

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS.

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ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE AND MEMORABLE VOLUNTEER WEEK: Thirty-five volunteers from California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas and Denmark spent the week of April 22nd in the archive in work and fellowship. Great progress was made with The Danish Brotherhood material and the Clifford and Florence Hanson and the Chicago Golgotha collections. Translators, computer keyboardists, and document menders were kept busy. Clipping collections were filed, and still there was time for coffee breaks! Special events were presentations by Torben Christensen, the Bodtger Grant recipient, on his research in the archive; Ron Vig on discovering interesting aspects of his parents, Clarence and Mary Vig, in the archive; John Beck on the Archive Endowment project; and John Mark Nielsen on the forthcoming October conference. We missed members who were unable to be with us, but we valiantly carried on!

ENDOWMENT PROJECT: As John Beck informed you in the last JOTTINGS, we have launched a drive to raise a short-term goal of \$600,000.00 to assure the perpetuation of the Danish Immigrant Archive. Of this amount we hope to receive \$100,000.00 in cash and \$500,000.00 in deferred gifts. There are, of course, two interpretations of this goal. The first is that it is a seemingly staggering amount for our archive constituency. That means that we who believe in preserving our Danish heritage must either dig deeply or actively recruit others to the cause. Actually, both are probably required. The second interpretation is that the interest from \$600,000.00 is not nearly enough to sustain the total operation of an archive. That also is true, so this can only be the initial phase of an ongoing effort. Facing these realities, however, we are pleased to announce that we have made a tremendous start as the accompanying thermometer graph indicates. Cash received is indicated in solid black; deferred gifts, in crosshatch. Note this thermometer has the \$600,000.00 goal, not merely the earlier \$100,000.00 one. Thank you to those of you who have gotten us off to this impressive start, and an advance thank you to those of you who will be responding in the coming months. The specific amounts of individual deferred gifts will not be reported in the JOTTINGS.

Danes in America: Kansas and Nebraska: Lur Publications has just released its eleventh book. It is the second volume in our translation of Danske i Amerika. It consists of the material on early settlements in Kansas and Nebraska. Ninna Engskow is the translator and John W. Nielsen, the editor. "From John Nielsen, the gold miner, to Jacob Nielsen, the cowboy, an array of Danish settlers in Kansas and Nebraska appears in this book. Their occupations range from pastor and banker to saloon keeper and ice cream vendor, but collectively their activities provide an insight into early Danish settlements in these states. Women, unfortunately, are rather shadowy figures and children, even though families often numbered eight to ten, are virtually nonexistent because these are accounts by men, and by men of the first years of the twentieth century. This results in both limitation and insight. Here one reads of blizzards, droughts, prairie fires, grasshopper plagues and much more in a people's attempt to establish new lives. Gradually the open prairie becomes transformed into something far more familiar." (From the back cover.) The book sells for \$16.50. This price will include shipping and handling for orders received from

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JOTTINGS recipients by May 31, 2002. Send orders to Lur Publications, Danish Immigrant Archives, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

SYMPATHY: We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Lorraine Sandburg Madsen and Dorothy Jensen Baller. Both of these ladies were faithful archive supporters.

OCTOBER CONFERENCE: By now most of you have received the brochure on the Danish-North American Relation Since World War II Conference sponsored by The Danish American Heritage Society in celebration of the 25th anniversary of its founding. The Danish Immigrant Archive is proud to be a co-sponsor of this important event which brings presenters and participants from Canada, DENmark, and all parts of the United States to Omaha from October 10th to the 13th. We urge your early registration.

UELC GATHERING: A reunion of UELCers will be held at Dana College this June 7-9. There will be hymn singing, fellowship, reminiscing, and worship. A panel on "Growing up Lutheran in the UELC" will consist of Ruth Larsen Bensen, Allan Hansen, Inga Schultz Larsen and Carl Schattauer, Jr. Edward Hansen will be the presiding pastor and Robert Berthelsen, the preacher at the Sunday morning worship. The offering will be designated for the Oaks Indian Center and Dana College, two of the UELC institutions that continue to exist. Hope to see you in Blair. SEND advance registrations to Julie Rohlfing, Dana College, Blair, Nebraska 68008.

THANK YOU: I want to thank all of you who have saved postage stamps for me (both foreign and domestic). They give me great pleasure, and I give the duplicates to a worthy cause. Thank you also to all of you who send us an occasional note. As you have discovered, I don't always respond.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: I try to acknowledge financial and material gifts to the archive, but often these JOTTINGS have to serve that purpose. I hope you understand. Believe me, all of your gifts are appreciated.

FALL VOLUNTEER WEEK AND OCTOBER CONFERENCE: The archive volunteer week will be the Monday through Thursday noon (October 7-10, 2002) following Dana's Homecoming. Volunteers who wish to attend the DAHS Conference and stay in the Blair Hall rooms at Dana should register early for the conference and notify me that they wish to keep their rooms, at their own expense - about \$30 or \$35 a night, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. which is a considerable savings over the \$119.00 a night at the DoubleTree. The rooms at Dana are not a guarantee (I am still negotiating), but they will be on a first come, first served basis so act soon.

JOTTINGS: Because of the postage increase and the amount of time that it takes to prepare and mail the JOTTINGS, I have decided to issue them only four times a year - about February, May, August and November. I will miss the more frequent contact, but I have to husband my time and the archive finances.

AGAIN, STAMPS: WE are using the state stamps in mailing this JOTTINGS. Because it is unlikely that I'll be able to receive all fifty of the issue through regular channels, I am asking you to save them for me and send them to me when you next communicate. Thank you.

FINANCES: The financial report for these months appears on the last page of the JOTTINGS.

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

VOLUNTEERS: 1514 hours by 35 volunteers from California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Texas and DENmark.

VISITORS: 35 visitors from Arizona, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Canada and DENmark.

USERS: 36 archive users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Denmark.

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Family history/genealogy of Hans and Sofie Hansen (parents of T.M., Henry, William, Mabel - Mrs. Joe Girtz, Margaret - Mrs. H. Irving Petersen, and others), material on Jens Olsen b. 1828 and descendants (Presented by Peggy and Marc Beck, Columbia, Missouri).
2. N.C. Carlsen's private communion set, 53 sermons of N.C. Carlsen, 7 partial sermons, comments on the articles of the creed, packet of condolences upon Dr. Carlsen's death, 18 letters (1908-1917) from Mildred CARLSEN's family, Ansgar Lutheran (June 30, 1958), 2 Luthersk Ugeblad (Dec. 14 & 28, 1960). (Presented by Verner and Mildred Carlsen, Solvang, California).
3. Obituaries for Wilbur Bull, Velda Hovendick, Irene Kempcke, and Paul Lambrecht; clipping on ELCA churches (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Archive research report (Presented by Torben Christensen, Aalborg, Denmark).
5. Sangeren (music ed. belonging to OLine (Mrs. F.P.) Mortensen of Albert Lea), Sangbogen "Danmark" belonging to Mrs. John Petersen, Albert Lea (Presented by Paul D. Christiansen, Tempe, Arizona).
6. Funeral folder for Lorraine Madsen (Presented by Myrvin and Anne Christopherson, Blair, Nebraska).
7. Letter and genealogy of Hoffman and Marie Emelia (Lønberg) Petersen (Presented by Anita Cooper, Texas City, Texas).
8. Obituaries for Helen Andersen, Jacob Rand, Olga Fryman, Vashti Christensen and Velda Hovendick; clippin on Charles Durham, husband of Margre Henningson Durham; First LUTHERAN (Blair) bulletins (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Copy of Daneville, MT confirmation class picture @ 1932, "A Life Remembered" by Norman L. Freund, "Things I Remember" by Esther Freund (Presented by Norman and Esther Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
10. Final shipment of material from Golgotha Lutheran, Chicago, IL including 12 pictures, 6 packets of snapshots, 5 video cassettes, compact disk, the so-called "Neuralogic" file, records from Golgotha Lutheran Church Women, church directories, letters, savings account passbook, Golgotha Lutheran Library shelf list, membership records among many other things (Presented by Rev. Keith Killinger, Chicago, Illinois).
11. 32 copies of Stjernen from Mar. 1999 to October 2001 (Presented by Edith Grabe, Blair, NE).
12. Obituaries: Oliver Christensen, E. Donald Andersen, Fern Schneekloth, Elmer Wulf, Gwen Hansen and Lorraine Madsen; clippings on Dannebrog, Jean Hersholt, Chris Christoffersen, William Petersen, Roger Petersen, Mark Thomsen, Paul Johnson, Spiker School, Donald & Gladys Watts, Dan Hansen, Jasan Christiansen, Simpson's 101st; Stjernen (March) (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walther, Blair, Nebraska)

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13. Danish Sisterhood News (March, April) (Presented by Thomas Hansen, Blair, Nebraska).
14. Information on Howard Jensen; photocopies of 4 issues of Council Bluff's Christian Advance (1895, 1898, 1900, & 1907) referring to UDELCC convention, Danish Lutherans and Professor J.N. Lenker of Dana College (Presented by Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, Iowa).
15. Salmebog (1906) (Presented by Hugh and Jane Hunt, Blair, Nebraska).
16. H. Palleddan Rasmussen's Hjemmets Dør; 2 copies of Julegranen (1925, 1935) (Presented by Roland and Joan Jensen, Ankeny, Iowa).
17. Copies of Den Danske Pioneer (Feb., Mar., Apr.) Presented by Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
18. Funeral folder and bulletin for Dorothy Bluemel Siersbeck, tribute to her by her children, obituary, letter from Doris Siersbeck Kloth to Ninna Engskow (Presented by Luther and Doris Siersbeck Kloth, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin).
19. Bing & Grøndal "Falling Leaves" serving dish (Presented by Nathan Kramer and Amy Barlow, Blair, Nebraska)
20. Article: "Times Gone By" - Washington County (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Obituary for Paul Seavey (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
22. Photocopy of "The Way We Were" (A recollection of St. Ansgar, Toronto, Canada by Elsie Bondo Larsen), Mathiasen Family History by Peter E. Mathiasen; disk of "The Way It Was" (Presented by Peter and Elna Mathiasen, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada).
23. "Blot til Lyst," a travelogue of Gunnar and Susan Mengers' visit to Sweden and Denmark, June 2000 (Presented by Gunnar and Susan Mengers, River Edge, New Jersey).
24. Danmarks Melodibog vol.1, Luthers Katekismus, Sangeren, Lys Paa Vejen, Sangeren med Tillaeg, The Bridge vol. 23, nos. 1 & 2 (Presented by James and Darlene Nielsen, Neola, Iowa).
25. Clipping on G.T. Schjeldahl's death (Presented by John Mark Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
26. Clipping on pioneer cemetery in Freeborn Co., Minnesota; article on Paul Simon (Presented by Luella K. Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska)
27. Good Shepherd Messenger (1973), First Lutheran (Blair) anniversary bulletin (1884-1984), 1994 Directory for First Ev. Lutheran (Cushing, Wisconsin), program for 1984 Gathering, looth anniversary book, picture and program for St. Peter's (Luck, Wisconsin), funeral folder for Mina Jensen Vinther, Church Tidings, 1963 (Cushing, Wisconsin), 2 Danish postcards, funeral folders for Alta Nygaard Jorgensen and Andrew Jorgensen, confirmation class picture of early 1900s at Bethany (Plainview, Nebraska), church picture of Bethany, photograph of unknown Danish immigrant family (Presented by Gerhard and Betty Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
28. Copies of two baptismal certificates for Mathilda Petersen, 1889, and Emma Petersen, 1894 (Presented by Ray and Marlys Prideaux, Elkhorn, Nebraska).
29. Information on Jens Jensen and Jensine Bethilde (Christensen) Jensen (Presented by Ellen Jensen (Mrs. Dwain) Schmidt, Rodney, Iowa).
30. Obituaries for Glenn Gunderson, Vincent Erickson, David Anderson, William W. Hansen; article on Richard Christensen (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Chicago, Illinois).
31. 1946-47 Dana basketball schedule, clipping: "Py Sippi Organist Retires," picture of cake for celebration recognizing Myrna Tostensen's years of music service, bulletin from First Lutheran (Poy Sippi) for the event (Presented by Myrna Tostensen, Pine River, Wisconsin).

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- 32. "My Life Story - Birth to Retirement to the Present - 1921-1987-1997" by Warren L. Vammen (Presented by Warren Vammen, Tekarkana, Arkansas).
- 33. Copies of three letters, one from Hans Pedersen to Maggie Hansen (1879), another from Hans Pedersen to Stephanie Petersen Segard (1907), and still another from Maggie Hansen Petersen to her children (1924). obituary for Jens Christensen (Presented by Lisa Petersen Van Horn, Medford, Oregon),
- 34. Christmas poem written by Dagmar Vasby some years ago, Easter card and note to John W. Nielsen (Presented by Dagmar Vasby, Cambridge, Wisconsin).
- 35. Pictures of Torben Christensen and Andrea Grandelag (Presented by Ron Vig, Blair, Nebraska).
- 36. Clippings on Paul Johnson, Mark Thomsen, Frank LeMere, Whiteclay, NE, Dana and Fine Arts, Lewis and Clark. Obituaries: Gwen Hansen, Eugene Sorensen, Johann Lauritsen, Lorraine Madsen (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).

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