

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS John W. Nielsen

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UELC REUNION: The weekend of June 11-12 brought an influx of former UELC members and friends to the Dana College campus and the archive. Fellowship and reminiscing were crowded into the time surrounding formal presentations and an archive visit. Saturday's presentations were on the theology of the UELC by Paul Jersild, the role of the archive in preserving a heritage by John W. Nielsen, and the expectations and perspective of women by John Mark and Dawn Nielsen. Sunday's worship used the hymns and liturgy of the blue Hymnal for Church and Home with Norman Freund as liturgist and Roland Hansen as preacher. An offering of more than \$1200.00 was divided between Dana College and the Oaks Indian Center, two institutions supported by the UELC. The archive is bound to benefit from this exposure. In fact, several people brought items with them. The Saturday night coffee sponsored by the children of Oscar and Dody Johnson honored their parents on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

GRATEFUL MEMORY: In each Jottings gifts are given in memory of individuals whose lives we recall with gratitude. On occasion we make more extended comments; such is the case with these Jottings. During May the archive lost two staunch supporters. Ron Johnson was a former library director at Dana, who before the archives was a functioning organization saw the need for collecting and preserving archival materials. Harold Sorenson because of his pride in his Danish heritage and his deep loyalty to Immanuel, Hazelwood, and St. Peter's, Northfield, Minnesota supported the archive with gifts both financial and material. We rejoice in their contribution and memory as we do in regards to all supporters - living and dead. Thanks!

WHAT OF THE FUTURE? On June 29th I celebrated my seventy-fifth birthday with the accompanying thought; What is the future of the Archive? Although my desire may be to put in another ten or twenty years of voluntary service, is that realistic? Since it probably isn't, steps must be taken now to assure the continuation of archival operations even after I am no longer able to put in from twenty-five to forty hours a week of volunteer time. To address that issue, a preservation fund or endowment must be established. Timothy and Sharon Jensen have launched this fund with a \$1000.00 gift. From time to time accumulated funds over and above operating expenses will be transferred into the fund. Additional contributions will be needed to reach an initial goal of \$100,000.00. Can it be done? Of course it can.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

The following gifts and memorials to The Danish Immigrant Archive are received with sincere appreciation.		Shelley & Eddie Koen (Kasson, MN)	15.00
Danish Old People's Home (Rochester, MI) gift		Jon & Phyllis Finger (Northfield, MN)	20.00
Harold Sorenson memorials:		Eddie & Carol Jean Sorenson (Northfield, MN)	20.00
Vern Jensen (Hastings, MN)	100.00	-Gertrude Clemens (Bloomington, MN)	5.00
Leanore Carlson (La Crosse, WI)	40.00	Lowell & Shirley Petersen (Northfield, MN)	10.00
Jolene Leshar (La Crosse, WI)	20.00	Don & Doris Calhoun (Onalaska, WI)	10.00
Margaret Davenport (La Crosse, WI)	10.00	Phillip & JoAnne Olson (Northfield, MN)	10.00
Nathan Lindsay (Malibu, CA)	150.00	Dwayne & Leesa Olson (Northfield, MN)	10.00
Don & Lois Betz (La Crosse, WI)	5.00	Walter & Dorothy Sorenson (Northfield, MN)	10.00
Vern & Dorothy Lacey (Richfield, MN)	20.00	Dale Meyer (La Crosse, WI)	5.00
Larry & Zane Madsen (Dennison, MN)	10.00	Mary Ann & Ken Larsen (Northfield, MN)	10.00
Pam Petersen & Dave Underdahl (Northfield, MN)	10.00	Helen Albers (Northfield, MN)	10.00
		Tom & Roz Hundt (Onalaska, WI)	10.00
		Betty Schroeder (La Crosse, WI)	5.00

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

VOLUNTEERS: 487 hours by 19 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska, Iowa and California.

VISITORS: 49 (this does not include many UELC visitors who did not sign the book) from California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Denmark. (Users will be reported next time.)

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Doc Nielsen (Presented by JoAnn Hohensee, Blair, Nebraska).
2. Box of 42 books and 26 periodicals, mostly Christmas (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson, Arvada, Colorado).
3. Photographs of Pastors Niels Sorensen with wife and son, N.P.N. Lang with wife and two sons, J.P. Naarup with wife, J.H. Thomsen, Sigurd Petersen (Presented by Gary K. Jacobsen, Rochester, Minnesota).
4. Stemann's Danish-English Vocabulary and Danish: A Practical Reader, and Gylgndals rode Ordbooger D-E (Presented Public Library, Blair, Nebraska).
5. 2 boxes of books with family information accompanying some of the books (Presented by Margritt Rodriguez, Rochester, Minnesota).
6. Varick's The Danes of Yates County, 2 copies (Presented by Jorgen Overgaard, Penn Yann, New York).
7. 19 Danish books belonging to C.B. Larsen (Presented by Larsen family by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Large, illustrated Danish Bible belonging to Martin and Annette Olsen of Kenmare, 3 vol. set, Encyclopedia of the Lutheran Church, 50 books for archive and library. (Presented by James and Verna Olsen, Loveland, Colorado).
9. Our Savior's Centennial Book (1899-1999) Ferndale CA, "Buried Treasures" article on archival collections and preservation (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
10. Rev. R.F. Jenkins obituary, clipping on Pella, Omaha, NE (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
11. 1898 Danish Lutheran Publishing House envelope with advertisements (Presented by Paul and Leana Christoffersen, Underwood, Iowa).
12. Photographs of Rev. & Mrs. Niels Damskov, Rev. P.C. Jensen, Pella congregation picture about 1930 (Sidney, MT), Sunday School of Pella (Presented by Esther Jorgensen Grindberg, Forest Lake, Minnesota).
13. Mary I. Langenfeld obituary, Emmaus, Racine, WI folder (Presented by Helen and Frank Hengeveld, Blair, Nebraska).
14. Funeral folder for Erma M. Jorgensen (Presented by Jill and Michael Hennick, Onalaska, Wisconsin).
15. Obituary and funeral folder for Mabel Petersen, bulletin for St. Peter's, Northfield, MN, Immanuel, Hazelwood, MN cemetery minutes, letter to John W. Nielsen on deaths of Mabel Petersen and Harold Sorenson (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
16. Funeral folder for Abraham L. Warrick (Presented by Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
17. Letter to J.W.N., fund raiser blurb for Truman Library, review of Niel Johnson's book on Truman, Power, Money and Women - Words to the Wise from Harry S. Truman (Presented by Niel Johnson, Independence, Missouri).

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18. J.C. Jorgensen obituary, card from Dorothy Baller, copy of "Maybe Dana Never Was Like This ... But What If It Were?" by J.W.N., packet of materials: clippings, correspondence, invitations etc. concerning Queen Margrethe II's 1976 visit to Dana (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
19. Under Kors og Stjerne by J. S e, or grandfather, "We're Celebrating Our History," an account of the Oyens, IA congregation and the history of the Kloster and other families by Phyllis Kloster Krumrey (Presented by Phyllis Krumrey, Des Moines, Iowa).
20. Reminiscences concerning the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad by Dick Lippincott (Presented by Dick Lippincott, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Picture of Martha Loeffler and Knud Dyby from Nebraska-Iowa visit (Presented by Martha Loeffler, Modesto, California).
22. Helen Petersen funeral folder and obituary (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
23. Article on Lloyd Neve, letter from Ruth Neve, obituary for Ron Johnson (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
24. Program from 1914 Dannebrog-Hesperian meeting (Presented by Ruth Peterson, Portland, Oregon).
25. Ron Johnson obituary (Presented by Egil Povelsen, Santa Rosa, California).
26. Original F.W. Thomsen drawing (Presented by Warren Rasmussen, Colorado Springs, Colorado).
27. 1951-52 Dana regulations from an unidentified UELC visitor (Presented by Julie Rohlfing, Blair, Nebraska).
28. Helen Sagen Romer's scrapbook and album on Oaks Indian Mission and her personal picture album (Presented by Dorothy Romer, Tulsa, Oklahoma).
29. Copies of 2 Danish letters and 8 cards concerning Anna Sophia Nielsen Skinvik (Presented by Mary K. Berhow, Lancaster, Pennsylvania).
30. Bahensky and Sack's Entering Howard County (Presented by John Mark and Dawn Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska, in memory of Howard "Bud" Petersen).
31. Clippings on Kenneth B. Andersen, William Carlson, and Jens Jensen (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Edgebrook, Illinois).
32. Clipping on Mattie Rasmussen Johnson and article "A Pioneering Century" with reference to Mattie Johnson (Presented by Irene Johnson Schmidt, Audubon, Iowa).
33. Schou family history and genealogy material concerning Johansen-Rasmussen descendants (Presented by Donald Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
34. Clipping on J.M.T. Winther's death, Carl E. Thomsen obituary, and information on Lange cross-stitch sampler (Presented by Ellen Thomsen Solevad, Pioneer, California).
35. Obituary and funeral folder for Harold Sorenson, clipping on demolition of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hazelwood, MN (Presented by Phoebe Sorenson, La Crosse, Wisconsin).
36. D.V.B.S. certificate from First Lutheran, Blair, NE (Presented by Elaine Hansen Steenblock, Ankeny, Iowa).
37. Letter to J.W.N. with family information, clippings: "Golden Wedding Here Tuesday" (1943) and "P.S. Petersens Married 54 Years" (1947) (Presented by Joyce Petersen Strong, Omaha, Nebraska)
38. Photo album, book in Japanese with Omachi Church on cover (Presented by Maya Winther, Roseville, Minnesota)
39. Explanation of Maya Winther's album and a short biography of her (Presented by Lloyd Neve, Blair, Nebraska).

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40. Photographs of pastors M.O. Block, Andreas Nielsen, 1921 confirmation class at Brorson, Blooming Prairie, MN, letter of explanation (Presented by Gary K. Jacobsen, Rochester, Minnesota).
41. Mortensen's A Danish Boyhood, Marzolf's The Danish-Language Press in America, Iowa State Historical Society's Iowa: The Home for Immigrants, and Petersen's The Pageant of Iowa: Journalism: A Survey of 125 Years Years of Iowa Journalism 1836-1961 (Presented by Pete Petersen, Canyon, Texas)
42. Items belonging to Clifford and Florence Hanson: 1963 Dana Homecoming Program, 2 1947 Dana calanders, Høffding's Danske Filosofer, and Udvalgte af Dansk Filosofisk Litteratur, and Lutz's Church Roots (Presented by Neil Hanson, Austin, Texas).
43. Photograph of Christen and Maren Borup (Presented by Dana College, Blair, Nebraska).
44. Harold's Love Letters To Maren 1909-1911 (Presented by Ellen Jamison, San Jose, California).
45. Stjernen (April, June), obituaries for R.F. Jenkins, Eleanor K. Jensen, Lynn Marie Vercruysse, Spencer Alan Jensen, Ethel Mae Miller, Elmae Springer, Elsie Gouard; eulogy and memorial folder for Eva Valentine Stroud Christensen; clippings on Jack and Dorothy Leehy, Ed Jipp, Ron and Betty Andreasen, Charles Kuralt, Dannebrog, First Luth (Blair) confirmation, Ted Sorensen, Valdemar Peterson, "Copenhagen." Lars Von Trier, Denmark-Sweden bridge, Iben Hjejle, Howard County, & ELCA; special edition of St. Paul Phonograph-Herald "A Century of Memories" (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter) Blair, Nebraska).
46. Article on Lloyd Neve; obituaries for Ingrid Hammer, Niels Bentzon, Kristen Jorgensen, Karen Møller, Maria Gregers, William Carlson, Lilly Madsen, Else Studsrup, Knud Nyby, Arnold Bodtger; 5 clippings on Danish-Americans; 3 clippings on Denmark, Glaede Over Danmark, copy of "Danish" program 1976 (Bien); pattern for heart baskets (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
47. An Antiquarian Odyssey by Jens J. Christoffersen (Presented by Jens J. Christoffersen, Houston, Texas).

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Vicki Stromberg (Onalaska, WI)	10.00	Sharon & Timothy Jensen (Blair, NE)	
Leona Wartenweiler (Monroe, WI)	5.00	Ron Johnson memorial	20.00
Willie Von Klein family (La Crosse, WI)	10.00	Elizabeth Williams (Boise, ID) services	20.00
Dr. Al Fisher (La Crosse, WI)	10.00	Darlene Olsen (Lyons, NE) translation	5.00
Bernice Sorenson & Evonne Clay (Northfield, MN)	10.00	William & Doris Hanson (Edina, MN) in honor of Oscar & Doy Johnson's 50th	50.00
Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN)	25.00	David Johnson (Ankeny, IA) in honor of Oscar and Dody Johnson's 50th	100.00
Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN) Mabel Petersen memorial	100.00		
John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) memorial for Harold Sorenson, Mabel Petersen and other departed friends of Immanuel and St. Peter's	50.00		
Carl Thomsen memorial	50.00		
Ron Johnson memorial	50.00		
Loeymae Lange (Sun City, AZ) Carl Thomsen memorial	100.00		
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #227 (Detroit, MI) gift	200.00		
Mary Berhow (Lancaster, PA) services	30.00		
Howard K. Jensen (Omaha, NE) gift	20.00		
Dorothy Romer (Tulsa, OK) John, Agnes, Helen Romer memorial	100.00		