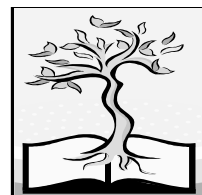
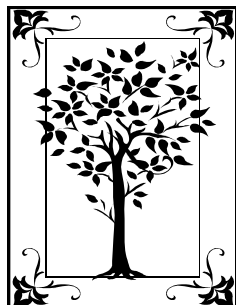


# NDSGS Newsletter



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## NDSGS President's Letter



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Hello everyone,

I am currently in the not-really-retired-but-not-working-full-time-but-wish-I-was mode. It is a mode of living that no doubt is becoming more familiar to many people, and being in the vanguard of it is not particularly fun or even enjoyable.

I have been having fun seeing the two fledgling horned owls at the North Dakota Heritage Center and their parents--mostly their mom--watching out for them. The crows like to mob the little ones, who are getting bigger every day, losing their baby bird fluff, and starting to show what could become those distinctive "horns." North Dakota still is seeing a number of cultural heritage and family reunion and family history visitors; and they are showing up at the Heritage Center for part of their stay. As are the foreign exchange students, the students are going on or returning from mission work, the students and their parents (getting the students ready for the journey) going on foreign travel and exchanges. Some of the North Dakotans who also visit in droves have noted that it's a good place to visit, the museum and gift shop, and they should come back. They've been getting information about the State Archives and their offerings, as well.

Best wishes to everyone in their research and on their summers,

Susan Dingle, President, NDSGS



### Next Meeting!

**The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society is on Friday, June 12, 2009, in the Legislative Assembly Room in the State Archives at the North Dakota Heritage Center, home of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Central Time.**

**All Genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.**

**Our topic is "How the NDSGS can help preserve records and access to those records. Patrice Hartman will discuss various North Dakota county records that are missing or misplaced, open access to records and how HIPPA regulations play a part in access to records.**

**Susan**



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



### **North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes**

President Susan Dingle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 13, 2009. The meeting was held at the Bismarck State College Library.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Patrice Hartman and Pat Ashley, SWNDGS; Don Smith, Susan Dingle, Jessica Rossow, BMHGS; Greg Wysk, SHSND; George Freeman, MGS; Iona Loken; MRLGS.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Don Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Jessica Rossow that the minutes of the September 12, 2008 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Newsletter: Please submit articles and photos for the newsletter to Jessica Rossow at least a month before the next meeting.

Pre 1925 marriage index. Ann Jenks will be attending a meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> in the twin cities.

Goals: Review in September.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

We discussed sending a letter to the ND State Library regarding an online database subscription to Heritage Quest and ProQuest Historical Newspapers. Also looked at a paper on open access to records.

Greg Wysk: Report from SHSND. Mention of SB 2168 which deals with coroners records. Laurel Stowell will be working on Saturdays. The ND Governors conference is scheduled for September 25 & 26 the same weekend as the Moorhead Workshop. The archives would like to add another archival staff position. The number of interlibrary loan requests for microfilm has decreased dramatically.

The next Meeting is Friday, June 12, 2009 at 1:00. It is requested that Greg check on the availability of a room for us at the Heritage Center. The meeting was adjourned.

#### **PROGRAM**

Carolyn Twingley, the Serials/ILL/Archives Librarian at Bismarck State College (BSC) gave a tour of the archives and presented information about their collection.

The mission of the Bismarck State College Library Archives is to collect, preserve, arrange and make available important historical and social records of the College and to keep a primary source record of the events of preceding years and thoughts of past generations.

The Archives is specifically concerned with the administrative and historical records of Bismarck State College from its start in 1939 to the present day. Among the materials collected are: Yearbooks, college newspaper, photographs, letters, posters, publications, 3-D objects.

Bismarck State College began in 1939 in the Bismarck High School building. The tuition at that time was \$125 for one year. The first catalog was published in 1940. The first annual was published in 1942 and was entitled the "Markota." In 1944 the title of the annual was changed to the Jay-cee-an. The first newspaper was published on 20 December 1946 and was later called the "Mystician".

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# State Historical Society of North Dakota



## State Historical Society of North Dakota

Submitted by *Greg Wysk*

<http://www.nd.gov/hist/>

The Legislature approved the agency's request for another position for an archives specialist and that person will start sometime in July. The Archives hired four summer interns: Cassandra Stangeland (Northern State University, Aberdeen) is the reading room intern and she'll be here into August. We also have 2 Digital Projects interns, Alyssa Gerszewski (College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN) and Amy Bellefeuille (NDSU), who will be working with local historical societies and other organizations in identifying and scanning photos and documents for uploading to CON-TENTdm. This year's "Dakota Datebook" intern is Carol Wilson (Ohio Northern University, Ada). We also hired a part-time Reprographics Assistant, Patricia Jennings, to help our microfilming and scanning specialist with his work.

I have also been busy cataloging the Genealogy files from the archives (the 90000 collections). People can search for those in ODIN just by doing a Keyword Anywhere search using a family name. I have nearly 140 finished and many left to go.

I have also caught up with manuscript collection cataloging of collections received up to December 2008. Some collections of interest:

- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church sacramental records, 1940-2005
- Trinity Lutheran Church sacramental records, 1925-1966
- Our Saviors Lutheran Church sacramental records, 1900-1925
- Thompson family papers, 1940-2007
- George H. Wheeler family collection, 1920-1970s
- Lueck family collection, 1942-1972
- Aasen family homesteading stories, undated
- Thomas F. Baker family papers, 1868-2008



## That's What I've Been Reading

Book Review submitted by *John Mogren*

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO FAMILY TREE MAKER, (2009) by Tana L. Pedersen, 420 pages

Recently I was contacted by Ancestry Publication asking if I would be interested in doing book reviews. So here is my second review on the book they sent me.

Tana L. Pedersen has written the guide to help you navigate through the 2009 Family Tree Maker (FTM). Most of the members of our genealogy society use FTM as the program of choice for recording their family history. I sense that many of us were disappointed with the changes in the 2009 program and I know some have reverted to using their older programs. I was accustomed to the "user friendly" and "cleaner" look from my older edition and suddenly with the 2009 edition I had this very different look.

I welcomed the opportunity to review The Official Guide to Family Tree Maker 2009, in hopes that it would help become more comfortable (and satisfied) with the newer edition. The book does provide detailed instructions on using the various features of the program and she also has included illustrations. It seems most of us while we don't like the new look of FTM we do like some of the new features in this edition. The book is helpful in understanding the various boxes, icons or symbols. In fact, the book serves as a form of encouragement to explore the program. The seven major categories that a user sees when they open the program are explained in detail. The same difficulty we continue to face in this world of ever changing technology exists, in that just when we have our comfort level high there is a change in the program. This book is helpful to facilitate a comfort level as skills increase by moving around on the 2009 edition of FTM. I think if I were new to genealogy and this was my first exposure to FTM, I'd be more excited about the 2009 edition. So while I am not real excited about FTM 2009, I would say the book is helpful in navigating the 2009 edition.



# State Historical Society of North Dakota



## New books received since March 2009

Provided by *Rachel White*, Head of Technical Services SHSND

1. Memories of a Norwegian immigrant / by Sigurd Hofstad in cooperation with Mildred Hofstad Ingebo
2. History of the Norwegian settlements : a translated and expanded version of the 1908 De norske settlementers historie and the 1930 Den siste folkevandring sagastubber fra nybyggerlivet i Amerika / written by Hjalmar Rued Holand
3. Ellendale, North Dakota 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1882-2007
4. Duppong family reunion / compiled by Linda Keys
5. In search of your European roots : a complete guide to tracing your ancestors in every country in Europe / Angus Baxter
6. In search of your British & Irish roots : a complete guide to tracing your English, Welsh, Scottish & Irish ancestors / Angus Baxter
7. Remedies and rituals : folk medicine in Norway and the New Land / Kathleen Stokker
8. In search of your German roots : a complete guide to tracing your ancestors in the Germanic areas of Europe / Angus Baxter
9. Washburn, N. Dak. Centennial : 1882-1982 : 100 years on the Missouri
10. Beyond Red River : centennial book of the Diocese of Fargo, 1889-1989 / Terrence G. Kardong
11. Eddy Funeral Home records index : Jamestown, Stutsman County, N.D. / compiled by Jeanette Childs
12. Early records of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead, Minnesota and missions of western Minnesota & eastern North Dakota
13. Writer's block : Jamestown people and places / by Bruce Berg
14. Marion 1900-1950 / compiled and edited by the Marion Pioneer History Committee
15. Edgeley High School 1974 alumni directory
16. Our Lady of Mercy's jubilee, 1904-1979
17. St. John's Academy, 1892-1965
18. 1992 directory of the Basilica of St. James
19. What has been, what is, what will be : the Basilica of St. James and mission parishes (1999 directory, Basilica of St. James)
20. Each one called by name (2005 directory, Basilica of St. James)
21. Anna Briese : to grandmother's house we go / compiled by Loree Ann Briese Hadley
22. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, 1903-1978, Drake, N.D.
23. Neuburg Congregational Church, Burt, N.D. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary
24. Early history of Sargent County, volume 1 / Susan Mary Kudelka
25. History of Sargent County volume 2 and 3 / Susan Mary Kudelka
26. Jamestown newspaper obituary index for 2007, also Stutsman County burial permit index for 2007 / compiled by G.L. Barron
27. Destroismaisons dit Picard : the ancestral line of Joseph Villdebond Ernest Picard, 1871-1948 / compiled by Mary Margaret Picard Embertson
28. The family of Iver Haagensen Hamre and Gjertrud Haagensdatter Rudlang : compiled by Mary Margaret Picard Embertson



# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



**2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!**  
**OUR MEMBERSHIP YEAR IS EQUIVALENT TO**  
**THE CALENDAR YEAR:**  
**JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE CHECK ONE:

NDSGS MEMBERSHIP DUES:

INDIVIDUAL (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING MEMBER: (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES:

(1 TO 10 MEMBERS = \$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**MAIL YOUR DUES TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**NORTH DAKOTA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**Box 485**

**BISMARCK, ND 58502-0485**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NDSGS.**

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Harold Schaefer donated 100 acres of land for the site of the current campus. BSC is now the third largest college in North Dakota.

The archives were started in 1994 with a collection of items that had been stored in a basement. Articles and photographs are catalogued by subject and date. Presidential collections are archived yearly. There are also some faculty collections. A beginning history of BSC is being compiled.

Patrice Hartman, Secretary

## **Minnkota Genealogical Society**

Submitted by *George Freeman*

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~minnkota/>

**March 10, 2009 Program** — Meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

**April 14, 2009 Program** – Tom Stennes of Stennes Granite Co. spoke about headstone do's and don'ts. Cathy Altepeter "warned" him that some of us might bring photos!! She asked him to cover what to do and what not to do as far as cleaning. Maybe a bit about preserving and identifying the type of stones. Don't we all just love headstones? This was a very good presentation and the questions were many and the discussion long.

**May 12, 2009 Program** – Program presented by Rev. Harvey Hoiberg. He spoke about WWII.

Upcoming Meetings in 2009 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 PM EGF, MN Public Library.



# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



## Williams County Genealogical Society

Submitted by *Gloria Johnson*

There is now an index online to the Marriage Records of Williams County, North Dakota at [www.williamsnd.com](http://www.williamsnd.com)

You can search by the Groom's surname or the Bride's surname.

## Bismarck Mandan Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.bmhgs.com/>

Submitted by *Alfred A Buchholz*, President BMHGS

The first five months of this year has come and gone, but they were filled with lots of activity. In my last Presidents message, I had mentioned that the French Society was planning a workshop in 2010. After a meeting with Virgil Benoit (Director of IF Midwest and Professor at UND), Merl Paaverud (Director of the North Dakota State Historical Society), Myron Senechal (Director of Quebec Heritage Tour), Beth Campbell (Staff worker at North Dakota State Historical Society), a date was set for 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2010 at the Heritage Center, Capital Grounds in Bismarck, ND. Some of the activities discussed were: a bus field trip to early historical sites, an out door French food cook out, early French music, different breakout sessions of interest, noted speakers, and much more.

We at the Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society have decided to be a part of this workshop. I hope that everyone puts these dates on there Calendar for 2010 and attends. The personal out of pocket investment is not yet known.

At our April meeting, our program was on computers; how to copy, scan, and download pictures and files to PAF and other ancestor data bases. This was presented by Ann Knudson. Everyone that attended enjoyed it very much. At our May meeting we were given a hands on demonstration of "scrap booking" presented by Cindy Roehrich and Carrol Chowen of Creative Memories. It was very interesting and being a hands on project, I had fun and learned how to make memories nice to look at. If you are like me, I can be told how to do something but if I don't actually do it, I forget how to do it or don't know where to start.

The program for the rest of the year is as follows.

- June 11th: Tour of Heritage Center or State Archives (check the Bismarck Tribune "calendar of events")
- July: No meeting, but a good time to visit the annual French If Midwest meeting in Belcourt, North Dakota on the 17th and 18th July.
- August 13th: Picnic (check the Bismarck Tribune "calendar of events" for more information)
- September 10th: State Library Tour.
- October 8th: Burleigh County Recorder tour (Debbie Kroshus- Registrar of Deeds).
- November 12th: German names (origins and English spellings) presented by Mike Rempfer.
- December 10th: Sharing of heritage, picture, food, and family history.

## Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society

<http://www.ptm.org/>

Submitted by *Clara Bliss*

The Bowman County Historical & Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

## Red River Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.redrivergenealogy.com/>

Submitted by *Jackie Marler*

The Red River Valley Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.

## Central North Dakota Genealogical Society

The Central North Dakota Genealogical Society has nothing to report at this time.



## North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports



### **South West ND Genealogical Society**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndstark/>

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

In February the lesson was on genealogical publications and magazines. At the March meeting we talked about how to locate church records and the types of information that can be found in them. In April we learned how to locate local histories and the kind of data they might hold for your research. The May meeting will be either Norwegian research or using forensic evidence to solve a genealogical puzzle.

### **James River Genealogy Club**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndjrgc/>

Submitted by *George Barron*, Vice-President JRGC

Our James River Genealogy Club held the first meeting of 2009 on April 7 at the Carrington location. The program for the meeting was reports by members, of what they accomplished on their winter projects. Almost everyone in attendance had an interesting project to report on. Many brought pass-arounds to show us details.

We are holding meetings this year in alternate locations, so the May meeting was held May 5<sup>th</sup> at Jamestown. The program featured a presentation by a member of the ND State Library on the tricks of searching using Pro-Quest, the library version of Ancestry.com, which is found in every library in North Dakota. We had a full house, and our Secretary advises that we have had ten new members sign up at or since the meeting!

Our next meeting will be June 2 at Carrington. The program will be the Foster County Veteran's Service Officer, on veterans records etc. Each of us is asked to bring samples of veteran's records that we have personally collected from various wars, U.S. or otherwise.

Our July meeting will be the 7<sup>th</sup> at Jamestown, and our cemetery crew will give a demonstration at a Jamestown cemetery on the tricks and troubles of reading tombstones, and how to compile a cemetery book.

We now have two co-presidents, Cathy Paulson at Carrington, and Barb Gillis Caine, at Jamestown, George Barron, vice president, Jamestown, Mary Kuhn, Secretary/Treasurer/Newsletter Editor, Jamestown.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month, April through November. We have members throughout the US, and those who attend meetings are from Eddy, Foster, Stutsman, and Wells counties.

### **Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ndmrlgs/>

Submitted by *Linda Ringsaker*, MRLGS President

We've been busy discussing and brainstorming how to look up names and where to find them. We were broken up into groups of 4 or 5 and asked how we would figure how the names of people would be spelled or pronounced. Some people have a first name with a middle name or initial in their name. Some people initialize their first name and use their middle name. Some names were spelled the way they were pronounced.

We also were asked how and where we would look up names. Some suggestions were church records, school records, census, family bibles, family history books, ancestry.com, LDS church and internet site, family members, newspaper articles, funeral home records, graveyard records, land records, city records, city centennial books, and county centennial books.

We have also done some indexing of records to get them updated for people looking for names.

We have plans to go to the Railway Museum on Main Street in Minot, ND on May 30, 2009. They have a lot of information as far as old telephone books, directories, etc. It should be an interesting visit to see what they have available.

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Dues are due on January 1st of every year. 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.

### **Check out these articles**

Submitted by *Patrice Hartman*

#### *Red Cross WWI & WWII records*

New Unearthed Records from Red Cross for World War I & World War II:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/7940540.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7940540.stm)

#### *Digitization of ancient manuscripts*

A fascinating article from the Wall Street Journal about digitizing manuscripts and other treasures:

<http://online.wsj.com:80/article/SB124173896716198603.html>

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