

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS

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VOLUNTEER WEEK: Thirty-five volunteers from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin spent an enjoyable and profitable week in the Archive from April 24th to 28th. Among the enjoyable activities were a noon luncheon at the home of Phil and Florence Larsen, a buffet supper at President and Mrs. Christopherson's, attendance at the Martha Loeffler and Knud Dyby presentations, the Arbor Day reception at Dana, and an evening in the home of Lorraine Madsen. The accomplishments included significant progress in processing the Clifford and Florence Hanson, the Danish Brotherhood, the Richard and Lois Andersen, the Arnold T. Nielsen, the Henry O. Thompson, the Laurits and Ellen Pedersen, the Hansen-Mengers, the Dana College and the obituary collections. My thanks go to both hosts and volunteers.

LUR KUDOS: Boats in the Night has won a non-fiction award by The National League of American Pen Women and Passages from India has been cited by Indian-born Charmazel Dudt as containing letters "refreshing in their honesty" and presenting the Indians as "neither the 'inscrutable Oriental' nor the 'sly devil' of nineteenth-century British accounts." She goes on to say "Bansen enjoyed Indian hospitality and friendship, and the people's sense of humor. The attitude was recognized and admired by the Indian." Both books are available from the Archive, Boats for \$15.00 and Passages for \$20.00 postage paid if these are personal orders and are labeled: "Jottings."

GRATEFUL REGRETS: The Archive has received so much material during March and April that space does not allow recognizing those contributions sent to Sharon Jensen. These gifts from the following people will be recognized in the next Jottings: JoAnn Hohensee (Blair, NE), Ruth Herman Nielsen (Omaha, NE), Gary K. Jacobsen (Rochester, MN), Blair Public Library (Blair, NE), Margritt Rodreiguez (Rochester, MN), and Jorgen Overgaard (Penn Yan, NY). Thank you for your gifts and your understanding.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR COLLECTION: An especially significant collection of Spanish-American War materials was brought to the Archive by volunteer Roland Jensen. It consists of 120 letters written by his grandfather, Henry O. Thompson, while stationed in San Francisco, Hawaii, and the Philippines. Like the Hansen-Menger collection, this collection is rather unique because it also contains 80 letters that Thompson received as well as a large number of photographs, pictures, documenta and other memorabilia. The Archive is truly fortunate to receive this trove which will be extremely valuable to scholars of the era. Thank you, Roland.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

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

Loeymae Lange (Sun City, AZ) Einar and Laura Lange memorial	\$ 10.00	raine Nelson, Violet Collett and Ruth Miller memorials	40.00
R.L. Hansen (Marshfield, WI) gift	50.00	Donald and Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR) gift	50.00
Harold and Phoebe Sorensen (La Crosse, WI) Harvey and Agnes Jess memorial	25.00	Bonnie Hittle (Winfield, KS) gift	25.00
Sandra Sonderup (Blair, NE) gift	50.00	Richard and Evelyn Dankert (Waukesha, WI) gift	25.00
Ninna Engskow (Blair, NE) Esther Pedersen memorial	20.00	Anna Bates (Littleton CO) gift	20.00
In honor of John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen and the archive volunteers	150.00	Herbert and Ruth Jeppesen (Des Plaines, IL) Arlo Elmquist memorial	15.00
Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN) Lor-		Mary K. Berhow (Lancaster, PA) gift	30.00
		Anonymous (Blair, NE) Mary Vig memorial	50.00
		Roland and Joan Jensen (Ankeny, IA) gift	100.00
		John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Ingward Bro memorial	25.00

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

VOLUNTEERS: 1,293 hours by 35 volunteers from Ankeny, Cedar Falls and Urbandale, Iowa; Edina, Minnesota; Blair, Fremont, North Loup, and Omaha, Nebraska; and Onalaska, Wisconsin

VISITORS: 35 visitors from Arizona, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania

USERS: 19 archive users from Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Copies of "A Sailor's Prayer" and a silver wedding poem for Alvin Andersen's parents (May 1949) (Presented by Alvin and Lorene Andersen, Washington, Nebraska).
2. 7 copies of My Church, copy of Santal Mission, centennial bulletin for First Luth., Blair, NE (1984), Iowa Dist. L.L. convention program at Beresford, SD, UELC convention material from Sidney, MT, Jubilaems Fest Elk Horn, IA (1975), list of Elk Horn College students (1907-08), Oaks Indian Center - history and tract, copy of Spøgefuglen (Elk Horn Højskole, 1915-16), Uelc convention programs from Cedar Falls, IA (1956) and Lynwood, CA (1955), W.M.S. annual report (1958-59), centennial calendar - First Luth., Fremont, NE (1985), UELC centennial program booklet - 1996 (Presented by Bertha Andersen, Elk Horn, Iowa).
3. Copy B of Ms. of "A Mohammed of Our Time," an historical and critical account of the emergence and spread of Mormanism, along with a description from the Secret History of Utah by John Ahmanson (1876); "John Ahmanson vs. Brigham Young: A Nebraska Legal Controversy, 1859-1861" by Charles W. Martin, copy of marriage record of Hayden W. Ahmanson and Florence May Hayden, copy of letter of Louise B. Baumann to Bob Ahmanson (Presented by Louise B. Baumann, Omaha, Nebraska).
4. 1943 financial report for St. Paul's (Boomer), Neola, IA (Presented by Duane and Ruth Benson, Underwood, Iowa).
5. Family information on Anne Sophia Nielsen (Presented by Mary K. Berhow, Lanaster, Pennsylvania).
6. 1944 photograph of Immanuel congregation, Hazelwood, MN (Presented by Norma Bickel, Northfield, Minnesota).
7. Den Danske Studenter Sangforenings Amerikafaerd - Mai-Juni 1911 (Presented by the Blair Public Library, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Ingward Bro funeral folder (Presented by Dwight L. Bos, Omaha, Nebraska).
9. Bulletin for Emanuel Dan. Ev. Luth., Yorba Linda, CA, material for Blicher exhibition (Presented by Elaine Brostrom, St. Peter, Minnesota).
10. Material on the family of Nels and Kirstine Christensen, Enok Mortense article: "He Was My Neighbor" (Presented by S.P. Christensen, Fargo, North Dakota).
11. Funeral folder for P.V. Hansen, Jr., clippings: "Women Among 22 Pastors Seeking to Lead Lutherans" and "Native Voices" (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
12. 7 ledgers (1890-1981) belonging to the Danish Ten Cent Society of Racine, WI (Presented by John and Birgitte Christianson, Decorah, Iowa)

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13. F.S. Shepard's Men's Songs, Christian Winther's Hjortens Flugt, Dansk Almanak (1946), Sangbog (Melodisamling), S. Rehling's Et Aar i Danmark: Tolv Digte, Danmarks Melodibog vols. 1,2 & , 4 U.S. biographies, letter from C.M. Videbeck, Ms. of talk to S.S. teachers, Mss. "The Moral Law and Our Day" and "Morning Devotions," correspondence and papers from Lutheran Theological Study Group (1946), correspondence concerning revision of Balslev's catechism (1920s), Ms on Alberta and Dana Folk School (Calgary), 50th anniversary book for Blasieholmskyrkans, articles on Grundtvig and Kierkegaard, copies of Luthersk Ugeblad and Kirkelig Samler, clipping on Magdalena Hjemmet, photo of Kai Nyegaard in W.W. I uniform, photos of Dana chapel decorated for a 192 event and of the 1921 basketball team, copies of The Ansgar Lutheran and Dansk Almanak (Presented by Evelyn Dankert, Waukesha, Wisconsin).
14. Flyer on Tak for Alt (Presented by Knud Dyby, Novato, California).
15. Funeral folder and obituary for Chris Frahm, clippings: "Lutheran Conference to Address 'Full Communion Agreement'" and "China Syndrome" (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
16. Letter from Eline Winther - 1987 (Presented by Dorys Grover, Pendleton, Oregon).
17. Remembrance booklet on Aster Eberhart Neve (1916-1999), 4 tapes of Argo church minutes translated from Danish, 4 Danish mathematics booklets, H.C. Andersen Kalendar 1999, phonograph record by Chris Rosendahl for Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen, Harlan, IA, 2 clippings on Danish crown prince and fire destroyinh Dania Hall in Minneapolis, copies of clippings on Denmark cross, the gold standard, and Salem Lutheran, Brooklyn, NY, 19 phonograph records by Dana College choir, Dana male quartet, Edward Hansen and Elizabeth Mortensen, supplementary files to U.E.L.C. pastor collection (Presented by Edward Hansen, Edina, Minnesota).
18. Ministerial biographical record (Presented by Edwin Hansen, Audubon, Iowa).
19. Information on Kristen F. and Lillie Johansen and family, 2 pictures of 1929 Dana choir trip to Denmark, cap worn by James Hansen on choir trip (Presented by Leona Hansen, Blair, nebraska).
20. Stjernen (March), obituaries: Viggo Andersen, John Madsen, Elsie Balima, Ida Caspersen, bertram Christensen, Neils Christensen, Agnes Collison, Nellie Cummings, Rose Cyboron, Martha Fost, Betty Fredricksen, Thomas Friedrichsen, George Irvine, Alden Jensen, Wayne Jorgensen, Edna Keller Elmer Leth, Harold Olsen, Garnette Schack, Willie Sorensen, Ann Steffen Marilyn Vik, Albert Jensen, Hazell Katt, Howard Christensen, Albert Christensen, Chris Frahm, Elmer Jespersen, Chauncey Harb, Gerald Hatt, Glen Jacobsen, Harry Larson, Hans Lauritsen, Jr., Marvin and Joan Christensen, Carol Andersen, Allan D. Hansen, Donald Jahn, Emelia Wrigg Johnson, Neil Kjeldgaard Evelyn Kelso, Dagny Jorgensen, Rosa Nielsen, Martha Klein, Audrey Prince, Barbara Girch, and Catherine Jacobsen, 31 clippings on Howard County, Nebraska (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Clipping on Jeanne Simon (Presented by Susan Hettinger, Westminster, Colorado).
22. Picture of Violet Hansen Collett and accompanying letter, funeral folders for Lorraine Nelson and Elmer Knudsen, 2 bulletins from St. Peter's, Northfield, MN and Parish Visitor (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
23. 4 letters to Paul Jeppesen from Bob Kerrey, Phil Pagel, Earl Mezoff, and Arthur Lindberg, copy of Mountclef Journal, "State of College (Dana) ,essage," aricle on Paul Simon (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California).

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24. 120 letters from Henry O. Thompson (1898-99) while a soldier in The Spanish-American War and 80 letters received by him from his parents and siblings, Thompson's daily log book for 1898-99 and memoranda book for summer of 1898, photo of Thompson in uniform, 3 family photos, packet containing 16 letters, cards and writings, 2 packets containing 112 clippings, poems, and anti-German pictures, 5 army newspapers printed in Manila in 1899, 64 photographs from the Spanish-American War, 24 copies of pictures, photo of veterans from St. Edwards, NE area, soldiers' memorial poster, family financial account book (1901-1914), booklets and clippings on Spanish-American War, calling cards with war motifs, 2 letters to Tante Marie, photo of St. Ansgar's, Rosenberg, NE, church record books, 3 packets of bill, invoices, and lists of contributors for St. Ansgar's (1890-1914), 4 music books, 3 Danish bibles (Presented by Roland Jensen, Ankeny, Iowa).
25. 2 vol. set A Pictorial History of Freeborn County (1850-1970), packet of letters to and from archive volunteers (1992-1999), clippings on Lydia Howe and Bluffs Trinity, Fremont, NE, , picture of archive volunteers, copies of letters from T.I. Jensen and J.W. Nielsen, anniversary bulletin for Trinity (1854-1979), invitation to Trinity centennial, Albert Lea, MN, history of the Ingebret Johnson family by T.I. Jensen (Presented by Dody and Oscar Johnson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
26. Scrapbook of U.E.L.C. prepared by Erma Jorgensen, funeral folder for Erma Jorgensen, clippings (Presented by Richard and Delores Jorgensen, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin).
27. "En bedde Rim te Onkel fritz" (1948), The Christian parent (1940), Z. Nielsen's Et Møde, Boberg's Aftenskyar, I.M. Hansen's En Guds Mand, Sangen Til Jesu, Dansk Nytaar (1957), Det Nye Aar (1960), Se og Hør (Elizabeth II visit to Denmark, 688 pp of Sionskairan, letter from E. Waermo to F. Christensen, Billed Bladet (King Frederik and Queen Ingrid's silver wedding). (Presented by Ernest Kerstgaard, Noti, Oregon).
28. Copy of pastor's vows, clippings on F.W. Thomsen, Blieses, Kaj Munk, and C.B. getting award, Kirke Sogn (St. Johannes, Herning, DK), songs for P.M. Petersen's birthday (1917) and Rev and Mrs. Simonsen's 25th wedding anniversary, 2 songs written for C.B. and Abelone's wedding and for their departure for Australia (1920), letters to C.B. from Ried Neve, Andrew Staby, A.V. Neve, M.C. Christensen, and a group of Dana-Trinity alumns at Lynwood convention, tribute to Marie Rasmussen by Abelone Larsen, C.B.'s salary and withholding statements from Dana, 16 photographs (Marius Hansens, Victor Staby, Erling Rasmussen, H.C. Ostegaard, Vilhelm Beck, Dr. Eskeldsen, Inadomi, 1920 Dana-Trinity grads, confirmation class), 4 snapshots (C.B. in Penn Yan, NY, Ligaards in Australia, Kirgaray hospital in australia, and Jacksonville, Ia parsonage, J.C. Christensen's Fra Min Barndom og Ungdom, (Presented for C.B. Larsen family by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
29. Copy of the Danish journal of Hans Gustav Lindhardt for 1939 and 1940 with a translation (Presented by Lawrence G. Lindhardt, Hastings, Nebraska).
30. A clipping and copies of two other clippings on Boats in the Night. (Presented by Martha Loeffler, Modesto, California).
31. Photographs of Dana-Trinity student body and faculty (1904) and Dana string ensemble (1904-05), copies of 8 pictures of Henry Johnson family with valuable explanatory notes, poem honoring Henry Johnson, letter to J.W. Nielsen containing family information (Presented by Donna Johnson Mennen, Sioux City, Iowa).
32. Scrapbook on his years at the Cherokee Mission, Oaks, OK (Presented by Ralph Mortensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).

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33. Funeral service bulletin for Jeanne Simon (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
34. 13 Church Herald (newsletter of St. Paul's, Boomer Twp., Neola, IA) The Reporter (daily record of 1931 UELC convention), s Ansgar Lutherans, The Bond, copy of "Hail Dana" from Luthersk Ugeblad (Presented by James and Darlene Nielsen, Neola, Iowa).
35. 6 photographs of the Knud Nielsen family (Presented by Jane Ann Nielsen, Knoxville, Tennessee).
36. Trinitatis Seminarium - 1886-1911, Hermes - Souvenir Issue, Femogtyve AAr 1896-1921 (Presented by Levern Nielsen, Racine, Wisconsin).
37. The Portland Dane (March), Scandinavian (winter and spring issues), obituaries: Omar Johansen, Anna Petersen, Arne Ibsen, Emma Nielsen, Ib Harder, Edward Nielsen, Kristine Neugil, Rita Nedergaard, Doris Sorensen, Karen Highland, Bendt Wedell-Wedellsborg, Arnold Bodtker, Ove Brandholt, John Vindekilde, Jeanne Simon; clippings on rescue of Danish Jews exhibit, Martin Astrop, Ole Christensen, Ellen Jensen, Ib Alvin, Victor Borge, H.C. Andersen, Danes in Utah, Holger Nielsen, Harry and Frances Petersen, Arnold Bodtker, Inger Dix (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
38. 23 round robin letters from 1996-2000 (Presented by Alvin and Edel Petersen, Lincoln, Nebraska).
39. Centennial booklet (1851-1951) and 125th anniversary banquet program for Emmaus, Racine, WI, Emmaus Messenger (June 1951, Oct. 1953), My Church (July 1943, June 1950), clippings about Jim Mortensen and Jeanne Simon, program for dedication of Bethlehem, Royal, IA (1968), directories for Trinity, Avoca, IA (1968, 1973), dedication booklet for Emmaus, Racine, WI, Guidelines -Evaluation for pastors' salaries (S. Wisconsin District) (Presented by Dorothy (Mrs. Sigurd) Petersen, Clinton, Wisconsin).
40. Laerebog (1876) belonging to H. Pedersen, Brorson's Psalmes og Andelige Sange (1868), 2 vol. Verdenshistorie for Folket by Soegaard, letter from 1917 mentioning Jens Dixen, old ledger brought from Denmark containing dairy records and then used for writing English and keeping business accounts in the U.S., statement concerning wooden chest brought from Denmark in 1881 (Presented by Richard Peterson, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
41. 24 copies of pictures, clippings and documents belonging to Peder and Karen Knudsen and to the Anne Marie Rasmussen family, 1924 Kennard, NE high school announcement (Presented by Shirley Phelps, St. Cloud, Minnesota).
42. Pictures of Clifford and Florence Hanson, Marinus and Evelyn Hagedorn, Carl and Alice Scattauer, Sanford and Vilgard Sorgen, Elmer and Anna Andersen, Paul and Marilyn Erling, Barry and Diane Olson, Sylvia Siersbeck, Lawrence Siersbeck and great grandchild, Ingrid Bondo, Lawrence and Cornelia Siersbeck, Warren and Mildred Rasmussen, Adina Pietz, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Andersen, the Kristian Anker and P.S. Vig graves; note from the Sorgens (Presented by Elaine Rennerfeldt, Washington, Illinois)
43. Clipping on Vernon Eriksen, obituary and clipping on Jeanne Simon (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Edgebrook, Illinois).
44. Funeral folder for Jeanne Simon (Presented by Paul Simon, Carbondale, Illinois).
45. 7 items from Oaks Indian Center, 116 e-mail letter from family, 56 letters from Agnes Madsen, 45 letters from friends, 30 letters from relatives (Presented by Lilly and Sev. Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska)
46. Photo Album of Maya's life and work in Japan (Presented by Maya Winther,