ARCHIVE JOTTINGS. February, March, April 2003

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IN PRAISE OF VOLUNTEERS: The rest of you readers are probably tired of hearing me sing the praise of the volunteers, but once again, the recent archive volunteer week prompts me to do just that. Thirty-seven volunteers, local and from California, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin, spent four to five days working in the archives. Dana, again generously, provided housing and meals. The group engaged in everything from sorting, listing, and filing to cataloging, typing, and translating. Needless to say, they found time for coffee and fellowship as well as accomplishing all of the work that I had lined-up for them. Besides volunteering, many of them brought material for the archive and/or made financial gifts. Out-of-state volunteers were Edward & Shirley Hansen, Roger & Marilyn Hanson, Ralf & Inga Hoifeldt, James Iversen, Roland & Joan Jensen, Ada Jeppesen, Ruth Jeppesen, Oscar & Dody Johnson, Mary Larsen, LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen, Pete and Beverly Petersen and Marjorie Wahlgren. Locals from Blair, Fremont, Omaha and Denmark were Helene Christensen, Ninna Engskow, Trine Feuerborn, မှစ်လေ့မှာ Esther Freund, Ann George, Sara Hansen-Walther, Verlan & Helga Hanson, Eunive & Ried Neve, Paul Neve, John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen, Tine Pallisgaard, Ruth Rasmussen, and Harold & Dorothy Wright. We missed those requlars who could not make this year's spring session. Hopefully we will see them in October. (Bee, how could I forget you! Forgive me.)

ARCHIVE RESIDENCY: Birgit Flemming Larsen, formerly with the Danish Emigration Archives in Aalborg, Denmark, has completed the first archive residency offered by the Danish Immigrant Archive. She was here for ten 300 cpo weeks during which time she engaged in a project of summarizing archive holdings so that each box will be able to be listed on the library/archive web-site which will make is available to searchers everywhere - even in Denmark. Her service was of inestimable value to us and hopefully enjoyable for her. Unfortunately she had to return to Denmark the week before the volunteers arrived so she was unable to renew her acquaintance with many of them. This year's residency program was made possible by Dana College and by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen. We hope someone will step forward to make another program possible next year.

LUR INTERNSHIP: Dana College's business department offers marketing internships for academic credit. Arrangements have been made whereby one of these internships can be with Lur Publications. The intern will develop and assist in implementing an advertising and marketing program for Lur Publications. Justin Gunderson has already applied and been accepted for the position.

BODTKER GRANT RECIPIENT: Again the Danish Immigrant Archive is fortunate in that the second Bodtker Grant recipient has elected to do her research here in the archive. She is Tine R. Pallisgaard, and she will be focusing on gender and generation differences as manifested by the various members of the extended Hansen-Mengers family in their correspondence and other writings.

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- 11. Obituaries: Beulah, Goldbeck Winter, Helen Long; clippings: Lloyd and Muriel Neve, Harold Andersen. (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 12. Reference notes for <u>Saga of the Tower</u>; letters, programs and brochures concerning Dana; various issues of <u>Hermes</u> and <u>Dana Review</u>; articles and clippings, Dana Campus Guide; "The Gathering" (1984, 1990); <u>Evangelisk-Luthersk</u> <u>Folke Kalender</u> (1911). (Presented by William E. Christensen, Fremont, Nebraska).
- 13. Information on Christian Kold and map of Nebraska sites connected with the family. (Presented by Jeff Cold, Omaha, Nebraska).
- 14. First Lutheran (Blair, NE) bulletins for Februsry, March and April; obituary for Leslie P. Schaket; translation of Kristine Petersen's journal from Elk Horn Folk High School (late 1880s). (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
- 15. Andrew Jensen obituary, selections from funeral tribute, funeral folder, and letter from grandson Justin Roberts; obituary for Anita Jensen. (Presented by Esther and Norman Freund, Fremont, Nebraska).
- 16. Picture of Bodil Johnson and Jorgen Muller's wedding. (Presented by Johannes and Rollie Goddik, Dayton, Oregon).
- 17. Copy of "The Little Mermaid" (April 2003); list of oldest living UELC pastors (2003); 125th anniversary bulletin for Faith Lutheran (Hutchinson, MN); 125th anniversary booklet for St. Matthew's (Evan, MN). (Presented by Edward and Shirley Hansen, Edina, Minnesota).
- 18. 2 packets of bulletins, booklets, programs and other material from First Lutheran (Fremont, NE). (Presented by Janice Hansen, Fremont, Nebraska).
- 19. Copies of Stjernen (January, February, March); obituaries: Elmer Michelsen, Alice Christensen Bartle, Elvin Grell, Lauren Billesback, Dorothy Hansen, Harry Lund, Harold Michaelsen, Leonard Petersen, Otto Faaborg, Ralph Hammond, Alvin Jess, Richard Jensen, Bernice Jensen Klovda, Ellen Larsen, Lola Larsen, Helen Hansen Layher, Hillard Petersen, Louis Nesiba, Harland Wells, Earl Lemburg, Ardeth Larsen, Leland Larsen, Roger Reeh, Katherine Stone, Eloise Sperati; funeral folder and picture for Lydia Wrightson; articles on Dick and Lois Jensen, Bill and Gwen Rasmussen, Minister-counsellor Abrahamsen, Quilting Club 1930s, World War I recruits, "Days Gone BY;" Good Shepherd Messenger (Winter 1997); Dana Review (Fall 1997). (Presented by Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
- 20. Packet of professional letters; 2 packets of outlines and tests for chemistry courses; packet of outlines for mathematics courses; tests and quizzes, packets of student work and tests; picture of Dana chemistry lab; packet of purchase requisitions; 6 packets of advanced student papers. (Presented by Frank and Helen Hengeveld, Eugene, Oregon).
- 21. The following items from St. Peter's Luth. (Northfield, MN): annual reports for 2001 and 2002, 16 copies of "Parish Visitor" for 2002 and 2003, Sunday bulletins for 2001 to 2003, Danish Days program, church manual, and Women of the Church Directory for 2003; old records of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid (Hazelwood, MN); obituaries for Betty Rasmussen, Nels Barsness, Lloyd Olson, Lila Nielsen Thorson, Marjorie Knudsen; funeral folders and obituaries for Betty Jensen Nygaard, Mary Kirschbaum, Dane Underdahl, Carl Knudsen, Archie Bolton, Lloyd Olson, Alfred Salisbury; Hazelwood Luth. Cemetery report (2001); Petersen reunion (2001); letters. (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
- 22. Obituaries for Herbert Jeppesen and Karen Knudsen Greenfield; 26 letters from Rev. Chr. Jeppesen to his son Paul at Dana from 1946 to 1950; brochures from Our Saviour's (Dannebrog, NE), Danish Evangelical (Dannevirke, NE), Scandinavian Luth. (St. Paul, NE); Bien with article on Yorba Linda Danish Luth. Church, dedication booklet for Yorba Linda Dan Luth. Church. (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California).

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- 23. Archive volunteer material for 2001 and 2002; Trinity (Albert Lea, MN) bulletin with handwritten note from Mrs. Deppe Jensen; <u>Balslev's Bible History</u> from Marianna Cryburg of Cedar Falls, IA. (Presented by Oscar and Dody Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa).
- 24. Clipping: "Senator Paul Simon will accept Truman Award." (Presented by Niel and V.G. Johnson, Independence, Missouri).
- 25. Four copies of The Bridge. (Presented by Elsa Jorgensen, Lakeland, Florida).
- 26. Copies of 2 Green Bay <u>Press-Gazette</u> articles on Don Poh. (Presented by Jim Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 27. Blueprint of initial plan for first floor of Performing Arts Center at Dana; blueprint of Dana campus study of early 1960s; 24 luncheon plates and four dessert plates of Bing and Grøndahl "Falling Leaves" pattern. (Presented by Nathan Kramer and Amy Barlow, Blair, Nebraska).
- 28. Account of Blair happenings and archive activities during February-March; picture of Cyrus (Andy) Anderson and account of Andy and Marian's family; letter from Dorte Staermose. (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
- 29. My Boyhood Kingdom by J.B. Kristensen; Ms. of Og Gaar Du Ud at Finde by J.B. Kristensen (Presented by Juhl-Bagge Kristensen, Sun City, Arizona).
- 30. Lamplighter (Spring 2003) and brochure from The Danish Home in Chicago; Arkivvejviser 2002; folders on Nysted, Dannebrog, Elba, St. Paul, Dannevirke and Dry Creek, Nebraska. (Presented by Birgit Flemming Larsen, Aalborg, Denmark).
- 31. Obituary for Eloise Sperati. (Presented by Inga Larsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
- 32. Picture postcard of Den Danske Evangelisk Lutherske Kirke, Diamond Lake, Minnesota, showing church, marker, and pastors Anders J. Nielsen, Spren M. Meyer, Eiler Thomsen and Matias Andersen. (Presented by Ruby Larsen, Fremont, Nebraska).
- 33. Danish Brotherhood material from Santa Barbara Lodge: reports of DBIA conventions (1976-1986), financial statements (1964-1975) also deposit books, bank statements, checks, vouchers etc., DBIA statistics, lodge minutes 1933-1985, treasurer's reports (1929-1971), file of deceased and demitted members, membership rosters (1971-1987). by-laws, attendance records, constitution, programs, brochures, handbooks, correspondence. (Presented by Carl Lauritsen, Santa Barbara, California).
- 34. Photograph of J.M.T. Winther. (Presented by Leonard and Lenora Madsen, Kansas City, Missouri).
- 35. Bogen om Kaj Munk skrivet af hans venner (1956). (Presented by Helle Mathiasen, Tucson, Arizona).
- 36. Clipping: "Dannebrog and the Liars' Hall." (Presented by Deborah McWhirter, Allison, Iowa).
- 37. Lonesome Trails of San Juan: The Ranching Legacy of J.A. (A1) Scorup; Clipping: "Honorable Old West still found in the valley." (Presented by Kathy Mullins, Solvang, California).
- 38. Tentative gifts: Memorial and Biographical Record of Turner, Lincoln, Union and Clay Counties, South Dakota (1897); handwritten "Concepter til Praedikener" (a record book of A.M. Andersen sermon ideas and summaries for the years 1876 to 1902); a picture postcards of a Danish farmstead. (Presented by A. Maurice Myers, Houston, Texas).
- 39. Funeral folders and obituaries for Jens Levisen and Marie Jensen Levisen; Clipping and picture from Danish newspaper regarding Levisen visit in 1955; letter to J.W. Nielsen. (Presented by Helen and Norval Nelson, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
- 40. Photographs of 8 Smith siblings all in their 80s, the Mads and Maren Nielsen family (Frank, one of 10 siblings), the Larsen family gathering (Hilda, Mrs. Frank Nielsen was a Larsen), 1938 confirmation class picture of Our Savior's, Racine (Homer, one of the confirmands). (Presented by Homer Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).

- 41. <u>Siftings</u> by Jens Jensen. (Presented by James and Chris Nielsen, Munster, Indiana).
- 42. Copy of Kristine Petersen's journal from Elk Horn Folk High School (late 1880s). Presented by John Mark Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 43. "Dana Fest" (Homecoming 2003); obituaries for Harry Lund, Mildred Ruwe, Leonard Petersen, Lois Hansen, Ardeth Larsen, Dorothy Hansen, Leland Larsen; funeral folders for Tena Stone, Norma Andersen; Church and Life (February, March, April); Good Shepherd Messenger (Spring 2003). (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 44. Clipping: Esther M. Jensen's 90th; photograph (copy) of Nielsen family of Boomer Township including N.P., J.P. and Carl; copy of N.P. Nielsen's ordination record for Rock County, WI, (1913); copy of LeVern Nielsen's ordination certificate; copy of N.P. Nielsen and Christine Olsen's marriage certificate; copy of N.P. Nielsen's ordination certificate; copy of obituary for Christian Poulsen Nelson. (Presented by LeVern and Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, Wisconsin).
- 45. Memorial folders for Evelyn Neist, Art Neist, Jens M. Jensen, Johanne Bonnerup; photograph of H. Skov and Anine Nielsen; "They Have Not Forgotten" by Norman C. Bansen; History of the Minnesota District of the UELC; Denmark from A to Z, Kongen, 5 Dana programs, 107 family letters, photo of Nielsen family, Meta Nielsen honor and obituary, 38 pictures of members of the Nielsen family, 72 letters from friends and students, 55 pictures of her travels, Peter L. Petersen's The Danes in America; Dana College Calendars (1976, 1978, 1979, 1986, 2001); Dana Weekend College Catalog (1993-1995); numerous copies of programs for Dana events; 14 copies of American Dane; packet of F.W. Thomsen notecards; list of books read in LARP (1956-1996); clippings of Freeborn County Minnesota, Albert Lea and Trinity Lutheran; pictures of Sophus Keith Winther at East Texas U. (1976); packet of Kallas material; 59 copies of Hermes; 19 copies of The Bridge; 97 copies of The Dana Review; packet of notes, clippings, evaluations, and addresses; packet of J.W. Nielsen family pictures and items; letters from Sophus and Eline Winther; pictures of John G. Neihardt and Sophus Keith Winther; funeral folders for D. Florence Hanson, Fred Jacobsen, Helen C. Anderson, Margaret Larsen Seybold, Margurite Nielsen, Hans Thomsen, and Ingfrid Nyholm; numerous other items. (Presented by Luella K. Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
- 46. Danish Canadian Conference Proceedings (1994). (Presented by Svend and Lili Nielsen, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada).
- 47. Funeral folder with obituary for Nels Barsness. (Presented by Gerhard Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
- 48. Letter from Denmark. (Presented by Darlene and Lawrence Olsen, Lyons, Nebraska).
- 49. Fru Çanstantins Husholdnings og Kogebog (1904); Psalmebog for Kirke og Hjem (1918); Sangbog for den danske folkshojskole (1904). Presented by Harriet Betts Palle, Blair, Nebraska).
- 50. Copy of the Alvin and Clara (Petersen) Jensen family history; copy of the A.R. and Silpa (Petersen) Petersen family history. (Presented by A. Richard and Beverly (Jensen) Petersen, Sioux Falls, South Dakota).
- 51. Pictures of Dana alumns Jon Petersen, Luther Kloth, Doris Siersbeck Kloth, Helen Christiansen, Brian Rish and Connie Rish. (Presented by Jon and Dorothy Petersen, Puyallup, Washington).
- 52. Tape: "Don Poh Memories 2002." (Presented by Donald Poh, Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- 53. Scanned copy of burial record (1856) for Bodil Cathrine Nielsen. (Presented by Catherine Rogers, Morehead, Kentucky).
- 54. Kjeld Winding's <u>Danmarks Historie</u>, Evald Kristensen's Danmark og Det Danske

- Folk, De Tusind Hjem, George Dupont-Hansen's Melodesamling til Sangbogen. (Presented by Elsie Brown Rood, Racine, Wisconsin).
- 55. Information on the Jens and Bothilde Jensen family. (Presented by Ellen Schmidt, Rodney, Iowa).
- 56. Diamond Jubilee Review: Dana/Trinity (1959); letter from J.M.T. Winther; folder on plans for First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watsonville, CA; clipping on "Grandma Hansen;" Trinity newsletter and bulletin (Albert Lea, MN); folder on farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Alfred Andersen (1961); Dana Review (Feb. 1962); Alumni Quarterly (Dec. 1956, Mar. 1956, Oct. 1957); The Alumnus (Dec. 1957, Mar., June, and Dec. 1958); Dana Bulletin (Nov. 1957, Feb. 1958); Qur Missionaries' Birthday Book; The Sower !1949); copy of Texas Highways with article "Danevang: The Danish Capital of Texas;" obituaries for Henry A. Jensen, Clara Jorgensen, Betty Jacobsen, Gilbert Jensen, Betty Anne Jensen, Jacqueline Petersen, Donald Jorgensen, Helga Jorgensen, Marilyn Hillman, Margaret Nelson, Ramona Olson, Alfred Jensen, Una Murray, Stella Goodew, Florence Hansen, Esther Falksen, Hans Hansen, Willard Reichl, Janice Wangen; Article on open market and Vivian Jenken Nelsen. (Presented by Eleanor and Donald Schou, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
- 57. Three postcards sent to Ellen (Mrs. Martin) Lange (1908, 1909); two post-cards sent to Martin Lange (1908). (Presented by Ellen and David Solevad, Pioneer, California).
- 58. Photographs of Niels Lang; A.L. Soholm; the Wisconsin District Luther League Convention (1934); the Wisconsin District Bible Camp (1938); the Wisconsin District UELC Convention in Waupaca; folder: "A Tribute to Stewardship" honoring Pastor J. Harry Thomsen; clipping: "Dannebrog and the Liars' Hall." (Presented by Myrna Olsen Tostensen, Pine River, Wisconsin).
- 59. Obituary for Niels Nielsen. (Presented by Jane and Doug Wilson, Farragut, Iowa).

<u>POSTAGE STAMPS:</u> Again I want to thank everyone who has collected stamps for me. Foreign and U.S. commemoratives are especially appreciated. I don't get around to thank you individually, but I hope you understand.

OBITUARIES AND CLIPPINGS: May I urge all of you as you read your respective newspaper to be alert for any obituaries of Danish individuals and/or people who have married Danish descendants or whose one parent is Danish. We would like to include all of these in our roster. We could amass an impressive array if we had someone doing this task for us in every city and community around the nation. Will you do your part? Please label each clipping as to city newspaper and date. While you're reading your papers also be alert to news articles about things Danish. I'll thank you in advance because I expect an impressive response - unless this being buried on the last page means no body reads it!