



## Executive Director's Report

### Playing the Game at the DAAL

Good sports teams sustain winning seasons over time when they have a depth of players and a vision from the coaches that doesn't rely on one star player. In the same way, teamwork is essential for an institution like the DAAL to thrive.



*Dana College cheerleaders Muriel Ditlevsen and Marjorie Coyle, 1940-41*

On strong teams, everyone uses his or her strengths to enhance the common good. We are privileged to have volunteers with specialized talents such as reading Danish or computer skills. However, we also need other gifts of service that might not be viewed as unique. Sorting, organizing, proofreading - even cleaning or hosting coffee breaks - are essential parts of keeping the DAAL running smoothly.

Our Board of Directors acts like our coaches with each having different specialties that can be used to advise and direct the actions of the team.

The volunteers and staff implement the vision of those coaches as they perform their day-to-day duties. We currently have a wonderful group of

volunteers, but we can always use scouts to identify potential second-string recruits to learn from seasoned players and be able to take over when called upon. The deeper our volunteer pool the better. Some scanners for digitizing are used only once a week, while other scanners are used four to five days a week by three different people.



**Executive Director  
Jill Hennick**

We're grateful for our cheerleaders - those of you from afar who tell family & friends about the DAAL. We appreciate the notes of encouragement many of you send. Some family members have orchestrated their own "family reunions" by meeting cousins and other relatives at the Archive for a Volunteer Week. They work on projects at the DAAL during the day and socialize with their family in the evening.

Also crucial are our boosters who graciously donate what is needed to sustain our operations. Thanks to your generous outpouring of financial support at the end of the year, we finished 2025 in the black (with a surplus) for the 15th year in a row. Now, that's a winning streak. We make a great team! ■



*1928 Dana College football team, Coach L. C. Bundgaard, 2nd row far left*

# ONLINE AND DIGITIZATION UPDATE

Two years after the DAAL opened its first office location independent of the recently closed Dana College, the new organization began to develop an online presence and pursue the “digitizing” of various materials. The goals of that latter process were to make archival and library materials more readily available to the public and to significantly improve and speed up searching through large volumes of information. That effort had its roots in work done under the leadership of John W. Nielsen working with a cadre of volunteers in the 1990s onward. Its first visible expressions were the development of what is now our *Jottings* newsletter and the creation of our primary website, danishamericanarchive.com.

Beginning in 2012, the DAAL’s Digital Archive (archive.danishamericanarchive.net) was created to house digital versions of the archive’s collections, beginning with Einar Vig’s immense historical archive covering and summarizing information on just about anyone who resided in Washington County, Nebraska, for any length of time from the pioneer days until Einar’s death in the early 1970s.

Over the past few years, the focus of our digitizing of materials has expanded, while the involvement of more volunteers has allowed us to accelerate the work. The Digital Archive now contains materials from many of the family collections, only some of which have been made publicly available; a large number of Dana-related publications, photographs, videos and recordings; and special collections of various types.

Recent projects have further expanded what is available, either online or in the DAAL’s office, to include published works and translations of historical works and scans of periodicals housed in the Library section. These include:

- Filed by Dewey Decimal numbering:
  - *Danes In America* by P. S. Vig. This is the 1899 version (entirely written by Vig) that was taken up by C. Rasmussen Publishing and greatly expanded into two volumes published in 1908 and 1916. This 1899 version is online in the original Danish and in an English translation. We are working on English translations for both of the later volumes, as well.
  - *Twenty-five Years* - a celebration of twenty-five years of the UDELIC in 1921 (*Femogtyve et festkrift 1921*) is available under its Danish title and in English.
- Under Danish Language Publications:
  - *Det Danske Brodersamfunds Blad*, the original monthly newsletter/magazine published by the Danish Brotherhood Society for its members was published from February, 1916, through 1940.
- Under Periodicals:
  - *Danish Brotherhood Magazine*, the first continuation of *Det Danske Brodersamfunds Blad* was published from 1941 through March of 1972. (Soon to be completed.)
  - *American Dane*, the second and final continuation of *Det Danske Brodersamfunds Blad* was published from April 1973 through September 1995 when the

Danish Brotherhood Society was acquired by Woodmen of the World. (Soon to be completed.)

The three series of magazines from the Danish Brotherhood Society (DBS) listed above will be of particular interest to researchers, including genealogists. Most editions contain information about new members of the DBS; “Resolutions” (usually memorials for deceased members); lists of deceased members giving birth date and location, date and location of death, and often the cause of death; and various articles, sometimes with pictures, of events and persons from the numerous lodges located throughout the United States. Aggregate data such as numbers of members in each lodge are included once or twice per year; this information is proving useful to researchers at the University of Southern Denmark.

In the Archive section of the Digital Archive under Dana College, then Dana College Publications, the student newspaper *Hermes* has recently been added.

And, finally, the Special Collections area includes the “H. B. Simonsen Interviews,” a set of interviews with Danish Americans associated with Grundtvigian organizations and events in the United States. The interviewer was Henrik Bredmose Simonsen, a Danish historian, who has worked with Danish American church history since the 1980s. His research resulted in the book *Kampen om danskheden: tro og nationalitet i de danske kirkesamfund i Amerika (The Struggle for Danishness: Faith and Nationality in the Danish Church Communities in America)*, published by the University of Aarhus in 1990. The interviews are available as audio and in transcriptions. ■



# From The Dana Room

## Wings Over Dana

By Karen (Nelson) Hansen

In the spring of 1940, seven months after the beginning of World War II in Europe, the Germans invaded and occupied Denmark and Norway. The Dana community was especially disturbed by these developments, and so in the fall of 1940 a new class in aviation was added to the curriculum. Studies included the theory of flight, civil air regulations, navigation, the history of flight, instruments and parachutes. The program was entitled *Wings Over Dana*. Fourteen students enrolled, including three women. Flight School was at the Blair Airport with ground school on the Dana Campus. Dana President Lawrence Siersbeck reported to the 1941 convention of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church that students had shown an interest in such a class and that Dana was proud to contribute, even in a small way, to national defense. The DAAL has been unable to determine how long the course continued. ■



Dana College Volunteer Days: June 16-18, 2026. Plan to join us as we work on Dana College projects and reminisce over coffee and treats.

## AROUND THE ARCHIVE

Jesper Møller Sørensen, Ambassador of Denmark to the United States, visited the DAAL on November 25, 2025. He and his family mingled with volunteers and local dignitaries while enjoying coffee and kringle.



Michael Hennick talks with the Ambassador about the Commemorative Wall at the DAAL.  
*Photos courtesy of Joe Burns.*

## J. M. T. Winther: Grand Old Man of the Missions

by Michael L. Hennick

*“After serious meditation and prayer to the Lord,  
I said, ‘Yes, I will go’”*

J. M. T. Winther died in 1970 at the age of ninety-five after having served the Lutheran mission in Japan as a pastor and teacher, on three separate occasions, for a total of fifty-six years. “I want to lay my old bones to rest in Japan” he said when he returned for the third time to teach at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Kobe, Japan when he was seventy-six.

Jens Mikael Thøgersen Winther was born in 1874 at Opsund, a small village in northwestern Jutland, to Søren and Kirsten Winther, a devout Christian couple. Influenced by his parents and preachers and teachers of the pietistic Inner Mission of the Danish Church, and with the backing of a mission society in North Slesvig, he agreed to go to China in the company of a former missionary to that country. Passing through America, Winther worked on his English and continued his schooling at Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska, whose church body, the United Danish



*Danish Lutheran missionaries in Japan, c.1912  
L to R: J. M. T. Winther; Kris Winther, Nellie Winther, Anna Nielsen; J. P. Nielsen, Maya Winther & Andrea Winther*



*The “new” Lutheran church in Kurume, Japan (1919)*

Evangelical Lutheran Church, ordained him in 1898. He had lost his missionary partner to ill health, but continued on alone, stopping in Yokohama, Japan on the way to China. He stayed with a Christian family and diligently studied the Japanese language. However the money to continue on to China never came and the young missionary decided that God intended him to stay in Japan.

Stay in Japan he did, as a missionary on the island of Kyushu (1898-1903) and a professor at the seminary in Kumamoto (1903-1921). While in Japan he married Andrea Hansen, a Danish immigrant to America and a trained nurse, whom he had met in the States. While in Japan they would have three children: Nellie, Maya and Kris. Like her parents, Maya would also be a long-time missionary in Japan.

In 1921 the Winthers returned to Denmark and J. M. T. served a Danish parish. In 1927 the family went back to Kurume, Japan where Winther resumed his work as a missionary, professor and pastor. In 1938 his old school in America, Trinity Seminary, conferred on him an honorary Doctorate of Divinity.

Everything changed with the outbreak of World War II when all potential “enemy aliens” were required to leave Japan. Once he was back in America, the UDELIC assigned Winther to be the interim pastor at the Lutheran church in Shelby, Iowa (1941-1946) whose regular pastor was serving as a military chaplain. Here the Winthers returned to the English language and experienced life in small-town America. J. M. T. Winther “retired” in 1946. His faithful wife Andrea had not been well and passed away in 1949, but Jens was not finished. He had an opportunity to return to Japan to teach at the Bible Institute in Kobe.

In 1958 he was honored by two nations when he received the Knight of Dannebrog from King Frederik IX of Denmark and the Order of the Rising Sun from Emperor Hirohito of Japan. Winther would teach at Kobe for



J. M. T. and Andrea (Hansen) Winther in Shelby, Iowa (c.1944)

nineteen years, until his very last days. It is there that he is buried.

Two years before his death his friend Takashi Tsuboike, a lawyer, judge and prominent member of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church, saluted Winther in a poem, part of which reads in English:

*On the shady side of ninety years old,  
He, preaching the way of God,  
Looks so sublime!*

The J. M. T. Winther collection at the DAAL consists of four boxes of biographical articles, correspondence, Bible commentaries, obituaries, remembrances, photos and a recording of him preaching in Japanese. His daughter Maya, who served as a Lutheran missionary in Japan (1928-1941, 1947-1970), has her own collection of four boxes containing numerous photographs, interviews, correspondence and materials on the church in Japan. ■



J. M. T. Winther during his final years in Japan (1968)

**Featured Danish American Commemorative Wall Panel**  
<https://danishamericanarchive.com/danish-american-commemorative-wall-gallery/>

The Commemorative Wall at the DAAL was created to honor and remember Danish American individuals, families and institutions.

The Wall continues to grow. A limited number of panels are still available.

Medium-sized panels, like the one shown below, have proven to be popular with couples and families.

To see all of the panels, you have two options. The first is to stop by and view the exhibit in person. The second is to visit the Commemorative Wall Gallery on our website. ■



## Arvin and Betty Hernes



Arvin's service to Danish America began in 1961 when he became a Physics professor at Dana College and continued until his retirement in 1996. Betty was the College Nurse from 1980 to 1990. In 2010 Arvin began volunteering at the Danish American Archive and Library. His proficiency in Norwegian enabled him to translate Danish documents. He also compiled complete lists of Dana College faculty, staff and students. Both of the Hernes children, Karla and Kevin, graduated from Dana College.



# ARCHIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY-OCTOBER 2025

**VOLUNTEERS:** 1,618 hours by 25 volunteers from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and New York.  
**VISITORS:** 66 visitors from Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Washington, Wisconsin and Denmark.  
**RESEARCHERS:** 38 researchers from Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin, Washington DC, and email/phone/Facebook.

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**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 your financial donations to support the processing and storage of your materials.**

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**The 50/100 Club began in 2010. The name 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). An added benefit of being part of the 50/100 club is receiving one donation acknowledgment 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. (\* indicates deceased)**  
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## Annual report 2025

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 Richard & Delores Jorgensen, Poy Sippi,  
 WI  
 Gary & Diane Madsen, Omaha, NE  
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## Parting Shot

### Ronald L. Hansen

Ron Hansen was a Major League Baseball player from 1958-1972. He played shortstop for the Orioles, White Sox, Senators, Yankees and Royals. After he left the field he continued to work in baseball as a coach, manager and scout, until he retired in 2010.

Hansen was born in Oxford, Nebraska in 1938 to Audrey and Elsa (Wolfe) Hansen. His father was the son of Danish immigrants Andrew and Anna Hansen. Two years later his parents moved to Albany, California. It was there that Ron grew up and excelled in high school sports. Rather than follow a scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley, he pursued an opportunity to play in the Major Leagues.

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