

# ARCHIVE JOTTINGS.

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EXPLANATION: Because even under the best of circumstances these JOTTINGS are going to reach you a month late, I am going to forego the pleasure of writing a personal note to each of you. I am sorry to succumb to this exigency because somehow writing those almost 500 notes offered me a personal contact, but I guess I had better not press things... October found me so exhausted that I had to call off the autumn volunteer session which I hated to do both for the archival work that would not be accomplished and for the esprit de corps that I would deprive myself of. The month also found my only brother being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. After his hospitalization I flew to Chicago (he lived in Hammond, Indiana) to be with him. The night before he died we prayed our boyhood prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep .. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." He was still breathing when I went into the bathroom the next morning, but when I came out, my nephew informed me that James had just died. His was a blessed death, and I was grateful that I was there. James' wife who was just 57 died last November, so their four children lost both parents within a year. I do want to thank all of you who have sent memorials and notes of sympathy.

DEATHS: Besides James' death the Archive has experienced the loss of several other long-time supporters. They are Cyrus (Andy) Anderson of Swananoa, NC, who regularly supplied funds for treats during volunteer week; Ellen Hansen Schooley of the Hansen-Mengers clan who faithfully clipped obituaries and other Danish related items from the Chicago newspapers; and Verner Carlsen of Solvang, CA, who regularly supplied material (N.C. Carlsen and other) and offered encouragement. We will miss each of them.

ACQUISITIONS: Although every acquisition is significant, there are some that seem to deserve special mention. Severin Sorensen of Nebraska City and his daughter Charlotte Travis of San Antonio recently delivered an impressive addition to the collection of Jorgensen-Sorensen material that Lil and Sev had given the Archive before Lil's death last November. The most recent contribution consists of over 10,000 additional letters besides reminiscences and other items. This places the Jorgensen Collection on a par with the Hansen-Mengers, each containing approximately 15,000 letters besides other materials. Anker Jensen of Castro Valley, CA, has given the Archive eleven huge boxes of his and Vita's materials including letters, diaries, an autobiographical account, sermons, bulletins, and other items. This collection has not yet been processed. Elna Nielsen Bellows of Edina, MN, has added to her extensive collection of the Nielsen family involving Nysted, Grand View, and Tyler. This collection is similar, although not quite as extensive, as that of Lois Christensen Eagleton of Umpqua, OR, which covers her extended family in Nebraska and the West Coast. It is all very exciting.

CONFERENCES: Two important conferences will be held in 2005. The Federation of Danish Associations of Canada will hold their annual conference at Dana College from May 26 to June 1 on the theme: "Danish Immigration

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in the United States." Time will be spent at both The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn and the Danish Immigrant Archive at Blair. The Danish American Heritage Society's 2005 conference will be held in Des Moines from October 13th to 16th under the theme: "Danish Culture - Past and Present, the Last 200 Years." An exciting and informative program is being prepared. Watch for details about both of these conferences and plan to attend.

BODTKER GRANT RECIPIENT: Pia Viscor, one of the two 2003-2004 Bodtker Grant recipients, spent a week in the Archive in November. She is tracing the descendants of a group of slightly over 400 immigrants who left an area in central Sjaeland in the first half of the nineteenth century. The group went initially to Racine, Wisconsin, and from there many moved elsewhere. About a quarter of the original immigrants were Danish Baptists.

GENEROUS GESTURE: If you have not already received a letter from Thomas Hansen of the Dana College Development Staff, you will soon. Thomas is one of a very limited number of individuals who, because he believes in the importance of the Archive, gives a monthly financial gift to the Archive Endowment Fund. As a further indication of his support he proposed the aforementioned letter which has been prepared at his own expense. The Dana College Development Office has generously agreed to pay for the postage. To Thomas, to Mike Jones, and to all involved I want to express my gratitude. Now, of course, I await the response to the letter.

FINALLY: I hope that you had a most blessed Thanksgiving, and with Christmas approaching, I wish you a joyous and meaningful observance. To our Jewish recipients, substitute, Hanukkah.

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GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND ENDOWMENT

The following financial contributions to The Danish Immigrant Archive have been received with sincere appreciation. Thank you.

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Thomas Hansen (Blair, NE) gift	8.33

TO: Tom Nielsen, Library Director  
 FROM: John W. Nielsen, Archive Director

VOLUNTEERS: 831 hours by 22 volunteers from Blair, Omaha, and Fremont, Nebraska, Iowa, California and Denmark.

VISITORS: 50 visitors from California, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, Wisconsin, Canada and Denmark.

USERS: 11 archive users from Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington.

#### ACQUISITIONS:

1. Norman C. Bansen's academic robe, hood and mortar board; packet of John G. Neihardt material - letters, poems, programs, pictures, etc; packet of maps of Ferndale and Humboldt County, California; scrapbook on India with pictures, documents, maps, writings, etc; framed recognitions, certificates, diplomas etc.; "This City Does Not Die" by Brother Antonious dedicated to Joseph Alioto and inscribed to Bansen and signed. (Presented by the Norman C. Bansen Estate, Blair, Nebraska).
2. Copy of Niels C. Nielsen's birth certificate (1886); pictures of N.C., Gudrun, and Elna (1917, 1918, 1947); Niels' autograph book from Nysted (1904); notebooks from Nysted; letter from Otto Hoiberg to Elna Bellows; silver wedding gift/guest list from N.C. and Gudrun's anniversary; letters and recognitions when Nielsens left Nysted; letter from Ernest Nielsen when N.C. left Grand View; funeral folders for N.C. Nielsen and Nanna Mortensen; letter to Gudrun from Enok Mortensen; and various clippings, articles, and copies of The Bridge. (Presented by Elna Nielsen Bellows, Edina, Minnesota).
3. Photographs of Peter and Nona Vammen, unidentified ladies and Vammen's first marriage; Items from 50th anniversary scrapbook of Vammen's ordination; two picture collages; eternal flame recognition plaque. (Presented by Pat Bentsen, Blair, Nebraska).
4. Photograph of Lutheran Bible Camp, Lake Ripley, WI (July 27-August 2, 1936) from estate of Emil and Clara Bidstrup. (Presented by David and Betty Bidstrup, Racine, Wisconsin).
5. Enola Kjeldgaard's "Impressions of a Japanese Relocation Center" - California W9W. II. (Presented by Elaine Christensen, Plymouth, Minnesota).
6. Obituary for Norman C. Bansen and article: "Preserving Old Fortuna." (Presented by John and Myra Christensen, Fortuna, California).
7. 23rd Danish Canadian Conference Report (2004). (Presented by Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Gloucester, Ontario, Canada).
8. Clippings on Rodney Wead, "Business Booming at Dana," Dana's fall art schedule, opening convocation, Dr. Christopherson's resignation, Ted and Margie Bansen, Nathan Kramer honored, Dana's football victory over Peru; obituaries: Louella Christensen, LeRoy Larsen. (Presented by Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
9. "A True Story" by T.I. Jensen, Six Fairy Tales by the Danish Writer Hans Christian Andersen, postcard of H.C. Andersen cut-out, pamphlet of silver copies of cut-outs, Edward Hansen's Readings at Sunset, 18 letters between T.I. and Oscar Anderson, Peter Petersen and Myrvin Christopherson; framed picture of Thorvaldsen's Christus that hung in T.I.'s office - the frame probably made by J.P. Jensen, T.I.'s father and president of Dana. (Presented by Dorothy Jensen Ellefson, Rockford, Illinois).
10. Bulletins from First Lutheran, Blair and various clippings. (Presented by Ninna Engskow, Blair, Nebraska).
11. Psalmebog (Blair, 1918), Salmebog (Blair, 1898), Beretning om D.E.L.K.,  
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- Niendam's Den Kongelige Teaters Historie, Holm's Her Kommer de danske Soldater, Den Store Bastian eller Vaer Lydig, Krohn's Børnerim, Magasin Madsen, Ansgar Lutheran (1935, 1936), Luthersk Ugeblad (1935). (Presented by John M. Gebuhr, Omaha, Nebraska).
12. Bennett's "Mormons at the Missouri: Winter Quarters, 1846-1853" - review by Dorys Grover in her column in The Pendleton Record. (Presented by Dorys Grover, Pendleton, Oregon).
  13. "Santal Mission Presentation" (UELC reunion, June 2004), box of Danish memorabilia: art & culture, churches, institutions, royalty, tourist maps, guides, magazines, and mementos; Dansk Sømandskirke, New York - 1878-1978; packet of material on reunions of members of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; folders on Trinity Seminary, UELC clergy and laity, C.M. Videbeck, Emil Pedersen, A.V. Neve, Aster Neve, A.R. Petersen, Otto Nielsen, Arnfeld Morck, C.C. Madsen, K.M. Matthiesen, Wm. Larsen, C.B. Larsen, P.C. Jensen, Adolph Kloth, Lindsay-Genoa, Nebraska, Edwin and Frances Jorgensen, and John M. Jensen. (Presented by Edward Hansen, Edina, Minnesota).
  14. Stjernen (June, July, August, September, October, November), 224 clippings on Howard County, Nebraska; obituaries: Lillian Jelinsk, Joanna Johansen, Sylvia Evans, Myrtle Peterson, Myron Ogard, DeLores Bartling, Lillie Kallin, Martha Lambert, Lillian Anderson, Geraldine Clausen, Evelyn Coufal, Randy Francis, John Friedrichsen, Mary Elaine Hansen, Roger Hansen, Virgil Hansen, Viola Hansen, Carole Hatt, Mabel Jorgensen, George Lauritsen, Agnes Lathrop, Bert Nielsen, Helen Novak, Raymond Pedersen, Mildred Sorensen, Chester Wells, Marilyn Larsen, Ruth Petersen, Margaret Petersen, Denis Hundtoft, Lila Hansen, Barbara Nelsen, Darlene Hagedorn, Louise Petersen, Dwight Rewerts, Geraldine Clements, Nancy Curley, Irene Christensen, Charles Hansen, Barbara Larsen, Mark Paulsen, Clarence Paulsen, Doris Carson, Louella Christensen, Harriet Piechota, Richard Clausen, Ann Dusatko, Leland Kastrup, Bernice Nielsen, Grace Hansen, Lillie Petersen Woodrock, Lila Svendgard Conrad, Lillian Schafersman, Dorothy Nielsen, Frances Behrendt, Margaret Christensen, Morton Nielsen, LeRoy Larsen and Edna Knudsen; clippings on Lorene Andersen, Vi Anderson, Helen McNichols, Clara Quist, Jack and Opal Jensen, Paul Johnson, Lila and Clayton Nietfeld plus 15 others; article on "Dannebrog, about 1892!" (Presented by Sara Hansen Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
  15. Hartling's The Danish Church, Jensen's Højtider og Fester, Munk's Five Plays, Borum's Danish Literature, Hansen's Where Few Have Too Much and Fewer Too Little, Meister's Konge og musiker, Sneum's Denmark, Now and Then, and Samson/Busella's Copenhagen. (Presented by Ken and Bonnie Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
  16. Packet of 17 pictures: Dana, Indianapolis, Albert Lea, MN, and Kenmare, ND; 10 letters to Paul Jeppesen from Chr. Jeppesen (1955-1960); Paul Jeppesen's grades from Dana; 34 buttons - mostly political - belonging to Paul. (Presented by Ada Jeppesen, Pomona, California, now Blair).
  17. 1969 bulletin from Immanuel Lutheran, Harlan, IA. (Presented by Oscar and Dody Johnson, Iowa City, Iowa).
  18. Video of UELC centennial service, Dana College, Oct. 6, 1996; film: Dana Centennial. (Presented from Dana Development Office by Mike Jones, Blair, Nebraska).
  19. Obituaries: Marvel Christensen, Eda Panum, and Clarence Paulsen. (Presented by James Jorgensen, Blair, Nebraska).
  20. Clipping: Dana enrollment. (Presented by Bee Krantz, Blair, Nebraska).
  21. Obituary: Paul Hansen. (Presented by Ernest Kersgaard, Eugene, Oregon).
  22. Sunday School record book for First Lutheran, Scranton, Iowa (1913-1920); treasurer's book for First Lutheran (1943-1946); freight bill for moving Stinus Loft's household goods from Salt Lake City (1945); card specifying food contributions for the church supper. (Presented by Susan and Larry Legore, Algona, Iowa).

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23. Israels Sange I-II (1890), Israels Sange #2, obituaries for Lilly Pease, Grethe Andersen, Ruth Ebben, Anna May Thomsen, J. William Christensen, and Raymond Olsen. (Presented by LeVern and Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, Wisconsin).
24. Packet of Oxford seminar to Greece material (letters, newspapers, card from Meta (Mrs. John) Nielsen. (Presented from Luella Nielsen Estate, Blair, Nebraska).
25. 1926 Christmas Chimes; funeral folder, bulletin and obituary for Mabel Barsness Larson. (Presented by Gerhard Nygaard, Northfield, Minnesota).
26. Picture of quilting club members with identification; poem by Rose Bollesen; a tribute to Marie Rasmussen; opening Sunday or Bible School ritual by Florence Larsen. (Presented by Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
27. 88 letters and cards from family in Denmark; clippings from Svend Christensen; pictures, 3 journals of trips to Denmark (1976, 1983), 14 brochures, maps, postcards, and travel documents. (Presented by Harriet Christensen Palle, Blair, Nebraska).
28. 12 letters and postcards written to Edna Bondo by Norman C. Bansen (1942-1949). (Presented by Donald B. Pedersen, Pea Ridge, Arkansas).
29. Anniversary booklet for Christ Lutheran, Fortuna, CA, George Demant, pastor. (Presented by Myrtle Philipsen, Fortuna, California).
30. West Over the Seas to the Orient: Life Adventures and Asian Writings of Albert Ravenholt, Writer, Correspondent, Agriculturist compiled and written by Reinert T. Ravenholt. (Presented by Reinert T. Ravenholt, Seattle, Washington).
31. The Three Schmidt Brothers: A Genealogy of the Descendants of Peter N., Niels C.N., and Hans N. Schmidt. (Presented by Irene Schmidt, Audubon, Iowa).
32. Obituaries: Dennis Christensen, Ellamae Petersen, Lowell Halvorsen, Robert Jespersen, Dorothy Christensen, and Rolf Jensen. (Presented by Ellen Schooley, Hainesville, Illinois).
33. Packet of family correspondence; packet of family documents; packet of family history; 2 tapes of interview with Martha Butlin on family history by her son; 146 pictures of family - most identified; packet of maps, lithographs, and drawings; book belonging to Carl Ktreutzfeldt; packet of family information; 5 pictures of family with musical instruments. (Presented by Martha Stone, Boston, Massachusetts).
34. Christmas cards and letters from Harley & Ann Andersen, LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen, John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen, Richard & Mildred Morton, Raymond & Zonia Paulsen, and Boas Weisemann (1954-1960); Dana material; album of Dana pictures, clippings and memorabilia; 1953 Christmas Chimes. (Presented by Myrna Tostenson, Pine River, Wisconsin).
35. Clipping: Norman & Vangie Winther's 50th anniversary; obituary: Ruth Ohlesen. (Presented by Norman and Evangeline Winther, Racine, Wisconsin).
36. Obituary for Gene Savage. (Presented by Harold and Dorothy Wright, Blair, Nebraska).