

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

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1990s RETROSPECTIVE: The 1990s, thanks to a corps of faithful volunteers and to the loyal support of people such as you, have seen a significant growth in The Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana College. The archival holdings have more than doubled during the decade as has the physical facility with the expansion into the Nielsen Room. During the decade the Archive has become the official repository for the records of the Danish Brotherhood and for the Danish Sisterhood. At the suggestion of Dody Johnson, volunteers from across the country have donated a week of service every April and October with Dana College graciously providing housing and meals. These sessions have experienced a similar growth increasing from an average of 20 volunteers to 40 at a session. The local volunteers who originally came only on Tuesday mornings, now also come on Thursdays. During the decade these bi-monthly Jottings have been issued as a means of bonding the volunteers and loyal supporters and keeping them abreast of archive acquisitions and activities. The decade also witnessed the launching of Lur Publications which has now released six books: Tante Johanne, Many Danes, Some Norwegians, A Frame But No Picture, Embracing Two Worlds, Passages from India, and Boats in the Night. This significant expansion raises two important considerations. The first is the necessity of a new brochure to more accurately present The Danish Immigrant Archive - Dana College to the public; the second is establishing some kind of financial basis so that when time takes its toll on the present volunteer staff and it is no longer possible to operate on a completely volunteer basis, there will be funds available to employ paid personnel.

REMINDER: Unfortunately, this may be the last Jottings that some of you receive. Our policy is that it will be mailed to volunteers and to individuals who have contributed money or archival materials during 1999 or the current year.

APOLOGIES: I am writing no personal notes on this mailing because Elizabeth and I are leaving for Denmark on Friday. I miss the contact.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

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

Marilyn Nielsen (Dearborn, MI) gift	\$ 25.00
Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang (Council Bluffs, IA) George Najjar memorial	10.00
Harold and Phoebe Sorensen (La Crosse, WI) Elmer Vandt-Larsen memorial	15.00
Barbara Lund-Jones (Elk Horn, IA) services	9.50
Harold and Dorothy Wright (Blair, NE) Esther Wesr memorial	60.00
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Philip and Florence Larsen (Blair, NE) C.B. and Abelone Larsen memorial	100.00
Grace Lundberg (Northfield, MN) Ruth Miller and Hansena Hansen memorial and gift	30.00

John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Amanda Hansen and Joe and Mabel Girtz memorial	35.00
Paul Thisted (Colorado Springs, CO) gift	25.00
Alan and Marilyn Nyegaard (Eugene, OR) gift	25.00
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Martha and Douglas Lange (Meadowbrook, PA) Einar Lange memorial	25.00
St. Peter's Danish Festival (Northfield, MN) gift	50.00
Bill Lawson (Green Bay, WI) Einar Lange memorial	25.00
Kenneth Weaver (Dallas, TX) gift	500.00
Claude and Rae Evans (Sun City, AZ) Einar Lange memorial	20.00

ARCHIVE REPORT - November/December 1999

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

VOLUNTEERS: 601 hours by 19 volunteers from Blair, Fremont, and Omaha,
Nebraska and Cedar Falls, Iowa
VISITORS: 15 visitors from Arizona, California, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska,
Canada, and Norway
USERS: 9 archive users from California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska,
Canada and Norway

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Willard Garred's The Family of Hans Frederiksen (1851-1922) and Sidel Marie Hansen (1851-1932) of Kebenhavn, Denmark and The Garred Family of the Pacific Coast States and Holger Rosenstrand's From the Land of the Great Lakes: Pioneer Days in Michigan, trans. by Garred (Presented by Willard Garred, Des Moines, Iowa).
2. 15 issues of Den Danske Pioneer, obituary for Margaretha Nissen, photos of carvings of Jens Dixen in Jels and Sudan Mission Shop (Presented by Timothy and Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Photocopies of 1910 postcard and confirmation cards to Aksel Hansen (Presented by Lorraine Hensen Mencke, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Clipping "ISU Archive Redceives Collection" (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
5. 65 letters to and from James Lund - most originals (Presented by Marianne Lund Brunk, La Habra, California).
6. Obituary for Norma Lund Van Steenhoven, Dana ads, articles on the Dust Bowl, Gene Meyer, Emiel Christensen, Cindy Bay, Quilt Raffle, Celebrating a Century (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
7. Articles: "Memories of Charter Member," O.V. Magnussen's resignation, anniversary gift, St. Peter's 50th, Material for the dedication of paraments and fixtures of St. Peter's, Northfield (1932), History of St. Peter's by Viola Olson. tribute to Andrew Sorenson, dedication folder and booklet for St. Peter's (1960), anniversary booklets and programs for St. Peter's (1943, 1968, 1983) (Presented by Phyllis Sorenson Finger, Northfield, Minnesota).
8. 750 books for the Danish Immigrant Archive, the Dana College Library, and general disposition (Presented by the Clifford and Florence Hanson Estate, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Obituary for Amada Hanson (Presented by Verlan and Helga Hanson, Blair, Nebraska).
10. 5 photographs of Frederik Larsen Bruun, Jens Larsen Bruun, Peder Sophus Bruun, Charlotte Larsen Bruun, and Hans Christian Larsen Bruun (Presented by Bonnie Hittle, Winfield, Kansas).
11. Letter and tape of Hjortsvang reunion September 1999 (Presented by Herbert and Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
12. Program and napkin for Northfield's 1999 Danish Days, 7 bulletins and 2 Parish Visitors from St. Peter's, 2 music editions of Hymnal for Church and Home, 2 Sunday School books, items on Northfield Retirement Center, article on Ruth Randall, obituaries for Benjamin Halverson, Orville Kienitz, and Ruth Miller (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
13. Brochures on Udby Praestergaard and N.F.S. Grundtvig, pages from a Danish reader (Presented by Dody and Oscar Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).

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14. Music by Paul Neve (Presented by Willard Johnson, Rochester, Minnesota).
15. 383 e-mail letters from Richard and Lois Andersen from Denmark (Presented by Joan and Robert Krogh, Blair, Nebraska).
16. 200 books from the C.B. Larsen library for the Archive and Dana College Library, 12 letters from Nana Nielsen to Abelone Larsen, 6 items related to Oaks, Photographs of the Thorslevs, old Kennard parsonage, 1925 Atlantic District Convention in Philadelphia, 1959 Nebraska District Convention in Minden, and 1921 Trinity students, 7 items from Australia, constitution for Siloam (Chicago), translation of C.B.'s article On Egypt and the Suez Canal, material on Kaj Munk (Presented from the C.B. Larsen estate by Philip and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska and Ezra Larsen, Broomfield, Colorado).
17. Minder fra det Gamle Land, Jule-katalog - 1929 (Danish Book Concern, Cedar Falls, Iowa), and Danish comics (Presented by Lowell Madsen, Luck, Wisconsin).
18. Obituary for Ruth Miller and funeral folder for Hansena Hansen (Presented by Grace Lundberg, Northfield, Minnesota).
19. The Japan Christian Quarterly (1968) with salute to J.M.T. Winther, Jens Mikael Thøgersen Winther by Chr. Winther, "Remembering Father" by Nellie Winther Hansen, letter from Lawrence Siersbeck and "Fallen Oak" (Siersbeck's memorial for Dr. Winther), "Dr. J.M.T. Winther" (MS article), various other items on Winther (Presented by Lloyd and Muriel Neve, Blair, Nebraska for Nellie Winther Hansen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
20. 14 letters from James Christensen (Froid, MT) to his father in Underwood, Iowa (1918-1925), 49 copies of letters Anna and Otto Christoffersen from James Christensen (1914-1932), 155 original letters (1883-1963), copy of "My Danish Heritage" about Niels Jorgen Christensen and Maren Katherine Andersen, 4 letters from Froid (1920s) 13 copies of St. Paul's Boomer Church Herald, UELC Yearbooks (1949, 1958), 205 copies of The Little Lutheran (1928-1955), 18 pieces of sheet music, mostly from World War I, various other items (Presented by James and Darlene Nielsen, Neola, Iowa).
21. "The Portland Dane" (Nov. 1999), Obituaries for Grace Jorgensen, Evelyn Pease, Paul Larsen, Erik Albertsen, Ove Hansen, Anna Rogers, Marshall Siegh, Leif Petersen, Peter Weber, Bertel Skjoldborg, Article on Ellis Island, Prospect Hill Cemetery (Omaha), Danish folk dances; various clippings including some on Victor Borge, Lise Le Sec, and Gunnar Nielsen, The Augustana Heritage, and Interpreting Lutheran History (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
22. Letter from Lawrence Siersbeck to Anna Beck, 2 class cards for Kai Nyegaard from Omaha U, copy of Kai Nyegaard's ordination certificate, 2 Dana choir posters (1935) (Presented by Alan and Marilyn Nyegaard, Eugene, Oregon).
23. "A Night of Watching: The Rescue of the Danish Jews October 1942" by Richard W. Peteron (Presented by Richard Peterson, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
24. Sunday School pin (Presented by Lucille Rehder, Green Bay, Wisconsin).
25. 23 pictures of family, friends, and pastors, Family notebook and genealogical information on the Toxvarrd-Hjortsvang family, copy of H. Skov. Nielsen's "Recollections" (87 pp.) (Presented by Elaine Bondo Rennerfeldt, Blair, Nebraska).
26. "Kvinden og Hjemmets" nye Kogebog (1908), N.P. Madsen's Strandfogdens Datter, M.A. Pedersen's Sketches from Santalistan, Jakob Chalmer's Tomate, B.S. Ingemann's Landsby Børnene, C. Skovgaard-Peter-

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- sen's Landet Hvor Kilderne Sprang (2 vols.) (Presented by Lilly And Severin Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska).
27. N.T. Lund's teaching certificate (1894, 1895, 1901), First Lutheran's (Blair) treasurer's report, 85 pictures of family, friends, Blair, and Dana, Invitation to N.T. Lunds' silver wedding open house (1928), Golden wedding card with letter from H.A. Svendsen (1953), Letter from N.T. Lund, 6 picture postcards with messages (1911-1922), 2 soldier letters from Camp Cuba (1898) and Manila (1900), Mormor's Favorite Scandinavian Recipes, 29 picture postcards sent to N.T., Marie, and Ray Lund, card from Lona, photo album of Norma Lund Van Steenhoven, Marie Hansen's (Mrs. N.T.) autograph book (1893-1901), 2 copies of Fifty Years of Church Life (1884-1934), Dana College and Trinity Seminary 1886-1936, Ray Lund's report card (1914), Lona Lund's certificate of confirmation (1925), Packet of 106 clippings, Dana Homecoming talk by N.T. Lund (1929), Danians (1931, 1947), 31 family pictures, Copy of interview given by N.T. Lund to the Nebraska State Historical Society, Copy of letter (1905) from A.M. Andersen to N.T. Lund, Letter of Ray Lund to his mother (1916), Family information, various clippings, notes, and mementos (Presented by Frank Van Steenhoven, Parker, Colorado).