

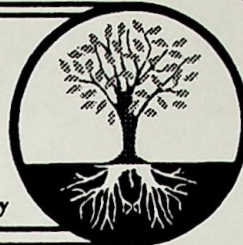
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NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society



A word from Patrice Hartman President, NDSGS

I am very pleased to see the progress that has occurred in the last few months in the compilation of records around the state. I will briefly mention the projects that I am aware of.

The Morton County Cemetery book is now available for purchase. Please note the information given in the newsletter if you are interested in this publication. A big thank you goes to all who helped with this project. The index for this book is also available on the Morton County webpage.

The Oliver County Cemetery Book has been given to the Germans from Russia Historical Society (GRHS) and the ND State Archives in CD format. A bound copy is located at the GRHS which has been given permission to publish. The only copies available will be on a per page cost basis, since GRHS does not have any intention of publishing a book.

Don Smith and Glen Herdebu have finished copying the pre-1925 marriage records of Grant County. Don is also working on the Burleigh County pre 1925 marriage records.

Susan Dingle states that the pre-1925 marriage records have been given to the NDSHS for Barnes, Dickey, Morton and Walsh counties, so there is a lot of work left to be done.

You might consider working on this project in your area as only a few counties have been completed. If you can help with data entry, please contact Don Smith.

The 1930 census is now available at the State Archives. Please note that this census is not soundexed. This is another project that could be worked on.

The following census records for ND are now available online at the ND GenWeb archives: All 1900, all 1910 and 1920 from Adams through Cass Counties. Eventually, the 1920 will all be online.

Please let me know if you have ideas for presentations or field trips for our state meetings. Also remember that up-coming events can be posted on the NDSGS webpage. Hope to see you in June.

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OF NORTH DAKOTA

Dates of Future Events

- Topic for June 21, 2002, meeting of the NDSGS

Becky Doll will be presenting a program on adoption which will include the history of adoption practices in North Dakota.

- Conference in Canada July 19-21, 2002
at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
"Discovering Our Links to Europe - An International Genealogical Conference" sponsored by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

- Montana Conference September 20-21, 2002
13th Annual Montana State Genealogical Conference and YGF's 25th year will be celebrated at the Sheraton Billings Motel

- North Dakota State Archives open on Saturdays
Note that the ND State Archives will be open on Saturdays this summer. Let us get out in record numbers to show our support for this opportunity.

Patrice Hartman

<<http://www.state.nd.us/hist/news/readingroom.htm>>

A word from Jacki Keck, editor

I've begun working full-time and John Mogren has graciously accepted the task of working on the next Newsletter.

All items should be sent to him at

<mogren@stellarnet.com>

Proceedings of March 15, 2002 NDSGS Meeting

Clara Bliss introduced the guest speaker, Harley Heil Trefz. The floor was then turned over to Mr. Trefz for a presentation entitled "North Dakota State Hospital: A Historical Perspective." This was a MICROSOFT POWERPOINT presentation and was well received by the group. The Dakota Territory Legislative Action conceived the plan for the State Hospital on March 9, 1883. On May 1, 1885, the Dakota Hospital for the Insane was opened in Jamestown, North Dakota and began to receive patients. Prior to 1892, there was only one building and the patients slept in the attic. In 1915, the ABC building was added and in 1917 the Superintendents House was erected on the grounds. Early day patients were expected to assist with the farm and garden work on the premises if they were capable. Mr. Trefz spoke about various early day treatment practices.

Although some records have been destroyed, there are some on microfilm. There continues to be more federal regulations regarding the disclosure of medical records. There is a policy that allows for certain information to be released if the patient is deceased. Vickie Hatlewick is the present records director and can answer questions relating to what information may be released. Mr. Trefz passed out a sheet with the policy on release of deceased client records.

There is a cemetery on the State Hospital grounds however over the years it has been a target of frequent vandals. The Chaplains at the State Hospital has been responsible for overseeing the record keeping for this cemetery. George Barron indicated that it is believed the graves are all marked. The index of surnames may be found on the Stutsman County cemetery readings on the Internet. George indicated that many grave-stones were made of concrete and deteriorated. Those that have been replaced have been flat granite stones. The cemetery is still in use.

Vice President, Clara Bliss called the meeting to order at 2:00 on March 15, 2002, in the absence of President, Patrice Hartman.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Pioneer Trails Regional Museum, Clara Bliss and Dorothy Pearson;
Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society, Beth Bauman and Don Smith;
James River Genealogical Club, Daphne Drewells and George Barron;
Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society, Iona Hystad Loken, Lillian Vannett and John Mogren.
State Historical Society of North Dakota, Delores Vyzralek.
Guests: Harley and Jaci Trefz.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Don Smith and seconded by Dorothy Pearson to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Dorothy Pearson and seconded by Delores Vyzralek to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Don indicated that all the genealogical societies in North Dakota have paid their dues for this year. Balance stands at \$1,329.82.

Publicity: Reviewed the NDSGS brochures that Jacki Keck has worked on. The group commended Jacki for her work on these. There is a correction on the e-mail addresses for Clara and Dorothy.

<blissrc@pop.cctel.com> - Clara Bliss <dpearson@pop.cctel.com> - Dorothy Pearson

Cemetery Records

George Barron is still entering names on the Morton County Cemetery Records and plans to be done soon. There about 11,000 burials and this book will not include Mandan Union, which has about 20,000 burials there. Jim Ferder is working on the Mandan Union Cemetery. When George has finished the Morton County Cemetery Records, he plans to turn them over to Don Smith for printing and sale. George plans to put the index on the Internet. Please let George know if you have any changes with the cemetery listings (on the internet)

*Proceedings of March 15, 2002 NDSGS Meeting (cont.)***Marriage Records**

Don Smith is working on the Burleigh County Marriage Records prior to 1925. Don has copied 220 of 3,000 certificates. Beth Bauman is typing the index. Don also indicated that Grant County has expressed a willingness to allow them to index the oldest records to 1925. Beth Bauman indicated that their society had previously printed 117 marriages from the Dakota Territory. George Barron is working on Stutsman County Marriage Records and has finished book number 23 and is presently working on book 25, which will be the last of those volumes. The earlier years have already been indexed and are available either on the local computer or at the North Dakota State Vital Records database.

Workshops:

Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society is planning on doing a genealogical workshop at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Days Saints on September 28. More information will be coming out soon. They plan to have sessions on the basics of genealogy, and resources for German, Scandinavian, and Native American research as well as presenters from the North Dakota State Archives and the L.D.S. Family History Center. There will also be a presentation on computer/internet research.

Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society has a committee working to set up a workshop at the Minot Public Library in June. More information to come. George Barron indicated that he will get the workshop dates entered on the North Dakota State Genealogical Society Web page if the dates are sent to him.

New Releases:

Don Smith passed around copies of the newly released works including:

1. Zion Langedal Lutheran Church Records of Tuttle (Kidder County)
2. School Census Records (Burleigh County)

They have also been approached about indexing the St Petri Church & Cemetery Records (Kidder County).

1930 Census - Delores Vyzralek stated that the 1930 Federal Census should be released by April 1st. There is no soundex with this census.

Veterans of Viet Nam - Clara Bliss stated the Viet Nam wall will be coming to Bowman on August 15 and they will be having an open house on August 17. They have had some difficulty getting the names of the Viet Nam War veterans from their area. It was suggested she might contact the Veteran's Service Officer, the Adjutant General's Office or the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War organizations for a listing.

Newsletter - Jacki had written a letter regarding the North Dakota State Genealogical Newsletter. John Mogren indicated that he has agreed to help Jacki as a co-editor.

Other: - The first week of June the State Historical Society of North Dakota will have their annual book sale. Check their website regarding this upcoming event.

Next meeting will be held June 21 at the North Dakota Heritage Center and Delores will secure a room for us. Don & Beth are in charge of arranging for the program, which will be on adoption records in North Dakota. Don will let Clara know once they have secured the speaker.

With no other business to come before the executive board, a motion was made by Dorothy Pearson and seconded by Beth Bauman that we adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, John Mogren, Secretary

- Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

Meets on the second Thursday of each month
@ 7:00 p.m. at the Bismarck Public Library

Greetings from the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society. We have been enjoying outstanding programs, most recently the Burleigh & Morton County Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Vital Statistics (being in Bismarck and having Susan Dingle of the NDSHS as program chairperson have many advantages).

We are very busy finalizing plans for our up-coming workshop. The date is 28 Sep 2002 at the Bismarck LDS Church with the emphasis on basic genealogy. The workshop is pointed towards newbies and many of us not so new. Although titles of classes have not yet been finalized, presentations will cover: Beginning Genealogy including church, cemetery, funeral director and newspaper records; Organization and Preservation of Records; Census Records; Native American research; Military Records; Family History Center resources; Use of computers; ND State Archives and Internet. More information will be forthcoming. Members of the NDSGS are on our mailing list. It should be a great workshop. See you there.

New publications are: Zion Langedahl Lutheran Church of Tuttle, ND, records and most Morton County Cemeteries, compiled by George Barron and including work by many, many others. Ongoing projects include pre-1925 Marriages of Burleigh and Grant counties (completed recently); Buehler Funeral Home records; Burleigh County school census records; and various other church records, with several more publications in the planning stages. / Don Smith

**- Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society
+ Pioneer Trails Regional Museum**

June 1 - Official opening of the Vietnam display
June 4 to midAugust - Paleontology day tours (appointment)
June 9 - Tenth Birthday anniversary. Open house 1:30 to 5 pm.
July 21 to August 3 - Paleontology Field School
July 27 - Christmas in July - 2 to 5 pm
August 15 to 18 - replica of the Vietnam Wall to be in Bowman.
August 17, 9 am - Local History Council; grant writing workshop.
Afternoon tours to Fort Dilts.
August 17, 3 pm to 6 pm - Veteran's Reception

In between times we answer genealogy requests.
Clara Bliss <blissrc@pop.ctctel.com>

Museum Hours: Winter = 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mon-Sat
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Sunday
Summer = 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mon-Sat
1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sunday

- Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

Meets at 7:00 PM, the third Thursday of each month
in the Centennial Room at the Harvey Public Library.

Here's what's happening at Central ND Genealogy Society. We usually have 7-10 members attending.

Officers: Arlene Cable President
Grace Erickson Vice-President
Marlene Ripplinger Secretary/Treasurer

Projects: In progress...indexing the Harvey Funeral Home records and writing a history of the Harvey Funeral Home.

Taking black and white pictures of the tombstones in the Riverside Cemetery (a deteriorated and uncared for local cemetery of some of Harvey's first residents) to somehow preserve a record of Harvey's first cemetery. The county commissioners have been contacted, and there was a burning of the old grass in an effort to clean up the area.

Contacted the landowners and asked permission to "adopt a roadside grave" located North of Selz, ND. There is a fence around a tombstone located in a ditch. A few years ago, a tombstone was erected with the words "mother Elizabeth Werth". We are trying to find the story behind this woman's death. Members will keep the area clean and will place flowers on the site for Memorial Day.

Activities: Hosted a book signing for Rose Marie Guedner, author of "GERMAN FOOD & FOLKWAYS: Heirloom Memories from Europe, South Russia & the Great Plains." We have been covering lessons from the "DIGGING IN THE DIRT: A Simple Guide on Getting Your Hands into Genealogy," by Janet Elaine Smith.

Summer plans are to take a Road Trip to Bismarck for research at the Heritage Center, and visiting the Germans from Russia Heritage Society bookstore. That's all I can think of, for now. We took a wonderful field trip last summer and explored some of the Lewis & Clark sites. So much fun!!
- Marlene Ripplinger

- Minnesota Research Notes

Our research note for May discusses the use of maps in family history research, and provides suggestions for finding the right map to solve a research problem. You can find it at:

< <http://www.parkbooks.com/Hist/research.html> >
Mary Mary Bakeman, Park Genealogical Books,
publishers of MN Genealogical Journal
e-mail mbakeman@parkbooks.com
WWW <http://www.parkbooks.com/>

- James River Genealogical Club

Meets first Tuesday of each month April through November @ 7:00 p.m. in the Northern Plains Electric Coop, Carrington ND

JAMES RIVER GENEALOGY CLUB DOINGS

by Mary Kuhn, Sec/Treas/Newsletter Editor

Our club is off to a shaky start. Our first meeting in April had to be called off due to a snow storm. A snow And rain storm threatened our second meeting in May, but a few of us braved the elements to report on our winter projects. Two of our members presented a program on using cemetery and death records in June.

Our next meeting in July will feature one of our members, Patty Hilbert, who is a deputy Clerk of Court and County Recorder, presenting a program on using probate records. Patty is working on indexing all of the Eddy County pre-1925 marriages.

George Barron, of Jamestown, has just compiled a second index to the marriages of Stutsman County from 1975 to May 2002, and continues to work on publishing school census indexes, now working on 1924.

Our cemetery crew has started working on Barnes County, but the weather and other troubles have slowed the process. We have found another Wells County volunteer searcher in member Mary Wrolstad, Fessenden, who has offered to help with county records from the Fessenden Court House. Our volunteer searching for clients at a distance continues by mail and e-mail with many contacts due to our usgenweb county pages. We have a new toy in an older useful lap-top computer donated by John Mogren, that is being put to use currently by Patty Hilbert. Thanks much for thinking of our club, John!

- Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

Meets on the first Saturday of each month @ 1:00 p.m. in the Community room of the Minot Public Library

We are appreciative of the energy some of our newer members have brought to our group. They have worked tirelessly in many projects. One of these projects is our new website:

<http://www.mrlgs-nd.org/> Please check it out!

This same group has spent many hours in organizing a genealogical workshop for June 29. You can see the presentation topics on our website, click on current events, scroll down to June 29 and click on Poster. John Mogren

- Red River Valley Genealogical Society

Meets the third Saturday of the month @ 10:00 a.m. in the RRVGS library in Fargo

- Southwestern ND Genealogical Society

Meets on the third Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Dickinson Public Library in Dickinson, ND. We are compiling the Stark County Cemeteries.

- Williams County Genealogical Society

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month @ 9:30 AM at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Williston

YEARLY NDSGS DUES

\$ 5.00 Individual
10.00 Supporting
5.00 Society (1-10)
10.00 Society (11-25)
20.00 Society (26-50)
35.00 Society (51+)
Queries welcome!!

Current Officers (2002-2003)

Patrice Hartman, President
Clara Bliss, V President
John Mogren, Secretary
Don Smith, Treasurer

Newsletter

Jacki Keck - Williston ND



- Cass County marriage index online/ Patrice

<http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/marriage/>

- Dawson County Tree Branches book index on-line

In 1989 Tree Branches published "Our Times, Our Lives," a 1000+ page, indexed compilation of family histories of Dawson County (MT) residents. This book is available through Tree Branches and the index to the family stories is on-line at

www.cheyenneancestors.com/dawson/dwsgens.html

Web Indexes Available from Institute for Regional Studies at NDSU

You won't see document images, but you can search indexes to various historical records of interest to those researching North Dakota history or families and their times in North Dakota.

An index to North Dakota Biography, or the NDBI, indexes many town and county histories, the 1884 Andreas Atlas biographical section, the WPA Pioneer Biographies, the NDGFWC Pioneer Mothers Biographies, the WWI Roster of service, and many other sources. You will see the call numbers for the Institute for Regional Studies collection, but SHSND's library and archives have most of the same sources. Ask a staff member for help on call numbers or locations after finding a citation or more that you would like to look at. The web address is: <http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndbi>

A partial index to Clement Lounsbury's, "The Record," a magazine in tabloid format about North Dakota people, places and history, covering Jan. 1895-Dec. 1899, is available at:
<http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/record>

Cass County marriages March 1872- December 1944 may also be searched on an Institute for Regional Studies website. By special arrangement with the State Archives, the Institute for Regional Studies, and the Cass County Recorder, these records are with the Institute for Regional Studies in Fargo. The website is:
<http://dp3.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/marriage>

Also, on the SHSND website, you can search our North Dakota newspaper holdings and find newspaper titles, locations published, microfilm roll numbers, dates covered on each roll, and list of any missing issues:
<http://www.state.nd.us/hist/newshome.htm>

And, you can search the naturalization records index:
<http://www.state.nd.us/hist/infnat.htm>

Read the information sheet and click on the highlighted text to access the naturalization records index.

You can search the index to 1885 special Dakota Territory Census-Northern Half:
<http://www.state.nd.us/hist/infscens.htm>

Read the census information sheet. Click on the underscored text about the 1885 Dakota Territory census database to get to the index to this census.

Note: Susan Dingle has accepted the position as Editor at the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) in Bismarck. The historical society publishes a quarterly journal, "North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains," a quarterly newsletter, "Plains Talk," and various occasional books, catalogues, pamphlets, and newsletters on topics relating to North Dakota history, archeology, historic preservation.

She says, "I am excited and scared at the same time. This will mean a number of changes, many to most of them positive, but changes all the same. ... I begin this position 3 June 2002. I will still be found in the State Historical Society, with the same email address, but with a desk in a different division, on a different floor, and a different phone number.

sdingle@state.nd.us

- UND now has available the 1930 census for ND, SD, and MN!

The Elwyn B. Robinson Department of Special Collections at the Chester Fritz Library, UND, has recently acquired the microfilm rolls for the 1930 Federal Census for North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Since no Soundex is available for the 1930 Census for these three states, determining an ancestor's location is all-important. Therefore, the microfilm rolls containing the enumeration districts for each of these respective states were also purchased.

Special Collections maintains regular hours during the summer, Monday - Thursday, 8:00-5:00, Friday 8:00-4:30, and Wednesday evening 5:00-9:00 pm. However, since classes are not in session from August 5 th To 26th, Special Collections hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 for that period.

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Grand Forks, ND 58202-9000
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- Koch & Ohrenschall Families of MN and ND

Need information on the following family's:

JOHN CHRISTAIN KOCH

Born: 15 August 1865, Hamburg, Germany Died: 27 April 1953, Wilton, North Dakota

Married: 31 August 1904, Mora, Minnesota

LENA ROSA OHRENSCHALL

Born: 01 May 1888, Switzerland

Died: 4 March 1931, Wilton, North Dakota

Nine Children:

1. Elnora Koch, born Minnesota - m: George F. Kellar
2. Louise Koch, born Minnesota - m: Charles F. Kellar Son, Aaron lives in North Dakota.
3. Alvin Albert Koch, born North Dakota?, m: Katie Horning
Listed as Alfred in his Mother's Obituary. Lived in Oregon Children live in Oregon/Washington.
Son David- born in North Dakota, now lives in Oregon City, Oregon
4. Edward Koch
5. Charles Koch, lived in Oregon and believed to have lived in Utah.
6. Amelia Koch, midget, blind and never married.
7. Warren Harding Koch - m: Eva Walker or Seewalker
8. Paul Koch
9. Christ Herbert Hoover Koch, believed he was called Lawrence.
Born: 26 February 1931. Wilton, North Dakota. Never married.
Mother died shortly after he was born, due to complications of Childbirth and Pneumonia.

KOCH, Lawrence Social Security #501-04-6727

Born: 24 February 1931, near Wilton, Ecklund Township, Burleigh County, North Dakota

He was the last child born to John Christian & Lena Rosa (Ohrenschall)

Died: 31 October 1997 At New Rockford, (is this the City?) Brandtford,

(is this the Township?) Eddy County, North Dakota

KOCH, Lena died on 04 March 1931, from Complication of Childbirth and Pneumonia.

He also lived in Grafton, __?__ County, North Dakota about 1978...

Could someone tell me what County Grafton is in.?

Also does anyone have any information on the " SCHOOL for the FEEBLE MINDED"
in Grafton, __?__ County, North Dakota? Was it a Boarding School, Home or

a Hospital.? If a School, where were they placed after the Schooling years were over.??

Thanks in Advance for your help... Carla in Oregon <leighon@pacifier.com>

* Old friends who knew you before you were into genealogy begin sending clippings about dead or live people with your surnames.
* You worry about the roof's leaking only if the drips threaten your genealogy section.

Symptoms of Genealogy Addiction

[This came from an English list]

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- * Your kids think picnics in cemeteries are normal and EVERYBODY does it.
 - * You're the only person in a group who knows what a Soundex is.
 - * When "It's only a few miles down the road" means at least 50.
 - * Some of your best friends live over 200 miles away.
 - * You have more pictures of tombstones than of your kids.
 - * When "I need to spend just a little more time at the courthouse" means forget the cleaning, washing, dinner & chores for the day is shot.
 - * The mailman can't believe that you get this much mail from someone you don't even know.
 - * You can explain to your mum why you can't go 25 miles for Sunday dinner, but can go 100 miles to check out another cemetery.
 - * When "As soon as I check out this census record, I'll fix dinner" means "call the local pizza parlor."
 - * Your neighbors think you're crazy, your friends wonder and YOU know you are.
 - * You can't drive past a cemetery without wondering if your ancestors are buried there.
 - * You have to watch the credits of a movie to see if any of the surnames are ones you are researching.
 - * You ask all the people you meet, what their grandparent's surnames are.
 - * When you move to a new town and the first thing you look for is a historical or genealogical society in the area.
 - * You go on vacation and beg your hubby to drive 80 miles out of the way so you can try and find your grandfather's grave in 100-degree heat.
 - * Youthful fantasies of traveling to exotic places are replaced by plans to get to those little towns with graveyards, or larger towns with Archives!
 - * Your fear of snakes and bugs is overshadowed by the need to get through those brambles to that old gravestone.

QUERY SUBMISSION FORM

Name(s)

Information (dob/dod/area lived in/marriage/offspring/etc)

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Also Researching:

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Address:

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() Interested in membership

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- * When you can recite all the counties of a State you've researched but where you've never lived.
- * When you find your ancestor's execution by hanging or burning at the stake, far more interesting than the mass-murder that just took place next door.
- * You're not invited to family functions because your relatives are tired of filling out family group sheets.
- * When you read the New Testament in Sunday School you find yourself comparing the pedigrees in Matthew and Luke.