

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

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THANKS: A sincere thank you to all who sent Christmas greetings during this season and to those who included stamps for my collection.

GREETINGS: After a wonderful Christmas we carry its richness and meaning with us into the New Year. May this be your experience too.

GUESTS: During the past months Birgit Flemming Larsen of the Danish Worldwide Archive in Aalborg and Karsten Michaelsen from the Odense City Museums have both spent a week in the Archive. Everyone benefited from this encounter.

EXPANSION: In January we move into a recently carpeted area east of the Nielsen Room. This will provide needed office and storage space for Lur Publications. Ruth Rasmussen who handles orders, sales and shipping and Harold Wright who keeps the financial records will use the office. The storage area will offer shelving space for our published books. We thank Dana College and the library staff for making this expansion possible.

UNPLEASANT REMINDER: Unless you were an archive volunteer during 2000 or made a contribution of material or money during the year, this will be your last mailing of "Jottings." Hoping to hear from some of you during January and February. We don't want to lose you.

ENDOWMENT Your response to building an archive endowment has been launched in an impressive way. A good start, however, does not guarantee a successful conclusion. Thanks is deserved even as the challenge continues. Perhaps you can help locate possible donors.

OUR LAST FRONTIERS: After inadvertant delays, Our Last Frontiers is off the press. Join Borge and Lotte Christensen as they travel around the world. Through February the book which sells for \$22.50 plus postage will be available to "Jottings" readers for \$15.00 postage included.

CONTINUITY: Gazing down from the archive walls are Videbeck's portraits of A.M. Andersen, P.S. Vig, Kristen Anker and G.B. Christiansen, patriarchs of the UELC. In November three archive volunteers (Joan Jensen, Ron Vig, and Ninna Engskow) were photographed beneath their respective grandfathers' portraits. How is that for continuity through the years!

## GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT:

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

Margaret & Fred Jacobsen (Alden, MN) gift	\$ 50.00
Evonne Clay for St. Perer's Danish Festival (Northfield, MN) gift	50.00
William & Toni Lawson (Green Bay, WI) Anna Olsen memorial	25.00
Robert & Erna Berthelsen (Albert Lea, MN) Stan Hansen memorial	25.00
Clark, Christine & Spencer Larsen (Chapel Hill, NC) in honor of Herb & Alvina Hjortsvang's 50th wedding anniversary	50.00
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Darlene Olsen (Lyons, NE) gift	25.00
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Herbert & Alvina Hjortsvang (Council Bluffs IA) in honor of Elaine Rennerfeldt & Mark Hoyer's marriage	25.00
Norma Bickel (Northfield, MN) Ruth & Cora Miller memorial	10.00
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<u>ENDOWMENT FUND:</u>	
A. Richard & Beverly Petersen (Sioux Falls, SD) Rev. & Mrs. P.M. Petersen memorial	100.00
John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE) Nina Sandberg memorial	25.00
In honor of Ada Jeppesen's 80th	80.00
In honor of Norman Bansen's 80th	80.00
Ninna Engskow (Blair, NE) Nina Sandberg memorial	20.00
Norman Bansen (Blair, NE) Ron Johnson memorial	500.00
Grace Lundberg (Northfield, MN) gift	10.00
James & Marge Iversen (Ames, IA) gift	500.00
Roger & Marilyn Hanson (Cedar Falls, IA) gift	100.00

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ARCHIVE REPORT - November/December 2000

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

VOLUNTEERS: 535 hours by 17 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska

VISITORS: 12 visitors from Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Washington and Denmark

USERS: 14 archive users from California, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Denmark and Japan

ACQUISITIONS:

1. The Three Schmidt Brothers, a genealogy of their descendants, by D. Barton (Presented by Dennis Barton, St. Louis, MO).
2. 8 folders of material (annual reports, financial statements, correspondence, documents) for St. Ansgar, Toronto, Canada; pension correspondence and documents; Wartburg anniversary book; and 5 items on Oaks (Presented by Elaine Christensen, Fremont, NE).
3. Geneva, MN 125th anniversary book, clippings on ELCA, Marie Johnson's confirmation booklet (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, NE).
4. Clippings on death of Queen Ingrid and First Lutheran Love Day, and obituary and funeral folder for Nina Sandberg (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, NE).
5. Audio tape of Sophus Keith Winther's lecture "The Immigrant Novel" delivered at East Texas State University (Presented by Dorys Grover, Pendleton, OR).
6. Stjernen (Nov. & Dec.), 3 different Christmas cards designed by F.W. Thomsen, obituaries: Leone Johnson, Walter Jorgensen, Carrie Mortensen, Hazel Larsen, Elise Saar, David Petersen, Louise Petersen, Dorothy Olsen, Eloise Nielsen, Allen Mourtsen, Eldon Larsen, Mabel Knudsen, Shirley Jansen, Chris Hansen, Helen Conway, Fred Beck, Virginia Sandhorst-Hansen, Hazel Walling, Stanley Hansen, Naomi Mathiesen, Nina Sandberg, C.C. Madsen, Helen Jipp, Carl Pieper, Richard Jensen, Lydia Christensen, Carlo Kastrup, Robert Jensen, Dennis Nielsen, Ella Christensen, John Hansen, Rene Hansen; 154 letters and cards to L.C. and Agatha Hansen (1956-58), calendar for Hansen's Market (1963), cancelled check for Menger's cemetery lot in Orono, ME, clippings and articles on Danish Jews, Phyllis Kirts, "Keeley Gold Cure," Dana, Denmark, Blair, Good Shepherd Home, F.W. Thomsen, J.W. Nielsen family, Mari Sandoz; and 4 music books belonging to Agatha Mengers Hansen (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, NE).
7. Clipping: "Annual Jessen Reunion in Michigan" and 2 pictures of Jessen children (Presented by Helga Jessen Hanson, Blair, NE).
8. Picture of Dana campus about 1929 taken S.E. of Kline House, letter about his father, Holger Alfred Jensen (Presented by Bob Jensen, Tacoma, WA).
9. Postcard of Old Main tower written to Howard Jensen from S. Milton Thompson (Presented by Jack & Opal Jensen, Arlington, NE).
10. Handwritten copy of A.M. Andersen's autobiographical account (Presented by Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA).
11. Ione Tary Stewart's Shall We Go To America?, Julie McDonald's The Sorting Out, "Beautiful Saviour" arranged by Gunnar & Dorothy Malmin (Presented by Dody & Oscar Johnson, Cedar Falls, IA).

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12. Diary of Jens Kersgaard's 14 month sailing trip around the world in 1914 (Presented by Ernest Kersgaard, Noti, OR).
13. Clippings: Ruth Herman Nielsen's election to teachers' hall of fame, "Danish Digressions," Izak Dinesen, "A Friend in Denmark Is a Friend Indeed," "Rememberances of Blair." (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, NE)
14. Invitation to Omaha banquet for Queen Margrethe II (1976), clipping on the queen and 2 Dana bicentennial commencement programs (Presented by Robert & Joan Krogh, Blair, NE).
15. Birgit Flemming Larsen's In Denmark Born to Canada Sworn, Steffen Jorgensen's Oversøisk Udvendring, Nancy Bartlett's Guide to the North American Collection of the Danish Emigration Archives (Presented by Birgit Flemming Larsen, Aalborg, Denmark),
16. Picture of St. Morten's, Hutchinson, MN; copy of card from Ivar Gertsen to Nels Olsen, copy of Ernest & Wilma Olsen's confirmation picture, baptismal certificate for Wilma Olsen (Presented by Susan and Larry Legore, Algona, IA).
17. Robert Moylan's From Homeland to Homeland, the Danish immigrant family of Søren and Helene Jørgenssen (Presented by Robert Moylan, Anacortes, WA).
18. Photograph of Johann & Johanna Petersen, At the Altar and After (belonging to J.C. Carlsen), Dana/Trinity photograph about 1918 (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, NE).
19. Clipping on Adolph & Lucille Kloth's 60th wedding anniversary (Presented by Lloyd Neve, Blair, NE).
20. 36 letters from Niels O. Nielsen and Niels N. Nielsen and family plus documents and pictures (1920-1950), box of J.W. and E.S. Nielsen material, clipping on Jim Borden's clocks, obituaries for Nia Sandberg and Stanley Hansen (John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, NE).
21. Obituaries: Poul Palmer, Ingrid Crombie, Niels Jensen, Madeleine Bach, Lotte Nielsen, Aksel mikkelsen, Jonathan David Neal; clippings on Princess Benedikte, Jessen reunion, Carrie Mortensen; copy of Historic Times 2000 with articles on Danes (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, NE).
22. Marius Jorgensen's autobiography: "The Rock and the Quarry" and "The Mighty Had Done Great Things;" Jorgensen's war diary: "A Good Soldier of the Cross and a U.S. Soldier - 1918-1919;" pastoral daybooks 1959, 1962 (Presented by Audrey Rasmussen, Calgary, Canada).
23. Clipping on Michael Driver directing "The Messiah" (Presented by Ruth Rasmussen, Omaha, NE).
24. Clifton Hotel register book (Blair) 1932-1933, receipt from Curtis Candy Co. (1947), tract: "The Doctor and the Hotel man" (Presented by Curtis Robeson, Blair, NE).
25. Copies of 2 pictures of Nicholas Hansen family gathering, account of John Jacob Rodenburg (Presented by Bill Rodenburg, Centerville, OH).
26. Obituaries: Kaj Aage Strand, Harry Nielsen; clippings on Queen Ingrid's death and Richard Christiansen's article (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Edgebrook, IL).
27. Cheri Register's Pachinghouse Daughter, a Danish girl in Albert Lea, Minnesota (Presented by Deb Schou, Bloomington, MN).
28. 1931 copy of Luthersk Ugeblad (Presented by Alice Sorensen, Ringsted,
29. Clipping on John Mark Nielsen's Fulbright grant; 11 tumblers from Kors hoj's castle Logismose. 4 picture postcards of Dana in 1960s taken by Harold Wright (Presented by Harold & Dorothy Wright, Blair, NE).
30. J.L. Neve's Brief History of the Lutheran Church in America (Presented by Joel Jensen, Boulder CO).

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31. Alumni Year Book 1917 belonging to his father, Rev. I.M. Andersen (Presented by Ray Andersen, Wausau, WI).
32. 3 copies of Slægten (Apr. '93, July '94, Jan. '95), Jeg Arbejder med (vol. 6, no. 7), Hvem Forsker Hvad (1990), Personalhistorisk Tidsskrift (1994) (Presented by Elizabeth Dutton, Boalsburg, PA).
33. Self study reports on Dana (1971, 1981), Dana spring semester in Copenhagen, faculty minutes (1968, 69, 71-81, search committee for Dana president (1977), files on selection of Kallas as president, Mezoff, faculty salaries, selection of college dean, sale of college property, National Endowment grants, feasibility study (Presented by Roger Olsen, Blair, NE).
34. 17 letters to Einar Vig, 15 different family history accounts, 1925 & 1926 Danians, 1934 Hermes, Fifty Years of Church Life, 1884-1934, Blair City Schools Yearbook (1932-1933, Einar Vig's notebook of family information, notes, funeral plans, will; tribute to Kristen S. Vig with picture; Einar Vig's notes on family, Blair airport; letter from Albert (Uppie) Olsen about Ruth's death; obituaries: Soren Vig, Anna Beck, Eli Vig, Alice Scheffler, Jorgen Vig, Marius Vig, Elizabeth Johnson, Cle, Vig, Hanc C. Larsen, Emma Johnson, William Johnson, James Anderson, Sena Rownd, Mary Clausen, Carrie Hansen, Clarence Vig; Olsen (Mrs. P.S. Vig) family tree; Vig family tree; pictures of Einar Vig, Soren Vig, Luella Nielsen, Dana/TRinity faculty and students (1915), Danish Lutheran College; Clarence Vig's notary certificate signed by Val Petersen & Victor Andersen; Einar Vig's Dana diploma & National Poultry Institute Certificate; Anderson-Beck (Mary Vig) family information; Beck family tree and information; Anderson genealogical information and "Jens Anderson, an Artilleryman;" Stories of the Anderson Families (A Trip by Covered Wagon, Jens Anderson Moves to Red Cloud, Biographical and Historical Memoirs, etc.); article on Caroline Christensen and Karen Hansen, great granddaughters of P.S. Vig and C.X. Hansen; Laurel Nebraska anniversary book (1893-1968); American Dane (1976); abstract of title to Mary Vig's house; Mary Vig's Dana diploma; Coin purse and coins from Old Shelby Co. State Bank, Harlan, Iowa (about 1900); various pictures, clippings, programs, bullerins, and periodicals (Presented by Ron Vig, Blair, NE).