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### THE DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

The first panels of the Danish American Commemorative Wall are on display!

What began with the question: "Do you have any naming opportunities?" has become a reality thanks to the collaborative efforts of many. We trusted Plum Design in Kansas City as our graphic artist because they created our newest website, brochure and logo. We knew Renze Display Company in Omaha could manufacture any type of display because they had produced the panels for our *Danish Children Growing Up American* exhibit. The results were even better than we envisioned.

The modular layout allows for adding panels while remaining an eye-catching exhibit. Ultimately, there will be a limited



The initial design of the Danish American Commemorative Wall.

It will continue to grow.

number of panels. Now, however, all three sizes are still available for sponsorship. Sponsors help support the DAAL while creating an educational exhibit that will last. The different levels are \$5,000 for a 12" x 12" panel with one or two photos, \$2,500 for a 12" x 5.5" panel with one photo, and \$1,000 for a 5.5" x 5.5" panel of text. Any size can include a business logo.

Some organizations have become sponsors without having any idea of what to put on the panel. We are always willing to offer ideas and write a first draft. The hope is to find a topic that is appropriate for the sponsoring organization. For example, Pounds Printing has a panel about the Dana College newspaper, and the Washington County Community Foundation has one explaining how the generosity of Blair businessmen convinced one group of Danish Lutherans to build their school in this Nebraska town.



Jean Jaspersen-Naegle and Rudi Naegle visit from Germany and view the panel they helped support honoring her cousin Kathie Jaspersen Munderloh, the family genealogist.

Since each panel is designed individually, we don't provide a template. We start with the ideal text and then see how it fits. Sometimes it is edited down or expanded, and at other times it is perfect right from the start.

Often groups of people get together to sponsor a panel. We do have binders showing examples of finished panels that can be checked out and used to share the ideas with family members or organizations. We can also send examples by email.

Visitors are enjoying the exhibit and sponsors are stopping by to see the finished product. The Danish American Archive and Library is fortunate that so many of our supporters have embraced the opportunity to create this dramatic exhibit.

Renze Display Company received the second batch of completed designs at the end of August. The next batch will be submitted on November 30<sup>th</sup>. ■

### From the dana room

### A Century Later...

#### By Linda Koefoed

One hundred years ago Esther Marie Bonnesen celebrated one of the most important days of her life. On June 2, 1922, she was the first student to graduate from the College Department of Dana College with a Bachelor of Science degree, having majored in the Biological Sciences. She was the only one of the twenty graduates (nine women and eleven men) enrolled in the school's College department. Her classmates were in Seminary, Pre-Seminary, Academic, Music or Expression (Public Speaking) programs.

Esther Bonnesen, a resident of Kimballton, Iowa, had left Dana earlier in 1919 with a teaching degree from the college's Normal or Academic program. After teaching for two years at the High School in Elk Horn, Iowa, she returned to Dana



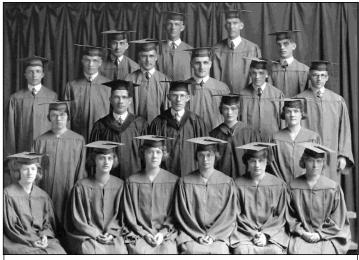
Esther Bonnesen from the 1922 Dana Hermes, A Messenger from Dana College

to complete her Bachelor's degree. Upon graduation she accepted the position of Superintendent of Public Schools in Kimballton. Before leaving Dana she authored the Last Will and Testament for her class that appears in the 1922 special issue of the college newspaper, *Hermes*: "First, to the students of Dana College, we do hereby bequeath our intelligence, wit, and our sagacity with the proviso that the juniors of said college, being in the greatest need of said qualities, receive the greatest share. With the juniors thus endowed, we hope that they will abolish all cramming; take more exercise (mental); and appreciate the present position held by the seniors."

During the 1922 Commencement Program, Esther also presented an oration entitled "The College Woman in Her Home Town" which asked the question: "Does she owe her home town anything?" She answered: "The very first reason, which holds true along all walks of life, is that the more training a person has the greater will be the responsibility. Her course of study has been carefully chosen with a view to developing her abilities to the fullest extent and now it is for her to co-ordinate this development with life." She continued: "In this twentieth century, we cannot isolate this process of education as something distinct from life. Life is to be lived, not contemplated." In closing, she had one plea of the

institution that she was leaving: "Dana, if I had one petition to make, one entreaty to request for you, it would not be that your buildings increase in size and number, not that you become a leader in science, art or philosophy, not that millions be placed at your disposal; but that unto you be given to promote and educate the young men and women who come to you; to instruct them in true leadership, to fit them for the highest and noblest work in life, so that people of the earth might lift up their hands to you and blessing you, thank God for your existence."

Esther used the motto "It is better to wear out than rust out" in her graduation announcement. It was a belief that compelled her to acquire more and more education. She received her Master's degree from Creighton University in 1927, and later commented, "It had just been two or three years since they let women into the university, so we were really few in numbers."



Dana College graduating class of 1922 Esther is in the second row, fourth from the left

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### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### By Jill Hennick, Executive Director

I began volunteering at the Danish American Archive and Library in the 1990s. In 2008 I became the first parttime employee, and presently I am working as the full-time executive director. During those years, I have had the privilege of interacting with hundreds of Archive volunteers. Over time, the team members have changed, and the emphasis of our activities has varied based on the talents and interests of the current group. We now find ourselves at the beginning of another transformation.

In July we lost two of our long-time volunteers who were involved in the success of the Archive. Sandra Wigdahl began volunteering in 2006 and Arvin Hernes began in 2010.

Sandra was one of our most active and loyal volunteers. Along with Tim Jensen and John W. Nielsen, she was part of the founding board of our non-profit corporation. She and Tim did all the ground work with the bank, lawyer and landlord to set the Archive up as a viable institution after Dana College closed. She jumped in to get things done whether she liked it or not. If she didn't like it, she'd let you know, but it wouldn't stop her from getting the job done.

Some of the many things that wouldn't have happened without her initiative include

- Renting, then purchasing, our building on the main street of Blair, Nebraska
- ► Keeping our collaborative efforts with the University of Nebraska-Omaha and other institutions active
- Finding venues for our traveling exhibit *Danish* Children Growing Up American over a 6-year period
- Promoting the Archive in the local and *The Danish Pioneer* newspapers
- Working with professionals to keep our website and brochures up-to-date
- Writing grants to the Washington County Community Foundation
- Designing and helping to write any materials that were viewed by or mailed to the public
- Editing and writing for the *Jottings* newsletter, making it the stylish publication it is today



Sandra Wigdahl (1942-2022)

Sandra was a member of our Board and its Executive Committee. She was involved in decision making, day-to-day operations, marketing, publicity and events. She was a natural storyteller, a fact which enlivened our events and coffee breaks. She liked to say, "I left a high-stress, high-pay job for a high-stress, no-pay job." But she would also be the first to admit that the sense of accomplishment was worth the effort. By setting the bar high for herself, she encouraged those around her to do their best. She was professional and direct, yet welcoming to visitors. She always showed her appreciation to individuals and businesses that benefited the Archive. She was a tireless advocate for the DAAL and a source of energy and commitment that will be sorely missed.

Former Dana College President Dr. Myrv Christopherson described Arvin Hernes in this way: "He was a rare person, gifted but humble, loving and serving without expectation of reward or reciprocation. I will miss his quiet smile and perspective." (continued on next page...)

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Many fellow volunteers remember him fondly as the considerate host of our coffee breaks. He always made sure no one had an empty coffee cup.

Arvin had a unique sense of humor and everyone remembers some of their favorite Arvin jokes and sayings,

such as, "Nowadays you can do a lot to convince people that you're younger than your actual age, but you can't fool a good set of stairs." Or "When the cat's away, the mice will dance on the table". He also had loads of trivia and you never knew what he would share next, be it the way the weather service measures snowfall or how Norwegian pronunciation differs from Danish.

He was our in-house translator and worked methodically on our computerized finding aids. Until two weeks prior to his death he was still adding more details into an index of Dana College students, faculty and staff, including the years they were at the school and where to find more information about them. This interesting project awaits the right volunteer to take over where he left off.

Although they were quite different, Sandra and Arvin still had a lot in common. They were both Norwegians working at a Danish institution and, as such, they stuck together. One year the two of them forced all of the Danes to celebrate Norwegian Independence Day at the coffee table by sneaking in a cake and napkins decorated with the Norwegian flag. Their service to Danish America will be honored on the Danish American Commemorative Wall.

We are fortunate that our current volunteers are also competent,



Arvin Hernes (1933-2022)

dedicated and dependable. We benefit from new volunteers who have joined our team with their own unique skill sets. The focus of our activities will continue to evolve. We know we've found the right people for the right jobs when they enjoy the work they are doing.

I am so grateful to all of the volunteers past and present who have made the Archive such a success. Thank you for a job well done. ■

### From the dana room (continued from page 2)

More study would follow over the years at the University of Colorado, the University of Nebraska and the Illinois Institute of Technology thanks to scholarships from the Science Foundation.

In 1928 Esther Bonnesen married Donald Burns, a machinist who worked in Blair and Omaha, Nebraska; he also farmed near Neola, Iowa. During World War II Esther went to work as a welder at Kelly Ryan Equipment Company in Blair. After the war she continued teaching until her retirement in 1971 as Principal of St. Joseph's School in Neola. She had served as a teacher-administrator for thirty-eight years and also raised five children of her own.

Esther Bonnesen Burns was again honored during the June 1972 Commencement ceremony at Dana College, receiving a Golden Anniversary Award from Dana President, Dr. E. R. Mezoff, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of her graduation from Dana, and in recognition of the unique position she held as the first degree-graduate of the College. In closing, she said of her experience at Dana: "I credit Dana with whatever success I may have had in the teaching profession and my general outlook on life. . . Dana gives the best teacher training possible and they care about you as a future teacher and about the profession itself... this cannot be said of all schools."

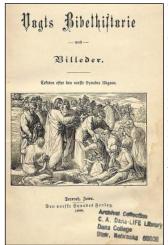


Esther Bonnesen Burns, 1972

### IN THE STACKS

## **The Norwegian Connection**

#### By Michael Hennick, Collections



Vogts Bibelhistorie med Billeder (Vogt's Bible Stories with Pictures) was published in 1888 by the Synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

This summer the Danish American Archive and Library lost two of its long-time volunteers, Sandra Wigdahl and Arvin Hernes. What distinguishes these two, aside from the quality of their work, is that they were both Norwegian Americans. Danes and Norwegians have had a long relationship on both sides of the Atlantic, and this is also evident in the collections of the DAAL.

From 1397 until 1814 Denmark and Norway were united under the Danish monarchy; and though the Norwegians were the junior partners in the Kingdom, both peoples moved through history in the same cultural and linguistic directions. After Napoleon was defeated, his ally

Denmark was punished by the great powers of Europe with the loss of Norway, which was transferred, against the will of the Norwegians, to the Swedish monarchy. Norway would not be completely independent until 1905.

During the great century of European immigration to America (1825-1924) the Norwegians always outnumbered the Danes. Often the more isolated Danes gravitated toward their Norwegian cousins when choosing where to live, what to read and where to worship. When the immigrants began publishing their own materials in America the Danes and Norwegians were able to use each other's books and periodicals because of the closeness of their languages, close enough to be referred to as Dano-Norwegian. They also were able to worship and form religious congregations together for the



Skandinaven Almanak og Kalender was an annual published in Chicago by the Norwegian American publisher John Anderson.

same reason. The late Professor Arvin Hernes was the in-house translator at the DAAL because he knew Norwegian.

If we look at the book and periodical collection of the DAAL we find that the language breakdown is roughly 60% Danish, 33% English and 7% Norwegian. The nearly 1000 Norwegian items are located primarily in the religion, literature, and periodical sections.

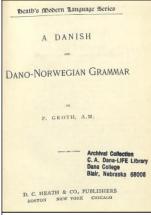
The religious material is overwhelmingly Lutheran, which is not surprising given the background of the Danes and Norwegians in Europe. It includes Bible commentaries, theology, devotional books, sermons, mission reports, and a large number of hymnals. Much of this was put out by the Norwegian Lutheran churches in America.

The literature section holds a host of novels that vary from American short stories to the greats of Norwegian literature. Danes were able to easily pick up and read these works because they

were all printed in the Dano-Norwegian of the 19th century. Indeed, some of the older dictionaries at the DAAL bear that designation. In our own time the languages are no longer quite so close, since the Norwegians have instituted various changes in spelling and pronunciation.

Finally, in the periodicals are Norwegian publications that tend to be either almanacs or religious materials put out for either adults or children; most of these were written and printed in the United States.

The Danish American Archive and Library continues to receive a lot of book donations, and inevitably some of them will be Norwegian works that were used by Danish families for worship, recreation or to stay connected to a wider world. We welcome these items as we mourn the passing of Sandra and Arvin, our favorite Norwegian Americans



P. Groth's grammar from 1894 was termed "Dano-Norwegian."

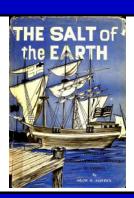


Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson of Norway was very popular with both Norwegians and Danes in the 19<sup>th</sup> century; this is a two-volume collection of his stories published in Denmark in 1911.

### OLD BOOK ON THE SHELF

Arlow W. Andersen published *The Salt of the Earth: A History of Norwegian-Danish Methodism in America* in 1962.

Methodism was well-established in the United States before the great age of European immigration in the nineteenth century. Missions and conferences for Germans, Swedes, Norwegians and Danes were set up, with the Norwegian-Danish Conference coming into being in 1880. Most of these Scandinavian congregations were located in the Midwest, especially Chicago. The Norwegian-Danish Conference of the Methodist Church remained in existence until 1943 when it was absorbed into the larger Methodist Episcopal Church. ■



### JOTTINGS FLASHBACK

#### Reprinted from the November/December 1997 edition

The late Dr. John W. Nielsen, founder of the DAAL, answers an important question.

#### What Materials are Collected?

There is virtually no limit to the written/printed matter that an archive collects. Among the more obvious items are books, periodicals, newspapers, letters, diaries, journals, certificates, documents and photographs (if possible, with identifications and date). Less obvious but extremely valuable are clippings, obituaries, personal and business financial records, church bulletins and letters, church and community programs, grocery lists, lists of gifts (given and received), contracts, wills, mortgages, passports, check stubs, genealogies, family histories, personal reminiscences, church, community and business anniversary books, and almost anything else.



Dr. Nielsen working with translator Ninna Engskow in May of 1997

# FEATURED DANISH AMERICAN COMMEMORATIVE WALL PANEL



Jim is pictured with his wife Mary (Christiansen), who immigrated from Denmark in 1882, and their children (standing) Rubena, Tom, Vernon, Norman, Melvin, Leon, (seated) Elsie, Ray, Millie and Sidney.

# James Jorgensen

In 1872 at the age of 2, James "Jim" Jorgensen immigrated from Glumsø, Denmark with his parents Anders, Ane Marie and three siblings. They settled near Poy Sippi, Wisconsin.

#### By grandchildren and spouses:

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### ARCHIVE REPORT May-August 2022

VOLUNTEERS: 937 hours by 33 volunteers from California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

**VISITORS:** 92 visitors from California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Virginia,

Washington D.C., Wisconsin, Denmark and Germany.

**USERS:** 64 users from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada,

Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, Denmark, Germany and email.

#### **ACQUISITIONS**

#### Materials:

The Archive could not continue to document the history of Danish Americans without these wonderful materials including complete family collections, photos, books, periodicals, music and obituaries. We appreciate financial donations to support the processing and storage of materials.

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The name of the 50/100 Club was inspired by the idea that if 100 members gave \$50 per month, most of our operating expenses would be met. Members sustain DAAL by giving a minimum of \$600 per year (given monthly, quarterly, or yearly according to the donor's preference). Those at the Founder's Level give at least \$2,000 per year. An added benefit of being part of the 50/100 club is receiving one donation acknowledgement for tax purposes in January reflecting a yearly total of all donations, rather than getting a separate acknowledgment for each financial contribution. These donations are part of the General Fund.

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John W.\* & Elizabeth Nielsen

LeVern\* & Marilyn\* Nielsen

W. Clayton Nielsen\*

Larry & Palma Plume

Joan Sorensen

Deb Schou Wood ■

# **Endowment Fund**

The endowment fund is an investment in the future of the Archive. Some named funds have been established in memory of loved ones. The balance in the endowment follows. Figures are rounded to the nearest \$500 and are listed at historic cost.

Ada Stokes Jeppesen Fund	\$100,000
Deloris Hansen Bengtson Fund	62,500
Oscar & Dody Johnson Fund	13.000
Bernhard & Marilyn Erling Fund	10,000
John T. & Virginia (Lippincott) Beck Fund	7,500
Rev. Aster & Ruth Neve Family Fund	7,500
Dagmar Vasby Fund	7,000
Martin & Else Andersen Fund	4,000
Earl Jensen Family Fund	4,000
Maryann & Jerry Lund Memorial Fund	2,500
Rev. Sigurd D. & Dorothy M. Petersen Memorial Fund	2,000
Subtotal of named funds with balances over \$1,000	220,000
General Endowment Fund	113,500
Total Endowment Funds	\$333.500

# **Contact Information** Thank you for your interest in the Danish American Archive and Library. All members enjoy three issues of the *Jottings* newsletter each year and reduced program service fees. The newsletter is mailed in January, May and September. Please keep your contact information current. OLD ADDRESS $\square$ see label on reverse, or Name(s) Mailing Address State Zip NEW ADDRESS Name(s)\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_\_ If not permanent: Temporary from / (month/year) to / (month/year) Seasonal (repeat every year) from (month) to (month) Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Email\_\_\_\_ ( send Jottings via email) Additional information\_\_\_\_\_

### AROUND THE ARCHIVE

**Kringle Mingle**: The Archive will serve coffee, kringle and other delicious treats at our open house on October, 1, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. This year, excess Dana College memorabilia will be available for purchase.

**Meeting of Members**: On Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 10:00 AM we will hold our annual meeting of members. Voting members are those who have donated money, materials or volunteer time from January 1, 2021, to the meeting date. The main event at the meeting is voting for board members. Coffee and treats follow the meeting.

**Remodeling**: The last of our remodeling has been completed. Our next newsletter will have before and after shots to show the improvements.

**Special Birthday wishes** go out to Martha Rasmussen Staby who turned 105 on August 31st and to Agnete Temali who turned 100 on September 19th.

Martha was a 1939 graduate of Dana College. She was a teacher of German and food nutrition, and was married to Rev. Andrew Staby.

Agnete was a social worker, born in Denmark. She had a connection with the Danish underground during World War II. After the war, she worked with displaced persons where she met her Yugoslavian husband. They immigrated together to America in 1950.

#### Check out our upcoming posts on Facebook:

- ► Monthly Dana Flashbook photos
- ► Vintage postcards for holidays
- ► Updates on Archive Happenings

**Upcoming Exhibits**: View our Dana College Homecoming exhibit through mid-November. It will be followed by a Christmas exhibit. ■



Martha Staby at 100. She turned 105 in August.



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# PARTING SHOT



Ansine (Mortensen) Christensen c. 1895 at home in Kimballton, Iowa

This photo is part of the family collection donated by Joanna L. Christensen. It includes the families of Christ Christensen & Ansine Mortensen; Else Madsen & Anders Rasmussen; Rev. J.G.V. Magnussen & Vilhelmina Jespersen; and Herluf Christensen & Vasthi Magnussen. There's no place like home.■