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Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year!**



The cover of the newly reprinted 1905-1906 souvenir book! Details on page 8 and 9...

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President's Column

By Dale White

I received an e-mail attachment a couple weeks ago from an old acquaintance—one of those modern communications with a vague origin and unknown author, and mass-forwarded to dozens of people who the sender may or may not ever see again! It was titled "*A Keeper*" and had to do with keeping things, fixing them up, and making do. Anyway, it did get me thinking (and I realize this dates me) about all the endless *fixing* and *keeping* that was done by our parents and grandparents. How many times can you darn socks, turn shirt collars, and patch overalls? How many times can you sharpen a mower sickle or patch a binder canvas? How many times can you reuse a piece of lath, a yard of twine, or a length of wire? *Wire....I think a lot of things in old Clay County existed only because they were held together with wire!*



By now most of you have received a letter from CCHS asking for financial support. I know, I know....you and I are besieged this time of year with letters from dozens of organizations asking for the same thing. Many of those requests from nonprofits are difficult to ignore—nor should we.

But our needs at CCHS remind me somewhat of the *keeping things* I mentioned in the first paragraph. I mean all that *stuff* our Clay County ancestors used and fixed and kept—should still be kept. But it takes resources to preserve and store it, organize and catalog it, research it, and find ways to open it up and show it to the public. And those resources are largely financial. I guess it is up to us, the members of the organization with ties to the County's past, to provide the resources to continue the *keeping* tradition. No one else will. Note that you can choose, if you wish, where you want your donation to go.

Volunteerism is a resource too. The end of the year is an appropriate time to recognize those folks who freely give their time and energy to the Clay County Historical Society. We would be hard put to accomplish many of our activities and programs without their help, and I want to say, "Thank you." We honored our volunteers at a reception on Saturday, December 10, at the Hjemkomst Center.

As I write this, 2005 will soon be (what else) "history." On behalf of the Board of Directors and the CCHS staff, let me wish all who read this newsletter a Merry Christmas and a most happy 2006.



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Snowbird Alert!



It's that time of year again! Some of you are migrating to warmer weather, or just moving into town to avoid the icy highways. This request does apply year round however, even when you are changing residences permanently—We have just one small favor to ask....

Our newsletter is sent at a non-profit bulk rate, and cannot be forwarded, nor can it be held when you are temporarily away. You might have noticed a line above your address label that says "Address Service Requested." This is a service provided by the P.O. that helps keep track of you if you move, but it is costly.

Please help the historical society save money for educational exhibits and programs, and assure that you get your CCHS newsletters, by notifying us of your new or winter address or letting us know to suspend mailing your newsletter if you are going to be away for a long period. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Donations make a difference...

These donations were given before the Annual Fund Drive. Thanks to these special donors for their contributions!

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Thank you for your thoughtfulness! Over \$2,000 raised in Annual Drive to date

The Clay County Historical Society is conducting its Annual Fund Drive and every donation makes a difference! We know you receive many requests from charities at this time of year and that we all do good work for important causes. Preserving the collective history of a region is not as important as finding cures for terminal illnesses, but we know that you value your history and the work that we do. We do need your help to continue funding of museum programming, collections care, and general operating costs. Please show your support and make a donation to our Annual Fund Drive.

A BIG Thank You to the individuals listed below who have already responded to our Annual Fund Drive!

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Preservation and Downtown Development in Moorhead

By Barbara Morrison, Vice-President,
 Fargo-Moorhead Heritage Society
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 Heritage Society News* Winter 2005.

Kevin Bartram, Principal Architect at MBA, met with me in October for an update on what is happening with the Douglas House, the Kassenborg and with downtown development in Moorhead. The Douglas House is now on study ground! A new roof comprised of wood shingles as well as new wood siding cut to match the original wood siding will be in place by the end of fall 2005. Kevin says he was surprised at how sturdy the house has remained over the years even though the interior pipes have deteriorated and the cracked plaster on the interior walls had to be removed. The original floor plan for the Douglas House will remain, but the wood trim and wood doors will be replicated and replaced. Plumbing will be updated for the bathroom on the second floor.

Photographs provided by the Clay County Historical Society have been a valuable asset for the restoration process as these photographs have reflected the changes made to the house over time. For example, MBA initially relied on a photograph taken of the Kassenborg in the early part of the 20th century which showed a partial view of the Douglas House. In this photograph there was a roofed entryway to the home. Older photos taken during the 19th century subsequently revealed that the



home (built 1873) did not have a roofed entry porch. Instead, the Douglas House had a bay window. As of the date of this article, there is not enough information to determine whether the bay window floated on the exterior

wall of the house or extended to ground level.

Landscaping and pavers set in and around the house will create "Douglas Court." Foot traffic from a large parking lot behind the Douglas House will funnel through Douglas Court into the back entrance of the Kassenborg and will also flow out on to Fourth Street. With 1,493 square feet (\$12/s.f. net) of space, the Douglas House is most suitable for a single tenant.



Restoration of the Kassenborg revealed the steel structures (now sandblasted, patched and painted) along Main Street. The layers of paint that covered the name and date of the building were tested so as to replicate the colors initially used on the façade of the building. Kevin reports that leasing the Kassenborg has been brisk, but there is still space available along Fourth Street for a "neighborhood" bar/eatery as well as some office suites on the second floor. With regard to the rest of the downtown development, the 17 units of mostly two-bedroom rental apartments along Fourth and Main (called "Lofts on Fourth") have been entirely leased. The 22 units of mostly one- and three-bedroom rental apartments along Fourth (called "Woodlawn Terrace") will be ready for occupancy in the middle of November. The first floor retail of Woodlawn Terrace is taken.

The preservation of Moorhead's historical structures and the development of downtown are forces that are working together cooperatively to insure a vibrant future for the downtown communities of Fargo-Moorhead. The Douglas House is emblematic of that cooperative venture. June 16th, 2006 marks the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. We hope to see you there!

Girl Culture will raise eyebrows and awareness

Today's girls are bombarded with images of Britney Spears, the Olsen twins, and Paris Hilton on a day-to-day basis. These images can result in diets, weight-loss camp memberships, and plastic surgeries.



Allegra, 4, plays dress-up.

January 2 through March 24 the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center will host the provocative traveling exhibit *Girl Culture*. The photo exhibit examines the contemporary cultural impact on the lives of American girls in their joyful, yet painful, transition into womanhood.

Girl Culture includes 58 color photographs with essays based on interviews with the subjects. Subjects encompass models, weight-loss campers, and debutantes. The images will provoke thought and discussion on where our culture is and where it is headed.

A series of Tuesday night programming is planned to promote and inspire women in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Lecturers include exhibit designer Lauren Greenfield. Workshops and panels will also be part of the programming.

Critics have said, "Greenfield has put together an effectively disturbing picture of lost innocence and damaged souls." HHIC recommends adult guidance and/or pre-screening for children up to age 12.

Greenfield's work has appeared in various venues, including the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the International Center for Photography. Her images can be seen regularly in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Time*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and *National Geographic*.

For more information and sample photos, go to www.girlculture.com and click on *Girl Culture*.

For program schedule, questions, comments, or concerns, call HHIC Program Director Sara Dalen at (218) 299-5511 ext. 224, or email sara.dalen@ci.moorhead.mn.us.

Holocaust Survivor speaks January 28

David Faber survived eight Nazi concentration camps in Poland, from 1939-1945. He witnessed the Nazi murders of his parents, brother Romek, and five of his six sisters. When he was liberated in 1945 from the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen, he was 18 years old and weighed 72 pounds.

Today, David Faber lives in San Diego with his wife, Lina. He is a Holocaust survivor, author, and speaker. His autobiographical book, *Because of Romek: A Holocaust Survivor's Memoir* is available at bookstores nationwide. The book is required reading in many academic institutions. In addition, he gives free lectures throughout the United States, about his experiences during the Holocaust.

Faber will present his story in this public presentation January 28 at the Hjemkomst Center. The program is co-sponsored by Moorhead Senior Connections, the Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Center and the Clay County Historical Society.

Saturday, January 28, 1-3 p.m.
Hjemkomst Center Auditorium,
Free and open to the public

Herman Stern German Jews in the 1930s—Feb. 18

On February 18 at 11:00 am at the Hjemkomst Center, MSUM Professor Terry Shoptaugh will present the story of Herman Stern, a Valley City businessman who helped over one hundred German Jews flee Europe in the 1930s and settle in the U.S. Some of the people whom Stern helped settled and lived in Clay County.

Dr. Shoptaugh has recently completed a book-length manuscript about Herman Stern, based on Mr. Stern's papers and interviews with some of the people that Stern helped. An article Dr. Shoptaugh wrote about Stern was printed in Fall 1997 issue of *North Dakota History*, *Journal of the Great Plains*, which is published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Outreach Displays

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
Hawley Public Library	January	March
Moorhead Public Library	January	March
Barnesville Public Library	January	March
Fargo CVB	December	January

The Hawley Public Library's new display will knit and purl along with the Wednesday evening knitting group. A STRING OF PURLS looks at the art of knitting with artifacts from the county's history.

The Moorhead Public Library preserves the best with JAMS & HAMS. Artifacts include preservation tools and equipment such as a sausage stuffer, pottery and glass canning jars, booklets and spices.

A CENTURY OF CYCLES is on the road to the Barnesville Public Library. This display celebrates the sport of cycling in Clay County with photos and artifacts.



The Convention and Visitors' Bureau in Fargo will have a special display for the holidays called COLLECTING CHRISTMAS PAST with affordable collectibles such as cookie cutters and jewelry. The display opens early in December and runs through the end of January 2006.

The Fargo Dome has a temporary display on the Hjemkomst Center in a small case shared between CCHS and HHIC.

IN-HOUSE DISPLAYS

A display called KEEPING WARM will be in CCHS hall case for the last two weeks of the year.

This short-term display features horsehide robes and mitts, quilts, shawls and other necessary items from winters long ago.

Early in December, CCHS arranged a new display of exquisite, hand-decorated china for viewing in the lobby area. These items were painted by Beulah Forness who holds china-painting classes in the building Tuesday mornings.

Artifacts & Donors

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Donors:

Moorhead: Verna Magnusson, Duaine Howland, Ellen Ramstad Wright, Vivian Wensel, City of Moorhead

Hawley: Bob Brekken

Fargo, ND: Leland Delger

Templeton, CA: Carlyn Patton Miller

Artifacts: (4 sets) [copies] of 1937 transcriptions of letters of John H. Burrill Co. A, 2nd New Hampshire Volunteers 1861-1865; a souvenir card from Dist. 3, Parke Township School, 1907 Annie Pearson, Teacher; insurance documents dated 1955 & 1958 from safe in basement of Ralph's Corner Bar; large, wooden, folding, wall-hung drying rack; cabinet photo of Mr. & Mrs. Jorgen Jenson [Jorgen was a Clay County Sheriff in the late 1880s]; 19-piece manicure set in rolled case; (2) partially-worked cutwork pillows and a gingham apron made by Aagot & Hilda Ramstad; shotglass marked "W.M. Toole, Moorhead, Minn.;" *Concordia College Record Catalog* for 1923-24 and State Normal School *Praeceptor* 1917; money trolley used in department stores; metal, mid-to-late 1960s Tonka bulldozer used by Fritz Wensel; booklet, *The Guidon Squadron 14* for the WWII training school located at the Moorhead Normal School; color photopostcard of the Belmont Motel, Moorhead, postmarked Aug. 1967; map of Clay County by Warren Upham, undated but around 1880.

Correction for group softball photos in the September/October 2005 newsletter

One softball player was misidentified in two photos. Cliff Fisman (sp) is actually the player misidentified as Stan Berquam in the team photos. Stan is to Cliff's right. Cliff also was substituted in the individual photo identified as Stan. We apologize for the error and thank both individuals who came in with the correct information. Please continue to bring us corrections!

Using Clues: When was this photo taken?

Eventide will host a Communitiversity program for CCHS January 12, called "Corsets & Crinolines: the Shape of Fashion 1860-1900" which, we hope, will help you with those photos from the past using costume as a guide. In each time period, certain fashions predominate. Once you know what to look for, you can assign many of your family photos to a decade, specific time period or even within two to three years. Although women's garments will be the focus of the program, a few men's and children's items will be included.

Sleeves like these were popular during two periods in the 19th century. Also, the shape of the lady's skirt and hair style can help you place this photograph in a specific time period. Register for the program to find out the time period!

By Pam Burkhardt, Collections Manager

This handsome couple had their photo taken at the Petri and Svenson studio in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The photo is from an album from the Ann Albrecht family and came to us as part of the Bergquist Pioneer Cabin Society Collection.

As with so many family photos, there is no identification on the photo or in the album. If you knew the date this photo was taken, it might help you figure out who the couple could be. Using the clues the photographer and subjects left for you, you can narrow down the date this photo was taken.

Clue No. 1. The photographers are Petri and Svenson of Minneapolis. A look at Minneapolis city directories will tell you the years they were in business at that address.

Clue No. 2. Men's fashions changed at a much slower rate than women's. This photo shows a youngish man with short hair and a luxurious moustache. When were moustaches popular with young men?

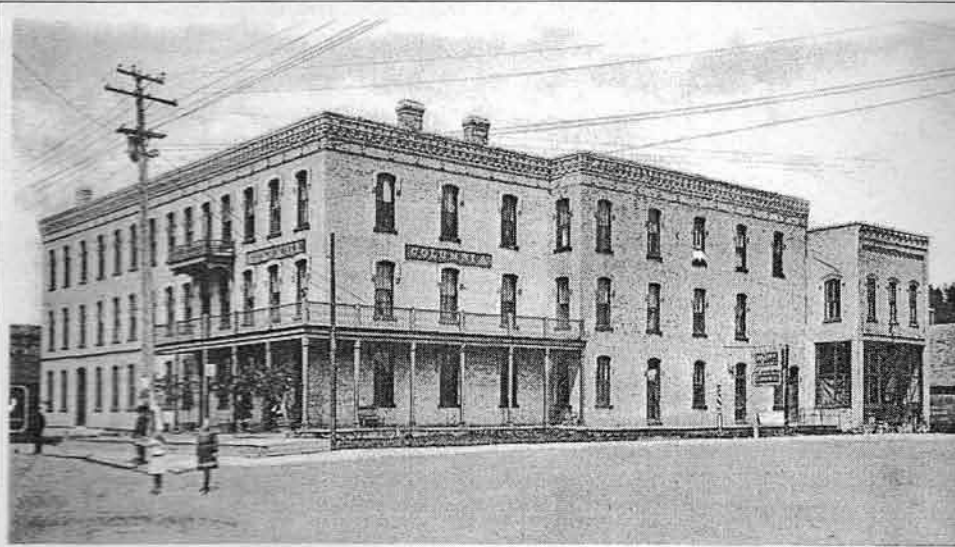
Clue No. 3. The one outstanding feature in this photo are the young woman's sleeves.



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A handsome young couple posed for a Minneapolis photographer. Using the most obvious fashion clues in a photo will help you narrow the time period during which it was taken.

Souvenir of Moorhead



COLUMBIA HOTEL

Photo from original *Souvenir of Moorhead, Minnesota, 1905-1906*.

taxes and debt, a nationwide depression and an out of control liquor industry. When North Dakota went dry in June 1890, the thirsty flocked to Moorhead. The city's response was less than stellar. Pleased with all the money pouring in, citizens ignored liquor law violations, rising crime and public drunkenness. They voted in corrupt city officials who dispensed contracts to friends for questionable civic improvements - paid for with borrowed money. Within ten years Moorhead had high taxes, a debt of over \$170,000 and 45 saloons running wide open, twenty-four/seven - one for every eighty men, women and children in town.

By Mark Peihl, CCHS Archivist

As announced in our last newsletter, CCHS has reproduced for sale an original book in its collection: the *Souvenir of Moorhead, Minnesota 1905-1906* booklet. Cost of the book is \$10.00 plus tax. The original 1905 purchase price was \$1.00. According to the Consumer Price Index that's more like \$20.65 today. Our \$10 price is a pretty good deal! And, like the original, our reprint is out just in time for Christmas.

Pioneer Moorhead photographer O. E. Flaten produced the original booklet in early December 1905 partly to celebrate the city's prosperity, partly to promote Moorhead to potential investors and, probably, partly to make money. The book includes a mix of local business ads and photos of Moorhead scenes, homes, churches, institutions and people. The purchase price includes a separate CCHS produced addenda describing the ads and images in greater detail.

Moorhead was booming in December 1905. Taxes were low, the city was nearly out of debt, her population had grown by 29% in just five years and Moorhead businessmen had recently started a Commercial Club to promote the city.

Things hadn't always been so. The 1890s had been marked by inefficient and corrupt city government, high

Saloon money and city spending kept people employed through the Panic of 1893 and the depression that followed. But with the recovery in the late 1890s Moorhead residents began resenting the high taxes, crushing debt and Moorhead's growing unenviable reputation as a liquor town. In 1898 citizens drafted Jacob Kiefer (ironically a saloon keeper) to run for mayor to clean up city government. Kiefer's actions and a new city charter did dramatically reduce corruption and put the city on the road to financial stability. But he largely left the saloons alone.

Other reform mayors followed. Their efforts at controlling the saloons yielded mixed results. Elected in 1900, Concordia College head Hans Aaker attempts to close the saloons at 11 o'clock and on Sundays were earnest but largely ineffective. William Tillotson

The 1905-06 Souvenir book can be purchased at the CCHS office for \$10.00 plus tax. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesdays 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (go to the archives after 5:00). The book can be mailed for an additional \$2.00 postage. The souvenir book is available in the HHIC Heritage Gift Shop on the first floor of the Hjemkomst Center on weekends and for credit card transactions.

1905-06 now available!

followed in 1902. He leveled Moorhead's notorious Red Light District, segregated since Moorhead earliest days to the eastern edge of the city. But that spread the problem to other areas of the city.

In 1905 pragmatic former County Attorney Carroll Nye was mayor. Moorhead was still home to 41 saloons. An uneasy truce existed with between reformers and the saloons. But the city was nearly debt free and the economy was booming.

The ads in the *Souvenir* reflect this situation. Many (especially large, full page illustrated – and presumably expensive) ads are for liquor businesses, notably Thomas Erdel's brand new Rathskeller, Diemert and Murphy's "Family Liquor Store" and Pederson Mercantile – a wholesale liquor distributor.

Other ads are for land companies, contractors, lumber dealers and banks offering real estate loans. A year before, the Fargo and Moorhead Electric Street Railway laid rail lines to the State Normal School (MSUM today) and the Clay County Courthouse, both located far out in the country. Before the streetcars folks living on the outer edges of the city either walked or took a horse and buggy downtown. Those critters required pasturage and a barn –

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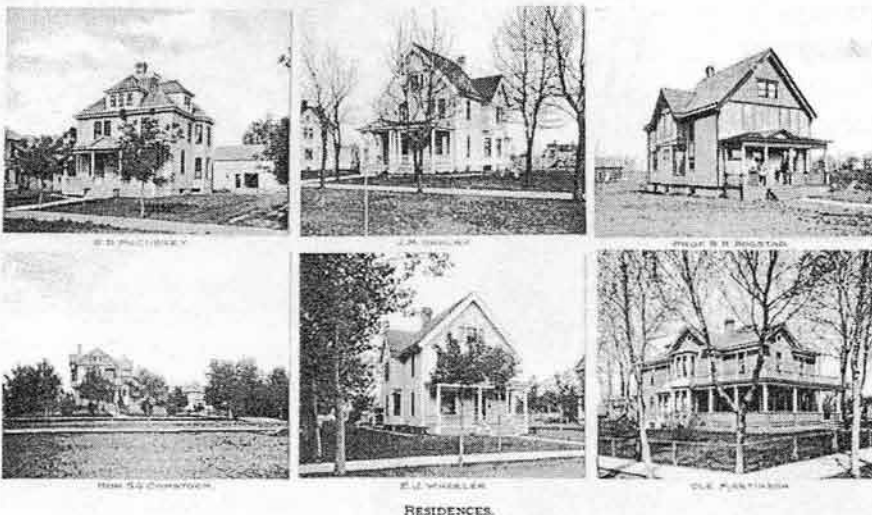
An advertising page from the 1905-1906 Souvenir.

and space. With the trolleys, blocks with one or two homes on them could be broken up into smaller, cheaper lots. Property near the streetcar lines became very desirable. A building boom resulted.

Other recent changes are reflected. By 1905 the telephone had come into general use in businesses and was showing up in private homes. Most of the ads feature a three or four digit phone number. The Northwest Telephone Exchange Company provided Fargo-Moorhead with local and long distance service.

In Moorhead's earliest days nearly everyone lived in the Point area (today's Viking Ship Park) or along the Red River between downtown and the northern edge of the city. By 1905 the city was divided geographically, economically and politically between the reform minded, affluent south side and the working class "wet" leaning north side. The *Souvenir* contains photos of 26 prominent citizens' homes. Twenty-one are on the south side, many along Eighth Street.

For more information or to order a copy of the booklet call CCHS at 218-299-5520. Hurry! Supplies are limited and Christmas is coming!



Photos of local homes in the 1905-1906 Souvenir.

Holidays and Volunteers Celebrated!

CCHS hosted our annual Holiday Open House for the public, and thanked our irreplaceable volunteers with a party, on December 10!

Laudibus, a group of eight students from Concordia, sang a cappella and the Community Strings played Christmas music for the Open House. Guests enjoyed apple cider, coffee and cookies provided by CCHS Board Members.

CCHS would like to specially thank Willie and Jeremy from Roisum Elite Sales & Marketing who donated the delicious meatballs, beef, soup and cheesecake for the Volunteer Party!

Last, but definitely not least, another big Thank You to our volunteers who help us keep the museum open for the public on the weekends and help with projects and events through the year!



New Websites Handy for Genealogists and Others

By Mark Peihl, CCHS Archivist

We use the internet all the time for genealogy and other research. Here we're listing a few sites which we find helpful or just interesting. You need not worry about keying in all the long addresses. We've added links to each on our website, <http://www.info.co.clay.mn.us/history/links1.htm>

DigitalArkivet—<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/>

Learning which village or parish one's ancestors came from in the old country can be the most daunting task for genealogists. Those whose folks came from Norway, have another tool at their disposal. The Norwegian National Archives has been collecting and creating searchable online databases of census, immigration, church and vital records. It is now possible to search the Norwegian Censuses of 1801 and 1865 for the entire country and emigration registers from the major Norwegian ports. Lots of other records from individual counties and parishes are also available.

Search the databases first by one field, say first name. Then break the number of hits down by searching a second field, last name or approximate birth year, until you have a manageable list of suspects. Then study the record for identifying details. Information found in one database (birthplace or father's name) may lead you to other databases.

Emigrants leaving Norway (and other countries) had to register with the police in the port city of embarkation. I was able to find a grandmother this way. I knew her name, Inga Olsen; her father's name, Jens Olsen; and that they left when Inga was a little girl – the early 1880s. That was all. So I searched for Jens in each set of port records until I found a Jens with a daughter named Inga leaving between 1879 and 1884. It took a while but I eventually found them and learned much more – their last residence and several other family members I knew nothing about. Some databases list the name of the ship taken and other information.

The help pages and some of the search pages are

in English. The search system is not exactly intuitive so experiment. And check back regularly. More records are being added daily.

North Dakota Death Certificate Index—<https://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>

Many of our readers may be familiar with the Minnesota Historical Society's online statewide index to Minnesota deaths, 1905-1996, <http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm>. Recently the State Historical Society of North Dakota and the North Dakota Department of Health mounted an index to North Dakota deaths, 1900 to the present. Early records are pretty spotty and you have to search for a name by ten-year increments (i.e., 01/01/1921-01/01/1930 then 01/01/1930-01/01/1940, etc) but it's a tremendous help for many of us who have Clay County relatives who died in Fargo hospitals or anywhere in North Dakota. Armed with the information from the index one can order copies of the death record through the Health Department.

Norway Heritage—<http://www.norwayheritage.com/ships/>

Many genealogists are interested in the ships on which their ancestors came to the U.S. and their shipboard experience. Most Scandinavians and many immigrants of other nationalities did not come directly to the U.S. Feeder lines took them from Norwegian (and other) ports to the ports of Hull or Glasgow in Britain. They traveled by train across country to take larger vessels to America. This site is full of information and photos about these lines and their ships, departures and arrivals and travel conditions onboard. Though geared for Norwegians, the site is helpful for other nationalities as well. Also available is a searchable database of pre-1875 Norwegian passenger lists and great articles on all aspects of immigrant travel.

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New websites, cont.

1939 USDA Aerial Photos—<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/maps/landview.html>

Want to see what your town, neighborhood or farm looked like in 1939? The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has scanned a nearly complete set of aerial views taken in Minnesota in the late 1930s and mounted them for downloading. In the '30s the U.S. Department of Agriculture needed basic information about the size and location of farmers' fields to ensure compliance with farm programs just then being implemented. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (now Farm Service Agency) filmed Clay County in June and July 1939.

At the site page, click to check "1930's Photo Centers" in the box at left then use click and drag the cursor over Clay County (or any other part of the map) to zoom in. You'll get a new map which looks like it has Chicken Pox. Each red dot represents the center of one aerial photo. (Note that some photos are missing.) Again in the left box, click to check "Cities," "Roads," "Lakes and Rivers" or anything

else you think might help you decipher which photo you want. Then click "redraw map" under the box at left. On the left edge of the map you'll find a circle with an "i" in it with an arrow pointing at it. Click on the symbol then click on any red dot you like. A separate window will open showing a small version of the aerial photo. If it's the one you want you can click on "download a full resolution version" but this can take a VERY long time. A faster option is to **right** click on "download a full..." then click on "Save Target As..." and save it to a location on your hard drive and view it at your leisure. The files are large, 3-4 megs. In fact, the whole site is fairly slow but be patient and take a trip back in time.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library Website—<http://www.larl.org/>

LARL has added a number of online resources recently. One of the best (and newest) is the library version of Ancestry.com. This tremendous (and expensive) subscription service provides a huge number of genealogy databases including Indexes to federal censuses, a statewide index to Minnesota naturalization records, World War I draft registration

New CCHS Memberships & Renewals

CCHS extends a special thank you to the following individuals who renewed their memberships or became new members in September and October:

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Sharon Geyer, Fargo
Marilyn Klemetson, Moorhead
Mary Lou Schuckhart, Hawley
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New websites, cont.

cards, the New York passenger arrival lists and much more. As of early December access is available through the LARL web page but soon it will be only available at the LARL branch libraries. (Fargo Public Library also has this available.)

Also available through the LARL site is a similar but smaller genealogy collection, Heritage Quest. You can access this service at the LARL branches or through your home computer if you have a LARL library card. Features include search engines for U.S. Censuses, a huge number of local history and genealogy books and articles and Revolutionary War records.

In addition, the LARL system offers downloadable Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Minnesota cities. The Sanborn Company mapped cities all over the U.S. from the mid 1800s to the mid 1900s. These highly detailed street maps show the precise location and footprint of homes, businesses, streets and other features at various different times. The idea was to provide fire insurance companies with detailed information about individual buildings so they could set their rates accordingly. Sanborn maps for Moorhead are available for the years 1884, 1890, 1896, 1899, 1906, 1914, 1922, 1929 and 1956. Check out your house! Click on "Online Resources."

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| Jan. 12 | "Corsets and Crinolines"
Communiversity Program,
Eventide, 9:00-11:00 am |
| Jan. 18 | Board of Directors Meeting, 8 am |
| Jan. 28 | Holocaust Survivor, David Faber
Hjemkomst Center Auditorium
1:00-3:00 pm |
| Feb. 15 | Board of Directors Meeting, 8 am |
| Feb. 18 | Herman Stern Program by Terry
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