-Russian stones and assume that they were cold and stern until you read the flowery and loving inscriptions left by their children.

You don't have to be told about sacrifice when you find three military markers in a row, one for the grandfather (WW I), one for the son (WW II), and one for the grandson (Vietnam).

Did that woman who came to Dakota Territory from Ireland as a young bride ever get over being homesick? Why was this cemetery named after a young child? Why do some counties have individual cemeteries for each religious—or even specific ethnic religious—group, while others have large cemeteries in which it's hard to tell where one religious section ends and another begins? What happened to certain groups of people, like the Jews who are buried near Ashley? Do any of their descendants still live in North Dakota? Did they all leave together?

Of all the markers I've ever seen, the one that touched my heart the most was one for a small toddler. The stone, in Swedish, had much to say about the beloved child, then closed with "His last words were, 'More milk, Momma." For me, the strength and courage and heartache of the pioneers are summed up in that single stone.

Daphne Drewello daktel.com

Next Meeting! Ciety will meet at 1:00 PM Sept 8, 2006 at the North Dakota Heritage Center. All Genealogical societies in North Dakota have paid their membership and members are encouraged to attend or send a representative of their society. Lets' Network! Our presenter will be Mark Halvorson who will speak on the role of artifacts in family history. A tour in the SHSND is to scheduled to follow the meeting. Note we are meeting one week earlier than usual.



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



James River Genealogy Club

Submitted by George Barron,

(August 18, 2006)

At our July meeting we had more of the Northern Ireland visit recounted by Cathy and Sharon. They and their husbands took a private van tour of all the places they had time to see. In addition, Cathy provided us with handouts citing many Irish items of how to do research, and sites on the internet to use. Daphne provided a word description of Lotte Bailey's talk to our NDSGS group on just what archivists do and what kinds of things they are looking to find in Grandma's stuff.

The program for our August meeting was focused on military records. Almost every member showed up with samples and stories about various military records they had obtained. The pass arounds were thick and of great interest. Sharon even passed around details of the ceremony including photos of a burial at sea from one of her family members. Mavis brought along her husband as a record--and he told of experiences in fighting in the south pacific in WW2.

In our coming up Jamestown meeting in September, we are treating our selves to dinner. Mary has arranged for a presentation by Rick Crume, author, genealogy computer expert, and frequent speaker at many area genealogy workshops. He will present a demonstration talk entitled "O Canada", in which he will show us many of the tricks in getting Canadian records. including sites on the internet.

Our Jamestown Highland Home Cemetery project is not completed, but is getting near the end of collecting data. I had read and compiled a cemetery book on that cemetery in 1991 and 1992 and had recorded all of the stones including temporary undertaker markers. Some of those temporary markers were still there this time, but many were not evident. The use of my trusty pitchfork did reveal a few that were covered with dirt and sod. Some time ago I had my computer spit out all of those that were present in 1991-2, but not here now. I got to wondering, since the markers are made mostly of metal if a metal detector might find them. I didn't know squat about metal detectors, but it turns out the cemetery had a detector.

I read the user guide and set off to find about thirty missing markers. Found all of them but two, which appear to be simply gone. It is an exciting endeavor to "smell around" for hidden markers, and hear the bleep that locates them. They are often up to ten or twelve inches under the grass. We have two large areas in the old cemetery where single graves exist, including the "county lot". These areas contain only a few stones or markers. I have not yet found many of our "unknown burial locations", but have dug up many markers for previous "no stoners" Along the way I have dug up many tin cans, Care markers, wire, pieces of metal trash etc. It is a time and exercise connected task, but exciting to see what comes up. Maybe a metal detector should be part of a cemetery crew's arsenal of tools.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Submitted by John Mogren,

(August 18, 2006)

Things have been rather quiet this summer as far as our organization's projects. We continue to meet the first Saturday of each month in the Minot Public Library and enjoy the kindred spirit with other genealogists. Members have related their experiences at family reunions, town reunions and class reunions. These are wonderful opportunities to revisit our roots. Others have shared their recent research discoveries. Our outside summer activities are slowing down and soon we will all be back at our computers diligently pursuing our genealogy. We have all of our offices filled now.

Perhaps the biggest challenge we struggle with is maintaining our society's website. We would be interested in hearing how other genealogy societies have arranged to maintain their websites.

Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Submitted by Arlene Cable, reporter

(August 21, 2006)

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society recently made a trip to the Benson County Court House to look at their cemetery record books. The Society is still working on the Hertz funeral records and hopes to have it finished soon. They also toured the court house and the cemeteries, then went to New Rockford for the play "Monkey Business". Four members attended.



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Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Submitted by Linda Zeutschel

(August 24, 2006)

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society meets the third Saturday of each month in our library located in the lower level of the Manchester building. Our address is 112 North University Drive in Fargo, ND. Please send mail to PO Box 9284 Fargo North Dakota 58106. The meeting is held at 10:00 am. Our phone number is 701-239-4129.

We have 5 rooms full of books, maps and periodicals covering the United States as well as many foreign countries. Our collection contains over 4000 titles. In addition, we also just received a large collection of Germans from Russia material. We are grateful to Victor Knell for this gracious donation. The Library has received many new books so far this year.

The Hallinglag of America also has their collection of research information available for your use in our library.

This year we have signed on with Pay Pal so that people can order and pay for their research or purchase any of our books online.

Our library has two computers which can be used for research on the internet. There are also many CD's that can be used to do your research.

We invite everyone to visit our library, even if you have been here before, because we have so many new resources.

The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. We have a charge of \$1.00 per day for the use of our library by non-members.

Please visit us also at our web site: www.redrivergenealogv.com

Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by Gloria Johnson

(August 18, 2006)

The Williams County Genealogical Society has not met this summer. Our next meeting will be held in September.

One man's definition of GENEALOGY:

Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living

Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Clara Bliss

(August 19, 2006)

There is very little to report from the Bowman County Historical and Genealogical Society this time. We haven't even seen very many people looking for information about family. Just a quiet summer I guess. Having a total knee on the 14th of September and numerous appointments between now and then so I doubt that I will get to the meeting. Keep me posted as to what is going on tho.

South West ND Genealogical Society

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

(August 18, 2006)

We have had good attendance at our meetings this year. The June meeting topic was Family History software and magazines. In July we discussed Photograph dating and identification of subjects. In August we will be looking at DeedMapper. This computer program can help to plot land ownership maps described in land deeds. In September the topic will be recipes and recipe books of our ancestors and what other kinds of information can you find in these sources.

Minnkota Genealogical Society

Submitted by George Freeman

(August 27, 2006)

June 13 – Members shared items of interest to the group. July 11 – Picnic in East Grand Forks Park

August 15 — Members each brought items of interest to discuss.

Upcoming Meetings: We meet the 2nd Tuesday at the East Grand Forks Campbell Library at 7 p.m.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Sponsored by: Minnkota Genealogical Society Saturday, September 9, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Campbell Library 422 4th St. NW

East Grand Forks, Minnesota

Fee: \$15

10:00 to Noon - Genealogy Help Desk Open
 1:00 - Ron Vossler - Professional Writer & Humanities Scholar

Will Speak about Family History & Research

www.rootsweb.com/-minnkota/



North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



(August 28, 2006)

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Submitted by Linda Hippen, Program Committee members.

The Bismarck-Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society members had a fun time at the August potluck picnic held at the Robert Dykshoorn Park (previously Burlington-Northern Park) in Mandan. We started a little earlier and ended with the Music at the Bandshell, which was the Bernie Stein Revue. (We all enjoyed Gary and Kristie Zentz dancing around the park!)

We invite all interested persons to join us our regularly scheduled meetings for the remainder of 2006 at the Bismarck Library. Following are the planned programs, all of which begin at 7:00 PM Central Time.

- September 14 Germans from Russia Heritage Society What's New? speaker to be determined
- October 12 Oscar Will Seed Company, Bob Barr
- November 9 North Dakota Railroads, Frank Vyzralek
- December 14 Ethnic Christmas Foods, coordinated by Marcia Hansen

As yet, we don't have the Germans from Russia Heritage Society speaker lined up, but there's no doubt he or she will fill us in on what's new and happening with their organization!

After we scheduled the program on the Oscar Will Seed Company, we learned that the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation purchased a large number of Oscar Will Seed Company items and plan to showcase them at a later date. This news only whetted our appetites for Bob Barr's presentation!

We were also thrilled when another local historian, Frank Vyzralek, agreed to present a program on North Dakota railroads. The railroads had everything to do with the settling of our state, and with Frank sharing his knowledge, it should be a lively evening!

The December meeting will include a potluck of ethnic Christmas treats. Members will be asked to share one of their usual Christmas delicacies that reflect their individual ethnic background. With a little holiday music in the background, it has all the earmarks of a festive time! We sincerely hope you will be able to join us!

2006 Genealogy Workshop: Based on evaluations completed by attendees and presenters and comments made at the workshop, it appears the workshop was a bang-up hit! There were 97 paying genealogists, and with the grants received, we came out very slightly in the black. Since no funds were lost, it appears this workshop was an all-around success. Everyone had a great time and increased their knowledge of this fantastic hobby.

Many of you contributed your time and energy to this workshop, and to all of you a huge THANK YOU! 2008 Genealogy Workshop: After evaluating the 2006 genealogy workshop and accepting a few suggested changes, we began work on the 2008 genealogy workshop. We are again looking to have the workshop in April but just a little earlier than in 2006. The plan is to have the workshop after basketball season and after Easter but before any graduations. As soon as we have a definite date, you can be sure we'll let you know so you can put it on your calendar!

Has it been done already?

It has been suggested that the North Dakota State Genealogical Society do an index of all printed county (and town) histories that have been published. Does anyone know if such an index has ever been done? If not, this may be a good project for our group to do. Each society responsible for compiling the list



from the counties they cover. The list would then serve as a guide for the libraries and genealogical repositories in North Dakota as a reference.

Institute for Regional Studies, NDSU

Submitted by John Bve. Archivist

The NDSU Institute for Regional Studies has again expanded the North Dakota Biography Index on-line database, as of June 27, 2006. Over 10,000 new names were added, taken from nineteen North Dakota publications. This brings the total entries in the database to almost 203,000 names. Currently 719 publications are represented in the index. This indexing was done through the efforts of volunteers Jane Skjei and Faye Littlefield of Fargo. Our thanks to Jane and Faye for the many hours they spent going through these books, page by page, locating biographical sketches and entering the data. Their tireless work will help current and future researchers track down historical information about the residents of North Dakota. We are continuing our indexing, now methodically indexing all community histories, going in alphabetical order. We currently are in the letter 'L.' We will be updating the database again sometime in September and should then number well over 210,000 entries.

The Institute for Regional Studies & University Archives has also redesigned its front page, making more information accessible directly on our first page. Other pages have also been redesigned.

The URL is the same, at http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/



State Historical Society of North Dakota



Books received since the previous newsletter, list provided by Rachel White Report submitted by Greg Wysk

- 1. The little white schoolhouse on the prairie, by Elfrieda Ziniel
- 2. Minnewaukan cemetery directory & obituaries (3 volume set)
- 3. Sheldon North Dakota, 1881-2006: 125th anniversary
- 4. History of Hansboro, North Dakota from 1861 to 2005
- 5. McClusky, 2005 centennial history book
- 6. My recollections part 2: the Fargo years and Off to Bismarck, 1950-2005, by Melvin J. Berg
- 7. One family of many names as seen by the eyes of one: a family history and personal memoirs, by Harold "Dan" Cusick
- 8. <u>Histories of the Horace S. Fairchild and Anna R. Gagner Family, Joseph C. Gagner and Phoebe Jane Conlin Family, John Conlin and Ann Wallace Family</u>, by Jean Fairchild Peterson
- 9. Glimpses of pioneer life with Frank and Pauline, by Sally Fosse-Morikawa
- 10. The unfinished portrait, by Ethel Christiansen Hunke
- 11. The blooming prairie, by Erling Ebbeson (History of Ambrose, N.D.)
- 12. A history of Ambrose, by Delroy J. Gorecki
- 13. 1860 federal census of Dakota Territory
- 14. 125th anniversary First Baptist Church, Bismarck N.D., by Stephen Wisthoff
- 15. Plaza Centennial, Plaza, North Dakota
- 16. Family history of Jens Winsnes(s) and Emma Bjugstad, by Jim Winsness
- 17. Across the generations: a life story, by Alice Alin Hanson
- 18. <u>1906-2006</u> Butte North Dakota centennial directory: homesteaders; 1923-2000 alumni; community residents: Butte Cemetery
- 19. From Norway to North Dakota: the Wold family history, by Helen Irene Wold Rupert

New microfilm from the National Archives and Records Administration:

- 1. State Department territorial papers, Dakota, 1861-73
- 2. Interior Department territorial papers, Dakota, 1863-1889
- 3. Letters received by the Department of Justice from the Territory of Dakota. 1871-1884
- 4. Schedules of the Minnesota Territory census of 1857
- 5. Historical information relating to military posts and other installations, ca. 1700-1900
- 6. Records of the United States Army commands (Army posts)
- 7. Climatological records of the Weather Bureau, 1819-1892, North Dakota
- 8. Burial registers for military posts, camps and stations, 1768-1921
- 9. Reports and correspondence relating to the Army investigations at the Battle at Wounded Knee and to the Sioux campaign of 1890-1891

Other News:

The archives expansion project work continues; they are about a week behind schedule. The tentative completion date is July 2007.

The 18th annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28. The theme is "The Cold War in North Dakota." On that Friday the Society of American Archivists is offering a workshop titled "Legal Aspects of Photography Rights, Archive Management, and Permissions". For more information check the Web site at www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id=1960.

We continue filming newspapers and other records. Archives specialist Larissa Harrison reports that work on the Barnes County marriage records continues. The names have been recorded but they need to be rearranged for filming. Our summer help worked on Ward County marriage records and other archives volunteers will continue that work. Civil court case records that come in are now inputted into our database right away; these contain many divorce records. Finally we just got in Steele County divorce records. There is no index and they are in their original boxes organized by year. Deputy state archivist Lotte Bailey just spent 2 days picking up records from several counties and I'll know more about these records for the spring report.









NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



President Daphne Drewello called the meeting to order at 1:00 on June 16, 2006. The meeting was held at the North Dakota State Heritage Center.

ROLL CALL: Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Clara Bliss, BCHGS; George Barron and Daphne Drewello, JRGC; Beth Bauman, Susan Dingle, Jessica Rossow and Don Smith, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; John Mogren, MRLGS; George Freeman, MKGS; Lotte Bailey, guest.

PROGRAM

Daphne Drewello introduced Lotte Bailey, Deputy State Archivist, SHSND. The presentation began with a short slide show. There are a number of different projects that have been done over the years. Some North Dakota collections used in storytelling are oral histories, WPA Writer's Project, Veteran's History Project, Biographical and topical interview series, Governor's Biographies. Edit transcripts with care, a good example of a transcript that should not be heavily edited was taken from a Slave Narrative used in a southern oral history project.

The SHSND will seldom turn down material if it relates to the history of the state. When you donate items to the archives they prefer the original media, for example: an original motion picture film over a VHS copy, and original tape recordings over a DVD copy. Some material is very fragile and the availability of the right equipment can be a problem. The SHSND is hoping to interview anyone who worked with the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) next year. The North Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board (NDSHRAB) conducted a survey in 2004 to locate materials and established a network. From the survey the SHRAB board found that the Past Perfect program was used by many local historical societies and museums across the state. This is encouraging because as the collection titles are entered into a common database, it will benefit all who are researching family records. The expansion of the archives will allow all the collections to be in one place. An intern is working with the North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACO) doing interviews and surveys of items to bring to the archives. The intern will help county offices determine which records must be kept, which may be historically significant, and which can be destroyed.

The archives will accept all genealogy records, diaries, recordings of people, scrapbooks of organizations or local history that documents life in North Dakota. Once the item is accepted the archivist will fill out an accessions report as to what, when, where and why. There is a manuscript guide that can be checked to see what records are in the collection on the archives website under Manuscripts. Some collection titles are also entered into the ODIN system.

The Archivist creates order and paints a picture of a topic. They work with the collection to provide access for the public with ease of use by creating order and preservation of the items. They follow the standards of the Society of American Archivists for creating guides for the collections. When preservation is a concern difficult cases are referred to the Midwest Art Conservation Center in Minneapolis. To retain stability use acid free containers. Don't do something you cannot undo. Paper should be stored in a dry and cool place and be laying flat. Clothes and handicrafts are referred to the museum division. There are publications in the SHSND collection about the care of museum artifacts.

The archives prefers to not accept any items that are restricted. Due to medical and privacy restrictions some records are not open to the public. But the SHSND has taken and will continue to take confidential records.



NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MINUTES



BUSINESS MEETING

John Mogren made a motion, which was seconded by Don Smith that the minutes of the March 17, 2006 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Don Smith gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Clara Bliss and seconded by Pat Ashley to file the treasurers report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No statistics have been kept on the number of death certificates ordered or how many people are using the North Dakota Death Index website. The Dunn County Cemetery book has not been printed yet. The index to the various indexes of the pre-1925 marriage records will be online soon. Don will see if he can locate the survey of courthouse records done by the Supreme Court. The project to possibly place the marriage database (from July 1, 1925 to current) online has been put on hold for the time being.

Valborg Zander has donated a copy of her father's journals to Luther Seminary and plans to donate the originals to the SHSND.

NEW BUSINESS

Jessica Rossow of Flasher joined the society.

John Mogren stated he was approached by members of the RRVGS requesting the meeting date be changed to the Second Friday to coincide with the SHSND Archives and Research Library being open the following day (Saturday). Everyone felt this was a good idea.

SOCIETY REPORTS: See the NDSGS newsletter for additional genealogical society information. <u>SHSND</u>: The contract for the archives expansion has been signed and work has begun. The annual book sale brought in \$8800.00. Watch for notice of book sales in the future. Visitation is down 12% over the

past fiscal year but written requests and interlibrary loan requests are up 14%.

BCHGS: There have been very few genealogy requests this year.

BMGHS: 97 people attended at the workshop held in April. Many enjoyed the arts and crafts displays.

MGS: Seminar will be Saturday, September 9th from 10 to 3 or 4 PM. Location has not been determined yet. <u>JRGS</u>: Working on the Jamestown, Highland Home cemetery to determine the location of all burials to be completed by 2008.

The Next Meeting is Friday September 8, 2006 at 1:00. Note that this is a change to the second Friday of the month instead of the third Friday. The speaker will be announced later. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary



The NDSGS encourages all local (ND) genealogical societies to donate one copy of their works/publications to the SHSND Archives & Research room. This is our central repository for North Dakota genealogical materials.

Please consider other genealogical repositories for your pub-

The State Archives and Historical Research Library reading room is open for research 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

It is also open for research the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except legal holidays.



Notes of Interest From the Editor's Desk

Please consider submitting your articles of interest to our society's publication. Tell us about milestones in your life including any genealogical finds!

Scandinavians Celebrate Annually In Minot, North Dakota October 11-14, 2006 http://www.hostfest.com/



Several of the genealogy societies have submitted their newsletters to me to glean for information to put in the State Newsletter. If you can send it via email that is even better as then I can simply cut and paste the information. It is difficult to decide sometimes what I should include.... but here are some *Notes of Interest* that I hope you enjoy.



Do you understand what you're saying?

A woman walked into the courthouse and went to the department where the vital records are kept. She told the clerk she needed a copy of her birth certificate. After filling out the form, she was told the document would arrive in the mail. A few weeks later, the customer stomped through the door complaining loudly. "My birth certificate arrived this morning and it was filled out wrong!"

When asked how it was wrong, the customer thrust the offending document at the clerk and stated loudly, "LOOK! It's in my maiden name!"

The clerk smiled and said, "That correct,"

Source: DUMHS News & Notes, Summer/Fall 2005

Canadian Research?

Northeastern Ontario Gravemarker Gallery:

http://nocgg.maddoc.net/

(Submitted by Helen Fritchie)

Saskatchewan Cemeteries - Transcribed or Photographed http://www.rootsweb.com/~cansacem/index.html (Submitted by Joan Peterson)

On the lighter side

Heredity. Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools.

My ancestors must be in a Witness Protection Program.

My family coat of arms ties in the back - is that normal?

(Submitted by Sheila Guvakosky)

Source: James River Genealogy Club newsletter May 2006 (Jamestown, ND)

South Dakota BirthRecords

http://www.state.sd.us/doh/vitalrec/birthrecords.index.cfm

Translation Website:

http://www.freetranslation.com

Sheila Guvakosky reminds us to visit the website for the Institute of Regional Studies, NDSU, Fargo. http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndirs/

Click on the picture (link) Biography & Genealogy The North Dakota Biography Index Database continues to be updated and you may just find some of your ancestors listed.

The website lists this information:

"10,170 new entries from 19 publications added in June 27, 2006. (202,905 total entries in 719 publications)"

To forget one's

to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."

Chinese Proverb

He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightening. Old English Proverb

Adam and Eve must have found genealogy very boring.



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Local Methodist Churches that have printed histories on file at the Dakota Conference Archives & History Library

The histories vary in size and scope from books printed for significant milestones like 50th, 75th, 100th and 125th Anniversaries—to newspaper articles and typescripts of a few pages.

Each listing includes the town, county, sometimes the name (I.e. Zion, Emmanuel, McCabe), and initial of the founding denomination, as follows: ME Methodist ~ EV Evangelical ~ UB ... United Brethren ~ EUB ... Evangelical United Brethren. Ethnic Methodist founded churches, African Methodist (AME), German Methodist (German ME), Norwegian - Danish Methodist (N-D ME), Welsh Calvinistic Methodist (WC ME)

For more information regarding the history or histories of a particular local church contact Pat Breidenbach at P.O. Box 460, Mitchell, SD 57301 or call 1-605-996-6552 or email: pat.breidenbach@dakotasumc.org

Do you have Methodists or Evangelical United Brethren in your background? Anyone in your family attended an E.U.B. / Methodist church in the Dakotas?

The Dakota United Methodist Church Conference is in the process of up-dating their Conference History. If you have information / anecdotes / photos / articles you might share, please contact one of the following:

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<espmzp@abe.midco.net> <jkeck@dia.net>

DUMHS = Dakota United Methodist Historical Society
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United Methodist Conference

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Absaraka (Cass) ME

Alpha (Valley) UB

Antelope (Stark) ME

Arthur (Cass) ME

Ashley (McIntosh) Emmanuel EV

Bantry (McHenry) First EV

Beach (Valley) UB

Beulah (Mercer) Friedens EV

Bismarck (Burleigh) First EV

Bismarck (Burleigh) McCabe ME

Bowbells (Burke) Salem EV

Bowesmont (Pembina) EV

Bowman (Bowman) ME

Braddock (Emmons) ME

Casselton (Cass) First EV

Cathay (Wells) ME

Cavalier (Pembina) Trinity ME

Chaffee (Cass) Zion EV

Chaseley (Wells) EV

Cleveland (Stutsman) ME

Cogswells (Sargent) ME

Colfax (Richland) Zion EV

Concrete (Pembina) ME

Coteau (Burke) Calvary EV

Crystal (Pembina) ME

Dazey (Barnes) ME

Des Lacs (Ward) ME

Devils Lake (Ramsey) First ME

Douglas (Ward) ME

Drake (McHenry) Salem EUB

Drayton (Pembina) ME

Edgeley (LaMoure) Wesley ME

Edmore (Ramsey) ME

Elgin (Grant) Bethesda EV

Ellendale (Dickey) Trinity EV

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Fairmont (Richland) ME

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Fargo (Cass) First ME

Forbes (Dickey) St. Mark's ME

Fort Rice (Morton) ME

Gladstone (Starke) ME

Glasston (Pembina) ME

Goodrich (Sheridan) EV

Grafton (Walsh) ME

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Grand Forks (Grand Forks) First ME

Gassy Butte (McKenzie) ME

Great Bend (Richland) Zion EV

Grenora (Williams) ME

Hansboro (Towner) ME

Hatton (Traill) German ME

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Hillsboro (Traill) N-D ME

Holmes (Grand Forks) EV

Hoople (Walsh) ME

Hope (Steele) Me

Hunter (Cass) ME

Jamestown (Stutsman) First ME

Jamestown (Stutsman) St. Paul's EV

Kenmare (Ward) ME

Kensal (Stutsman) Force ME

Kindred (Cass) Calvary EV

Kulm (LaMoure) Zion EV

LaMoure (LaMoure) German ME

Lakota (Nelson) ME

Langdon (Cavalier) Zion EV

Larimore (Grand Forks) ME

Leal (Barnes) ME

Lehr (McIntosh) Zion EV

Leonard (Cass (Trinity ME

Linton (Emmons) Bethel EV

Linton (Emmons) ME

Mandan (Morton) C.W. Burnes ME

Mandan (Morton) C. G. S. EV

McClusky (Sheridan) Jehovah EV

Medina (Stutsman) Emmanuel EV

Minot (Ward) First EV

Minot (Ward) North Hill ME

Minot (Ward) Vincent Methodist

Napoleon (Logan) Salem EUB

New Rockford (Eddy) ME

Oakes (Dickey) ME

Omio (rural Linton) McCabe ME

Page (Cass) ME

Pembina (Pembina) Pioneer Mem ME

Pleasant Hills (Ransom) EUB

Pedsalit Tillis (Railsolli) EOD

Reynolds (Traill) Holmes ME

Rock Lake (Towner) ME Romnes (Griggs) N-D ME

Salem (Stutsman) ME

Sheldon (Ransom) Immanuel EUB

Streeter (Stutsman) Ebenezer EV

Streeter (Stutsman) Hope EV

Sutton (Griggs) ME

Tappen (Kidder) Zion EUB

Temvik (Emmons) ME

Tower City (Barnes) ME

Turtle Mountains German ME

Tuttle (Kidder) Salem EV

Valley City (Barnes) German ME

Wahpeton (Richland) EV

Wahpeton (Richland) Foss ME

Walcott (rural Richard) Zion EV

Wheatland (Cass) ME

Williston (Williams) Faith ME

Willow City (Bottineau) German ME

Woodworth (Stutsman) ME

Source: DUMHS Spring 2003/04 issue





Reuniting Families

By Pam Olafson Furstenau Submitted by George Freeman





An amazing coincidence in Mountain, ND at the annual Deuce of August Icelandic Celebration August 5,2006 resulted in a surprising and exciting family reunion. Two sisters that grew up one mile east of Gardar and a man from southeastern Iceland were unbelievably reunited in the Genealogy Center.

The Laxdal sisters, Norma Thompson from Onamia, MN and Laurel Bowles from Milton, ND came into the Genealogy Center looking for information on their grandmother, Sigridur Jonatansdottir. She had left Iceland in 1888 and her family ties to Iceland had vanished.

The volunteer found the names of Sigridur's parents and facts about their wedding and Sigridur's baptism in the church records for Myrkå, Eyjafjarðar, Iceland. All this information is located on a microfilm and the Laxdal sisters were advised to get this microfilm for a wealth of family information.

Sighor Gudmunösson came to Mountain with a tour group from Iceland. He entered the Genealogy Center and waited for an available volunteer. The two American women thanked the volunteer and started to leave. Sighor set down his paperwork on the table, and he told the volunteer, "I am searching for information on my grandfather's family that left Iceland in the late 1880s."

The volunteer scanned the first page of his family tree to see if any names looked familiar and quickly discovered that his grandfather and the Laxdal sister's grandmother were brother and sister!

With much excitement, the volunteer cried out to the Laxdal sisters as they were leaving the center, "Come back, come over here! You are second cousins!" It took a few minutes for the Laxdal sisters and Sighor to understand the genealogist's explanation because they were so surprised and overcome with emotion.





The Genealogy Center had a new location this year. Tim and Susan (Sigurdson) Powers purchased a house in Mountain and renovated it in time for the celebration. Tim, Susan, and numerous other volunteers spent many hours preparing and modernizing the home for the Genealogy Center. The high speed internet access for three computers, in addition to the tables, bookcases, chairs, couches, and air conditioning, were wonderful assets for the genealogists and also for the visitors.

Laurel and Norma attend the Icelandic Heritage Celebration annually to visit with friends and relatives. They are the daughters of Leo and Sophie Laxdal. They both attended school and graduated from Gardar High School in 1949 (Norma) and 1956 (Laurel). They have been working on their family history for over 20 years; this time, their persistence paid off in a wonderful way.

Many years ago, a book was put together on the paternal lineage of the Laxdal family but the girls continued to be interested in the maternal line, too. They had a copy of the Laxdal book with them and gave it to Sighor. One of the difficulties that confronted Sighor was that Sigridur's husband was named Sigmunður Sigurðsson in Iceland but went by the name. Sigmundur Laxdal in America.

Sigmundur and Sigridur settled on a farm near Gardar, ND and an uncle, Jon, went to the Mozart area in Saskatchewan, Canada where he wrote letters back to the family in Gardar. There were so many Sigurdsson's in the Gardar area that Jon suggested changing their name to Laxdal. The family agreed because they had emigrated from the Laxardal area in Iceland.

George Freeman and Pam (Olafson) Furstenau are the primary genealogists that volunteer their time and resources each year during the Icelandic Celebration. They have access to many Icelandic resources but they can also search for ancestors of any nationality. Countless others volunteer their time, energy, and resources to produce a wonderful celebration each year to honor our Icelandic heritage.

Other families reunite with each other during the celebration, but with the help of the Genealogy Center at the Icelandic Heritage Celebration, two families are now reunited.

From Sandy Slater

Special Collections, Chester Fritz Library, UND, holds the original index books for Grand Forks County dating from 1875-1994. We have an online searchable database presently for records dating from 1875 through 1923. Our volunteer indexer will stop with June 30, 1925.

http://www.library.und.edu/Collections/searchMarriageLic.jsp





Go To Jail, Go Directly to Jail For past prison records, you must write to the:

Federal Prison Bureau 320 First Street North West Washington, DC 20534.

For current prison records and if you have access to a computer, you might try: http://www.bop.gov/or http://blacksheepancestors.com_and_then_click on the appropriate link of the prison.

This information comes from queries on RootsL.

James River Genealogy Club, Newsletter, June 2005



FUND RAISING that works...

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for the repairs to the church building. It was another hot



day, and the first Sunday in July when he was to bring the matter before the congregation. He was a bit annoyed to find out that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in to play at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the financial situation in our church."

During the service, the minister, paused, cleared his throat and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in GREAT NEED; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we anticipated, and we will need \$4,000.00 more. Any of you that can pledge \$100.00 or more, please stand up. There was an uneasy stir in the congregation and no one stood. The minister said, perhaps you'd like a few minutes to think about it and while you are, we will have the organist play something appropriate. At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." The congregation rose to their feet and that is how the substitute became the regular organist.! North Central North Dakota Genealogical Record, Sept. 2006

The RIGHT NAME for the RIGHT COUSIN Author Unknown

- ~ Your <u>FIRST</u> cousin is your parent's brother's (or sister's) child. The first cousin's child, however, is not your second cousin, he is your <u>FIRST COUSIN ONCE</u> <u>REMOVED</u>. The child of your first cousin once removed is your <u>FIRST COUSIN TWICE REMOVED</u> etc...
- ~ Your <u>SECOND</u> cousin is your grandparent's brother's (or sister's) grandchild. That second cousin's child is your <u>SECOND</u> COUSIN ONCE REMOVED, and his child is your <u>SECOND</u> COUSIN TWICE REMOVED etc...
- ~ Your <u>THIRD</u> cousin is your great-grandparent's brother's (or sister's) great-grandchild. The third cousin's child is your THIRD COUSIN ONCE REMOVED, his child is your THIRD COUSIN TWICE REMOVED etc.

OTHER GENEALOGY DEFINATIONS

- ~ An **ANCESTOR** is the person from whom you descend directly, such as a grandparent or great-grandparent.
- ~ COLLATERAL RELATIONS are those relatives who are linked by a common ancestor, as aunts, uncles, cousins ~ A DESCENDANT is the person who descends directly
- from you—your children, grandchildren etc....
- ~ A GRAND-NEPHEW or GRAND-NIECE is the grandchild of your brother or sister.
- ~ A GREAT-AUNT or GREAT-UNCLE is the sister or brother of your grandparents.
- ~ HALF SISTERS or HALF BROTHERS are children of your mother and stepfather or of your father and stepmother, or of either parent by a former marriage.
- ~ IN-LAWS are your connections by the law of marriage (as distinct from relatives by blood). They are your husband's or wife's relatives and your brother's or sister's spouse.
- ~ LINEAL RELATIONS are those in the direct line of ascent or descent, as a grandfather or granddaughter.
- ~ SIBLINGS are your brothers or sisters.
- ~ A STEP-CHILD is the child of your spouse, by a prior marriage.
- ~ STEPFATHER or STEPMOTHER is the spouse of your parent—not your biological father or mother.
- ~ STEPSISTER or STEPBROTHER is the child of your parent's prior marriage or of a future marriage to a person not your parents.

Source: THE HOMESTEAD HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER Vol. 34 No. 1

Adams County ND Cemeteries



I am working on compiling information on all the cemeteries and burials in Adams County. By compiling a cemetery book we hope to preserve and record this data for future generations. If you have any information about burials in this county or know who to contact for information please let me know.

I would be interested in sexton records, plat maps, histories of the churches and cemeteries, church records etc. Thank you.

Patrice Hartman 5750 104 Ave SW Regent, ND 58650-9730 patrice@ndsupernet.com



PICTURES THAT TELL THE STORY

The history of the American Frontier West has been written about since its beginning. Its visual history has been photographed from about 1850. The writers have been well documented but photographers with few exceptions were not noted for their efforts to record what today we would call historic people, places and events.



Dakota Territory has always had an aura of the "Wild West". Many people and institutions collect the photographic record of the territory and two states. Book col-

lectors know authors but many photo collectors, museums and historical societies have no idea who were the "authors" of the photos they possess.

A new book, <u>They Captured the Moment</u> will help not only collectors and institutions but also genealogists. Here one will find three indices of those who recorded the visual history of Dakota Territory as well as North and South Dakota from 1853 to 1920.

The photographers are arranged by 1) surname, 2) town, and 3) year they began operation. The three indices are separated by two photograph sections that deal with Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, Tin Types, Carte-de-Visites, cabinet cards, stereographs, real photo postcards and a variety of other formats. A total of 100 photographs, most never before published, are provide with illuminating captions. These photos will help bring life to the work of over 1,700 photographers listed.

This project took over twenty years of research. Robert Kolbe (Sioux Falls) with the help of Brian Bade (Rapid City) have now published their work. It will be the primary research tool for anyone interested in Dakota's visual history.

Robert Kolbe is a former teacher who has owned and operated an antique book and clock repair shop for 35 years in Sioux Falls. He is currently in his 5th term as a Minnehaha County Commissioner. Brian Bade is a retired fighter pilot with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He lives in the Black Hills of South Dakota and operates a bookstore that specializes in rare, regional books in Rapid City.

They Captured the Moment by Robert Kolbe with Brian Bade is available in hardcover for \$42.50 plus 6% SD tax, shipping and handling. Softcover edition is available for \$29.95 plus 6% SD tax, shipping and handling.

The book is available from: Dakota Photo, 1301 S Duluth Ave.. Sioux Falls, SD 57105 or by calling 605-332-9662. rkolbe@minnehahacounty.org

(Submitted by Patrice Hartman)

Some Early Southern California Burials

Long Beach - In 1974, Questing Heirs Genealogy Society published Some Early Southern California Burials. It proved so popular that a second printing was published in 1978, but for several years it has been out-of-print. In keeping with our mission to collect, preserve and publish data relating to genealogy, it has been converted in its entirety to PDF format, and is now available as a free download at:

www.qhgs.info/downloads.html

The book covers burials in the Wilmington, Sunnyside and Long Beach Municipal Cemeteries to 1920, in alphabetical order. A few later burials are listed in the same family plot.

An Abstract of Records from the Funeral Register of the B. W. Coon Co. Funeral Home, Long Beach, California (covering 1922-1926) is also available as a free download. (Submitted by Patrice Hartman)



A n - cesty.com has just released the 1910 census with an every name index instead of just the head of the household index as it had in the past. Have fun searching!

Patrice Hartman

Welcome new NDSGS member:

Jessica Rossow

221 Park St, Flasher, ND 58535 email jessicamattson@hotmail.com

Researching: Mattson, Langowski, Olson, Kadlec, Martinson, Rossow



NDGenWeb has established a web site page which lists statewide resources for Prc-1925 North Dakota Marriages. It is located at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndemmons/nd/pre1925marriages.htm

Please take a look at it, pass it around, and if you have any further information or suggested changes please contact me.

Sincerely, Mike Peterson, geanie@cox.net NDGenWeb Emmons and Traill Counties

(this is the page Patrice has been working on with Mike Peterson)

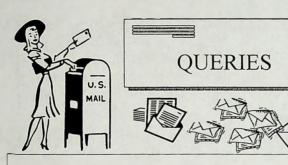
New Jersey Archives Launches Marriage Records Database

Marriages in New Jersey were recorded at the county level starting in 1795. On May 1, 1848 the state started requiring the filing of marriage records. The New Jersey State Archives this week released a new database on their website that indexes marriage returns filed with the Secretary of State for the period May 1848 through 31 May 1867. Data entry from the 1848-1867 hardcopy indexes for most of the counties has been completed and verified against the original returns. Index data for the following counties is currently being checked and should be considered preliminary and possibly incomplete: Middlesex, Ocean, Salem, Somerset, Union and Warren. The index may be searched by the name of the groom and/or bride, county of registration, and/or the year of marriage. Please enter names as Surname, Given Name (e.g., Smith, John). Results are listed alphabetically by groom's name.

This database joins two previously released databases: one that indexes the Secretary of State's marriage bonds and licenses issued between 1711 and 1795 and one that indexes plaintiffs and defendants in New Jersey Supreme Court cases heard between 1704 and 1844. The archives plans to issue several more databases this year as well. All of these databases can be viewed at www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html.

Submitted by Patrice Hartman

NDSGS NEWSLETTER



March 17, 2006

Dear Betty:

I hope my story will get at least one of your members excited enough to want to help me solve my mystery.

I am the great-granddaughter of William B. Crow who disappeared in 1909. He lived in southeast South Dakota but before she died, one of his daughters, wrote "My father went away in 1909... the last we heard of him he was going with a trainload of horses to Minot, North Dakota." Now the questions: Do you have availability to lists of those buried in your cemeteries in the area? If his name isn't there, are there any graves of "unknown" deceased that were buried in 1909? I'm not sure what kind of identification people carried in that day, but it is possible that if he was killed for the money, that he received for those horses that he may not have been left with identification either.

Other notes I have suggest that he left in September of 1909. By your history, do you know why a man would bring horses all the way from southeastern South Dakota to Minot, North Dakota in 1909? Do the resources you search also include old newspapers that would date back that far?

William's disappearance left three little girls orphaned, the youngest one was my grandmother. I know Minot is only one possible answer to this mystery, but if he really made it to where he said he was going, it would be the easiest solution to all after all these years.

If you have questions for me that would help you in your research, you can contact me at the above address, by my email address: debbienowak@comcast.net.

I am hoping that you will reply with one sentence... that being the cemetery he is buried in!

Sincerely, Debbie Debbie Nowak

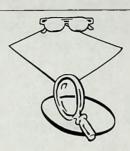
1553 North 1525 East

John Presley Beagle Born: June 7, 1857 Muskingum, OH

Died: November 11, 1905

Williston, ND

Burial: Kenmare, ND



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I am trying to locate the exact location of the graves of my grandfather and his twin sons buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Kenmare, ND.

John Presley Beagle born June 7, 1857 in Muskingum Co., Ohio, son of Eli & Jane Elizabeth (Sears) Beagle. John Beagle, his father and some other family members joined the migration of Church of the Brethren members from Ohio who came to file a homesteads in Kenmare Twp., Ward County, ND in 1896. In 1897, John brought his wife, Rebecca Jane (Harshe) and their children to establish residency on the homestead. On the 30th of May 1898, twin sons. Eli and James were born on the homestead. James died the same day and Eli the next day. They were interred in the Rosehill Cemetery. John Beagle was shot in a hunting accident and died on November 14, 1905 at Williston and was returned to Kenmare for burial at the Rosehill Cemetery by his sons.

The problem is complicated as the Kenmare Funeral Home Records prior to 1906 seem to be nonexistent. My uncle said the graves were about twenty feet inside the gate. There is no grave marker and we will place markers if we can locate the graves. There is a listing in the Ward County Reorganized Cemetery listing of the burial of John Beagle and it also indicates burial of a Beagle child in the plot. I understand this information was gained from the sexton at the time the cemetery was read for the Ward County Cemetery Book published in 1983. I appreciate the assistance John Mogren has given me but we are still unable to locate the graves and would appreciate any assistance.

Robert Beagle

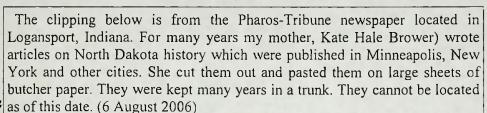
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The James River Genealogy Club continues to be an active society. The now have the following cemetery books available for sale: Eddy County (\$25.00), Foster County (\$25.00), Kidder County (\$25.00), Logan County (\$25.00), Sheridan County (\$25.00), Sioux County (\$25.00), Most Cemeteries of Jamestown, Stutsman County (\$30.00), Rural and Village of Stutsman County (\$30.00); Cemeteries of Valley City, Barnes County (\$30.00); Rural and Village of Barnes County (\$30.00). They have done considerable work!

In the Mailbag....





Letters to the Minnesota Historical Society, the Marquis de Mores museum in Medora, ND., the Christian Science Monitor, St. Paul Pioneer Press and the New York herald Tribune were of no avail.



Look in your attic and if you can assist, please sent these to me.





Jay Hale Brower, son 350 Regents Blvd., Fircrest, WA 98466 Or call: 1-253-564-0596

Thursday, February 1, 1923, Pharos Tribune, Logansport, Indiana

FORMER LOCAL WOMAN AGAIN PROVES WORTH

DAUGHTER OF ATTORNEY CHARLES HALES IS AUTHOR OF IMMENSLEY INTERESTING STORY.

It is a notable fact that where ever young men and women go in their journeying from their home town, they bring honor to the city of their birth and become an actual asset to Logansport.

The latest to acquire fame is Mrs. Kate H. Bower of Parshall. North Dakota whose literary productions are sought in all sections of the country.

Mrs. Bower's literary work is much sought for, and she contributes articles to a long string of magazines and newspapers that prominently feature her work.

One of the latest of her articles to attract nation-wide attention is an illustrated article which tells the story of "A Real Chateau In North Dakota Marks Faded Dream of Empire." This article is copyrighted by the New York Herald and is syndicated so that it has and is appearing in newspapers in all parts of the country.

On the desk of the scribe, as he writes this comment, is a copy of the St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, in which the article referred to appears. It occupies more than a half page in the Pioneer Press, is illustrated by three fine pictures, and the story told is as fascinating and clothed in as fine descriptive English as one would find in a day's journey through American literature.

It tells the story of the romantic financial adventures of the marquis De Mores at Medora in the "Badlands" of North Dakota back in days when Theodore Roosevelt learned the profession of cowboy on the plains of the northwest, and the story has all the force and freshness and breezy narrative of the adventures of Roosevelt and the other great characters who in earlier days disported themselves out "Where" the west begins.

The story is a magnificent piece of work and has in it indication of literary ability that is bound to win its way in the world of literature.

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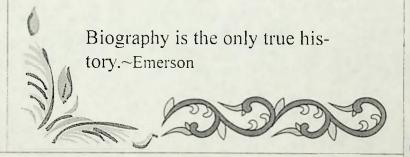
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The North Dakota State Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization. The mission of the society is to encourage networking between genealogical societies and others engaged in genealogical research in North Dakota.



OFFICIAL ROSTER OF THE NORTH DA-KOTA SOLDIERS, SALIORS AND MARINES When looking for relatives, don't forget to consult the veteran's books, such as ROSTER of the Men and Women who served in the Army or Naval Service (including the Marine Corps) of the United States or its Allies from the State of North Dakota in the World War, 1917-1918. Prepared and published under the direction of Brigadier General G. Angus Fraser, the Adjutant General of North Dakota. By authority of the Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND 1931.

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. ~Macaulay



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