

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

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THANKS: I want to express my appreciation to those of you who have sent me notes of encouragement and appreciation for the work that is being done in the Archive. Sometimes these notes have accompanied gifts of cash or materials. Let me assure you that this is a tremendous joint effort and that nothing would be done without each one of you, so "Mange tusind tak!" I think even you non-Danes will understand that.

LET US REJOICE: We have been granted \$1,700.00 from the Margaret Nielsen Estate which has allowed us to order seven more ranges of shelves for the archive. Hopefully they will be in place in time for the spring volunteer session.

VOLUNTEER SESSION: The spring volunteer session in the Archive will be the week of April 19-23. If you have not notified Dody Johnson of your intentions, please do so immediately. Those who have asked for campus housing may arrive on the 18th. Dody's address is: 3616 Veralta Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

ARE THERE ONLY THREE? My last letter resulted in my receiving the names of three post-World War II Danish immigrants. That's rather discouraging, so please comb your memories. We're launching this project at the suggestion of Henning Bender of the Danish Worldwide Archive in Aalborg, Denmark. We have developed a short form which we will ask people to complete. We also intend to run stories in Den Danske Pioneer and Bien on this project.

DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCHES: Jim and Marge Iversen have recently made a compilation of materials on Danish Lutheran Churches' at Dana College, Grand View College, and The Danish Immigrant Museum. Their study lists 327 churches with information available for 259 of them. Dana's Archive has material on 186 churches; Grand View on 69, and The Danish Immigrant Museum on 143. Since they made their report we have received materials on a few more churches.

BOOKS: Remember Lur Publications books are still available: Tante Johanne, \$12.95, Many Danes, Some Norwegians, \$14.95, A Frame But No Picture, \$8.50, and Embracing Two Worlds, \$14.95. Order from Lur Publications, % Danish Immigrant Archive. Add \$3.50 postage.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

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

Florence and Phil Larsen (Blair, NE) Elmer and Ingrid Bondo memorial	\$ 25.00	Harold and Phoebe Sorensen (La Crosse, WI) Jane Mengel Mickelsen memorial	15.00
Lorraine Madsen (Blair, NE) Carol Mengers Johnson memorial	25.00	Inga Larsen (Cedar Falls, IA) Viola Hansen Carlsen and Edna and Henry Jorgensen memorials	30.00
John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Carol Mengers Johnson, Helen Ninegar Olsen, Viola Hansen Carlsen, Henry and Edna Jorgensen, and Alma and Tony Hansen memorials	80.00	Lilly and Severin Sorensen (Nebraska City, NE) Henry and Edna Jorgensen memorial	25.00
Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang (Council Bluffs, IA) Gertrude Jensen Landbo memorial and Ruth Randall-Duane Benson wedding gift	35.00	Ninna Engskow (Blair, NE) Henry and Edna Jorgensen memorial	35.00
Elisabeth Petersen and Glenn Goodrich, (Omaha, NE) funds to reproduce Mary Petersen journal	500.00	Donald and Audrey Petersen (Pea Ridge, AR) gift	25.00
Carol Christensen (New Richland, MN) Karen Miller memorial	25.00	Norman Bansen (Blair, NE) services	6.00
		Bonnie Hittle (Winfield, KS) gift	25.00
		Elaine Rennerfeldt (Blair, NE) Ruth Randall-Duane Benson wedding gift	25.00
		Andrew and Dorothy Fisher (Gretna, NE) gift	20.00
		Clifford and Clara Loft (Blair, NE) gift	1000.00
		Myrna West (Clarendon Hills, IL) Carol Mengers Johnson memorial	25.00
		Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN) gift	20.00
		Jack and Opal Jensen (Blair, NE) gift	10.00

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

VOLUNTEERS: 476 hours by 15 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska
VISITORS: 35 visitors from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming
and Denmark
USERS: 11 archive users from Arkansas, California, Colorado, Minnesota,
Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Norway

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Ministerial book for Coleman Ev. Dan. Luth. Church, Coleman, Wisconsin (1908-1921, secretary's book and 2 treasurer's books, confirmation class picture for Hannah Tobeson, Tobeson family history, Photograph of Coleman church, letter to James Hansen, letter to Ladies Aid Society from President's Office (Dana College, 1923), register of congregation for 1909, constitution, 14 books including 4 Sangbog, Martinus Jensen's Firkløveret, C.H.M. Krogh's I Guds Naades LY, 1951 Dansk Almanak, Tjeneste, Invisning til at finde Melodierne til Salmerne (Presented by Joanne West Peterson, Oshkosh, Wisconsin).
2. Items from Vita Hansen Jensen's memorial service (funeral notice, obituary, bulletin, and tributes), bulletin for Christmas service of remembrance at First Lutheran, Blair, videotape interview with Anker and Vita Jensen, bulletin from anniversary service at First Lutheran, Blair (1-24-99), clipping on Vivian Jenkins Nelsen, obituaries for Alma Jorgensen Hanse, Johanne Kristensen Larsen, and Margaret Warrick Bisbee (Presented by Timothy and Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Personalhistorisk Tidsskrift (1980-1996), Index to Tidsskrift, Hvem Forsker Hvad 1980, 1982, 1985, 1991 (Presented by Edith Dutton, State College, Pennsylvania).
4. Set of F.W. Thomsen's notecards (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
5. Frokjaer-Jensen's De drag ud fra Dragholm: pa sporet af N.F.S. Grundtvig i Nord Amerika (Presented by Ida Frokjaer-Jensen, Vallikilde, Denmark).
6. Article: "The Scandinavians" by Dorothy Creigh (1980) (Presented by Jim Carlsen, Castro Valley, California).
7. Obituary for Ingrid Beck Bondo (Presented by Elaine Rennerfeldt, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Copy of photo of a farm in Denmark, Jeppe Aakjaer's Vadmelsfolk, T. Vogel-Jørgensen's Verden Siden 1937, Jul i Skrive (1948, 1949), 5 Aar: Besaettelsen i Billeder (Presented from Clarice Andersen estate by Alvin and Lorene Andersen, Washington, Nebraska).
9. C. Rosenberg's Peder Palladius's Visitatsbog (Presented by Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota).
10. Photographs of 84 individual students/faculty members of Elk Horn High School - 1914-15 (Identified), 2 large religious prints from the Andersen home, photographs of a confirmation class, group of

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- male students, and a 1916 gathering at Elk Horn, bulletins from First Lutheran, Blair, St. Mark Luth., and Elk Horn Luth., menu for W.M.S. banquet (1959), convention programs (UELC) for Audubon, IA, Lynwood, CA, Blair, NE, and Sidney, MT, a typewritten history of Elk Horn Lutheran and of Elk Horn College, centennial proclamation for Elk Horn Luth., 2 Danish anniversary poems, letter from Inez Petersen, obituary for Inez Petersen, 13 Danish Christmas postcards, 24 issues of "America Letter," 14 Danish-American Heritage Society newsletters, picture of Old Main, photographs of Danish students/faculty (1902), Rev. Jersild and students (1911), and of Pastor Niels Hald's son, 2 postcards and assorted items (Presented by Bertha Andersen, Elk Horn, Iowa).
11. Information on Andrew Hansen (Presented by Lynette Cottrell, Kayville, Utah).
 12. Clippings on Ingrid Beck Bondo, Church retirement center, Ruth Randall-Duane Benson marriage, and Phil Pagel, obituaries for Margaret Hundtoft, Clarice Andersen, Helen Olsen, Leona Wulf, Viola Carlsen, Alma Hansen, and Johanne Larsen, note notifying of Henry Jorgensen's death (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
 13. Obituary and funeral folder for Dorothy Sorenson Erickson (Presented by Phyllis Finger, Northfield, Minnesota).
 14. 6 copies of Stjernen, 2 Salmeboq, Danish-English New Testament, Guds Ords Tugt og Trost, Det Nye Testament, and Den Svenska Psalmboken (Presented by Edith Grabe, Blair, Nebraska).
 15. Stjernen (Jan./Feb.), clippings on Paul Simon's surgery, Harold Andersen and the Vikings, Kurt Jensen, Jens Nielsen, Ruth Randall-Duane Benson marriage, and Jack Strain, obituaries for Florence Glasner, Lois Wulf, Ingrid Bondo, Helga Hald, Ingrid Matzen, Clarice Andersen, Helen Olsen, Dorothy Lingla, Marie Henriksen, Margaret Hundtoft, Edie Skobo Faye, Sarah Jacobsen, Ronald Jackson, Viola Carlsen, Johanne Larsen, Alma Hansen, Gloria Rasmussen, Herman Hovendick, Norman Misfeldt, and Nancy Downing (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
 16. Clipping and birth announcement for Dylan Mitchell Rahlfs (Presented by Helga and Verlan Hanson, Blair, Nebraska).
 17. "The Gathering - 1984," Ernst Mentze's 5 Years: The Occupation of Denmark in Pictures (Presented by Susan Neve Hettinger, Westminster, Colorado).
 18. A 1909 letter from Jens Dixen to the eight-year-old T.I. Jensen, Dana financial statements for Edith Sorenson Jensen (1930-31), list of Dana course offerings (1930-31), 5 letters of call received by Rev. J.P. Jensen (1900-1903), obituary for Mrs. J.P. Jensen, tribute to J.P. Jensen, photograph of Hampton Nebraska church and school, letters from G.B. Christiansen (1908) and L. Johnson (1904), 1897 letter of reference for J.P. Jensen, letter to P.S. Vig, copies of 4 articles by T.I. Jensen, letter to servicemen from T.I. Jensen (1942), clippings on Dana, Trinity, and UELC, 8 seminary recruitment tracts written by T.I. Jensen, journal of 1830-31 Dana choir tour kept by Edith Jensen, sermon notes and outlines of J.P. Jensen, packet of material compiled by T.I. Jensen about Trinity (1952-56), scrapbook of Trinity Seminary (1944-1956) compiled by Edith Jensen (Presented by Edith Jensen, Rockford, Illinois).
 19. Brochure for the 100th anniversary of the Irving F. Jensen Co., Inc. (Presented by Irving F. Jensen, Jr., Sioux City, Iowa).
 20. Nebraska Grid Atlas, 3x5 cards of UELC congregations (1940) (Presented by Nathan Kramer, Omaha, Nebraska).

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21. Letter from Thorvald Simonsen, picture of Lowell and Dorothy Erickson and family, funeral folder for Herbert Loesch, copy of immigration documents for Soren Jacobsen, obituaries for Bena Jacobsen, Mrs. Soren Jacobsen, Soren Jacobsen, Andrew Sorenson, Peter Borup, Mary Borup, 5 letters from Andrew Sorenson (1902-1906) (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
22. Clippings on Glen, Nebraska students' Danish project, and Phil Pagel, obituary for Cecil Slocum (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
23. John Nielsen's notebook (1920) from Dunwoodie Institute, Minneapolis (Presented by James Nielsen, Highland, Indiana).
24. Clippings on Rod Whitaker, Vivian Jenkins Nelsen, Niel Johnson, and Phil Pagel, obituaries for Edie Skobo Faye and Viola Carlsen, 3 letters from Bob Wulff and Paul Larson from Thailand (1959-1961), Feb. '99 Lutheran containing article by Paul Simon (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
25. Obituaries for Elvira Petersen, Mia Christensen, Robert Jorgensen, Frede Mortensen, Agnes Christensen, and Margrethe Povelsen, clippings on Lise Munk's death, people over 100, Danish church and cultural center of Yorba Linda, California, and on Lego toys, copy of Dorothy Skardal's "Literary Documents in Social History: Examples from Scandinavian-American Literature" and her review of Øverland's The Western Home, copy of Catherine Hiebert Kerst's dissertation "Enlightenment, Fellowship and Celebration at the Danebod Folk Meeting: Danish-American Grundtvigianism Cultural Expression in the Spirit of the Old Folk School," Historical Guide to Lutheran Church Bodies of North America, Scandinavian (Winter 1999) with article on Karen Blixen, Jule-Englen et Digt (Ed. 1896 by V. Jastrau), Augustana Heritage Newsletter (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
26. Dana student body directory (1940), Dana and Trinity Commencement Week Program (1941), Good Shepherd Messenger (April 1971), 32 photographs of family and friends, most identified (1890s to 1940s), 6 sheets of family information, copies of 11 clippings (Presented by Gerhard and Betty Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
27. Obituary for Mathilda Jorgensen Madsen (1894-1975), notes of funeral sermon preached by Laurits Pedersen (Presented by Donald and Audrey Pedersen, Pea Ridge, Arkansas).
28. Clipping on Milt Heinrich's sculpture in The Bozellian (Presented by Dorothy Willis, Omaha, Nebraska).