

# ARCHIVE JOTTINGS.

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EXPLANATION: To those of you who are on our personal Christmas list and to all of you who have sent financial and material gifts to the Archive during the past two months, the reason that you have not received a Christmas letter and/or thank you note is that on Thanksgiving Day I fell victim to the debilitating viral influenza that has swept the nation. My only recollection of the illness itself is violent chills and very high fever. It resulted in my physical strength being completely depleted and my mental and emotional energies ravished. Only since mid-January have I begun to regain a semblance of the old self. So at this late date, I send you all a Christmas greeting and a wish for a good 2004. The Christmas message that I began read, "And so....in spite of everything....the Christ Child comes!" That, after all, is at the heart of my faith. To all of you who have given generous financial gifts and wonderful and exciting material contributions to the Archive, please accept my sincere "thank you." Without you we could not exist.

LUR BOOK: The most recent Lur book appeared just before Christmas. It is Peter S. Petersen's Memoirs. The cover price is \$27.50, but Archive supporters can buy the book for \$20.00, plus \$2.00 shipping. These memoirs are especially valuable for their depiction of life in the Nebraska and Wyoming of the 1870s and 1880s. Not only do they recall the now almost expected references to blizzards, prairie fires, droughts, and grasshopper infestations, but they describe the founding of villages, churches, and schools as well as Petersen's experiences as a young employee on various farms and in different businesses. Description of railroad work on the Union Pacific and ranching in Wyoming are less common accounts. The Memoirs conclude with his marriage, for that event, as he acknowledges, marks a new stage in his long life. Family members and persons with a connection to Dannebrog and Nysted, Nebraska will find dimensions of interest that may well elude others.

BODTKER RESEARCHER: During several days in mid-January, Anders Rasmussen, one of the two Bodtker Grant recipients for 2004, has been doing research in the Danish Immigrant Archive at Dana. His topic involves Danes who fought in the American Civil War. The nature of his topic has taken him to the National Archives, the universities of Texas and Wisconsin, the Nebraska Historical Society, Vesterheim in Decorah, IA, Grand View in Des Moines, The Danish Immigrant Museum, and other sites. It is surprising how much secondary material we have in our archive.

HISTORY COURSE: Dr. Iain Anderson, chairman of the history department, at Dana College, is offering a capstone course in historical research for history majors. This means that this second semester seven Dana students will be intensively involved in doing research in the archive.

ARCHIVE LOSS: The Archive lost another faithful supporter with the death of Lilly Jorgensen Sorensen the end of November. Lilly and Sev have been generous supporters and they have given us the Jorgensen (and Sorensen) materials that comprise our second largest collection. Like the Hansen-Mengers Collection it includes thousands of family

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TO: Tom Nielsen and Sharon Jensen, Library Directors  
FROM: John W. Nielsen, Archive Director

VOLUNTEERS: 766 hours by 19 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska, Oklahoma and DENmark.

VISITORS: 12 visitors from Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oregon and Denmark.

USERS: 23 archive users from California, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington and DENmark.

#### ACQUISITIONS:

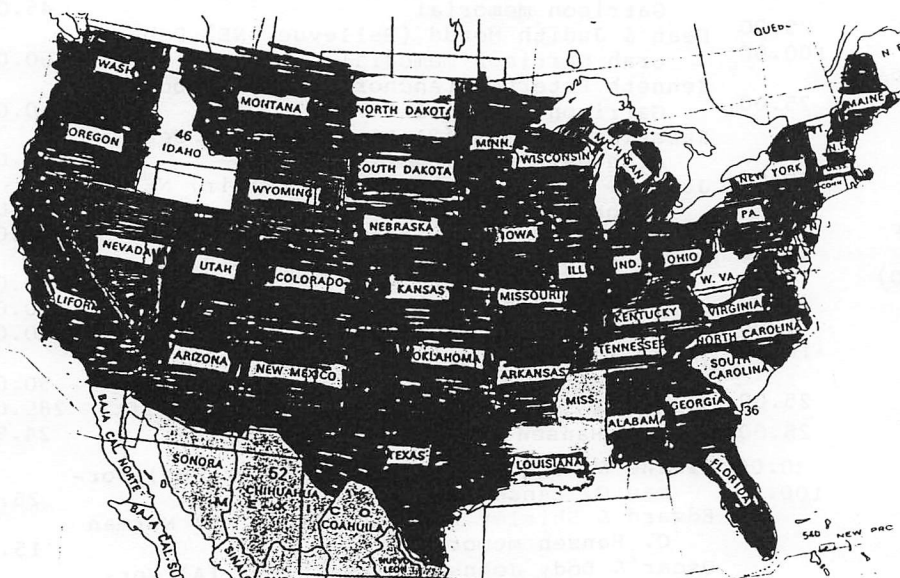
1. ~~Danish~~ census report of the households of Elsebeth Meyer (1834), Claus Dohm (1845), and Anders Pedersen (1845), material on Hans Christian and Marie Hansdatter Andersen, material on and tribute to Anders and Ane Marie Petersen, large packet of obituaries from the Westby, Mt, area including L.H. Kjoller, Hans Andersen, Marie Andersen, Alfred Andersen, Arnold Andersen, Harlow Freund, Clarence Christensen, LeRoy Sorensen, Harriet Roholt Ormbeck, Clarice Strand, Martin Freund, and Louise Christine Jensen, articles on Rev. and Mrs. (Marie) Alfred Andersen, Westby Border News (2000, 2001, 2002) (Presented by Joan E. Allgor, Citrus Heights, California).
2. Hans and Anna Skinvik: From Norway to Wisconsin by Mary Broome Berhow. Anna Nielsen Skinvik was Danish. (Presented by Mary K. Berhow, Lancaster, Pennsylvania).
3. Family information on the Graesbøllgaard-Nielsen-Svaneborgs, copies of two letters from Jacob Svaneborg (2003), copy of letter from Maren Kirstine Graesbøll Nielsen (1885) from Tyler, MN. (Presented by Benny Boyesen, Hostrup Hovedgaard, Denmark).
4. Clippings: Dana Board of Regents, Harold Sonderup, Marion Hudson, and Leonard and Marilyn Korshoj Jackson. (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
5. 31 annual reports (yearbooks) of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church - 1905-1932, 1938, 1940, 1941. (Presented by Iris Doksansky from the Midland Lutheran College Library, Fremont, Nebraska).
6. Additions to the J.C. Jensen book, The Story of Ejner Peter Christensen (1899-1989) and Arta Laurine Pedersen (1905-\_\_\_\_\_), 3 large packets of photographs and supporting documents for the Hans Jorgen Christensen and Anne Kristine Thyra Hansen collection, 14 packets of supporting letters, Nain Lutheran Church Centennial Book (1884-1984) Newell, Iowa, Tompkin's Santa Barbara Yesterdays, J.J. Lerager's Glimpses from My Journey (1929 Denmark trip), set of 18 books from the American School of correspondence, Chicago, IL, for courses taken by Ejner Christiansen, envelope of examination grades for above courses, Hymnal for Church and Home (1942 music edition), People's Dictionary of the Bible (1893), copy of Børnevennen (July 11, 1926), 2 sheets of Danish Christmas seals, 1964, 1965). (Presented by Lois Eagleton, Umpqua, Oregon).
7. Clippings: Marion Hudson, Dana coach, Harold W. Andersen, Memories of Paul Simon, Paul Simon's death (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
8. 2 microfilms of the church records of First Trinity, Indianapolis, 4 copies of The Lutheran Standard. (Presented by Barbara George, Indianapolis, Indiana).
9. Anna Hall Jensen's Blicher Transatlantisk (Presented by Mikael Hansen, Berkeley, California).

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10. Stjernen (Nov.-Jan.), articles: "New Danish Lutheran Church in England," "Centennial of the Diaconate" with a picture of Sister Sigrid Nielsen, obituaries: Gerald McNichols, Barbara Baxter, Wilma Rathjen, Vivi Fuhrman, Norman Bansen, Marian Peterson, Eugene French; clippings: Dr. and Mrs. Christopherson, Harriet Palle, Gladys Matzen, Blair Historical Association, John Seburg, Esther Hansen, Ada Andersen; 2 packets of photographs of the Anders Christiansen, C. C. Mengers, Viggo Mengers, and L.C. Hansen families, packet of photographs of friends of the above. (Presented by Sara Hansen Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
11. Copies of Paul Simon obituaries and articles from Blair papers; 4 clippings from the Springfield, IL, The State Journal Register on Paul Simon's death sent to Hansons by Gladys Voetmann Stanley of Wichita, KS. (Presented by Verlan and Helga Hanson, Blair, Nebraska).
12. Material on ancestry of Lee Hardesty (Christensen, Andersen), e-mail with further family information. (Presented by Lee and Charles Hardesty, Fair Oaks, California).
13. Clipping on Paul Simon's funeral; obituaries for Emery Petersen from the Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News (Presented by Susan Hettinger, Westminster, Colorado).
14. Christmas letter from Thorvald and Johanne Sorensen (DK), St. Peter's worship bulletins (Oct.-Dec. 2003), parish folders, Northfield Retirement Center News, obituaries: Sidney Rand, Mabel Miller Morton, Fred Barsness, Elvira Wiese, Alma Hesla, Sharon Kipp, Clarence Hess, Clayton Christian, Agnes Schultz, Kathleen Sandquist, Christine Peterson; St. Peter's Parish Visitor (Nov.-Dec. 2003), St. Peter's Directory (1999), clippings on Howard and Edna Hong, Janet Petersen Jaeger, Edward and Carol Jean Sorenson, Pam Petersen; photocopy of class picture with identifications (Presented by Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
15. Den Danske Pioneer (Nov.-Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004), worship bulletins for Immanuel Lutheran, Orum, NE, Dana Sights and Sound of Christmas material. (Presented by Sharon and Timothy Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
16. "Summer of Innocence," account of Ardis Larsen Clark in The Journal of Arizona History - autumn 2003. (Presented by Avis Jorgensen, Tucson, Arizona).
17. The Danish Texans by John L. Davis. (Presented by Finn Jorgensen, Plymouth, Minnesota).
18. Funeral folders and/or bulletins for Edward Herluf Sorensen, Emery Petersen, John Seburg, and Esther Frost Magnussen; letter from John Magnussen. (Presented by Jim Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
19. Family material and information on forthcoming reunion. (Presented by Milton Jorgensen, Lawrence, Kansas).
20. Bread for the World Newsletter with articles on Lloyd Neve and Paul Simon. (Presented by Richard Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Christmas letter with an account of and pictures of her trip to Antarctica. (Presented by Loeymae Lange, Sun City, Arizona).
22. 9 pictures of the archive volunteer luncheon in October at Phil and Florence's (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
23. A narrative account of Faith Lucille Brewer's stint in India during 1944-1945; Caspar Hasselriis' Helligdag Erindringer (1959); "A Few Hints on Effective Speaking" by Hasselriis; "Tale i Danish Luncheon Club, New York, October 1957" by Hasselriis; clipping: "Caspar Hasselriis stadig søn af Skive;" Modern Danish Prose. (Presented by Johannes Laursen, Riverside, California).
24. Clipping: "The Missouri Tavern." (Presented by Diane and Gary Madsen, Verona, Wisconsin).

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25. Sangbog (Melodisamling)- 1921- belonging to Lydia (Mrs. Anker) Petersen of Ruskin, NE. (Presented by Eunice and Ried Neve, Omaha, Nebraska).
26. Obituaries: Marvin Andersen, Kenneth Krogh, Dores Donaldson, Mary Rasmussen; clippings: Dana runners, Viking Hall of Fame, Pat Hunsche, Paul Simon on world water shortage, Dana; article on Ada Stokes Jeppesen (Presented by John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
27. Packet of pictures of Blair High events during Luella Nielsen's teaching years; packet of pictures of the John and Elizabeth Nielsen family. (Presented by Luella Nielsen Estate, Blair, Nebraska).
28. Blueprints for St. Peter's Lutheran, Northfield, MN. (Presented by Philip Olson, Northfield, Minnesota).
29. Psalmebog belonging to Christian Andersen; Sangbog for Konfirmander (1887) belonging to Marie Christiansen; 3 Dana picture post cards picturing reception room (girls' dorm), dining hall, winter scene of Old Main; picture post card of Blair picturing Walker St. and Grant St. (Presented by Phil Pagel and Lorraine Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
30. 3 post cards sent to Ellen (Mrs. Martin) Lange (1908, 1909), 2 post cards sent to Martin Lange (1908). (Presented by David and Ellen Solevad, Pioneer, California).
31. Account of Danish Lutheran Church in Superior, WI; picture of C.C. Mengers; picture of C.C. Mengers and Bill and Bob Hansen (twins) Superior, c. 1933; letter from Edith Sprow to Thomas Hansen. (Presented by Edith Sprow, Mound, Minnesota).
32. Photocopy of pages from Progressive Men of Nebraska (1902) on N.T. Lund. (Presented by Elaine Steenblock, Ankeny, Iowa).
33. Album of pictures, letters, documents, and clippings on Niels Christian and Laura Frederikka Petersen; Kaj Munk's Foraaret Saa Sagte Kommer; 1935 Almanac used by Rev. N.C. Petersen to marry his daughter Dagmar and Johannes Vasby in Denmark (text in English); Den Danske Salmebog belonging to N.C. Petersen. (Presented by Dagmar, Vasby, Cambridge, Wisconsin).
34. A History of the Blair Community Schools by Bill Tripp. (Presented by Bill Tripp, Blair, Nebraska).
35. A 1912 letter by P.C. Jensen to Katie Schmidt found in the rafters of a house by Bill Hardy of Blair and presented to the archive via Milt Heinrich, and then Tom Nielsen.
36. Biographical information on Don Poh. (Presented by Bill Lawson, Green Bay, Wisconsin).



#### WHERE DO THE JOTTINGS GO?

Jottings are mailed to the Danish Immigrant Archive volunteers and to those individuals who have contributed archival materials and/or money. It is interesting and gratifying to see the wide geographic span of interest in our effort. The map, of course, does not include Denmark and Canada.

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