

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS

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LATE JOTTINGS: Not that any of you were waiting with bated breath, but the reason for these late JOTTINGS is that I have just returned from a three-week jaunt to Oregon and California. John Mark, Dawn and I all made presentations at the Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference at the Menucha Retreat just east of Portland. Activities ranged from lectures and devotion to nature walks and singing with, of course, an abundance of good Danish food! Old Dana and Archive friendships were renewed and new acquaintances made. I'd highly recommend the experience. After the Conference we visited Bodil Johnson and Elizabeth's family in Oregon and California.

FINANCIAL GIFTS: Again we have been the recipients of some wonderful gifts, and I want to thank each of the donors. I will make special mention of Dagmar Vasby's gift because she is the active ninety-four year old author of our most recent book, UNDER THE CLOUD. Not only has she written the book but she was at Dana for a signing and is active in a Bible camp for young people near her Wisconsin home. What an inspiration!

ARCHIVE BROCHURE: Enclosed with these JOTTINGS is our updated archive brochure. Please read it and use it to interest others in this important undertaking. We hope many of you will write for additional copies to distribute. We need to expand the base of our support

GRAND VIEW VISIT: During May I spent a day at The Danish Immigrant Archive at Grand View. Thorvald Hansen showed me their fine holdings on Grand View and the former A.E.L.C. These are collections that must be maintained in that location. Following my visit, President Kent Henning visited the Archive at Dana. I think it was evident that our holdings were more extensive in the area of general immigrant life and culture as well as that of subsequent generations of immigrant descendants and of post-World War II immigrants. It is good that there is a cooperative spirit between the two branches of THE Danish Immigrant Archive.

VOLUNTEER WEEK: The autumn volunteer week is from October 15th to the 19th. Those interested in participating should contact Dody Johnson, 3616 Veralta Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613. The College provides cafeteria board as well as rooms for those who apply as long as rooms are available.

MOVES: With the moves of Flo Hansen to Tuscon, Arizona; Elaine Christensen to Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Lorraine Madsen to Pine, Colorado the archive has lost three faithful volunteers. We wish them well.

GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT:

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

GENERAL FUND:

Bee Krantz (Blair, NE) gift \$ 20.00
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ENDOWMENT:

Elaine Brostrom (St. Peter, MN) Herb Hjortsvang memorial 10.00
Phyllis Shavlik (North Platte, NE) Herb Hjortsvang memorial 20.00
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Harold & Barbara Laursen (McCook, NE) gift 50.00
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #1 (Omaha, NE) Herb Hjortsvang memorial 25.00

TO: Buz Wehrman, Library Director
 FROM: Sharon Jensen, Assistant Director
 REPAIRED: Johnn W. Nielsen, Director of Special Projects

VOLUNTEERS: 698 hours by 22 volunteers from Iowa, Minnesota and Blair, Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska

VISITORS: 27 visitors from California, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas and Washington

USERS: 16 archive users from California, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota and Texas

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Tape of Garrison Keiler's "American's Christmas in Copenhagen" (Presented by Dwight L. Bos, Omaha, Nebraska).
2. Clippings on Arbor Day at Dana, typewriters, Provost at Dana, Bethaniels Project, and Myrtle Thomas degree at 100; obituaries: Merton Kuhr, Earl Madsen, Herbert Hjortsvang, Carl Sorensen (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
3. Clippings on Storm Damage at Dana, Dana athletics, Shepherd's Village opens, Memorial trees, St. Paul Lutheran School (Arlington) (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
4. "Danish Books 2001" (Presented by Rita Flensted, Royal Danish Embassy, Washington, D.C.).
5. The Little Book About H.C. Andersen (Presented by Annette Hansen, Ribe Denmark).
6. Clippings on Dannebrog stoplights, Achenbach-Christopherson, Dana Center Dedicated, "New Book Has Tie with Blair," Danish Architecture exhibit, Formo, Dana's Arbor Day, Charles and Mary Christensen's 50th, book signing, Hanson Servant Award, Gene and Joan Christensen's 60th, Harry and Mildred Paulsen's 72nd, BHS Foundation Award, D. Heffelfinger, Keith and Carol Hartvigsen; obituaries: Alton Crone, Herbert Hjortsvang, Anna Huber, Merton Kuhr, Gayle Olsen, Elmer Paulsen, Carl Sorensen, Martin Voss, James Williby, Ludvig Petersen, Bertel Bertelsen, Arlene Kaer Ella Klinginsmith; Stjernen (May) (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
7. Oh Amerika by Leo Jensen (Presented by Leo Jensen, Athens, Georgia).
8. 15 posters including "The Vikings at the British Museum," "Hans Christian Andersen with characters," map of Vinland, "The Vikings by Lloyd Herfindahl," Copenhagen's Boy Choir, Danish Design, Ships from Viking Times, and Danish monarchs; letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ejnar Lange from Immanuel congregation of Racine (1939), letter from Duane M. Andersen, Consul of Denmark, clipping of Audrey Wedul and Loeymae Lange (Presented by Loeymae Lange, Sun City, Arizona).
9. Clipping on Dike, Iowa, Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood Lodges (Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
10. Postcard from Nana Nielsen to Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Larsen (1968) (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
11. 13 copies of The Bridge, Helen Gebuhr Ludvigsen's All Heart, Ellen Sigrid Bach's Our Life Journey, O.C. Olsen's Early Days of Our Church, The Oral History Collection, a ruff crimper (Presented by Lorraine Madsen, Pine, Colorado).
12. Clipping on Paul Simon's marriage (Presented by Deborah McWhister, Allison, Iowa).
13. 3 copies of Portland Dane, translation of Birte Torp Pedersen's baptismal certificate, Sweden & America (Spring 2001), Historic Times (Omaha), Scandinavian Press (Spring 2001), Legoland Guide, article on Victor Borge,

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- obituaries: Sigrid Jorgensen, Sam Besskow, Edith Layborg, Otto Andersen, Jens Jorgensen, Madeleine Bach, and Anker Laursen, Claire Booss' Scandinavian Folk & Fairy Tales; Larsen, Bender and Veien's On Distant Shores; S. Grundtvig's Danish Fairy Tales; H.C. Andersen's Andersen Tales; Mussari's Danish Americans; The Dream of America; Simonsen's Kampen om Danskheden; Larsen, Bender and Veien's Danish Emigration to the U.S.A.; and others (Presented by Ruth Herman Nielsen, Omaha, Nebraska).
14. 22 Hymnals for Church and Home belonging to Christine Larson, 1926 Danian, obituaries: Charlotte Hansen Dozier, Arne Svendsen, and Annelise Hjorth, clipping on H.C. Andersen (Presented by Gerhard and Betty Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
 15. Denmark to America: a genealogy and history of the family of Peter and Anna (Heide) Petersen (Presented by Ralph and Marilyn Olson, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
 16. Iowa District UELC History (1897-1947); St. Paul's (Ringsted, IA) 50th anniversary book (1897-1947); Gethsemane (Racine, WI) 25th anniversary book (1913-1938); 5 notebooks and diaries of George Pallesen while at Trinity; clippings and program for 50th anniversary of Trinity (Rutland, IA, 1901-1951); 75th anniversary book for Gethsemane (Racine, WI, 1913-1988); 75th book for Trinity (Rutland, IA, 1901-1976); 75th book for St. Paul's (Ringsted, IA, 1897-1972); history of Lutheran Church (Ringsted, IA, 1882-1932); Trinitatis Seminarium 1886-1911; Dana College and Rrinity Seminary 1886-1936; article by Tim Pallesen; roster of UELC pastors (Presented by Irene and Tim Pallesen, Lake Worth, Florida).
 17. 36 photographs of Dana athletes and teams, 5 copies of pictures, 6 clippings on Dana athletics (Presented by Ruth Peterson, Portland, Oregon).
 18. Clipping on paul Simon's marriage (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Chicago, Illinois).
 19. 1901 souvenir album of Blair (Presented by Phyllis Shavlik, North Platte, Nebraska).
 20. Hired Hands edited by Floyd Pearce (Presented by Harold Stadsvold, Exira, Iowa).
 21. Our Missionaries' Birthday Book, Dana Review (summer, 1975), Centennial book (First Luth., Poy Sippi, WI, 1875-1975), History of the Wisconsin District of the UELC (1896-1960), picture postcard, Gymanfa Ganu, Dana homecoming program (1963), Dana bulletin (1945), 1938 calendar with signatures on the back, 1948 Dana calendar, 1938 Lake Ripley Bible Camp photo, 1940 Wisconsin District L.L. Convention poster, 3 different Dana College Choir posters (Myrna Tostensen, Pine River, Wisconsin).
 22. 2 scrapbooks on Mary Vig, a scrapbook on Jim and Vi Anderson, 8 scrapbooks on Ron Vig, random individual pictures (Presented by Ron Vig, Blair, Nebraska).
 23. Letters from Virginia Korshoj, Max Coffey, Simon Korshoj, Homer Dickenson (1971) concerning Crowell Home (Presented by Harold and Dorothy Wright, Blair, Nebraska).
 24. Skudsmaalbog for Aksel Hansen and short biography (Presented by Lorraine Mencke, Blair, Nebraska).
 25. Book in Japanese on centennial of Saga Church, mother church of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church with notes by Lloyd Neve, manilla envelope with family pictures of J.M.T. Winther and wife in Shelby, IA (Presented by Lloyd Neve on behalf of Maya Winther who has just died).
 26. Biographical information on the early members of St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Parlier, California (Presented by Jeanette Jurkovich, Fresno, California).
 27. Genealogy of Peder and Johanne Pedersdatter Pedersen (Racine, WI) (Presented by Anita Cooper, Texas City, Texas).
 28. 5 Years: The Occupation of denmark in Pictures (Presented by Lori Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).

29. New York Times obituary for Rasmus Andersen, marriage certificate for Jens Peter Jespersen and Alberta Olsen (Presented by Agnes Hagmueller, Edison, New Jersey).
30. Kaj Munk's By the Rivers of Babylon, Winther's Kagawa, Skovgaard-Petersen's Fra Nutidens Japan, Kipling's Stalky and Co., Ohta's The Golden Wind, articles by and about Maya Winther, letters written by Maya Winther and by J.M.T. Winther, articles by and about J.M.T. Winther, 31 issues of Japan Lutheran Bulletin, 12 issues of Japan Through Women (Presented by Lloyd and Muriel Neve, Blair, Nebraska, from Maya Winther material).
31. Gunnar Horn memorial folder and article on Horn (Presented by Myrvin Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska).
32. Account of personal expenses of Paul Jeppesen while at Dana, 1946-47 (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California).
33. Obituary for Oscar Jorgensen, memorial folder for Bertha Jorgensen, and obituary, data on Berta Kristoffersen from Den danske Folkekirke, copy of picture of students and an article on Brorson High School, copy of ship's manifest showing Berta's passage with three uncles. (Presented by Esther Jorgensen Grindberg, Forest Lake, Minnesota).
34. Copy of Jewish Monthly carrying Martha Loeffler's article "The Strait Story: How Denmark Thwarted the Nazis' Jewish Roundup" (Presented by Stacey Freed, Washington, D.C.)
35. Attendance roster and song folder from Pacific Northwest Danish Cultural Conference at Menucha, Oregon (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
36. Documents and certificates of Bodil Johnson, tribute to Ron Johnson by daughter Lisa, 1926 clipping about two early Nebraskans (Presented by Bodil Johnson, Hillsboro, Oregon).