

# ARCHIVE JOTTINGS . . . . . John W. Nielsen

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VOLUNTEER WEEK: The October volunteer week brought 37 volunteers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon and California to the archive. Significant progress was made on the Dana College clipping collection and on The Danish Brotherhood records. We are seeking to establish an extensive registry of Danish-Americans. Extensive translation work was accomplished and several individual collections were processed. The volunteers also signed a petition and raised money to replace the pre-school toilets on the archive level of the library with adult ones. Who can predict what archive volunteers will come up with and do!

ENDOWMENT FUND: It is extremely gratifying to observe the response to our Endowment Fund effort. Besides the very generous gifts noted in this Jottings a number of people have made commitments for 2001. These include Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Thomas Hansen, John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, and Donald and Audrey Pedersen. To all who have responded a special thanks. The thermometer will indicate cash received in solid black; pledges in crosshatch.

LUR PUBLICATIONS: A new book, Borge and Lotte Christensen's Our Last Frontiers, will be available for Christmas giving. The book is a fascinating account of their world cruise, illustrated with a great many excellent photographs. Although the book will retail for over \$20.00, readers who respond before Christmas can receive the book for \$15.00 plus \$1.00 shipping for each book ordered. Several other books are in the process of negotiation or printing. One is the English version of P.S. Petersen's Memoirs which was published in Denmark by the Odense Museum and Odense University Press. Lur should release this book late winter or early spring.

ENDOWMENT AGAIN: Edward and Shirley Hansen have designated 20% of their very generous gift to Dana College for the Archive. This becomes another wonderful foundation stone. Thank you.

EXPANDED FACILITIES: The Archive and Lur Publications are about to have additional office and storage space. Our sincere thanks to the library staff and to Dana College for making this possible.

GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT:

The following financial contributions to The Danish Immigrant Archive are received with sincere appreciation.

Marjorie & Don Wahlgren (Gowrie, IA)	\$ 25.00	Cyrus Anderson (Swannanoa, NC) Marian Anderson memorial	30.00
Ellen Jamison (San Jose, CA)	25.00	Michael & Jill Hennick (Onalaska, WI) gift	40.00
Bodil Johnson (Hillsboro, OR) Ron Johnson memorial	100.00	Roland & Joan Jensen (Ankeny, IA) gift	1,000.00
Arliss Boyum (Northfield, MN) Paul Larsen memorial	10.00	Robert & Betty Hansen (Harmony, MN) gift	60.00
Jane Ann Nielsen (Knoxville, TN) gift	100.00	Ruth Herman Nielsen (Omaha, NE) gift	10.00
Margaret Madsen (Anaheim, CA) gift	20.00	Inga Larsen (Cedar Falls, IA) gift	100.00
Birgit Fleming Larsen (Aalborg, DK) gift	40.00	Donald & Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR) gift	100.00
<u>ENDOWMENT FUND:</u>		Richard and Lois Andersen (Sun City, AZ) gift	1,000.00
Dorothy & Harold Wright (Blair, NE) George Grube memorial	25.00	Timothy & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE) gift	855.00
Collyn & Phyllis Peterson (Overland Park, KS) gift	100.00	Thomas Hansen (Blair, NE) gift	400.04
Lucile Rehder (Green Bay, WI) gift	10.00		

ARCHIVE REPORT - September/October 2000

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

VOLUNTEERS: 1393 hours by 41 volunteers from California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, and Wisconsin.

VISITORS: 34 visitors from Arkansas, California, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, and Oregon, and Denmark.

USERS: 15 archive users from Arizona, California, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Norway and Denmark.

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Copy of 1936 Dannebrog News reproduced by the Odense Museum (Presented by Norman C. Bansen, Blair, Nebraska).
2. 1957 Dansk Nytaar with obituary of H.P. Berthelsen, translation accompanying, obituary and funeral folder for Martha Jensen, clipping on Danish Brotherhood and New Denmark Park in Albert Lea (Presented by Erna and Bob Berthelsen, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
3. 15 records of Danish music (Presented by Borge and Lotte Christensen, Tucson, Arizona).
4. Obituaries for Verna Stork and Gilbert Ragan, clipping on Bishop H. George Anderson (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
5. Marriage license for John Miller and Anna Hansen (1873), memorial booklet for Miller (1844-1933), citizenship certificate (1887), biographical sketch, declaration of intent for citizenship (1868), passport for Louisa Miller (1935), 1926 Union Pacific schedule, John Miller's certificate as agent for Inman Lines (Presented by Paul and Shirley Emmerich, Blair, Nebraska).
6. Copy of memoirs by Ted Larsen, copy of "Bits and Pieces of History of the John and Christine Freund Family" by Myrtle Andersen (Presented by Norman and Esther Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
7. Good Shepherd Home ribbon, Dana Issue of Blair Enterprise, obituaries for Marie Petersen, George Grube, Patsy McKillip, Myra Anderson, Tage Christensen, Carlisle Gunderson, Byron Lauritsen, Ray Lauritsen, Sarah Petersen, Don Rasmussen, Ona Stork, Dwight Wrich, Bertha Wulf, Leo Nielsen, Frederick Christiansen, Evelyn Metzler, Doris Nielsen, DEan Nelson, Stjernen June, August, September, October (2000) and January, April, May (1993), tag for Jersild Knitting Co., articles on Pete Petersen, Lars Pedersen, Jensen family reunion, Blair Flour Mill, Bill Thomsen, Dana bricks, Potter, NE, Luverne, ND, Danish students visit Dana and 20 others (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
8. Harold Flender's Rescue in Denmark (Presented by Roger and Marilyn Hanson, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
9. George Grube funeral folder (Presented by Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
10. Clipping: "Simon Says - Ex-senator speaks at Midland" (Presented by Paul and Liz Johnson, Fremont, Nebraska).
11. 1942 postcard of Old Main tower from S. Milton Thompson, clippings on Darwin Jespersen, "Danish Digressions," Ruth Hermann Nielsen - hall of fame honor (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).

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12. May 19 and 21, 1976 issues of Omaha World Herald concerning the visit of Queen Margrethe and Prince Hendrick to Dana (Presented by Joan and Robert Krogh, Blair, Nebraska).
13. 2 postcards (1906), Christmas greetings from Rev. M. Th. Jensen and family and Fremont Danish Churches: Bluffs and City (1913, 1915). (Presented by Brenda and Sieg Krueger, Blair, Nebraska).
14. Clipping on Dania Hall, Minneapolis, MN (Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
15. Dannevirke (June 29, 1949), Bornevennen (April 1925), Julegranen (1939) (Presented by Ruby Larsen, Fremont, Nebraska).
16. Copy of marriage certificate of Jorgen Peter Lyckegaard and Marie Maltesen (1899) (Presented by Susan and Larry Legore, Algona, Iowa).
17. Copy of "Trinity Lutheran Church, Westbrook, Maine - 1882-1982), obituary and funeral folder for Alma F. Petersen (Presented by Gary and Diane Madsen, Falmouth, Maine).
18. 2 letters between Ralph Mortensen and Alvin, On to New Horizons - 75 Years of Oaks History, letter from Ralph to Mrs. C. A. Christensen concerning his years at Oaks, Oaks Indian Center - A Brief History (Presented by Ralph Mortensen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
19. Funeral folder and bulletin for Sarah E. Petersen (Presented by Ried and Eunice Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
20. Commemorative plates for First Lutheran, Poy Sippi, WI (1875-1975), Trinity Lutheran, Blooming Prairie, MN (1875-1975), St. Peters Lutheran, Luck, WI (1880-1980), Luck Lutheran, Luck, WI (1903-1978), Framed prints of "De Gamles Sondag" and F.W. Thomsen's "Black Elk's Vision" (Presented by Beulah Nielsen, Kimballton, Iowa).
21. Clipping on Adolph and Lucille Kloth (Presented by Elaine Nielsen, Ankeny, Iowa).
22. Booklet on Herning and Nielsen family information (Presented by Jane Ann Nielsen, Knoxville, Tennessee).
23. Good Shepherd Messenger (Fall, 2000), Homecoming 2000 worship folder and 1950 class reunion, article on Scheffler Store in Blair, 2 exhibit folders from Christian Petersen show at Iowa State Museum, Ames, IA (Presented by John and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
24. Obituaries for Arne Sorensen, Bernie Howard, Wenzel Rasmussen, Lise Larsen, Beth Callahan, Aksel Rasmussen, Knud Stecher, Cecelia Mahler, Jens Laugesen, Daniel Petersen, Richard Stauersbøl, Flemming Larsen, Lillie Nielsen, Palle Skjoldborg, Grethe Larsen and Gunnar Hansen, clippings on Ib Melchior, Danish Canadian Conference, Sea Trek 2001, New Danish Jewish Museum in Denmark (*RUTH NERMAN NIELSEN, OMAHA, NE*).
25. Veterans claim letter, induction notice, draft card, compensation form, discharge certificate (1917-1933) for Kaj Nyegaard, social security certificate, baptismal certificate for K. Nyegaard (1893), birth certificate for Laura Marie Beck (1901), marriage certificate for Ella Pedersen and Andrew Junker (1921), birth certificate for Ella Pedersen (1900), baptismal certificate, obituaries and funeral folders for Andrew Junker, Mary Petersen, Jens Petersen, Ella Junker, 3 clippings on Junkers wedding, Jens and Mary Petersen's diamond anniversary, and Junker's vacation in Denmark, deed of sale, telegrams on Junker's death and Petersen's anniversary, tax return (1975), documents concerning Junker's estate, check book, social security card, i.ds. belonging to Ella Junker, Danish Dairy letterhead and other dairy materials, 12 pictures of Junkers and Petersens anniversary songs (Presented by Allan Nyegaard, Eugene, Oregon).
26. Pastoral robe, surplice, chasuble, and stoles, 7 books: And God Went with Them, Survey of the History of the Church of Denmark, The Word

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- Goes Forth, Alone With God, A Living Church at Work, History of the Church of Denmark, Theopneusteia (J.M.T. Winther), notebook of clippings on Eben Ezer, Brush, CO, 29 letters concerning Eben Ezer, 29 clippings on Eben Ezer, Golden Jubilee book (1904-1954) (presented by James and Verna Olsen, Loveland, Colorado).
27. Article "Flugten til Amerika" on Kristina Petersen and Dennis Smith (Presented by Egil Povelsen, Santa Rosa, California).
  28. Obituaries for Frederick Christensen and Glenn Mikkelsen (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Edgebrook, Illinois).
  29. Front page of Troy Tribune vol. 1, no. 1, letters between Paul Simon and Norlan Hanson (Presented by Paul Simon, Carbondale, Illinois)
  30. Information on Henrik Jul Hansen, letter to Martin Lange from P.C. Jensen, copy of letter from Lange to Ellen, his future wife (1903), postcard from Bill Lawson, 2 meditations and 15 notes, thoughts and poems by Lange (Presented by Ellen and David Solevad, Pioneer, California).
  31. 16 letters from Agnes Madsen, 23 letters from family and friends, 7 e-mails from family, Lil Sorensen's Day Book (1997-1999) (Presented by Lil and Sev Sorensen, Nebraska City, Nebraska).
  32. Biographical sketch of Jorgen Jensen, family photograph - identified, 29 letters and cards in Danish (1925-1950), e envelopes and a card, bookmark greeting, ledger containing poetry, 37 Danish books belonging to Jorgen Jensen (Presented by Mary Stageman, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
  33. "My Love for America" by Finn Eriksen, Eriksen resumé, biographical sketch on Eriksen, clippings on Eriksen's induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, "Portrait of a Winner," "Authority on Wrestling Rules Dies," and "New Book Details Life of Eriksen," and other items (Presented by Freda Lovejoy, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
  34. 3 clippings on Paul Simon's 1951 crusade against gambling - St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Presented by Paul and Joyce Johnsen, Huntingron Beach, California).
  35. Commentary on Old and New Testaments owned by Scriver Kloth, Hebrew Bible owned by Bishop Balslev and H. Irving Petersen (Presented by Jon and Dorothy Petersen, Puyallup, Washington).
  36. Information on Mary Christensen, wife of Andrew Christensen (Presented by Kim Vorthmann, Beebetown, Iowa).
  37. 41 books, mostly Danish (Presented by Steffen Wandelin, Homewood, Alabama).
  38. 12 Danish books (Presented by Mary Weckmuller, Blair, Nebraska).
  39. History of Trinity Lutheran, Blooming Prairie, MN, clipping: "Trinity Lutheran remembers 125 years," Brorson/Trinity membership stats (Presented by Gary Jacobsen, Rochester, Minnesota).
  40. Edward Hansen's Readings at Sunset (Presented by Edward Hansen, Minneapolis, Minnesota).
  41. 8 letters from Maya Winther to Betty Beck Hansen, 10 books, 7 items on Japan Mission, 3 items on Santal Mission, church bulletins and/or articles on Salem, Brooklyn, NY, Pella, Selma, CA, St. John's, Oregon, WI, and St. Peter's, Northfield, MN, "What Was It Like" - talk by Fred Jensen, 8 items on closing UELC convention, 1956 convention hymnal (Presented by Robert and Betty Hansen, Harmony, Minnesota).
  42. 2 boxes of Danish books (Presented by Margritt Rodriguez, Rochester, Minnesota).
  43. Danish-English New Testament (Presented by Norman Hagen, Montevideo, Minnesota).
  44. "Pallesen Family of Calgary" (Presented by Peter J.M. Pallesen, Calgary, Alberta, Canada).
  45. Wallin's Praedikener (Presented by Larry Thompsen, Hazel Run, Minnesota).