

May-Jun 1998

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

COMPLIMENT: No greater compliment could be paid me than the fact that fifteen volunteers from Blair, Omaha and Cedar Falls carried on the archive operation for the five weeks that Elizabeth and I were in Europe. My sincere thanks goes to each of them. While we were in Europe, we spent half of the time in Denmark visiting family and making valuable contacts with Birgit Fleming Larsen at the archive in Aalborg, Karsten Michaelsen at the Odense museum, and Jette Mackintosh, author of several works on Danes in southwest Iowa.

THANKS: Ruth Herman Nielsen has continued her record of generosity to the the Danish Immigrant Archive by giving a complete set of Bing and Grøndahl porcelain to the Dana College Library for special use in the Heritage Room and Archive. The set which is of "The Falling Leaves" pattern is for twelve persons with all of the accompanying serving pieces. We say thanks for this which is the latest in a train of gifts including two typewriters, a typewriter stand, a pencil sharpener, and a host of general supplies. Mange tak!

SUMMER PURCHASES: Your contributions besides maintaining the normal archive operation have made possible the purchase of 300 acid free storage boxes and a range of four more shelves. We do thank you.

AUTUMN VOLUNTEER SESSION: The fall volunteer session is the week of October 12-16. Rooms will be available Sunday evening the 11th. If you are planning to participate, notify Dody Johnson, 3615 Veralta Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613. Dody has been the coordinator of this project since its inception. Who could have dreamed that we would be in operation after these many years with so many boxes of materials processed as testimony of our diligence!

GLEN SCHOOL PROJECT: The students from Glen, Nebraska who presented their history project on the Danish cemetery in Glen at the national contest in Washington D.c. received favorable comment although they did not win.

LUR RELEASES:



Lur Publications offers the following three books. Orders should be sent to Lur Publications, Dana College Library, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008. Checks should be made out to Lur Publications.

- Tante Johanne: Letters of a Danish Immigrant Family - 1887-1910. Price \$12.95
- Many Danes, Some Norwegians: Karen Miller's Diary - 1894. Price \$14.95
- A Frame But No Picture: The Story of a Boy Left in Denmark. Price \$8.50

Nebraska residents add 5% sales tax.

- Shipping and handling:
- First book.....\$3.50
- Second book..... 2.50
- Third book..... 2.00
- Each additional.... 1.00

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

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

- Ethan and Pat Hansen (Atascadero, California), a gift \$ 25.00
- Luella Nielsen (Blair, Nebraska), Martin Lauritsen memorial 50.00
- Margaret and Bill Rodenburg (Dayton, Ohio), Martin Lauritsen memorial 100.00
- John and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, Nebraska), Paul Mengers memorial 10.00
- Marie Johnson memorial 100.00
- Lavonne Hansen memorial 50.00
- Ebba Rasmussen memorial 50.00
- Clifford and Clara Loft (Blair, Nebraska), a gift 1,000.00
- Joyce Smith (Elk Horn, Iowa), a gift 5.00
- Anita Johnson (Bloomington, Illinois), a gift 10.00

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

VOLUNTEERS: 484 hours by 18 volunteers from Cedar Falls, Iowa and Blair and Omaha, Nebraska.

VISITORS: 21 visitors from California, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin and from Denmark.

USERS: 13 archive users from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Texas.

#### ACQUISITIONS:

1. Three Quarter After Crossin' the Border: Westby, Montana (1913-1988) Diamond Jubilee (Presented by Norman Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
2. Manuscript and copy of the same of "The First Day of the Century of Spiritual Progress" by Stinus Loft and a letter from John M. Jensen concerning the same; (Presented by Clifford and Clara Loft, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Immanuel Lutheran Church 1873-1998 (Presented by Bill Rasmussen, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Copies of 5 different clippings on Walter Hansen of Arkansas City, Kansas (Presented by David Nielsen, Winfield, Kansas).
5. Packet of 58 items (letters, clippings and pictures) from and concerning Paul Simon; 5 Hermes from 1952; college notes and tests of Paul Jeppesen; programs, bulletins and papers concerning Dana College and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church; 86 books belonging to Christin Jeppesen (Presented by Ada Stokes Jeppesen, Pomona, California).
6. 6 sheets of genealogical information on the Hansen-Petersen-Johnson family; photocopy picture of Hans and Ane Petersen with three of their children (1895); picture of H.w. Bondo, Luella Nielsen and Marie Johnson (1937); picture of R.E. and Mildred Morton's golden wedding; 6 photographs of family and friends in Callendar, Iowa in 1890s; photograph of Westby, Montana; photocopy of Martin and Anna Johnson with daughter Martha; Christmas card and picture of the Mortons; obituary and funeral folder for Della Johnson Wineberg; funeral folder for Ralph Wineberg; funeral folders for Martha Johnson Clarke, Richard Nyman, and Sena Petersen Johnson; copy of clippings on deaths of Anna Petersen Johnson and of Martin Johnson; copy of letter from Bernhard Petersen of Westby, Montana (1924) just before his death (Presented by Marie Johnson, Blair, Nebraska).  
 — Also packet of 34 valentines, Christmas cards and greeting tags from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
7. 5 clippings on Dannebrog, Glen students, Danish names, and Dr. Christopherson's honorary degree (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Funeral folder for Marie Johnson (Presented by Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).

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9. Clipping: "Dana's Danish Archive Releases Book" (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
10. Copy of "Distinctive Characteristics of American and Scandinavian Lutheran Theology" (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
11. Danish originals and letters from 1908 and 1909; birth and death information and family accounts of the Peterson-Johnson Lundbeg family; prayer Jensine Peterson Johnson offered; and letter from Grace Johnson Lundberg to John W. Nielsen (Presented by Grace Lundberg, Northfield, Minnesota).
12. Clipping: "Cousins Save Cemetery FROM Dust of Oblivion;" Funeral folder for Marie Johnson and Ebba Rasmussen; letters from Grace Lundberg and Edward Hansen (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
13. Letter of reminiscence about her father, Hilmar Nielsen (Falster and Elk Horn) and about her own student days at Dana; picture clipping on Hilmar Nielsen from Council Bluffs Nonparell (Presented by Heleen Nielsen, Storm Lake, Iowa).
14. Packet of 17 items (letters and anniversary books) on Bethany Home, Waupaca, Wisconsin; and 8 items on Sigurd S. Petersen (Presented by Dorothy Petersen, Clinton, Wisconsin).
15. Copy and translation of letter (March 11, 1912) from N.P. Nielsen of Glen, Nebraska to Mr. and Mrs. Chris L. Poulsen of Kenard, Nebraska (Presented by Ollie K. Poulson, Omaha, Nebraska).
16. Picture of her father and his sister and of her parents and their eight children (Presented by Ella Rahlfs, Blair, Nebraska).
17. Clipping on Aage Schou (Presented by Donald and Eleanor Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
18. Letter reminiscing about World War II and Raymond Andersen; copy of a poem written by Raymond Andersen at Camp Polk, Louisiana before he was sent to Europe where he was killed (Presented by Harold Sørensen, La Crosse, Wisconsin).
19. Copy of a journal kept by Bente S. Weber at the age of 14 when she emigrated from Denmark and a translation of the same (Presented by Bente S. Weber, Lincoln, Nebraska).
20. Identifications of a confirmation picture and a Daily Vacation Bible School picture, both from Ord, Nebraska (Presented by Joy Wert, North Loup, Nebraska).
21. Clipping of the Glen School history project on the Danish cemetery (Presented by Dorothy Willis, Omaha, Nebraska).
22. Clipping of picture: "They Gave Danish Language Farce" with accompanying identification and explanation; clippings on Poul Bertelsen, "Keeping Danish Heritage Alive" (Springwell Cemetery; "Discover Your Family History" and "Climbing the Family Tree On-line;" copy of Barbara Lund-Jones' "Procedural Script for Artifact Intake, Accessioning and Loans, memorial folder for Verner N. Terkelsen; clipping on Einar Juel Nielsen; tract on Pottawattamie Genealogical Society; tribute to Verner Terkelsen (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska). Also copy of note and pictures relating to the visit of Dorothy Skaadal's daughter to Nebraska.
23. Clippings on Lauritsen Ranch (Dannebrog) and Springwell Cemetery, Omaha; copies of Stjernen (Dec. '97, May and June '98) (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).

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24. Copy of "Denmark in Revolt" (Presented by Clifford and Clara Loft, Blair, Nebraska).
25. Picture and note from the Glen School students (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
26. Clippings on Springwell Cemetery and on Ken Jensen (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
27. Picture and identification of First Lutheran Quilting Club of the 1930s (Presented by Harriet Palle, Blair, Nebraska).
28. North Western Lines vol. 24, no. 4 Fall 1997 containing articles on "The Blair Crossing" and "A Town Named Blair" (Presented by Lloyd Neve, Blair, Nebraska).
29. Clipping "Claimant to 'Oldest Man' Title Dies at 115 in San Rafael" (Presented by Vita Jensen, Hayward, California).
30. "A Midwestern Dane Takes the Cake" from Midwest Living, Oct. '88 (Presented by Tim and Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
31. 16 books including Bodholdt's Paa Praerien i Nybyggertiden, Mortensen's Danish-American Life and Letters and McNelley's The First 40 Years: John C. Campbell Folk High School (Presented by Herbert Hansen, Omaha, Nebraska).
32. Indre-Love for det Danske Brodersamfund; Inkorporations Love med Konstituion og Bilove for det Danske Brodersamfund i Amerika; Den Danske Pioneers Almanak (1886, 1889, 1892, 1893); Den Danske Pioneers Bibliothek No. 30, Jan. 1898; and Januars Halvaars Rapport (Presented by Mrs. Robert Golder, Uehling, Nebraska).
33. Obituary of Mrs. Niels Enevoldsen of Dannebrog; photocopy of Ibsen-Andersen genealogy for 18th-20th centuries (Presented by Lenore Petersen, Lynwood, Washington).
34. 11 books, 20 periodicals, many of them Christmas annuals, Ringsted Diamond Jubilee newspaper, translation of an article on Retwisch history (Presented by Arnold and Elaine Nielsen, Urbandale, Iowa).
35. Bilove for "Corn Palace" Loge 62, Dansk Brodersamfund, Sioux City, Love for Den danske ev.-luth. Ungdomsforening, Sioux City, 1904, Love for Den danske evangelisk-lutherske Kirke, Sioux City, 1911, U.D.E.L.C. yearbook, 1929, The Little Lutheran, June 2, 1918, Børnebladet (8 copies from 1916-1918), Vend Strømmen (Presented by Irving F. Jensen, Jr., Sioux City, Iowa).
36. Packet of material on St. Ansgar College, Hutchinson, Minnesota (Presented by Persis Pedersen Hanson, Bloomington, Minnesota via Reynold and Ruth Tange, Hutchinson, Minnesota).
37. Obituary for Lavonne M. Hansen, Blair (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
38. The Guldbæk family lineage (Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).