

# NDSGS Newsletter

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## President's Letter

Thanks to the Fargo area for hosting the last meeting. We really appreciate getting the meetings out in the communities, as it helps our members check out the resources located in other areas of the state.

I am writing this report while at the Allen County Genealogical Library at Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is one of the largest genealogical libraries in the country. If you ever have a chance to visit this wonderful facility, you should do so. It has been wonderful at providing me information on a "lost" portion of my family. These were family who did not locate in North Dakota. I won't say I learned everything I wanted to learn about them, but as anyone interested in genealogy knows, even small successes are appreciated.

I will be gone for a while, as I undergo some surgery on my ankle. I will keep updated on my computer, even though I need to be off my feet for a minimum of 6 weeks. I hope to see you all in October for the meeting at the Heritage Center in Bismarck.

Always,

Genie Lang, President

### *Special points of interest:*

- ND Genealogical Societies Reports
- ND State Archives Reports

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## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the North Dakota State Genealogical Society will be Friday, October 9 at 1 pm CDT in the Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck..

All individuals who have paid their membership are welcome to attend. All genealogical societies in North Dakota who have paid their membership are encouraged to send a representative of their society.

# North Dakota State Genealogical Society Minutes

Treasurer Patrice Hartman called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on July 10, 2015.

The meeting was held in the Red River Valley Genealogical Society Library in Fargo. Genealogical societies/club representatives present: Patrice Hartman, SWNDGS; Daphne Drewello, JRG; Linda and Keith Zeuschel, Jackie Marler, John Cruden, Alice and Glenn Ellingsberg, RRVGS; Ron Baker, MGS; Norma Dooley, NDSGS; Linda Westrom, Minnesota Genealogical Society and Jane Cumber, Heritage Education Commission. Lunch was provided before the meeting by the RRVGS.

Glenn Ellingsberg talked about the RRVGS organization and the library. The society began as the Fargo Genealogical Society in 1967 and later changed the name to the RRVGS in 1978 to better reflect the large area the society represents. They were incorporated in 1989 as a 501 (c) (3). They established a library because of the lack of genealogical research books and publications and other libraries in the area would not or could not house these resources. The first librarian was Shirley Simmons and the resources were kept at her house until 1990 when they were moved to the Cass County Human Services Building.

In 1991 Linda Zeuschel became the librarian. The collection moved to its present location in 1991. They have about 5000 books from many different locations. The first surname index was published in 1969. The library holdings are now in digital files and can be searched for names and places on their website. They are working on digitizing various publications which can be used at the library.

In addition to its own collection of Norway related books, the RRVGS Library is also the home of the family history collection of the Hallinglag of America. The collection numbers over 400 resources and deals mostly with history of the people from the Halling Valley in South Central Norway.

Linda Westrom gave a short presentation on the Minnesota Genealogical Society in St. Paul. They have over 30,000 books and the library catalog is on their website. They hold a spring and fall conference and have many branches, affiliates and interest groups. The board has 9 directors and 5 officers and the past president. They would like to coordinate events and dates so we can share information with

each other.

Jane Cumber gave a presentation on the Heritage Education Commission and their annual fall workshop. It will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> with John Phillip Colletta. Next year the main speaker will be D. Joshua Taylor. The commission has 15 members and in addition to the annual workshop they give awards for histories and compilations which are then placed in the MSUM Library. They also collect oral histories and veterans oral histories.

Business meeting

## MINUTES

Keith Zeuschel made a motion, which was seconded by Daphne Drewello, that the minutes of the April 10, 2015 meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Patrice Hartman gave the Treasurers Report. Motion made by Alice Ellingsberg and seconded by Daphne Drewello to file the treasurers report. Motion carried

## OLD BUSINESS

Patrice Hartman talked about the Pre 1925 marriage index. The counties that have been indexed are available online on the SHSND website. If you are interested in volunteering for this project to work on indexing please contact Patrice or Ann Jenks.

## NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting: October 9, 2015 in the Legislative Assembly Room at the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

The Fall Newsletter Deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary

Patrice Hartman

# State Historical Society of North Dakota

## New Book Acquisitions

by Rachel White, Head of Technical Services SHSND

New since late May:

### NORTH DAKOTA LOCAL HISTORIES:

Espeseth, Gloria. *Upland : some of what we know of the first 20 years : Upland Township, Divide County, North Dakota*. [North Dakota?]: {Gloria Espeseth?}, [2013].

*Grace Lutheran Church, Driscoll, North Dakota [pictorial directory]*. Gallon, Ohio: United Church Directories, [196-?].

*History of Berlin, North Dakota, 1903-1976*. [Berlin?, North Dakota]: n.p., [1976].

Wankle, Nell. *History of Holy Rosary Church, LaMoure, ND*. [La Moure, North Dakota]: [Holy Rosary Church?], [1978?].

### FAMILY HISTORIES:

Benz, Frank L. *The Benz family from Renchen, Baden, Germany and the United States of America, 1666 to 1996*. Loveland, Colorado: Johnson Printing, 1997.

Wilson, Herbert J. *The memoirs of Dr. Herbert Joslin Wilson : in search of a purposeful life*. [Bismarck, North Dakota: H. J. Wilson, 2015].

### OTHER:

*Dickinson State University alumni reunion, classes of 1920-1949, featuring the classes of '39 and '49*. [Dickinson, North Dakota: Dickinson State University Alumni, 1999].

*Dickinson State University 50th Anniversary: reunion for the classes of 1920-1947*. [Dickinson, North Dakota: Dickinson State University Alumni, 1997].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Bottineau County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2014].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Burleigh County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [c2015].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Divide County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [c2015].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Renville County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [c2012].

Great Plains Directory Service. *Ward County plat book & directory*. Jamestown, North Dakota: Great Plains Directory Service, [2013].

*La Moure County, North Dakota rural resident directory*. [Boulder, Colorado: Directory Service Co.], 1978, 1983.

*Model High School class reunion (Dickinson, N.D.), classes of 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950*. [Dickinson, North Dakota: Model High School, 1975].

*Rural directory, La Moure County, North Dakota*. Longmont, Colorado: Directory Service Co., 1986.

## New Local Government Records

by Ann Jenks, State Archivist

### September 2015 Local Government Accessions

41728 Bowman County. Clerk of Court, Marriage Licenses and Certificates, 1907-1925, 1r. (#17111)

41752 McHenry County. City of Velva, City Council Minutes, 1905-1983 7v.

41751 McHenry County. City of Velva, Ordinance Record, 1902-2007, 3v.

41742 McKenzie County. Auditor, Abstract of Assessment, Abstract of Tax List, 1905-1960, 1ft.

41739 McKenzie County. Auditor, Abstract of Votes. 1912-1996, 6ft.

41719 McKenzie County. Auditor, Commissioners Records, 1905-2011, 11v.

41746 McKenzie County. Auditor, Land Classification Sheets (Soil), n.d., 1v.

41748 McKenzie County. Auditor, Land Classification Assessment Sheets, 1937, 3.5ft.

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## *New Local Government Records (Continued from page 3)*

- 41724 McKenzie County. Auditor, Official Oaths, 1968-2000, .5ft.
- 41744 McKenzie County. Auditor, Oil and Gas Tax Appropriation Ledger, 1952-2003, 1v.
- 41743 McKenzie County. Auditor, Plat Books, 1916, 1934, 2v.
- 41741 McKenzie County. Auditor, Real & Personal Property Assessments, 1965, 1v.
- 41745 McKenzie County. Auditor, Real Estate Assessment Record of Federal Lands, 1952-1960, 1v.
- 41723 McKenzie County. Auditor, Record of Township, Village, and School Districts, 1912-1992, 2ft.
- 41747 McKenzie County. Auditor, Road Petitions, 1905-1967, 1ft.
- 41749 McKenzie County. Auditor, School District, Township, and Village Organization, 1905-1988, 2ft.
- 41750 McKenzie County. Auditor, Tax Levies, 1955-1969, 1v.
- 41740 McKenzie County. Auditor, Tax List, 1910, 2010, 3ft.
- 41721 McKenzie County. Auditor, Transfer Record, 1905-2010, 14v.
- 41714 McKenzie County. Bear Den Township, Township Records, 1928-1983, 3v.
- 41729 McKenzie County. Clerk of Court, Criminal Case Files, 1907-1936, 3ft.
- 41708 McKenzie County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Applications, Licenses, and Certificates, 2r. (#17088-17089)
- 41716 McKenzie County. Ellsworth Township, Township Records, 1952-1972, .25ft/1v.
- 41713 McKenzie County. Ideal Township, Township Records, 1968-1988, 3v.
- 41715 McKenzie County. Northfork Township, Township Records, 1969-1985, 1v.
- 41712 McKenzie County. Patent Gate Township, Township Records, 1936-1985, 8v.
- 41718 McKenzie County. Recorder, Birth and Death Records, 1911-1964, 21v.
- 41722 McKenzie County. Recorder, Partnership Record, 1908-1984, 1v.
- 41717 McKenzie County. Red Wing Township, Township Records, 1942-1991, 7v.
- 41711 McKenzie County. Schafer Township, Township Records, 1942-1990, 5v.
- 41704 McLean County, City of Wilton. Auditor, Birth and Death Records. 1914-1952, 1v. RESTRICTED
- 41725 Ransom County. Superintendent of Schools, Instructional Service Record, 1882-1940, .5ft.
- 41726 Ransom County. Superintendent of Schools, Poll Books & Tally Lists; Certificates of Election, 1958-2014, 1.5ft.
- 41705 Renville County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Applications, Licenses and Certificates, 1910-1925, 2r. (#17080-17081).
- 41709 Richland County. Clerk of Court, Appealed Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1956-2002, 24ft.
- 41736 Sioux County. Auditor, Real and Personal Property Assessment Records, 1975, 1985, 1990, 3v.
- 41735 Sioux County. Auditor, Tax List, 1980, 1v.
- 41731 Sioux County. Clerk of Court, Burial Transit Permits, 1929-1988, 1ft.
- 41732 Sioux County. Clerk of Court, Civil Case Files, 1915-1927, 2.5ft.
- 41734 Sioux County. Clerk of Court, Justice Dockets - Civil & Criminal, 1954-1982, 5v.
- 41727 Sioux County. Clerk of Court, Marriage License Applications, Licenses, and Certificates, 1916-1925, 1r. (#17106)
- 41733 Sioux County. Clerk of Court. Notary Record, 1914-1981, 2v.
- 41738 Sioux County. Clerk of Court, Probate Case Files, 1914-1927, 1.5ft.
- 41730 Sioux County. Recorder, Birth and Death Records, 1942-1996, 3ft. RESTRICTED
- 41737 Sioux County. Recorder, Service Discharge Record, 1918-2002, 2v. RESTRICTED
- 41710 Walsh County. Oakwood School District #4, Records, 1882-1920, 8v.
- 41707 Ward County. Board of Welfare, Minutes, 1965-1988, 8v. RESTRICTED

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Mouse River Loop Genealogical Society

by *Kathy Holte*

Our guest speaker in August was Dennis Olliney, IT Ward County, who had a PowerPoint presentation on Storage Data. There were many questions on the different ways to store our family information and photos. Questions on "The Cloud" were also answered.

Member and guest speaker in September was our very own John Mogren on the topic of *Ancestry.com* as "classic" will be going away and a new look will be coming to *Ancestry.com*. Change is hard but inevitable sometimes! In addition to *Ancestry.com*, John also

showed the group the MRLGS Facebook page and links. He demonstrated how to find your foreign born ancestor by using Facebook groups such as the Swedish American Genealogy Group or the Danish American Genealogy. There are groups such as the Mayflower Descendants - just to name a few - to help you with your research.

Upcoming events includes our annual ethnic dinner and auction on November 7th.

## James River Genealogical Club

by *Barb Caine*

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

Our August meeting was held in Carrington and a program was given reviewing the book, *Orphan Train*

*Rider*. It was followed by discussion on the orphan trains in North Dakota, particularly the Jamestown area. September's meeting was held at the Legacy Center in Jamestown and Bill Kennedy, author of *The Singing Bone*, gave a talk about his research for his book. It is the story of his family and he used lots of vital records and family heirlooms to craft it.

## Bismarck Mandan Historical and Genealogical Society

by *Alfred A. Buchholz*

We at BMHGS have been struggling with our society oral history project. There seems to be so much going on in everyone's lives that there is no time to get it done. We need to refocus our attention and get more people to join our society. Thinking about our society,

reminds me of my loss of focus on my own family history research this summer. I think that is true of all of us. Let's all do a better job on our research and our needed time to our societies.

## The State Archives pre-1925 marriage record microfilming project

by *Ann Jenks*

The following counties marriage records have been microfilmed (newly filmed counties are in bold print): Adams, Barnes, Billings, **Bowman**, Burke, Cass, Divide, Emmons, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, **McKenzie**, McLean, Morton, Mountrail, Ransom, **Renville**, Richland, **Sargent**, **Sioux**, Steele, Walsh, and Ward.

Here is the status of indexing:

The counties above and Hettinger are indexed except:

Adams County needs dates added

Eddy, Ransom, Renville, and Sargent counties are in progress

Sioux is not indexed

# North Dakota Genealogical Society Reports

## Red River Valley Genealogical Society

by *Linda Zeutschel*

The RRVGS monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM in the library at 112 North University Dr. in Fargo. We invite anyone interested in Genealogy to attend any of our meetings and to explore the vast amount of information we have available. The library also has WIFI available for those wishing to do online research. We recently received a large donation of Genealogical research books from the estate of Myrtle Marler that are currently being logged and categorized. These books will be available for your use during visits to the library.

Our society held two Brat Sales this summer at local grocery stores. These are fund raising events but we also use them to spread information about our library and Genealogical research in general.

On September 26, we again participated in the Family History Workshop held at the Horizon Middle School, 3601 12th Ave S. in Moorhead, MN from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. We had information about our library available and we also sold some of the extra research

books we have acquired through the years. More books are available for those interested. Stop by the library and check what we have for sale.

Society member Joyce continues to work on the Every Name index project. We thank her for her diligent work in this area.

Member Glenn is also continuing to update our library website and creating more user friendly digital resources. Our web page can be found at [www.redrivergenealogy.com](http://www.redrivergenealogy.com). We are also on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/redrivervalleygenealogicalsociety](http://www.facebook.com/redrivervalleygenealogicalsociety). Follow us to find what is new at the library.

We continue to assist fellow genealogists and recently heard from a gentleman that had finally made the connection he had been trying to find for a number of years. It is always good to hear from researchers that we have helped along the way. That is what it is all about.

## Minnkota Genealogical Society

by *Ron Baker*

A brief summary of our activities:

June 9, 2015: Zelda Hartje, curator of the Pembina County Historical Society Museum at Cavalier, ND, spoke about famous people from Pembina County. Her presentation was: "Baker's Dozen-a fantasy dinner party with 13 famous people." She then discussed each person along with visual aids. A very unique way to present information; who would you invite to a dinner party for people from the past?

August 11, 2015: Lecture on the Great Depression in North Dakota by Doug Munski of the UND Geography department at the Grand Forks library.

September 8, 2015: Luana Gilstrap of Fargo, ND spoke on "Finding Sources – A Strategy" and provided outlines to use when researching our ancestors. General focus was on using *Familysearch* and *Ancestry.com*.

Upcoming meeting topics:

October 13, 2015: American Library Association- Dust Bowl exhibit. Speaker topic: Women in the Dust Bowl: Oral Histories. Location: Grand Forks public library.

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Regular monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Campbell Library, 422-4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, East Grand Forks, MN. We have a variety of monthly presentations, member sharing time and a business meeting. Please check our website for contact and any updated schedule information. Meetings may be cancelled without notice if the weather conditions are unfavorable for travel.

Website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~minnkota/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~minnkota/)

Also check out our Facebook page; search for: Minnkota-Genealogical-Society.

## Why Do Libraries Exist?

by Glenn Ellingsberg, RRVGS

To understand why libraries exist, one could first look at why a library was needed. The Red River Valley Genealogical Society was formed in 1967 and the first officers were elected in 1968. The MISSION of the society was to “Encourage the study of genealogy”, “Help others gather genealogical information”, **“Establish a library of books and research materials”**, “Preserve and compile genealogical records”, “Encourage public officials in charge of public records to preserve them and make them accessible” and “Publish such books and records”.

It would appear that our society established a library in response to our mission statement. But that alone would not have been enough had it not been for the reluctance of existing local libraries to house genealogical research materials. None had the desire or perhaps the funding required for housing a family history section containing the information our members desired.

Therefore, the Red River Valley Genealogical Library was formed in response to the needs of their members. In our case, the purpose was to house genealogical books, records and other research materials.

The Red River Valley Genealogical Library opened and spent the first 12 years of its existence in the basement of the first librarian, Shirley Simmons. In 1992, our library moved to the Manchester Building in Fargo where it remains today under the guidance

of our second librarian; Linda Zeutschel.

We know libraries exist because of a need and to fulfill a purpose. But, what keeps a library open? I believe, a library must provide a service to those that frequent it and must occasionally review those needs to remain vibrant.



The library is open to the public, but is supported by membership dues, donations, research fees generated through the use of the library and publication sales.

Over 5000 genealogical books, records and other publications are housed in the library. North Dakota and Minnesota make up the largest collection, but we also have materials from all over the United States and the World. Our North Dakota collection also includes books on the history of the state and biographies of settlers and residents of this area. As with most genealogical societies, we have collected cemetery records, funeral home records and obituaries to aid in family history research. In addition, Volunteer staff are available to assist guests and members.

Are we doing enough or must our library do more to keep our doors open and our membership up? Time will tell, but you can help by utilizing our library when in Fargo. Our hours are posted at our website [redrivergenealogy.com](http://redrivergenealogy.com)

## Irish Catholic Parish Registers Now Online

The National Library of Ireland has digitized their collection of Catholic parish register microfilms. The collection includes 3,500 baptism and marriage registers from 1,086 Catholic parishes in Ireland and Northern Ireland. The start dates of the registers vary from the 1740's to the 1850's, and continue until 1880, more than 25 years after civil registration

began.

The images have not been indexed, so you must know the parish to locate your ancestor. A map of the dioceses helps locate the appropriate parish. Check it out at <http://registers.nli.ie/>.

## Vital Records Access

*by Patricia Ashley, CG<sup>SM</sup>\**

As part of promoting more open access to vital records in North Dakota, it is important to know the current limits to access. The pertinent section of the North Dakota Century Code is reproduced here:

### **23-02.1-27. Disclosure of records.**

Birth, death, and fetal death records, filings, data, or other information related to birth, death, and fetal death records are confidential and may not be disclosed except as authorized under this chapter. The state registrar shall restrict access to all vital records to protect vital records from loss, mutilation, or destruction and to prevent disclosure of the information contained in these records except as authorized under this chapter.

1. A certified copy of a birth record may be issued to the individual named on the record if that individual is at least sixteen years old, to a parent named on the record, to an authorized representative, or by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction. If the individual named on a birth record is deceased, a certified copy of that record may also be issued to a relative. If the date of birth on any birth record is more than one hundred and twenty-five years old, that record is an open record and a certified copy may be issued to anyone, except that adoption records remain confidential.

2. A certified copy of a complete death record may be issued to a relative, an authorized representative, the child fatality review board, a licensed physician for the purposes of researching family medical history, a funeral director reporting the facts of death, or a person with personal or real property interests that depend upon information contained in the complete death record or by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction and may include the cause of death and the social security number. A certified copy of the facts of death record that includes the facts of death and the social security number may be issued to any person that may obtain a certified copy of a complete death record or to any licensed attorney who requires the copy for a bona fide legal determination. A certified copy of an informational death record may be issued to the general public, but the copy may not contain the cause of death or the social security number.

3. A certified copy of a fetal death record may be issued to a parent named on the record, an authorized representative, or by the order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A person

authorized to receive a certified copy of a fetal death record may request the certified copy be issued in the form of a certification of birth resulting in stillbirth.

4. A noncertified informational copy of a marriage record may be issued to the general public.

5. A person authorized to receive a certified copy of any specific record may grant another person the same authority by completing a written authorization on a form prescribed by the state department of health.

6. The state department of health may grant limited access to birth and death information to divisions and programs of the state department of health, the department of transportation, the protection and advocacy project, and the department of information technology, and to the department of human services necessary for the purpose of completing their respective official duties.

7. The state department of health may issue, through electronic means determined by the state department of health, verifications of information contained on birth or death records filed with the state registrar when such information is provided and a verification is requested by a governmental agency, whether foreign or domestic, in the conduct of the agency's official duties. The state department of health may also issue these electronic verifications for a negotiated and agreed-upon fee to:

a. Benefit-paying parties, such as annuity companies, pension plans, and life insurance companies, that demonstrate a need for such information to determine whether the benefits the benefit-paying party are paying should be terminated or distributed to a beneficiary;

b. Physicians licensed to practice in the United States who demonstrate such information is needed to determine whether a patient the physician is treating has been lost to care;

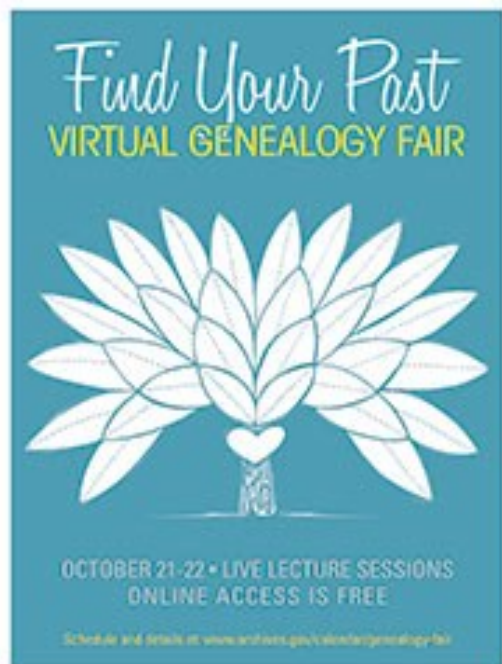
c. Attorneys licensed to practice in the United States who demonstrate that the information is necessary to administer the attorneys' client's estate; or

d. Other entities for fraud prevention as determined by the state registrar.<sup>1</sup>

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## National Archives Free Virtual Genealogy Fair



The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) will hold their free 2015 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 21 and 22. This will be a live broadcast on the US National Archives YouTube channel so you will have the ability to ask questions at the end of the talks.

Speakers will include genealogy experts working at National Archives across the country.

Lectures, featuring tips and techniques for using Federal records will be designed for beginning as well as experienced genealogists.

If you are unable to attend the live event, recorded sessions will remain available online after the event.

For more information see their website at:

<http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>

### *Vital Records Access (Continued from page 8)*

Open record access is important, but knowing the cause of death for cousins or other extended family members is critical in constructing a medical health history for identifying and treating inheritable diseases, possibly preventing a premature death.

We need to remain alert to pending legislation that will limit access to vital records, and contact our

legislators or testify at hearings.

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<sup>1</sup> "Health Statistics Act," Title 23, N.D.C.C. §23-02.1-27; Web edition, North Dakota Legislative Branch, *North Dakota Century Code* (<http://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t23c02-1.pdf?20150923113823> : accessed 23 September 2015).

## Citation Corner

Have you ever looked at a divorce case or a judgment? Coroner's records, criminal and civil cases are all found in court records. Depending on the case you could find many pages of information about your ancestors. They may have sued someone or there may have been a dispute over land or other property. Debts, judgments, divorce records, criminal and civil cases, chancery papers, coroner's records are all possible locations of information. Sometimes amid the court documents you might find a list of heirs, siblings or neighbors that just might give you the clues you need. Former residences might be listed as well as neighbors and land boundaries.

Court records are usually found by consulting an index. Note all of the information in the index or make

a copy of it so you can locate the actual record.

The following is an example of a civil court case located at a courthouse. The elements are the creator of the record, name of the record book or file and number, parties involved, date and location of the record office or repository.

North Dakota, Hettinger County. Civil Case File 1189, Otto Johnson v Lillian M Cronkite et al., 31 August 1920; Clerk of Court, Mott.

Remember that court cases may also be found in archives or museums and at the state level or an appeals court. Be sure to check all jurisdictions for court records.

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**NDSGS Dues**

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

Website: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsgs/)



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

## Upcoming Events

24-26 September 2015. Montana State Genealogy Society Conference, Butte, Montana. For more info: <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html>

26 September 2015. 40th Annual Family History Workshop. Horizon Middle School, Moorhead, Minnesota. For more info: [www.heritageed.com/](http://www.heritageed.com/)

26-27 September 2015. Discover Your Swedish Roots. Lindsborg, Kansas. For more info: [www.oldmillmuseum.org](http://www.oldmillmuseum.org)

**9 October 2015. North Dakota State Genealogical Society meeting, 1-3pm. Legislative Assembly Room, State Archives, Bismarck.**

17 October 2015. Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Seminar, Connecting the Dots. Marshfield, Wisconsin. For more info: <http://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=169>

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