

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

March/April 1999

WHAT A WONDERFUL SESSION! The April volunteer session is over, but the memory of coffee, food and fellowship remain. Significant strides were made in developing the pastors file, in compiling a roster of UELC churches and preaching places beginning in 1896, in classifying Dana clippings, in preparing names with birth and death dates for computer entry, and in translating accumulated Danish letters and documents - all this in addition to our normal activities of inventorying, cataloging, coding and filing. Thanks to our weekly crew and to the April volunteers: Elaine Christensen, Ed and Shirley Hansen, Marilyn Hanson, Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt, Dody and Oscar Johnson, Inga Larsen, Lorraine Madsen, Richard and Beverley Petersen, Joan Sorensen, Marion Svendsen and Marjorie Wahlgren. Again this April session the Dana library staff entertained the volunteers at a Wednesday afternoon coffee in the Heritage Room. Thank you, the recognition was appreciated.

DANISH BROTHER AND SISTERHOOD MATERIALS: The Archive will be receiving the records of the Denver lodge which is disbanding, and it will also become the repository for the National Sisterhood records, the first of which will be arriving from Chicago in May. These records are heavy and require commercial shelving. Guess what our next project is? Fortunately the Denver lodge has promised to contribute to the cause.

VALUABLE ADDITIONS: As you peruse the March-April contributions, remember that every letter, clipping and book is significant. Some of them may well be the beginnings of new collections, others expand holdings that we already have. Of two, I cannot resist making further comment. The Dorys Grover-Sophus and Eline Winther correspondence greatly enhances an already significant collection of this Danish-American author and the more than 200 letters added to the Jorgensen Collection make this a tremendous single family holding.

LUR PUBLICATIONS: Two new books will be released this summer. They are Boats in the Night, Martha Loeffler's account of Knud Dyby's involvement in the Danish resistance and the rescue of the Danish Jews and Passages from India, Norman Bansen's letters, essays and poems coming from his World War II years in the China-Burma-India area. Senator Paul Simon is writing the preface to the first; Niel Johnson, former curator of the Truman Library and Museum, is doing the introduction for the second.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

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

- Thomas Hansen (Elk Horn, IA) in honor of John W. Nielsen and the archive volunteers \$ 25.00
- Elaine Brostrom (St. Peter, MN) gift 25.00
- John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair) in honor of Ninna Engskow's 90th 25.00
- Gerald Hatt memorial 10.00
- Robert Messer memorial services 10.00
- Suzanne Kelly (Alpena, MI) services 20.00
- Myrna and Jack Shapiro (Homewood, IL) Carol Mengers Johnson memorial 10.00
- Alvin and Edel Petersen (Lincoln, NE) gift 50.00
- Donald and Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR) gift 200.00
- Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang (Council Bluffs, IA) Marius Landbo memorial 10.00
- Ione Turner (Council Bluffs, IA) services 10.00

- Viola Hansen Carlsen memorials
- Julie Kramer (Lakeland, MN) 25.00
- Laurita Simonsen (Omaha, NE) 10.00
- Mazelle Carlsen (Des moines, IA) 20.00
- Helen and Bob Macholan (Blair, NE) 5.00
- Paul Neve (Blair, NE) 25.00
- Verner and mildred carlsen (Thousand Oaks, CA) 50.00
- Anonymous 20.00
- Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN) services 2.00
- In honor of John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen's 50th wedding anniversary
- Marion Svendasen (Cedar Falls, IA) 25.00
- Harold and Phoebe Sorensen (La Crosse, WI) 50.00
- Margaret Madsen (Orange, CA) David Bunch, P.V. Hansen and Edna and Henry Jorgensen memorials 100.00
- Persis Pedersen Hanson (Edina, MN) Christian and Laura Pedersen memorial 30.00
- Louis Kline (Shorewood, IL) services 20.00
- Richard and Beverley Petersen (Sioux Falls, SD) P.M. Petersen memorial 250.00
- Lorraine Madsen (Blair, NE) in honor of John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen's 50th 100.00

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

VOLUNTEERS: 1469 hours by 33 volunteers from Blair, Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska, and from Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota

VISITORS: 56 visitors from Arizona, California, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Denmark

USERS: 14 archive users from Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon and South Dakota

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Copy of clipping on Danish sailing ship Kobenhavn and copy of his MS chapter on the early history of Our Savior's, Ferndale, CA (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
2. Autograph books of Hannah Petersen, Dannebrog, NE, 1902 and of Peder Petersen, Elk Horn College, IA, 1898 (Presented by Marian Bowers, Grand Island, Nebraska)'
3. Obituary and funeral folder for Stan Boyum and copy of Burton Petersen's tribute to his brother-in-law (Presented by Arlys Boyum, Northfield, Minnesota).
4. Silver wedding cards for Eric Christensen's parents, 1930s, 2 letters from Hans Christensen, 2 issues of The Bond (1948, 1949), Eric Christensen's ordination certificate (Presented by Elaine Christensen, Fremont, Nebraska).
5. Sing a Song, death notice of Maren Lawson, De Unges Blad, July 1917 (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
6. Thor Brandt-Ericksen's From the Danish Quarter of Solvang (Presented by Glen Christoffersen, Redwood City, California).
7. First Lutheran, Blair, bulletin (1884-1999), obituaries for Joyce Ragan, Gerald Hatt, Allan Yowell, Elmer Johnson, Maren Lawson, and Enola Kjellaard, clippings on Odyssey of the Mind at Dana, rural church revival, Brent Siegrist, Dana's Arbor Day, and Clark Spencer Larsen lectures (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Bek and Laursen's Sangbog for den danske folkehojskole (1903) belonging to Peter Falksen, an album and a single record of the Dana College Choir (Presented by Bernard and Ruth Falksen, Ellendale, Minnesota).
9. Clipping on Danish design including Our Savior's, Racine, N.P. Madsen's translation into Danish of Pansy's Ester Ried, Paddock's Martyrer, an account of Mormons, and a letter (Presented by Norman and Esther Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
10. Ms copies of The Horsepasture Revisited, Moving Shadows, and Nobody Home, 2 autographed copies of Take All To Nebraska, Jordan's A Time For Horses, Cattle and Sheep, Monaghan's The Book of the American West, 131 letters exchanged by Sophus and Eline Winther and Dorys Grover, packet of 25 articles and pictures about Winther, packet of materials on Winther's visit to Texas A & M, Commerce, Ms. of "Nobody Loves the Armadillo" by Dorys Grover (Presented by Dorys Grover, Commerce, Texas).

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11. "Remembering My Childhood" by Mary Gunderson, 38 letters with translations, family information on Hans and Anna Mikaelson and descendants, 3 photocopies of pictures of Hans Mikaelson family (Presented by Mary Gunderson, Mora, Minnesota).
12. Compilation of "Danish Immigrants Landing at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland, in the Years 1890-1899" (Presented by Frederick Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
13. Stjernen (March, April), obituary of LeRoice Hansen, clippings about Marge and James Petersen, John Green, and Margaret Nielsen, picture of Christian Rosendal's grave in Dannebrog (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
14. Six pages of family information on Laura Larsen Pedersen and Christian Pedersen, copy of letter from Lars Kristoffersen (1876), copy of clipping for golden wedding of the Laurits Pedersens, account of voyage and train trip to the United States (Presented by Persis Pedersen Hanson, Minneapolis, Minnesota).
15. Southern Wisconsin District Report (1980) and Dorothy Petersen's Sing Look Do (Presented by Michael and Jill Hennick, Onalaska, Wisconsin).
16. Norwegian Bible belonging to Great Grandmother, 1987 The Old Farmer's Almanac, "Welcome To Dana College" (1980) (Presented by Richard Hunt, Blair, Nebraska).
17. Indre Missions Tidende (Jan. 1999) with article on Jens Dixen, Vilhelm Beck, and Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls, IA, clipping on English Lutheran Church in Copenhagen, clipping on windmill and museum at Elk Horn, IA (Presented by Esher Hyldgaard, Vejle, Denmark).
18. Material on Dansk sømandskirke, New York (Presented by James and Marge Iversen, Ames, Iowa).
19. 40th anniversary book for Ebenezer, Chicago, IL and 50th for Gethsemane, Oyens, IA, dedication materials for St. Paul's, Rolfe, IA, 3 copies of Rolfe Lutheran, 3 Ladies Aid booklets, Trinity, Albert Lea, MN (1956, 1960, 1963), annual reports for Trinity, Albert Lea, (1953-1963), financial reports and directories for Trinity, Albert Lea (1964-1974), Trinity Jubilee booklet (1877-1927), minutes for Trinity senior club (1971-1980), secretary's book for Danish Sudan Circle, Trinity (1984-1990), clippings and pictures concerning Trinity and Rev. Fred Jacobsen (Presented by Margaret and Fred Jacobsen, Alden, Minnesota). Also 18 Danish books.
20. Ellen Bach's Our Life Journey, Manual for the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Sangbog for det Danske Folk i Amerika with picture of F.L. Grundtvig, 4 other books, Dana homecoming program (1963), 10 pictures of archive volunteers being entertained at coffee by library staff (1998) (Presented by Dody and Oscar Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
21. Three pictures of Gretchen Swanson's visit to the archive, clippings on Truman Library, Swedish immigrant family, and Danish names (Presented by Niel Johnson, Independence, Missouri).
22. File of materials on the beginning of Dana radio station KDCV (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska)
23. Letter from Pella Lutheran, Omaha, NE (1937) (Presented by Doris Hertz Keairnes, Fremont, Nebraska).
24. Article with reference to Ingemann Lutheran, Moorhead, IA, folder of material on Gutzon Borglum, an archive web page that he designed (Presented by Nathan Kramer, Omaha, Nebraska).

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25. Obituary Mardell Hansen Carmichael, clippings on Margaret Nielsen and Karen Blixen (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
26. Bibelen presented to Clara Tromburg by N.C. Carlsen on her confirmation (1912), pictures of her confirmation class, her wedding reception, and a congregational gathering, Bruce, WI (Presented by Eunice and Homer Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
27. My Church (1951), Den Gamle Sage, photocopy of Olga and Wesley Andersen's wedding picture, note from Olga, 11 pictures of First Lutheran's stained glass windows designed by F.W. Thomsen (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
28. Obituaries for Sena Lauridsen, Christian Lauridsen, Carl Madsen, and Orle Lauridsen, birth certificate for Orle Lauridsen (1891), typewritten copy of history of Zion Lutheran, Mason City, NE, concert program (1913), 5 books, clippings, convention badge (Presented by Marg Miller from Lela Lauridsen estate, Lincoln, Nebraska).
29. 75th anniversary book, Bethel, Fresno, CA, 140 obituaries (Presented by Luella Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
30. "Lutheranism with a Southern Accent," 2 article "An Ethnic Culture" featuring Danes, 37 clippings including Victor Borge, Karen Blixen, Dana College, Danish individuals and events, obituaries for Grethe Bichel, Annaliese Dierssen, and Inga Petersen, funeral folder and obituary for Maren Lawson, articles: "Chris Madsen: Great Lawman of the Wild West" and "Pella: a History 1886-1953) (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
31. Copies of 40 letters received by Edna Bondo Nance from Germany, 24 pictures of Ervin Bondo and his family, memorial tribute to Ervin Bondo by Lawrence Siersbeck, 22 copies of Our Saviour's Messenger, Racine, WI (!960-61), 7 letters to Edna Nance and Ellen Pedersen from Ervin, Hermes (1933), Danian (1936), Dana graduation program (1936), 3 copies of Henriksen family pictures, Donald Pedersen's reminiscences of "Aunt Dora and Uncle Mengers," Bondo family items, obituaries for Ervin Bondo, Agnes Lynge, Alfred Larsen, Anders Mogensen, Ella Mogensen, In Memorium for H.W. Bondo, copy of title page of Efterladte Fastspraedikener af Biskop Dr. B.J. Fog by Juul Bondo (both members of the Bondo family) (Presented by Donald and Audrey Pedersen, Pea Ridge, Arkansas).
32. Skudsmalboger for Mette Marie Andersen and Jens Rasmus Jensen, 90th booklet for Christ Lutheran, Reedley, CA, 100th for Our Saviour's, Racine, WI, history of Pella, Del Rey, CA, booklet on St. Ansgars, Parlier, CA, copy of Ebenezer booklet, Flaxton, ND, Immanuel directory, Fresno, CA, 2 pictures of Reedley congregation, seven Danish letters (1893-1902), other items (Presented by Richard (Pete) and Beverley Petersen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota).
33. Genealogical material and family pictures of Karen and Christian Knudsen family (Presented by Shirley Phelps, Kansas City, Missouri).
34. Clipping "Ferndale Replicated in Legoland Display" (Presented by Egil Pvelsen, Santa Rosa, California).
35. Two secretary's books for Ladies Aid, St. Paul's Lutheran, Boomer Twp., IA, 22 sermon notes of Th. Beck (1910-1927), 62 letters of Lawrence and Cornelia Siersbeck to Ingrid and Elmer Bondo (Presented by Elaine Rennerfeldt, Blair, Nebraska).
36. Clipping on Vivian Jenkins Nelsen (Presented by Eleanor and Don Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
37. 73 e-mail letters to and from family members, 153 letters from family and friends, farm records (2 packets for 1981-2), travel documents, various other items (Presented by Lilly and Severin Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska).