

Jan - Feb. 1948

# ARCHIVE JOTTINGS . . . . . John W. Nielsen

## MEET THE WEEKLY ARCHIVE VOLUNTEERS

Fifteen individuals spend every Tuesday forenoon working in the Archive. During that time they have achieved two notable distinctions: they perform an impressive amount of work and they consume an equally impressive amount of coffee, cookies, bars, breads, rolls, and whatever their respective gourmet kitchens produce for the week. Three of the volunteers also work on Thursday forenoons. Most perform multiple functions, but in the following introduction a single primary function has been cited for each along with one of their institutions of academic training and one of their areas of professional experience. A thanks to all of them.

- Norman Bansen (Dana '47) Blair, Nebraska and Ferndale, California - English professor - cataloging.
- Ninna Engskow (Dana '33) Blair, Nebraska - Elementary teacher - translating.
- Florence Hansen (Dana '48) Omaha, Nebraska - Medical social work director - inventorying.
- Sara Hansen-Walter (Dana '52) Blair, Nebraska - Registered nurse - computer entering.
- Helga Hanson (Dana '51) Blair, Nebraska - Elementary teacher - cataloging.
- Verlan Hanson (Dana '51) Blair, Nebraska - Education (secondary and college) - Photograph cataloging.
- Bee Krantz (Peru '35) Blair, Nebraska - Elementary teacher - indexing.
- Eunice Neve (Dana '49) Omaha, Nebraska - Bookkeeper - computer entering.
- Elizabeth Nielsen (Dana '49) Blair, Nebraska - Secondary art teacher - coding.
- Luella Nielsen (Dana '42) Blair, Nebraska and Albert Lea, Minnesota - English professor - obituary entering.
- Ruth Herman Nielsen (Omaha U. '42) Omaha, Nebraska - History professor - translating.
- Dorte Staermose (Ribe Statsseminarium '95) Blair, Nebraska and Brørup, Denmark - Danish teacher - translating.
- Dorothy Wright (Morningside '42) Blair, Nebraska - Secondary English teacher - cataloging.
- Harold Wright (Morningside '42) Blair, Nebraska - Contractor - finance recording.

The next issue will introduce the volunteers who spend the week of April 20-24 working in the Archive.

### FORTHCOMING LUR PUBLICATIONS

Two books, titles as yet undetermined, will be issued by Lur Publications this spring. The first is an account of a child left behind when his family emigrated from Denmark in 1886. The second will be a joint publication with the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa growing out of their current exhibit on the Thorvald Muller family of Kimballton, Iowa. Watch for further details.

### GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The following gifts and memorials to the Danish Immigrant Archive are received with thanks.

- Donald and Eleanor Schou (Albert Lea, Minn.) in memory of Martin Lauritsen, Denmark \$ 50.00
- Alvin and Edel Petersen (Lincoln, Nebraska) gift 100.00
- John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, Nebraska) in memory of Edna Nance and the H.W. Bondo family 50.00
- Phil and Florence Larsen (Blair, Nebraska) gift 100.00
- Bee Krantz (Blair, Nebraska) gift and in memory of John and Adda Mary Penick 25.00

TO: Dorothy Willis, Library Director  
 FROM: Sharon Jensen, Assistant Director  
 PREPARED: John W. Nielsen

VOLUNTEERS: 450 hours by 14 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska.  
 VISITORS: 15 visitors from California, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska.  
 USERS: 4 archive users from Denmark, Missouri and Washington.

## ACQUISITIONS:

1. 2 Bing and Grondahl plates depicting Old Main (Presented by Jane Connor Hagebush, Omaha, Nebraska).
- \* 2. 1939 UELC convention and Our Savior's Lutheran in Council Bluffs, Iowa depicted on film belonging to Fred C.M. Hansen. (Presented by Deloris Bengtson, Chicago, Illinois).
- \* 3. Dana College Catalogs (1993-95, 1995-97), The Bridge (vol 20, nos. 1 and 2), plate depicting First Luthera, Blair, Box of old Danians, framed letter from Charles A. Dana to C.C. Madsen, 4 reel to reel tapes with talks by James Kallas, and 2 tapes on administrative issues (Presented by Carolyn Potter on behalf of the President's Office, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Family history of Soren and Helene Jorgensen (Presented by Robert Maylan, Anacortes, Washington).
- \* 5. The Scholarship of Teaching (vol. 2, no. 1) containing article by Starla Stensaas (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
- \* 6. Layout pictures from Dana Yearbook 1921-24, 1925-26 (Presented by Tom Masar, Sun City, Arizona).
7. Photocopy picture of the Johannes Jensen family of Orum and 2 photocopy pictures of the H.J. Hansen family of Blair with identifications and family information (Presented by Ellen Ellick, St. Louis, Missouri).
8. Clipping on Bien "Danish Weekly Entering Digital Age," clippings on Emiel Christensen's nature retreat, Dairyman Verner Terkelsen, "Roe vs. Wade Ruling Has a Nebraska Root," and Ruth and Arthur Nelson, translation of "Faithfulness" from Sudan Kreds-brev 10/83, Halfdan Høgsbro's Hverdagsbogen, photocard of log cabin at Mission Grove, Medicine Lake, Minnesota, 2 letters from Carol Christensen recounting death of her great-grandmother, Karen Miller in 1895, copy of John Schultz's translation of "Dejlig er Jorden," copy of Rosa Schultz Jorgensen's letter to her mother (1910), and copy of clipping on Dagmar Pedersen (age 106) (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Stjernen (January and February), clippings on "Mermaid Statue Damaged," Chris Frahm, Norma Andersen, Dana College, Dannebrog, and Danish design, obituaries of Marian Hansen Busbank, Marjorie Christensen, Mildred Gasser, Edna Bondo Nance, Erma Nielsen Taylor, John O. Beck, Evelyn Larson and Lydia Andersen, letter to C.C. Mengers from Donald Pedersen (1952), letter to L.C. Hansen

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- from Christian and Kristine Nielsen (1937), Letter to Agatha Hansen from Mrs. L. Larsen (1937), postcard to Agatha Hansen (1909), and photograph of Edna Bondo Nance (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
10. Nebraska Farmer: article and cover picture of Al Jessen (Presented by Verlan and Helga Jessen Hanson, Blair, Nebraska).
  11. Letter regarding Edna Bondo Nance, Justin Meyers, Clark Spencer Larsen and the Bondo-Beck-Toxvaerd-Hjortsvang family, copy of Alvina Larsen Hjortsvang's words at Edna Nance's memorial service, bulletin from St. Paul's Lutheran, Neola, Iowa, 2 obituaries of Edna Nance from the Council Bluffs and Neola papers, materials on Justin Meyer, 3 items on Ruth Larsen Rendall, letter, curriculum vita, proposal, and articles by Clark Spencer Larsen (Presented by Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
  12. Bicentennial Book of Waterford History, Our Servicemen, Waterford History 1852-1970, and Golden Years of Waterford Farmers' Club, funeral folder and obituary of Wilma Olsen Nystuen, letter from Susan Nystuen Legore, program and 3 tapes of Nordjysk Pige-kor (1993), and letter containing information on the Andrew Sorensen family and others of the Hazelwood-Northfield community (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
  13. A Wisconsin Family Album: The Jorgensens of Smoky Hollow (Presented by Marian T. Johnson, Phoenix, Arizona).
  14. 2 pictures of Sophus Keith Winther accepting Dana recognition (1976), 6 pictures of Queen Margarethe II's visit to Dana (1976), picture of Ib Melchior in Heritage Room (1975), picture of Victor Borge's Dana appearance (1976), 2 Sights and Sounds pictures (1973), 2 pictures of Dans Folk Dancers (1973) and copy of Kansas City Star featuring Niel Johnson and Harry Truman (Presented by Niel Johnson, Independence, Missouri).
  15. 2 pictures of Thorvaldsen's "Morning" and "Evening" from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London (Presented by Nathan Kramer and Amy Barlow, Omaha, Nebraska).
  16. Clippings on Emiel Christensen's nature retreat and 87 year-old Danish woman getting her citizenship, "Dana College Centennial Issue 1884-1984" Blair Enterprise, 2 copies of Dana Review (Fall '83, Winter '84) (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
  17. Clipping of Danish immigration to the Cedar Falls, Iowa area (Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
  18. Clippings: "Remember When" and "Blair Woman's Ancestors Helped Move Old Flour Mill from DeSoto," memorial folder for Edna Nance, The Danish Immigrant Museum - Annual Report '96-'97, and letter from Signe Betsinger (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
  19. Clippings on 87 year-old Danish woman receiving citizenship and on Dairyman V. Terkelsen (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
  20. Letter containing Bondo-Pedersen family information, copy of Donald Pedersen's tribute to his aunt Edna Nance, and a copy of a letter from and an article written by H.W. Bondo (Presented by Donald and Audrey Pedersen, Fayetteville, Arkansas).
  21. Draft of concept paper: "Remembering the Trinity Seminary, Blair Legacy at Wartburg Theological Seminary" and "Foundations for

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- the Future" (Presented by Carl Schattauer, Omaha, Nebraska).
22. Postcard from Lewis Tange to Mrs. L.A. Tange (1921) and copies of Skudsmaalbog of Anne Marie Mikkelsen Sønderup (b. 1846) and Niels Jensen (b. 1843) (Presented by Joan Tange, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
  23. Identifications for two Ord, Nebraska pictures (Joy Wert, North Loup, Nebraska).
  24. 7 photographs of Logismose Castle belonging to Simon Korshøj and a note from Sophus Keith Winther and a list of his favorite novels (Presented by Harold and Dorothy Wright, Blair, Nebraska).
  25. A list of 75 books belonging to Christen Jeppesen for archive selection, 5 music editions of Hymnal for Church and Home (1927, 1942, 1949, 1953), and 6 Psalmebog (1859, 1898, 1901, 1907, 1910, 1925) (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California and Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen, Chicago, Illinois).
  26. Short paper on Jens Dixen by Knud Madsen and 4 handouts from "Danskeren paa praerien" exhibit in Odense: "Flugten til Amerika" by Edith Møller, "Et lille stykke Denmark" by Torben Jeppesen, "Langt ude paa praerien" by Jørn Bonde, and "Nysteds død" by Edith Møller (Presented by Kirsten and Knud Madsen, Aarhus, Denmark).
  27. Page drafts of Ida Frøker-Jensen's forthcoming book, Udvan- dringen til Amerika fra Dragsholm Kommune 1868-1914 (Presented by Ida Frøker-Jensen, Denmark).
  28. Embracing Two Worlds: The Thorvald Muller Family of Kimballton, a Danish Immigrant Museum notebook accompanying a current exhibit (Presented by Barbara Lund-Jones, Elk Horn, Iowa).