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ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

SHELVING: At this writing we are awaiting the arrival and installation of a range of shelves for the Archive. It will enable more acid free boxes to be properly stored, but many more will remain on make-shift shelving and on the floor. More shelving will be purchased as funds become available. The tremendous influx of materials makes shelving a constant but gratifying problem.

THANKS AGAIN: Again we express thanks to Ruth Herman Nielsen for giving the Archive a Smith Corona word processor. Thanks also to Florence Hansen who in moving to smaller quarters in Omaha presented the Archive with two boxes of manila clasp envelopes, a box of file folders, a collapsable file, seven three-ring notebooks, twelve large mailing envelopes, and two reams of paper. All of these gifts are most welcome.

LUR RELEASES: A Frame But No Picture, a poignant account of a small boy left behind in Denmark when his family emigrated to Iowa, was released in May and sells for \$8.50. Embracing Two Worlds: The Thorvald Muller Family of Kimballton will be off the press this Friday and will sell for \$14.95. It is a joint venture with The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa.

AUTUMN VOLUNTEER SESSION: The fall volunteer session of archive workers is the week of October 12-16. A few of you will be here for Homecoming and will probably already be in the rooms that you can keep for the volunteer week. Those of you who have made room reservations and who will arrive on Sunday should check in at the information counter in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center before 8:00 p.m. to pick up your keys and information packets. If you have not yet indicated that you are coming, you will have to make your own housing arrangements. Meals will be provided on campus. See you in October.

WANTED: Although we continue to want materials on older immigrant families, we have a special need for information on Danish immigrants after 1940. Can you help us?

LUR PUBLICATIONS:



Lur Publications offers the following four books. Orders should be sent to Lur Publications, Dana College Library, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska, 68008. Make checks payable 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
- Embracing Two Worlds: The Thorvald Muller Family of Kimballton, Price \$14.95

Nebraska residents add 4.5% sales tax, after October 14th add 5.5%.
 Shipping and handling:
 First book.....\$3.50
 Second book..... 2.00
 Each additional..... 1.00

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

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

- Elisabeth Petersen (Omaha, NE) services \$ 50.00
- Bonnie Hittle (Winfield, KS) gift 25.00
- John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) gift in honor of Lilly and Severin Sorensen 25.00
- Otto Pedersen memorial 25.00
- Harold and Phoebe Sorenson (La Crosse, WI) Kenneth Sjuldstad memorial 15.00
- Letha Grutzik (Milford, IA) services 25.00
- Dorothy Wonsmos (Albuquerque, NM) services 60.00
- Florence and Philip Larsen (Blair, NE) gift 25.00
- Ron and Bodil Johnson (Forest Grove, OR) Marie Johnson memorial 50.00

ARCHIVE REPORT - July/August 1998

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

VOLUNTEERS: 643 hours by 18 volunteers from Blair, Fremont, and Omaha, Nebraska and from California.

VISITORS: 47 visitors from California, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Virginia and Denmark.

USERS: 10 archive users from California, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Denmark and Sweden.

✓ ACQUISITIONS:

1. Dear Folks by Leo S. Jensen, a published collection of letters from a Danish-American serviceman to his parents during W.W.II (Presented by Leo S. Jensen, Athens, Georgia).
2. Gold pocket watch belonging to Rev. Anders Rasmussen, Danske i Amerika by P.S. Vig, incomplete paper edition, article: "Argo Cemetery Linked with Blair and Dana," letter and postcard to Ebba Rasmussen from Jean Matteson (Presented by Ebba Rasmussen †estate, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Historical Sketch: The Life Work of J. Chr. Pedersen (Presented by Jim Carlsen, Castro Valley, California).
4. Sowers for 1967, 1969-72, 1975-6, 1952-3, "In Memorial" for four Dana students who died in 1952, Christmas card from President and Mrs. Christopherson, and program for presentation of Knight of the Order of Dannebrog to President Christopherson (Presented by Ann George, Blair, Nebraska).
5. 9 books on Denmark and Danish life and culture (Presented by John C. Hansen, Tucson, Arizona).
6. Folder of items on First Lutheran, Blair, original play written by Nathan Hunt for First Lutheran's 100th anniversary, taped interview with C.B. Larsen, and many individual copies of The Little Lutheran (Presented by Florence and Philip Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
7. Ebenezer Lutheran, Audubon, Iowa, 75th anniversary book and its centennial program (Presented by Dennis Barton, St. Louis, Missouri).
8. Clippings "Cross-Cultural Conversion" on Salem Lutheran, Brooklyn, New York becoming an Arab Lutheran Church and "Needlework Earns Iowan National Honor" on Nadjeschda Overgaard of Kimballton, Iowa (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Clipping: "Community Lutheran (Geneva, Minnesota) Celebrates 80 Years (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
10. Clippings: "Cross-Cultural Conversion," "Augsburg Bookstore Closing," and "Fire Destroys Historic Old Main," and copy of the Extra Dana Review: "Old Main Burns" (Presented by Ninna Engskow, †Blair, Nebraska).
11. 5 copies of Danish-American Heritage Society Newsletter, 33 issues of America Letter, 32 issues of Church and Life, 7 issues

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- of Dana Review, 4 clippings on ethnic immigrants, clippings on Niels Petersen and on the Danish Immigrant Museum, copy of picture of Rosenborg, Nebraska, church and the correspondence with June Sampson about the wainscoting of the church, invitation and materials on the Minneapolis area promotion of the Danish Immigrant Museum, clipping on Salem Lutheran, Brooklyn, New York, now Salam Arabic Lutheran, 4 folders of material on Eben Ezer, Brush, Colorado, Bethlehem Lutheran, Genoa, Nebraska, and Immanuel Lutheran, Hampton, Nebraska, descriptions of the Danish clergy collar and of an embroidered centerpiece done by Mrs. Albert Hansen, a tribute to Mrs. Albert Hansen by Doris Jensen, copy of Dorothy Skaardal's article "The Nebraska Frontier in Swedish and Danish Literature," typewritten copy of Skaardal's lecture "The Frontier Heritage in Nebraska Literature and Art," clipping on St. Ansgar's Lutheran, Rosenborg, Nebraska, packet of material on Lauritz Melchior, packet of material including correspondence on Kristian Ostergaard, and a portfolio entitled "A Curious Sequence of Letters - 1988-1997" between Edward Hansen and Edwin Jorgensen. (Presented by Edward Hansen, Edina, Minnesota). Also 10 books and a wall plaque commemorating the 1984 Gathering of the U.E.L.C.
12. 1918 photograph of the St. Paul's congregation, Boomer Twp., Iowa, clipping of Victor Borge at Dana, and 4 books (Presented by Flo Hansen, Omaha, Nebraska).
 13. 2 pictures of a bulletin from Grace Lutheran, Fresno, California (Presented by Robert and Janice Hansen, Fremont, Nebraska).
 14. July and August copies of Stjernen, obituaries for Lloyd Hansen and Jorgine N. Graverholt, anniversary book for St. Stephen's Lutheran, Camp Douglas/Shennington, Wisconsin, clipping and correspondence in connection with St. Stephen's 125th, and 2 clippings on Dannebrog, Nebraska (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
 15. Clipping on A Frame But No Picture from Neola Gazette, 7 obituaries for Olive Johnson, Doris Johnson, and Kathryn Benson, clipping on Herb Knudsen, copy of letter from Clark Spencer Larsen and copies of articles by him in Archeology and about him in Endeavors, P.M. Hannibal's Halvhundredaar i Amerika, article on Boomer Twp., Iowa, from Historical Society of Pottawattomie County publication (Presented by Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
 16. 19 books including hymnals, catechisms, Bible histories, and devotion books of Rev. C. Jeppesen (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California).
 17. Geodaetisk Institut Topografiske Kort - Danmark (Presented by Clifford and Clara Loft, Blair, Nebraska).
 18. Golden wedding folder and picture of the Ried Neve family (Presented by Ried and Eunice Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
 19. Clipping on Andy Andersen, the old gardener, picture of Dana Classroom Center, copy of article "Strid og Aebleskiver - om danskhed i USA's Midtvesten," copy of Scandinavian Press - Summer 1998 (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
 20. 3 sermons of Kaj Nyegaard, copy of his military discharge and a certificate of military service, his Trinity Seminary diploma, transcript of his grades from Denmark, Laura Beck Nyegaard's

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- confirmation certificate (1916), her baptismal certificate, the wedding certificate and guest register for Kaj and Laura's marriage in 1921, their wedding picture, 2 photographs of Kaj, one of Kaj and M.G. Christensen in military uniforms, funeral folder and obituaries for Kaj and Laura, 75th anniversary book for Fredericksburg Lutheran, Minden, Nebraska, and a clipping on the church, 100th anniversary book for Bethany Lutheran, Spencer, Iowa, Friendship/Memory Book when Nyegaards left Spencer containing notes from many congregation members, picture of Dana's 1915 kitchen crew, Nyegaard's statement of intent to become a US citizen and his pastoral vow, and other memorabilia (Presented by Allan and Marilyn Nyegaard, Eugene, Oregon).
21. Packet of 17 items on Bethany Home, Waupaca, Wisconsin and 8 items on Adolf S. Petersen (Presented by Marie Petersen, Waupaca, Wisconsin).
 22. Lange family information to 1690, Martin Lange's thoughts on his 92nd birthday, a handwritten ms of his memoirs, Martin Lange's obituary, tributes to M. Lange, 4 articles written by Lange, and 8 poems and devotions, clippings on Dannebrog and on Paul and Ingfred Nyholm, and copy of Our Savior's Messenger, Racine, Wisconsin (Presented by Ellen Solevad, Pioneer, California).
 23. Family Notes by Peter Haston of Dannevang, Texas (Presented by Claire Utt, Winfield, Kansas)
 24. Booklet on Danish Festival, Greenville, Michigan (presented by Jane Wilson, Farragut, Iowa).
 25. Danish and Swedish Immigrants Coming to the State of Kansas, May, 1868 - July, 1903 compiles by Frederick J. Hansen (Presented by Frederick J. Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
 26. Picture of Dana/Trinity students and faculty before 1916, synodical convention picture at Harlan, Iowa (1916), 7 Christmas Chimes from 1920 to 1960, 7 books with personal and family information written in them: Luthers Katekismus, N.P. Lang's Luthers Liv, Mindre Bibelhistorie, Kristelige Betragtninger, and three Bibles, and a Danish flag and stand (Presented by Ellenora Plugge, Blair, Nebraska) Items belonged to P.C. Jensen and his mother.
 27. 122 copies of The American Dane from 1976 to 1995 (presented by Flo Hansen, Omaha, Nebraska).
 28. 5 books: Danish/English Testament, Hymns and Psalms, Skatkammer, Bibelen, and Nye Testament, all with family information in them (Presented by Philip Olson, Northfield, Minnesota).
 29. Clipping on death of Kristine Jensen (Royal, Iowa), 1896 post card to Rev. K. Jensen, 1899 UDELIC pension certificate, 1910 money order receipt, John and Mary Jensen family data, Peter and Frederickke Nygaard family data, 21 letters to Nygaards and Jensens (1923-1944), packet of over 100 documents, receipts, cancelled checks etc. from 1895 forward, account book of Peter Nygaard, Skudsmaalbog of Peter Nielsen Nygaard, UELC yearbooks (1949, 1959), 9 Dana College items, 9 Good Shepherd newsletters (Blair), 100th anniversary book of St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota, Treasurer's Reports of First Lutheran, Blair (1942-47), ordination folder for class of 1953, Vitae for ordination candidates (1953, 1956), ordination folder for Frederik Jensen, 5 bulletins for St. Paul's, Neligh, Nebraska, 17 bulletins for First Lutheran, Blair, bulletins for Trinity, Red Deer, Alberta and Bethesda, Winnetoon, Nebraska, dedication booklet for First Lutheran, Cushing, Wisconsin, funeral folder for

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- Rev. N.P. Nielsen, assorted Ansgar Lutherans, Luthersk Ugeblads, and Lutheran Tidings, and A History of the Wisconsin District (Presented by Gerhard and Betty Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
30. Photograph of Rev. and Mrs. J. Simonsen and daughter, Treasurer's Report for Immanuel Lutheran, Hazelwood, Minnesota (1938), program for 1982 Immanuel gathering, scribbled notes by Mrs. Clayton Nielsen on Danish Gathering placemat, annual report of Immanuel, Hazelwood (1957), Hazelwood Young Peoples' Society of Immanuel secretary and treasurer's recordings for 1929-1935, and Immanuel Luther League's secretary book for 1934-1939 (Presented by Henrietta Hallcock, Northfield, Minnesota).
 31. Clipping about Dorothy Sorenson Erickson, "The Face in the Mirror," sermon referring to Marie Topp Henry, "The Parish Visitor" mentioning Danish quilting members, Waterford Community Ladies Aid Financial Report (1970-1998), obituary for Charles Henry, obituary for Kenneth Luckman, and Christmas card from Torvald Sorenson (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
 32. Copy of Bishop Fuglsang Damgaard's letter to the German authorities that was read in the Churches of Denmark on behalf of the Jews (Presented by Robert Hansen, Harmony, Minnesota).
 33. 3 photographs of caskets in various churches, photograph of Nebraska District Convention at Brush, Colorado, picture of Dana reunion, 1916 Dana snapshot, Niels P. Nielsen's confirmation Bible, Teddy's Knap belonging to Niels Nielsen, and clipping of N.O. Nielsens' golden wedding (Presented by Lois Nielsen Jones, Northfield, Minnesota).
 34. Norsk Lutherske Menigheter i Amerika 1943-1916 (2 volume set) (Presented by Harold and Phoebe Sorenson, LaCrosse, Wisconsin).
 35. 43 books including several Bibles and devotional books with family information written in them, Evangeliets Rost (evangelistic songs, 1890), Folkehojskolens Sangbog, Sangeren, Dansk Sangbog, Ungdomslivet, Laerebog i den Evangelisk-chrstelige Religion, Herrens Gerninger, Anviisning for alle Chriselige Foraelde (1851), and numerous school books and fiction belonging to Rasmus and Karen Miller, bound volume of Kirkebladet for 1896, 5 illustrated books on Denmark, Dansk Almanaks (1921, 1923, 1925, 1935, 1946), Christmas Chimes (1926, 1928), 6 UELC year books, Minnesota District Report (1959), and UELC convention badge from 1906 at Kenmare, North Dakota (Presented by Ruth Miller and Norma Bickel, Northfield, Minnesota).
 36. Family information on Andreas Christensen, Kirsten Laursdatter, Laurs Sorensen, Anne Marie Jensdatter, Seier Jorgensen, Jorgen Bertelsen, and Cecilie Seiersdatter, 100th anniversary book for St. Peter's (Shennington, Wisconsin), 50th book for St. Peter's, parish directory, The Dane Club 1975-1993, Anna's Diary, and letter of 1914 accompanied by extensive family information (Presented by Gordon Batten, Tomah, Wisconsin)
 37. 75 copies of Little Folk, Hymnal for Church and Home, 2 copies Bethany Home Messenger (Minden, Nebraska), 2 copies Dana Review, Christmas Chimes (1930), Southeastern Minnesota District ALC convention report (1961), 75th Anniversary Book of St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota, 90 copies of The Little Lutheran, annual reports of St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota (1959, 1960, 1962, 1951, 1954, 1958, 1961, 1956, 1957) and of Immanuel Lutheran, Hazelwood, Minnesota (1945, 1949, 1952, 1951, 1954, 1953, 1956, 1955), Minnesota Pre-Convention Report (1958), 222 copies of Scope, 26 of The Missionary, 69 bulletins from St. Peter's and assorted items. (presented by Christine Larson, Northfield, Minnesota).

