

Mar-Apr 1998

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

THE APRIL SESSION

The semiannual spring gathering of archive volunteers is over with two gratifying results: mountains of work were processed and still more mountains formed with an impressive influx of additional archive materials. We are grateful for both. The former assures the systematic cataloging of archive holdings; the latter indicates that Danish immigrants and their descendants are increasingly interested in preserving their heritage. A sincere thanks to both volunteers and donors.

Besides the ongoing activities several special tasks were addressed: a systematic box inventory was launched enabling an accurate assessment of the status of each acid free box, an identification of pictures in the Dana-Trinity collection was begun, a mailing index was completed, an inventory of two large book donations was finished, and significant strides were made in developing a uniform computer index of names for the Hansen-Mengers Collection. Three volunteers did translations from Danish into English.

We missed the Minnesota contingent that had to cancel out: Elaine Madison Brostrom and Marilyn Siersbeck Erling because of the St. Peter tornado and Edward and Shirley Bondo Hansen because of Ed's health. Our thoughts were with the four, and we look forward to the next session following Dana's Homecoming. Meet those who joined the regulars in April:

- Elaine Jespersen Christensen (Dana '42) Fremont, Nebraska - Billing clerk - computer name preparation.
 - Marilyn Juul Hanson (Dana '49) Cedar Falls, Iowa - Teacher - Picture identification and box inventory.
 - Jill Jorgensen Hennick (Dana '86) Onalaska, Wisconsin - Accountant - Mailing index and picture identification.
 - Michael Hennick (Dana '86) Onalaska, Wisconsin - River steamboat employee - Computer name preparation.
 - Ada Stokes Jeppesen (Valparaiso '43) Pomona, California - Latin teacher - Box inventory.
 - Dody Jensen Johnson (Dana '48) Cedar Falls, Iowa - Filing clerk - Box inventory and picture identification.
 - Jeraldine Johnson Kubicek (Dana '50) Des Moines, Iowa - Teacher - Picture identification and collection cataloging.
 - Inga Schults Larsen (Dana '36) Cedar Falls, Iowa - Teacher/librarian - Translating.
 - Lorraine Sandberg Madsen (Dana '48) Blair, Nebraska - Teacher - Book inventory.
 - A. Richard Petersen (Augsburg '51) Sioux Falls, South Dakota - Campus pastor - Box inventory.
 - Beverly Jensen Petersen (Gustavus '51) Sioux Falls, South Dakota - Box inventory.
 - Joan Andersen Sorensen (Dana '49) Ankeny, Iowa - Day-care center director - Picture identification and collection cataloging.
 - Marion Hanson Svendsen (Dana '38) Cedar Falls, Iowa - Elementary teacher - Computer name preparation and collection cataloging.
 - Marjorie Jorth Wahlgren (Dana '49) Gowrie, Iowa - Teacher - Box inventory.
- Additions to the regular volunteers are Ann Harms George (Dana '54) Blair, Nebraska - Director of alumni affairs - Dana clipping and picture filing; and Ruth Madsen Rasmussen (Iowa State Teachers' College '55) Omaha, Nebraska - Librarian - Computer entry.

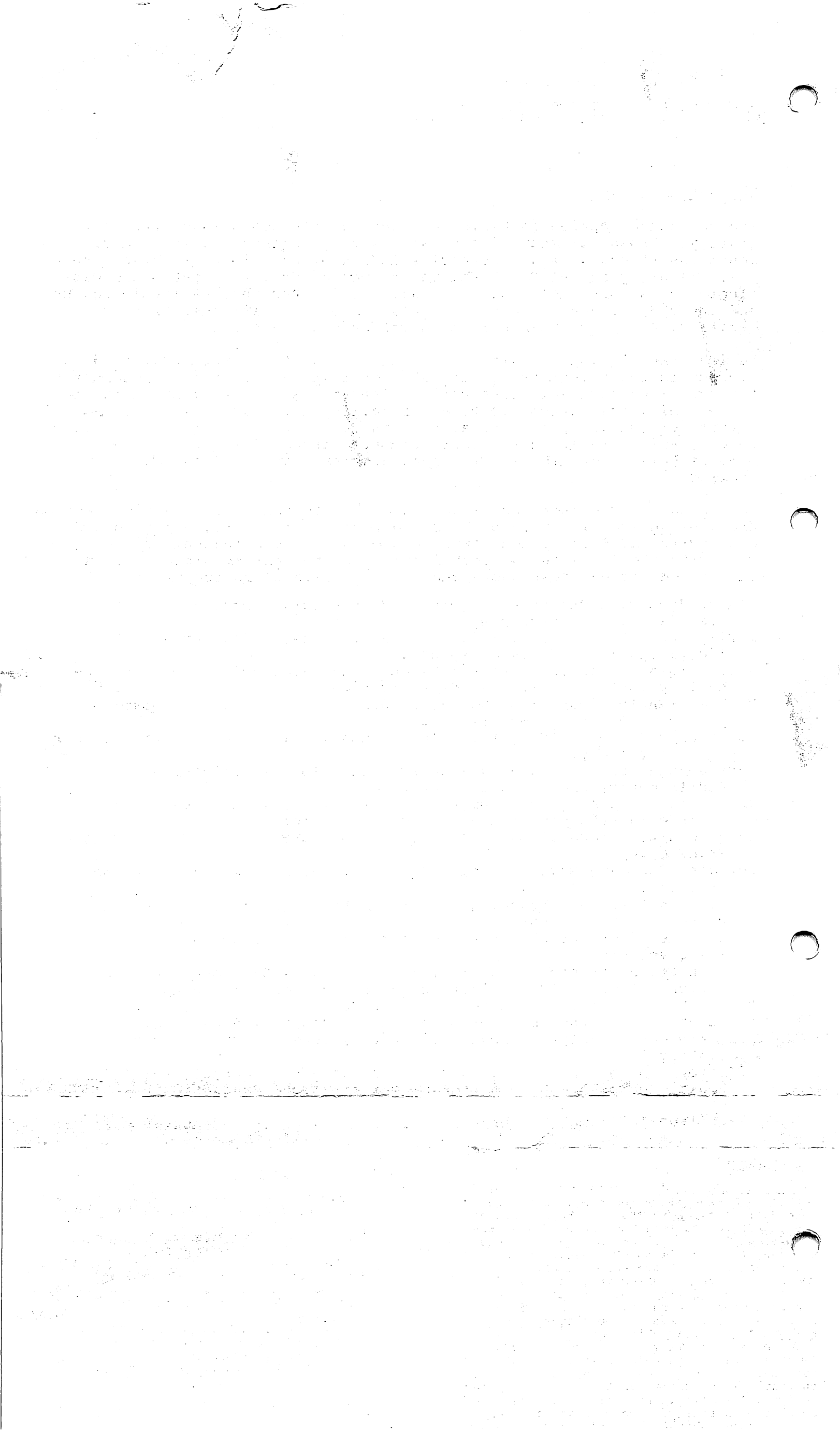
LUR RELEASES

A Frame Bur No Picture, the story of a boy left behind when his parents emigrated from Denmark to America in 1885 is the subject of the latest Lur Publications release. The boy Mads Adolf, the brother of Rev. L.C. Hansen and of Margrethe and Ellen Larson and Peter Hansen of Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The book is available for \$8.50 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling from Lur Publications, Danish Immigrant Archive, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008. A second book, Embracing Two Worlds, will appear this summer at a projected price of \$14.95. This book is being produced in conjunction with the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. It grows out of the current museum exhibit on the Thorvald Muller family of Kimballton and will therefore be an account of a family, a community and an ex-

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

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

- Donald and Audrey Pedersen (Fayetteville, Arkansas) in memory of Edna Bondo Nance \$50.00
- Ninna Engskow (Blair, Nebraska) in memory of two departed friends 20.00
- Nina and D.W. Strain (Modale, Iowa), a gift 20.00
- John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, Nebraska) in memory of Vic Magnusson, George Robertson and Mary Vig 75.00
- Violet Petersen (Billings, Montana), a gift 20.00



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

VOLUNTEERS: 1292 hours by 31 volunteers from Blair, Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska, Cedar Falls, Ankeny and Des Moines, Iowa, Pomona, California, Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Onalaska, Wisconsin
 VISITORS: 42 visitors from Arizona, California, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon and Denmark.
 USERS: 5 archive users from Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska.

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Copy of Den Danske Pioneer article: "Together Once More" (Presented by Norman Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
2. "Jubilate" by I.M. Hansen, November 9, 1909, Lauritz Melchior concert program, October 25, 1950, Jubilee celebration for C.X. Hansen, November 9, 1919, Photographs of Gudmund Petersen, Marinus Hagedorn and Johannes Larsen, Christmas program, Fremont Lutheran Church, 1914, and Paper "Distinctive Characteristics of American and Scandinavian THEology (Presented by John Beck, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Letter describing Stine Miller Hansen's recollection of the Jesse James Northfield raid and bank robbery (Presented by Carol * Christensen, New Richland, Minnesota).
4. 1988 Directory of the Nebraska Synod of the E.L.C.A. (Presented by Elaine Christensen, Fremont, Nebraska).
5. Photograph of the interior of an unidentified church in Denmark * (Presented by Marianna Cryberg Delefield, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
6. Former U.E.L.C. treasurer H.J. Hansen's diary, 1892-1899 and three letters to H.J. Hansen from DENmark - copies of above (Presented by Ellen Carlsen Ellick, St. Louis, Missouri).
7. Articles on Kris Engskow, Clinton aide and "Cooperation May Help Rural Churches Survive," Christmas angel designed by Hans Jorgensen in 1910, "Some Distinctive Marks of the Former U.E.L.C." by T.I. Jensen, Copies of letters to Roger Fjeld from Adolph Kloth and John Schultz, and clipping: "I Danmark er jeg ikke født" (Presented by Ninna Schultz Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Theo. Beck's The Professor - P.S. Vig (Presented by W.R. Garred, * Des Moines, Iowa).
9. Danish Immigrants Coming to Cass County, Iowa - May 1868 to July 1903 (Presented by Frederick J. Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
10. Stjernen (March and April issues), Pictures of 6 monuments in the Dannebrog cemetery, Clippings: "Moving Sale With a Moving Tale" about James Petersen family farm, "Family Owned Feed Mill To Mark End Of Era" on Kuhr elevator, "Award Winning Writers to Speak" on Snodgrass and Willumsen appearances at Dana, and "Nestle Inn" of Dannebrog (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).

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11. 32 books in Danish and English, Packet of 12 articles and papers written and presented by T.I. Jensen, Packet of 43 publications, pictures and articles on the U.E.L.C. and Dana, and a letter to N.J. Johnsen from Minnie Jensen (T.I.'s mother), November 15, 1921 (Presented by Edith Jensen, Mrs. T.I., Rockford, Illinois).
12. The 1688 Census of the Danish West Indies: Portrait of a Colony in Crisis (Presented by Gary Horlacher, Salt Lake City, Utah).
13. Fynske Minder 1997, includes a translation into Danish of speech Dr. Christopherson gave at opening of "Danskeren paa praerien" exhibit in Odense (Presented by Myrvin Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska).
14. Copy of the logo of the U.E.L.C. (Presented by Ellanora Rippee, Humboldt, Iowa).
15. Einar Christiansen's Joppe, Fanny Tuxen's En Kvindeskøkne, Laurt Skalle's Faaklaaring aa Beskryuels over et?, and Karsten Michael- sen's Dannebrog paa Praerien - danske nybyggere i Nebraska (Pre- sented by Karsten Michaelsen, Odense, Denmark).
16. Niels Aage Barfoed's Kusken paa Bukken, a novel about Vilhelm Beck (Presented by Marjorie Jorth Wahlgren, Gowrie, Iowa).
17. 55 pages of material on Christensen/Jorgensen families by Henry A. Christensen, Genealogical chart of the Hans Christensen family, Copies of pictures of Ane Marie Rasmussen, Rasmus Ras- mussen, and Erma Jorgensen, Autobiography of Karen Marie Sophia Peterson Jeffers, Chart of Dana alumns in Jill Hennick's family, and Tape of interview of Erma Jorgensen by Jill Hennick (Pre- sented by Jill Jorgensen Hennick, Onalaska, Wisconsin).
18. "The Delicious Apple Since 1872" by Madison Co., Iowa Histori- cal Society, "Blair Danish Days," 1976, Dana College Bulletin, 1949, "Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention of National Lutheran Educational Conference," 1948, and "Why Dana Should Come To Racine" (Presented by Frank Hengeveld, Blair, Nebraska).
19. Mary, A Biography by Orville Larsen, Funeral notices and folders for Olive H. Olson and Doris E. Johnson, Letter from Clark Spen- cer Larsen to Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang, Bret Johnson's "UNC Anthropologist's Book Examines Skeletons to Find Truth," a review of Clark Spencer Larsen's book, and articles concerning Ruth Larsen Rendall (Presented by Herbert and Alvina, Hjorts- vang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
20. Seiroe Family Genealogy (Presented by Linda Mack, Papillion, Nebraska).
21. Picture of United Lutheran Church, Scandinavia, Wisconsin, Diary of Niels Peder Hansen Spindt, May 10 to June 7, 1882 as he travelled from Stage, Denmark to Waupaca, Wisconsin, "The Old Danish Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Waupaca, Wisconsin" by Eva Holst, Picture of eight of Villade and Petrine Laurtsen's children, Family History by Thea Jensen, and Goldbaek family information (Presented by Harold and Barbara Laursen, McCook, Nebraska).
22. Copy of Lutheran Tidings, Our Savior's Danish Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kansas, November 1928, featuring Jesse Lobner (Presented by Francis Miller, Faribault, Minnesota).
23. 5 pictures of archive volunteers (Presented by Thomas Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).

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24. "Sohl Celebrates 100 Years of Living" from Rustler-Sentinel, June 1996, Photograph of group in front of Arge church, "Forgotten Community Holds Family History for Californian" (Presented by Joan Allgor, Citrus Heights, California).
25. Photocopy of Values and Issues: Words to the Wise from Harry S. Truman by Niel Johnson, and three articles on Truman and on Swedish immigration (Presented by Niel Johnson, Independence, Missouri).
26. Chris P. Ostergaard Family in America by Albert Ostergaard (Presented by Albert Ostergaard, Ellisville, Missouri).
- * 27. Bien, May 13, 1976 bicentennial issur (Presented by Dana College, Blair, Nebraska).
28. "Vikings in Nebraska" by Shawn Fricke, Kristina Lux, Amy Fricke, and Amelia Lux, "A Danish Community Not Quite Forgotten" by Moni Hourt, Videotape of the Glen School History Project on the Danish Cemetery and Danes in Nebraska completed by the above students and their teacher (Presented by Moni Hourt, Crawford, Nebraska).
- * 29. E-mail correspondence between Moni Hourt and John Mark Nielsen on the Glen School History Project (Presented by John Mark Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- * 30. Clippings on Grandma Hansen, J. M. Girtz and the Sudan Mission Society of Trinity, Pictures of Ruth Fogdahl Christensen and of Lynwood congregation, Paper on Grundtvig and Kierkegaard by M.G. Christensen, List of donors to Sudan Mission from Denmark, Lenten announcements from Immanuel, Harlan and Northwest Trinity, Detroit, Christmas card with picture of Salem, Brooklyn, Danish letter of 1898 (Presented by Oscar and Dody Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
31. 10 pictures of archive volunteers, 1993, Memorial folder for Verner Terkelsen and biographical sketch by Ruth H. Nielsen, "In Pursuit of Memories" Pottawattamie Co. Genealogical Society, 4 articles on family roots, Picture of the Marinus Thorup Family in the Durham Western Heritage Museum (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
32. 4 articles written by Sigurd Petersen, Clipping on Dorothy Petersen's song book, Sing-Look-Do, Copies of two notebooks containing Sigurd Petersen's pastoral acts (Presented by Dorothy Petersen. Clinton, Wisconsin).
33. "Memories of Our Family" the Jensens-Hansens of Kennard/Orum (Presented by Ella Rahlfs, Blair, Nebraska).
34. Genealogical data sheet on George Robertson, "The Story of My Ministry" by G. Robertson, 4 photographs of pastors (Presented by George Robertson, Jr., Snohomish, Washington).
35. Clippings of Glen School history project (Dorothy Willis, Bee ~~Krantz~~→Bea Howard, Norman Bansen, Ruth Rasmussen, Blair and Omaha, Nebraska).
- * 36. Laura's Dream, an account of Laura Nielsen's life by her daughter, Pearl Hermann, Photocopy of Dakota Rosebud, a record of Peter and Katherine Petersen's homesteading experience in South Dakota (Presented by Ruth and Bernard Falksen, Ellendale, Minnesota).
37. 487 letters from 1900 to 1997, Danish New Teatment of 1862, Notebooks of Benthe Schultz from Kjong Hojskole 1887, Reviews and manuscript of Anders Jorgensen's I Det Fremmede, Hans Jorgensen's citizenship papers, Numerous papers, documents and family items (Presented by Lilly Jorgensen Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska).