

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1999

FALL SESSION: If the fellowship and coffee sessions are cherished memories for the thirty-seven volunteers who worked in the archive the week following Homecoming, their accomplishments remain as significant contributions to the archive. A sincere thanks to these volunteers who came from California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Nebraska. We welcomed new recruits and missed those who could not be here.

ARCHIVE/MUSEUM: The Jens Dixen house has been moved from Kenmare, ND to the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn. The Dana Archive has transferred the plaque from the Jens Dixen door that was rescued from Old Main to the museum to be exhibited with the house and other Dixen memorabilia.

LUR BROCHURE: A copy of our recently printed Lur Publications brochure is enclosed. Please use it and/or pass it on to someone else. If any of you would be willing to distribute copies to individuals or institutions that might purchase books, please let us know, and we will send you a supply.

DANISH RESEARCHERS: Birgit Fleming-Larsen from The Danish Emigration Archives in Aalborg, Denmark spent a week doing research in our archive on Danes in Chicago and Racine. She used the Hansen-Mengers Collection and the Chicago Church Collections. She was so pleased with the results that she wishes to return to spend more time. Next week a student from Norway who is doing a comparative study of a Swedish, a Norwegian, and a Danish college in the United States will be doing research on the founding and emphases of Dana. Tentative plans are being formulated in conjunction with the Danish American Heritage Society to work with Danish universities to have students spend time doing research in The Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana.

DANISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY: It is rather embarrassing to have the DAHS assist us in attracting Danish students when only 25 Dana alumni are members of the DAHS. Maybe you can do something about that. Membership categories are \$20, \$50, and \$100. Benefits include receiving two copies of The Bridge, a journal devoted to interesting Danish-American subjects, and copies of the DAHS Newsletter. Send memberships to DAHS % Grand View College, Third Floor West Old Main, 1200 Grandview Ave., Des Moines IA 50316-1599. By the way, Dana is well represented on the DAHS staff: Jim Iversen is president, John W. Nielsen is vice-president, and John Mark Nielsen is editor of the Newsletter.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

The following gifts, memorials and payments to The Danish Immigrant Archive are received with sincere appreciation.

Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN) Warren Nelson memorial	\$ 20.00
Robert and Linda Larsen (Georgetown, TX) gift	200.00
John and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Kermit Goll and Robert Hansen memorials	35.00

Dorothy and Harold Wright (Blair, NE) in honor of Ninna Engskow	1,000.00
Joan Sorensen-Jensen (Ankeny, IA) gift	100.00
Clarence and Maryann Lund (Mulleo, WA) gift	100.00
Edward and Shirley Hansen (Edina, MN) Robert Hansen memorial	20.00
Erma Hanse (Milbank, SD) Dan Hansen memorial	25.00
Elaine Rennerfeldt (Blair, NE) gift	5.00
Thomas Hansen (Elk Horn, IA) gift	8.33

ARCHIVE REPORT - September/October 1999

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

VOLUNTEERS: 1282 hours by 44 volunteers from Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Nebraska

VISITORS: 72 visitors from Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin and from Denmark and Honduras

USERS: 18 archiver users from California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Denmark

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Article on Hans and Maren Christiansen from The Humboldt Historian, 205 letters he wrote from India (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
2. Folder for Carl and Katherine Miller's 50th anniversary, silver wedding song for the Rasmus Millers composed by P.M. Petersen, 90th anniversary booklet for St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota and 60th for Immanuel, Hazelwood, Minnesota, picture of St. John's, Farmington, Minnesota, clippings on Immanuel and St. John's, festival song for St. Peter's 25th (Presented by Norma Bickel, Northfield, Minnesota)
3. Clippings on Robert Hansen and DeSoto flood damage (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Obituaries for Bernice Kaldahl, Kermit Goll, Robert Hansen, clippings on Lutheran-Episcopalian cooperation, Danes and Swedes, Leslie Larsen, and Roger Welsch, snapshot of Rev, and Mrs. J. Chr. Pedersen and family (1935), and funeral folder for Kermit Goll (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
5. 20 Danish books, 2 Danish newspapers, a music exercise book, a calendar, a Danish-English and English-Danish dictionary, and a packet of commercial photographs, a Danish flag (Presented by Esther Ericksen (Madison, Wisconsin).
6. Clipping on Niels and Denise Nielsen (Presented by Bernard and Ruth Falksen, Ellendale, Minnesota).
7. Collection of Kvinden og Hjemmet, 1907, and Patriarker og Profeter (Presented by Norman and Esther Freund from Leslie Larsen, Fremont, Nebraska).
8. 8 snapshots of Sophus and Eline Winther from Dorys Grover, Pendleton, Oregon).
9. History of St. Johannes, Argo, Nebraska, account of Jens Hansen connection with the Adamah/Argo story by Edward Hansen, Concordia word edition hymnal, clippings on Syttende Mai and immigrants cannot be stereotyped, 1916 Dana commencement program, silver wedding card, map of Vineland, chronology of Jens Hansen family, 27 Danish-American Heritage Society Newsletters, and 20 letters, memos and items concerning the DAHS (Presented by Edward and Shirley Hansen, Edina, Minnesota)
10. Stjernen (September and October issues), obituaries for Melvin French and Norma Andersen, clippings on Prince Joachim and Princess Alexandra's son, Marion Iverson, Pearl Stricklet, Erik Erikson, Jeanne Simon, and Harold Andersen (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).

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11. 29 boxes of correspondence, financial records, lecture notes, sermons, writings, clippings, certificates, pictures, memorabilia and documents processed thus far and 350 books being processed (Presented by the family from the Clifford and Florence Hanson estate, Blair, Nebraska).
12. Script from the UELC gathering at St. Paul's (Boomer), Neola, Iowa (Presented by Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
13. Nikolas Nielsen's Bibelhistorie (Presented by Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt, Urbandale, Iowa).
14. 1999 annual report of St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota, 2 Parish Visitors, 8 Sunday bulletins, funeral folders and obituaries for Warren Nelson and Marie Henry, Northfield Retirement Center brochure, poster of St. Peter's youth, funeral folder for Raymond Reinholtzen (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
15. Picture post cards of Trinity, Albert Lea, and high school, Elk Horn, card and letter from J.M.T. Winther, picture cards of Richard and Mildred Morton and Soren and Marie Kaldahl, photos of Henry and Lilly Bondo and Marie Johnson, snapshots of Stinus and Martha Loft and Axel Andersen, pictures of P.S. Vig and N.C. Carlsen, 6 items on Lloyd and Muriel Neve, 5 items on Japan Mission, picture of Iowa conference UELC pastors, funeral folder for Aaron Christiansen, Brochures on Udby Praetegaard and N.F.S. Grundtvig, and Edward Steiner's On the Trail of the Immigrants (Presented by Oscar and Dolores Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
16. Music by Paul Neve and a CD of the Dana choir through the Neve years (Presented by Willard Johnson, Rochester, Minnesota).
17. About 300 sermon notes of Ch. Jeppesen (1936-1955), 5 Dansk Nytaar (1954, 1956-58, 1961), 5 copies of Børnevennen (1939), G. Wood's Versification in English Poetry, and a copy of Den Danske Pioneer (1976) (Presented by Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen, Des Plaines, Illinois)
18. Article by Paul Simon on health, 11 letters from Margaret Fischer (1971) (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
19. 150 books (mostly Danish), 40 UELC Yearbooks, 3 Child's Christmas Chimes, 11 Christmas Chimes, copies of various other publications, The Mirror (Dana student protest paper, 1940) (Presented by the family of C.B. and Abelone Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
20. 1942 UELC Yearbook, Eben-Ezer (1904-1924) Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Obituary for Nina Lillethorup (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
22. Letter to Martha Nielsen from Agnes Jensen, letter to JWN from Jane Ann Nielsen, copy of photo of Rev. and Mrs. N.L. Nielsen, copyright certificate for Harald Nielsen's Reminiscences (Presented by Jane Ann Nielsen, Knoxville, Tennessee).
23. Postcard of Elmer Petersen sculpture from Harold and Phoebe Sorensen (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
24. Obituaries for Musse Kenneth Hansen, Florence Hanson, Ed Hirsch, Ted Franzmann, Peter Weber, Bernice Kaldahl, Marius Svendsen, Walter Danielson, Jørgen Bohn, Niels Moller-Knudsen, Thirkild Chris, Otto Lund, Anton Bang, Anton Yde, Lise Lese, Bertel Skjoldborg, Nina Lillethorup, James McQueen, Robert Hansen and Clifford Hanson; clippings on Jespersen family reunion, Frederik den Lykkelige, Your ancestors, Karen Blixen, Shepherd of the Hills anniversary, Victor Borge, Denmark and religious analysis, Mary Bendtsen, Danish Roysl Consuls, Anton Bang, Synagogue honors Danes, Memorable hospitality in Omaha, Rescue of Danish Jews, Homesteading in Dakota; 4 video

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- tapes of 150th anniversary of Eben Ezer, Oaks, Oklahoma; Christine Nielsen's Hojtidsdigte; 4 copies of Jul i Hjemmet (1936, 1950, 1952, 1966); Kendte Danskere (64 picture postcards of famous Danes; xerox copy of Dahlbom's Børnesange; an account of Ruth Herman Nielsen's trip to Mexico (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
25. 5 abstracts of title for land in Pottawattamie Co., Iowa (Elmer Bondo), packet of bank statements (Elmer and Ingrid Bondo), notebook/scrapbook kept by Ingrid Bondo, "From Anna Bondo's Notebook," funeral sermon for Anna Bondo, 16 volumes of daily diaries of Ingrid Bondo (1986-1997) (Presented by Elaine Bondo Rennerfeldt, Blair, Nebraska).
 26. Copy of article on Nazareth Lutheran, Cedar Falls, Iowa, article on Jens Dixen (both translated) (Presented by Bertel Schou, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
 27. 43 farm account record books and income tax forms from 1942-1994, packet of checks, bills, and invoices, 21 letters from 1892-1945, 10 undated letters, Havebog, 6 picture postcards with messages 1914-1918, 5 snapshots of haymaking and corn picking on Stadsvold farm, tape and 27 snapshots on building a barn (1950), anniversary poem for Harold and Esther Stadsvold, book: Hired Hands with chapter by Stadsvold (Presented by Harold Stadsvold, Exira, Iowa).
 28. 6 pictures of the library's reception honoring Norman C. Bansen (Presented by Dorothy Willis, Omaha, Nebraska).
 29. 50 clippings on Freeborn Co., Minnesota (Presented by Luella K. Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
 30. Copy of letter from M.G. Christensen to James Lund (1939) (Presented by Marne Lund Brunk, La Habra, California).
 31. Brochure and service bulletin for Luck Lutheran, Luck, Wisconsin, 3 brochures on Luther Point Bible Camp, 7 brochures on Luck and Polk County (Presented by Timothy and Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
 32. Engeborg Idun's Danish Settlers in the Canadian Backwoods (Presented by June Huston, Pass Lake, Ontario, Canada).
 33. Family information on the Weavers and Soren and Nels Collins (Presented by Kenneth Weaver, Dallas, Texas).
 34. William Christensen's Saga of the Tower, Clemens Sorensen's Nordpaa o Vesterud, and Hjemmenes Julebog, 1948 (Presented by JoAnn Hohensee, Blair, Nebraska).
 35. 2 articles on the demolition of the Dannebrog City Hall (Presented by Jim Carlson, Castro Valley, California).
 36. 83 videotapes of Dana basketball games (Presented by Dave Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
 37. Program for 1959 Rebuild celebration, Our Savior's, Racine, Golden Jubilee Book (1896-1946) and 25th jubilee (1921), 7 maps of Denmark, 2 sets of tourist pictures of Denmark, 3 Danish magazines, 3 music notebooks, WLS War Map (1940), Ved Julelampens (1957, 1958), Julefred (1958, 1959), decorated cutting board, 2 Danish flags, 4 booklets on Denmark, Henning Naested's Engelsk-Dansk Synonym-Ordbog, Aage Rousell's Børglum Kloster, and 11 other books (Presented by Esrher Erickson, Madison, Wisconsin).
 38. 500 letters from Richard Andersen to his mother Ellen Andersen from his years in Copenhagen, 200 parish and Sunday bulletins, a packet of articles and meditations by Richard Andersen (Presented by Richard Andersen, Sierra Vista, Arizona).
 39. Danmarks Melodier vols 1 & 2, Knud Jensenius' Dansk Literatur-Historia, Sangeren, Agnes Ringsborg's Gaa Vaek, Skygge lad Solen skinne (Presented by Susan Janecek, Lexington, Kentucky from the estate of Elna Nielsen Melvin).

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40. Copies of 50th, 75th, and 90th anniversary booklets for St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota; program for 75th anniversary; dedication booklet for new church, St. Peter's; program for dedication; tribute to Andrew Sorenson family; history of St. Peter's by Viola Sorenson Olson; dedicatory program for chancel furnishings of St. Peter's (1932); clippings on 50th anniversary, O.V. Magnussen, anniversary gifts, and charter member (Presented by Phyllis Finger, Northfield, Minnesota).
41. Roland's Rules of Golf, a humorous golfing guide written by Roland Jensen; 6 pictures of October '99 archive volunteer week (Presented by Roland and Joan Jensen, Ankeny, Iowa).
42. 38 copies of letters, documents and pictures pertaining to E.A. and Petra Hjortsvang, Amelia Hjortsvang, and Kenneth Hjortsvang; copy of Mark F. Hoyer, Jr's autobiography; 45 original Danish letters (1887-1928) and sermons from E.A. Hjortsvang and family (Presented by Amy Hjortsvang, Martinez, California).
43. Clipping on Niels Nielsen's 90th birthday (Geneva, Minnesota) (Presented by Mrs. James L. Peters, Danbury, Iowa).
44. Photograph of A.M. Andersen family (Presented by Joan Sorensen Jensen, Ankeny, Iowa).
45. Danmarks Melodibog (vols. 1 & 2), Sangbog for Kirkekor, Israels Sange (vols. 1 & 2), Srudier over bibelske emner, UELC 25th anniversary book, Kildsig's Morgengry, Skovgaard-Petersen Menneskeskikkelser Bibelske Karakterer, Balslev's Bibelhistorie, N.P. Madsen's Vejen til Fred, H. Nyholm's Det store Bud, C.H. Jensen's Den hellige Nadvere, Den trofaste Forjaetter, Se paa Jesus, Dansk Almanak (1927, 1944, 1951) (Presented by James and Darlene Nielsen, Neola, Iowa).