

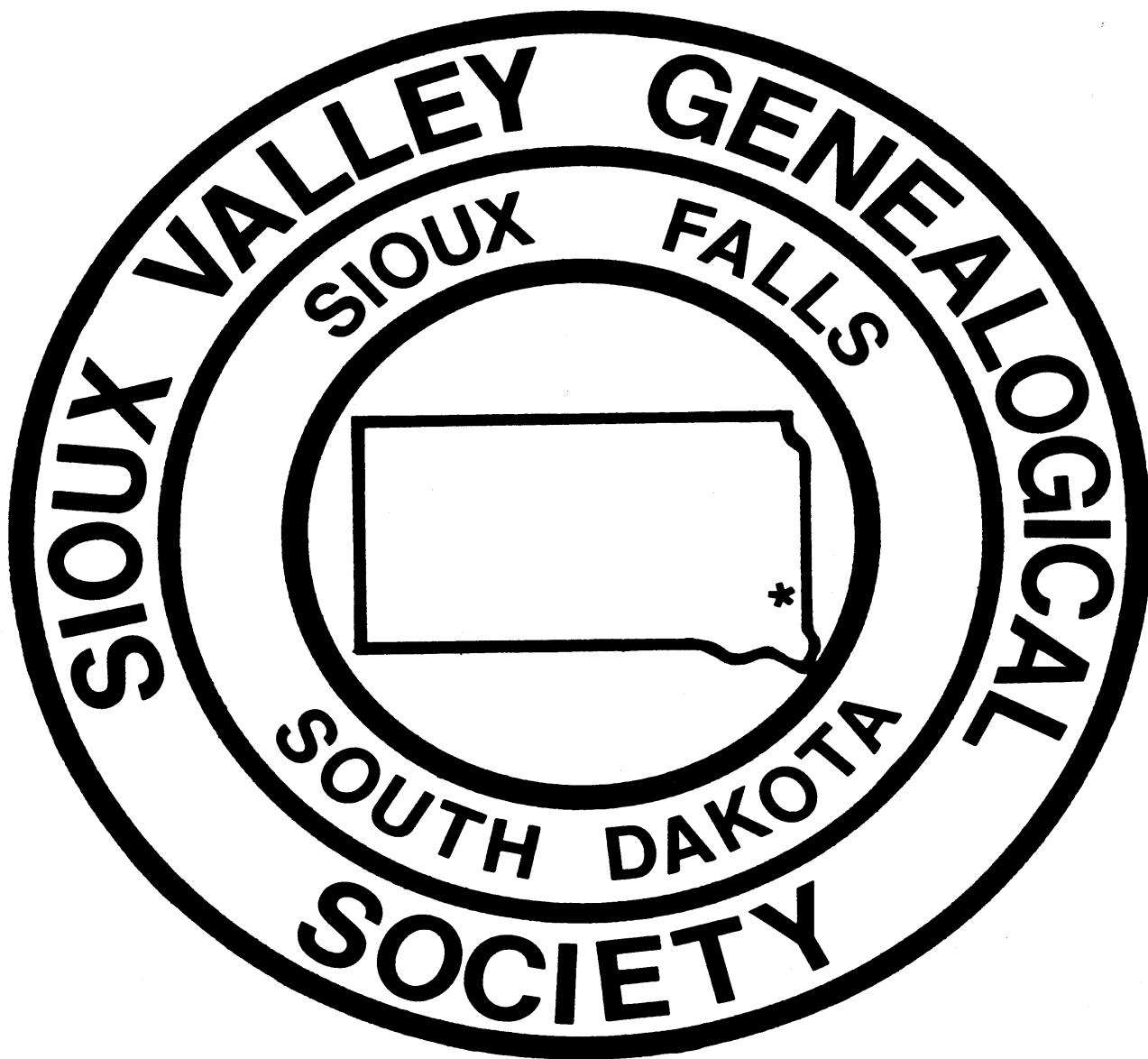
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to assemble people who are interested in preserving family history; to carry on projects of a genealogical nature; including the publication of *The Pioneer Pathfinder*; the instruction of interested persons and to provide a means of carrying out the above objectives.

Meeting Date/Time: First Thursday monthly at 7pm. No meeting in June, July and August.

Meeting Place: Old Courthouse Museum, 6th & Main, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Society's Library is located on second floor of the Old Courthouse Museum and is staffed by member volunteers Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 4pm. Other hours by arrangement.

For more information, email us at: info@siouxvalleygenealogicalsociety.org/
Or call: 605-991-0256 (can leave a message) This number is correct effective Jan 2025

The Old Courthouse Museum is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. and is handicapped accessible.

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SAVE THE DATES!!!

2-8 March 2025: Genealogy week 2025. Omaha Public Library Genealogy and Local History Room, 84th & Frederick, Omaha, NE.

6-8 March 2025: RootsTech 2025, the largest family history conference of the year, will be here before you know it. The online RootsTech conference will be available for FREE on RootsTech.org. The paid in-person conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The class schedule is online @ <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/rootstech-2025-full-schedule-now-available>

6-7 June 2025: SVGS and DAR joint seminar on Genetic Genealogy. More information will be shared to all in upcoming months.

CALENDAR

SVGS Monthly Meetings are held on the first Thursday evening of each month excluding June, July and August and weather permitting. We meet at The Old Courthouse Museum, downtown Sioux Falls, South Dakota, beginning at 7:00 pm.

The local Sioux Falls FamilySearch Center will have new hours: Wednesday 5-8 and Sundays 3:30 - 5.

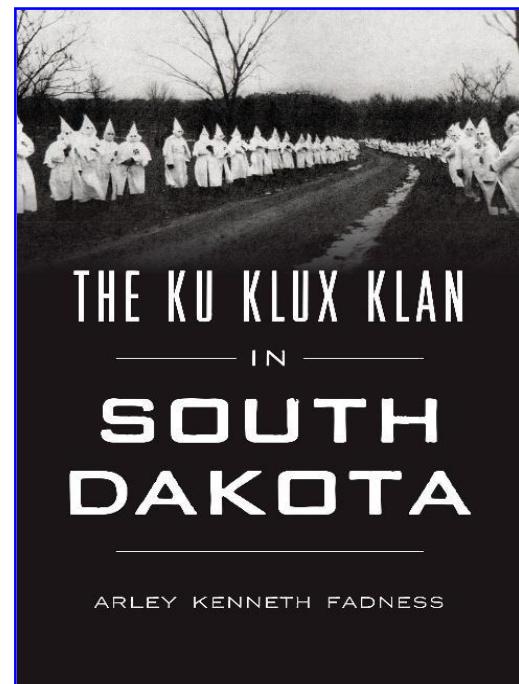
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kim McKeon

Are there any surprises in your family tree? You'll never know until you start looking. Even if your ancestors did not lead extraordinary lives some of the surprises that you discover in your research may astound you and leaving you eager to discover even more surprises through genealogy research. For me, when my Norwegian relative translated the *bygdebok* or farm records of my maternal Norwegian ancestor in Hallingdal valley and told me that my great great grandfather had poisoned a fellow farmer's cow and then stabbed the farmer which led to his imprisonment I was shocked. Then I found out this great great grandfather "disappeared" and supposedly left Norway with the last written line of the *bygdebok* farm record indicating that supposedly he was in Minnesota in 1885. I still haven't found him in Minnesota records. I also discovered that one of my ancestors was an informant in the notorious Salem witch trials. I always wonder what it would have been like to meet some of the more colorful characters we all discover in our family genealogy research. I am always most interested in what motivated my ancestors to make certain decisions—notably to leave their homelands and make the dangerous journey to America.

This musing leads me to thinking about the SVGS Annual Banquet coming up on April 3rd 2025. SVGS is fortunate to host Arley Fadness who is going to present on his recently published book "The Ku Klux Klan in South Dakota". What is also interesting is that one of our Board of Director members, Ryan Tucker, has an ancestor who was a prominent South Dakota Klan participant and whose Klan funeral in Woodlawn Cemetery features on the cover of Arley's book as shown to the right.

Ryan has also agreed to talk about his research regarding this "surprise" discovery and how he personally feels about having a Klan member in his family ancestry. So, I hope most of you can attend our SVGS Annual Banquet to learn more about Klan history in SD and researching it from Arley and Ryan. Remember, one of your SVGS membership benefits is assistance with genealogical research and our librarian, Lynette Trainer, and our Correspondence and Research Board member, Lori Mohr, are happy to assist you.



SVGS LIBRARY NOTES

by Lynette Trainer

Happy New Year. I would like to thank the volunteers at the library. Tuesday, Kathleen Nagel works on the obituaries we collect. Wednesday, Sara Crawford is working on a database for the Family and Minnehaha County Family histories. Thursday, Luci Feenstra is busy putting spine labels on new books, filing their index cards, then making room for those books on our shelves. Friday, Sue Eckert double checks the Dewey numbers in the books. Also, the library committee has been working hard to put together a procedure on how the library and books are to be taken care of.

In the near future, the library will be making videos showcasing what resources we have in our library. I think you will agree, the library is a jewel! Also, over the next few months, we plan to hold various events at the library. Our March event will be about your Irish ancestors, St. Patrick's Day anyone? October is usually Family History month with most Societies, and we will also celebrate with some surprises.

We are always looking for volunteers. There are jobs on the computer, taking inventory of the collection, putting together databases on our upcoming new website, and any project you would like to see the library accomplish. So, think about it and put your unique skills and help make the library one that we can all be proud of.

Hope to see you at the library. Lynette

SIOUX VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting - 5 September 2024
@ Mount Pleasant Cemetery

A general meeting was not held. Instead, Old Courthouse Museum staff escorted SVGS members on a walking tour of Mount Pleasant Cemetery, located in Sioux Falls, SD, highlighting the notable city founders, such as Richard Pettigrew, buried there.

Editor: Mount Pleasant Cemetery was established in 1873 and has been an integral part telling the history of Sioux Falls, honoring the lives of those who have passed. Over the past 150 years, it has witnessed countless stories and memories, and become a symbol of our long-standing heritage and ensuring a dignified and tranquil environment for all.

SIOUX VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting - 3 October 2024
Old Courthouse Museum

Talk: "Tips and Tricks when Conducting an Oral History Interview", 7:00 pm

Gwen McCausland, Director, South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum, Brookings

Member Business Meeting called to order 8:12 pm by Kim McKeon

Old Business:

- Pathfinder update: Next issue is at the printers.
- Library update: Books are getting on the shelves.
- SVGS still looking for a Vice President. Nominations welcome to Kim McKeon.
- Next meeting: November 7th, Lori Kent "Local Lou"

New Business:

- Board of Directors proposed that Lynette Trainer should finish the term of Librarian until April 2025. Lynette Anderson seconded. Motion carried.
- Board of Directors proposed that Lori Mohr finish the term of Corresponding Secretary/Researcher until April 2024. Lynette Trainer seconded. Motion carried.
- A financial audit was conducted over the years 2021-2024. No evidence of fraud uncovered. New policies will be put in place, such as invoices required on a timely basis (within two weeks of expense). A full report of the audit will be held in the library.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Busse Spencer

SIOUX VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

General Meeting - 7 November 2024

@ Old Courthouse Museum

Lori Kent, AKA Local Lou, shared with SVGS members a presentation about some of the legacies behind headstones in rural cemeteries such as Willow Creek where part of the historical marker of one of the churches talked about makes her think about the movie Poltergeist.

A formal meeting was not held.

UPCOMING MARCH PROGRAM: Digging Up Your German Roots: Finding Ancestors from Germany

Presented by: Sarah Busse Spencer, PhD

Are you one of the millions of Americans whose ancestors who came from Germany? What do we mean by Germany? This talk will set the stage by describing social, cultural, political and economic conditions in the areas that were or became Germany.

Then we will discuss useful sources for finding the town or region in Germany they came from, followed by a brief introduction to the German civil and religious records available online.

Finally, if you have a German name you have been stuck on, bring the name and date and let's dig into your German roots together!

APRIL PROGRAM: THE KU KLUX KLAN IN SOUTH DAKOTA

By: Arley Fadness

The SVGS Annual meeting will be held on 3 April 2025. This year's speaker is Arley Fadness, a prolific writer and South Dakota resident. He will be discussing his latest book, this one about the Ku Klux Klan in South Dakota.



About the Book

In the 1920s, a reborn Ku Klux Klan slithered into South Dakota. Bold at times, the group intimidated citizens in every county. KKK anti-Catholic sentiment resulted in the murder of Father Arthur Belknap of Lead. Idealized Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of Mount Rushmore, operated as a white supremacist and KKK leader. In 1925, animosity between the KKK and Fort Meade soldiers came to a clash one night in Sturgis. The clatter of two borrowed .30-caliber Browning cooled machine guns split the air over the heads of a Klan gathering across the valley. Author Arley Fadness follows the Klan's trail throughout the Mount Rushmore State.

About the Author

A retired draftsman and clergyman born and raised in Webster, South Dakota, Arley Kenneth Fadness has authored several historical and religious books. Among them are Capturing the Younger Brothers Gang in the Northern Plains: The Untold Story of Heroic Teen Asle Sorbel; A Long, Long Road Back to Love; Balloons Aloft: Flying South Dakota Skies; and Six Spiritual Needs in America Today. He is an active writer and presenter of history/cultural programs for the South Dakota Humanities.

GENETIC GENEALOGY (DNA) THEME OF JUNE 2025 SEMINAR

Genetic genealogy is a field of genealogy and family history research that combines genealogical DNA tests and additional genealogy methods to discover how individuals are related. For many genealogists interpreting DNA test results can be a challenge. To assist in understanding genetic genealogy, **SVGS** and the **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** are jointly hosting a DNA Genealogy conference June 6th and 7th that will address these challenges and hopefully provide some answers for attendees about their DNA test results.

Our keynote speaker is Patti Lee Hobbs, CG, an instructor and professional genealogist specializing in several geographical regions as well as in identifying distant ancestry with DNA and documentary sources. The agenda for the DNA conference has not been established yet but will include several of the following lectures. We are hoping that many SVGS members will attend this conference which will present information that is relevant to the research of their family trees.

DNA Triage

Working with our DNA test results can seem like we're trying to tame an octopus with regenerating arms popping up everywhere! How do we focus and prioritize to make the most of the remarkable tool we now have available to help us reach our research goals.

Problem Solving with DNA: Pathways and Roadblocks to Success

DNA testing has given genealogists a unique tool to help identify ancestors. Understanding principles of using DNA can set you on the path to success; but not all problems may be solved. The genealogist encounters roadblocks. What are these barriers to success and can they be overcome?

Writing up DNA Conclusions for Enduring Benefit

In some ways, DNA evidence is different from other types of genealogical evidence. Just as we are frustrated by undocumented family histories that may have been informed by reliable witnesses, future generations will be frustrated with us for declaring DNA connections without explanations. This lecture will demonstrate methods of presenting DNA evidence with documentary evidence to produce a written work product of enduring quality.

Extending DNA Evidence: More is Better

Passively observing DNA results and gathering only obvious matches to prove a relationship can often fail to yield sufficient evidence or even to make the most of the DNA. DNA results walk hand-in-hand with genealogical information of matching test takers. More aggressive researchers will make the most of many tools to collect and analyze both documentary and DNA data to extend their evidence to make conclusions more robust.

Using Y DNA to Reach Back in time for Your Male Ancestors

Y-Chromosome DNA testing is one of the most straightforward ways to connect to a distant ancestor when other evidence is lacking. Not only your own patrilineal line is relevant. This session discusses understanding the test results and developing strategies for working with those results to establish relationships.

DNA Illuminates a Woman Hidden in the Shadows of her Father and Husbands

This case study describes the process and methodology leading to a written conclusion identifying a nameless ancestor using DNA and traditional evidence.

RESEARCHING NORWEGIAN GENEALOGY DURING STEVNE

By SVGS member & stevne attendee, Sue Eckert

Let's begin by learning a few Norwegian terms: A stevne is a gathering of people sharing a common interest. These people may or may not belong to a specific Bygdelag, aka a Lag. A Bygdelag is a group of people sharing an interest in a particular geographic area of Norway. Members of a Lag usually join a Lag or Lags representing area/s of origin for their Norwegian ancestors. Some Lags hold stevne with other Lags. The Lags bring books and other resources to stevne and Lag genealogists assist stevne attendees research their ancestors.

Half of my Norwegian ancestor families emigrated from the Hardanger Sør-Fjord area of Hordaland. Another ancestral family was from the Strand area of Rogaland and another from Trondheim in Trøndelag. I joined, in order, Hardangerlag, Rogalandslag and Trønderlag. The first lags I joined hold stevne together as two of the lags making up Vestlandslag. Trønderlag, with several other individual lags, hold stevne as Flere (translated to 'multiple' or 'many') Lag stevne.

Let me tell you what happens during any stevne, because it's not *all* genealogy! There may be differences due to the various geographic areas where they are held. There may be tours of the area with visits to museums, historical societies, genealogy libraries, unique points of interest, yummy Norwegian treats, live entertainment and more. Some of the lags even organize and take tours of Norway.

Plans are being finalized for multiple 2025 stevne and I have made motel reservations for attending two. Spicer MN (near Willmar) is the location for Vestlandslag Stevne June 11-13 (Wed-Fri). The main venue is Hope Presbyterian Church at Spicer, but attendees have a choice of multiple hotel or motel accommodations. Flere Lag Stevne is August

5-8 (Tues-Fri) in Onalaska WI (near LaCrosse) at Stoney Creek Hotel.

For more info visit www.fellesraad.com



Above: Hardangerlag members, Stevne 2024
Notice Hardanger bunads (ethnic clothing)



Above: Trønderlag members- Stevne 2024
Notice Trønder bunad, front row.

To the right: **Mercedes 'Ginny' (Hetland) Iverson, 1932-2024**
Genny was an active SVGS Member & Volunteer as well as Member & Past President of Rogalandslag.



YEARBOOKS FOUND IN SVGS LIBRARY

School Annuals have a lot of information within their pages. Are you looking for a family member's photograph? Perhaps wondering what your ancestor may have studied when younger? We may have the answers to those questions and more.

The SVGS Library contains not ten, not twenty but rather hundreds of school annuals from all over this area; middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities. We also have church directories as well as organization rosters. Our collections will never be complete as we are adding to them frequently.

Below is a compilation of what is on our shelves as of late fall 2024. Stop in and browse through our collection. You may find some new interesting facts to add to your family's narrative.

State	City	College/University	Yearbook Name	Library Copies
IA	Decorah	Luther College	Pioneer	1929
IA	Des Moines	Drake University	Quax	1975
IA	Fairfield	Parsons College	The Peira	1934
IA	Grinnell	Grinnell College	Cyclone	1952, 1953
IA	Grinnell	Grinnell College	Golden Anniversary Record	1916-1966
IA	Inwood	High School Senior Class	The Spectator	1924
IA	LeMars	Western Union College	The Pilot	1921
IA	Mt. Vernon	Cornell College	Royal Purple	1915
IA	Pella	Central College	Pelican	1926, 1927, 1928, 1929
IL	Chicago	North Park College	The Cupola	1923
IL	Chicago	University of Chicago	The Cap and Gown	1921
IL	Galesburg	Knox College	The Knox Alumnus - Directory	1837-1937
MA	Cambridge	Harvard	Triennial Report	1917
MA	Cambridge	Harvard	Sexennial Report	1917
MO	St. Louis	Saint Louis University	The Archive	1920
MN	Granda	Granda-Huntley Public School	Together	1982
MN	Montevideo	Central High School	Mohiscan	1964

MN	Northfield	Carleton College	The Algol	1917, 1920
MN	Northfield	St. Olaf College	The Viking	1909, 1966
MN	St. Cloud	St. Cloud State College	Talahi	1966, 1967
MN	St. Paul	Bethel College and Seminary	The Spire	1952, 1953, 1960
MN	Worthington	Worthington State Junior College	A New Dawn	1968
NE	Lincoln	University of Nebraska	Alumi Association	1985
NE	Norfolk	Norfolk High School	The Milestone	1925
NE	Omaha	Creighton University	Blue Jay	1951, 1969
NY	Keuka Park	Keuka College	The Konadaga	1939, 1940, 1941
NY	Garden City	Adelphi University	Oracle	1971
SD	Aberdeen	Northern Normal & Industrial School	Pasque	1920, 1926, 1941, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1970, 1974
SD	Avon	Avon High School	Pirate Log	1976
SD	Brandon	Brandon School	Brandon	1989-1990
SD	Brookings	Brookings High School	The Bobcat	1945
SD	Brookings	South Dakota State College later became South Dakota State University	The Jack Rabbit	1914, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1942, 1943, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1984, 1987, 1991
SD	Canterbury	Augustana Academy	Saga	1943, 1944, 1946
SD	Canterbury	Canterbury Lutheran Normal	The Saga	1923
SD	Canterbury	Canterbury High School	Multiple Reunion	1970, 1989
SD	Canterbury	Canterbury High School	Backtrackin'	1975
SD	Chamberlain	St. Joseph's Indian School	75th Anniversary	2002

SD	Dell Rapids	Dell Rapids High School	Alumni Directory	1890-1995
SD	Dell Rapids	St. Mary School	Past and Present	1910-1985
SD	Hanson County	Northwest Hanson County	School Staff and Students	1972
SD	Hartford	Hartford High School	The Pirate	1962
SD	Hartford	West Central High School	Trojan	1969, 1978
SD	Hetland	Hetland High School	Hetland Bronco	1939, 1940
SD	Hudson	Hudson High School	The Trojan	1949
SD	Humboldt	Humboldt High School	Class of 1950	1950
SD	Hurley	Hurley High School	Hurkota	1975
SD	Huron	Huron High School	Tiger	1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953
SD	Irene	Irene High School	Irene Centennial	1916-1993
SD	Lennox	Lennox High School	Len Kota	1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1971
SD	Leola	Leola High School	The Buccaneer	1938, 1941
SD	Lyons	Lyons High School	Graduating Classes	1923-1967
SD	Madison	Eastern South Dakota State Normal	The Anemone	1923
SD	Madison	Eastern State Teachers College	The Trojan	1929
SD	Madison	Madison High School	Inter-Lakes	1924
SD	Madison	Orland High School	The Eagle	1959
SD	Mitchell	Mitchell High School	Crocus	1915
SD	Mitchell	Dakota Wesleyan University	The Tumbleweed	1965, 1966, 1968, 1972, 1978, 1979, 1980
SD	Norway	Norway School Dist 34		1904-1905
SD	Platte	Platte High School	ET-Talpian	1924
SD	Rapid City	South Dakota School of Mines	Alumni Directory	1948
SD	Ravina	Ravina School	Golden Years	1917-1967

SD	Scotland	Scotland High School	Highlander	1971
SD	Sioux Falls	All Saints School		1884-1984
SD	Sioux Falls	Augustana College now a University	Edda	1928, 1929, 1931, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2001-2002, 2003, 2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2006, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2011, 2011-2012, 2013
SD	Sioux Falls	Augustana	The Augustana	1924
SD	Sioux Falls	Axtell Park Junior High	Axtel Park	1988-1989, 1989-1990, 1990-1991, 1991-1992, 1992-1993, 1994-1995, 1995-1996, 1996-1997
SD	Sioux Falls	Columbus College	The Mariner	1923, 1924, 1929
SD	Sioux Falls	Laura B Anderson Elementary School	History of	1971
SD	Sioux Falls	Lincoln High School	The Gridiron	1920-1/2
SD	Sioux Falls	Lincoln High School	Heritage	1966- 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1987, 1988, 1998
SD	Sioux Falls	Lincoln, Roosevelt & Washington	Alumni Directory	2011
SD	Sioux Falls	Memorial Middle School	Mustangs	1995-1996, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010
SD	Sioux Falls	O'Gorman High School	O'Gorman-Cathedral Alumni	1991

SD	Sioux Falls	O'Gorman High School	The Knight Legend	1980, 1982
SD	Sioux Falls	School of Nursing	Mantle	1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	Alumni Directory	1989
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	Brave	1964, 1965, 1966, 1969, 1973, 1978
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	Saga	1979
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	Sioux Falls College	1993
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	The Paw	1991-1992
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	The Sioux Brave	1930, 1947, 1948, 1992, 1993
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls College	Alumni Directory	1989
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls High School	Sioux Falls High School	1906, 1907, 1911, 1912
SD	Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls High School	Senior Annual	1904, 1906 1907, 1910, 1911
SD	Sioux Falls	Old Sioux Falls High School	Earliest Records	1883-1910
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	The History of the class	1912
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	50th Class Reunion	1948
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	Midsummer Dreams	1920
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	The Epitome	1921
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	The Calendar	1923
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	The Monogram	1924, 1929, 1934
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	Happy 50th Anniversary	1933
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	The Sun Dial	1922

SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	Warrior	1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1987
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	Washington High School	1913, 1914, 1916
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	31 Orange Letter Day	1953
SD	Sioux Falls	Washington High School	32nd Orange Letter Day	1954
SD	Springfield	Southern State College	Southernaire	1969-1970
SD	Trent	Trent Public School	Warrior	1958
SD	Tripp		Wildcat	1948
SD	Valley Springs		Wolverine	1934, 1936, 1937
SD	Vermillion	University of South Dakota	Almuni Directory	1970
SD	Vermillion	University of South Dakota	The Coyote	1908, 1913, 1921, 1925, 1931, 1943, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1977
SD	Wagner	Wagner High School		1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
SD	Wakonda	Wakonda High School	The Warrior	1970
SD	Yale	Yale High School	Trojan Golden Jubilee	1911-1961
SD	Yale	Yale High School	Yale Trojan	1962
WI	Beloit	Beloit College	The Codex (Vol 3)	1895
WI	Madison	University of Wisconsin	The Badger	1920, 1922
WI	Oshkosh	State Normal School	The Quiver	1899, 1900

SOUTH DAKOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE APRIL 26, 2025



Amber Oldenburg from *One Branch at a Time* will be presenting the following:

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF
NATIONAL DEFENSE REGISTRATION CARDS: THE
LARGEST CENSUS OF AMERICAN WOMEN YOU'VE
NEVER HEARD ABOUT

LAND FOR THE LANDLESS: HOMESTEAD RECORDS
AND HOW TO USE THEM IN YOUR RESEARCH

RIDING THE RAILS: DISCOVERING THE HOBOS AND
VAGABONDS IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Plan to attend

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 8-9 a.m. Registration
Program starts at 9:00
Location: Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center
920 West Sioux Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Also, please plan to join us for
fellowship and the SDGS
Quarterly meeting on Friday,
April 25th at the Pizza Ranch in
Pierre SD at 6:00 p.m.
Meal at your expense.
Please RSVP Below.

Note: A block of rooms has been set aside at the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center with a rate of \$125.00 + tax for Genealogical Society. Contact the hotel at 605-224-6877.

SDGS Seminar Registration -----

No charge- Friday Quarterly Meeting at Pizza Ranch - RSVP
 \$50.00 Registration & meal postmarked **before March 15**
 \$50.00 Registration **After March 15**- meal not included

_____ Total Enclosed

Please register by March 15, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact by email:
sdgensociety@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please Mail Check & Registration to: SDGS, 7084TH Ave West, Mobridge, SD 57601
Feel free to copy for more attendees.

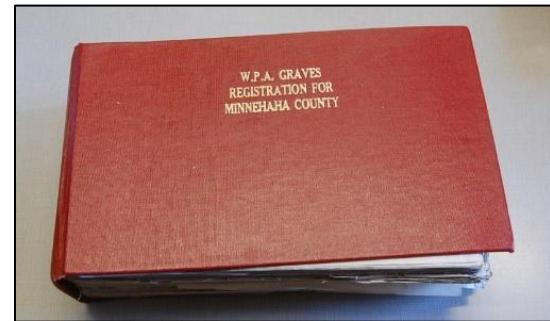
FINDING FINAL RESTING PLACE OF YOUR ANCESTORS

Written and submitted by Robert Black

Introduction: Our dead relatives' remains may lie scattered among the numerous places they lived, they migrated to, and finally settled. Some lie in prominent cemeteries near their final location, some in lonely family cemeteries, and some may have been buried in shallow graves along the many migration routes or the many battlefields of the Civil War or Indian Wars. Below we investigate the most likely locations to find burial information about those forebears. We will start locally and expand on resources across the nation and internationally.

In-House Resources: The Sioux Valley Genealogical Society Library has the following resources available to help find your dead ancestors:

- Works Progress Administration (WPA) listing for Minnehaha County, SD, contains cemetery listings from cemetery opening through approximately 1939-1940.
- Graves Registration Project of the WPA contains veteran listings from cemetery opening through approximately 1939-1940.
- Grave Record of Minnehaha County cemeteries contains grave listings by cemetery through 1973-1974. It does not have information about burials in the large Sioux Falls cemeteries.
- Citibank Abandoned Cemetery Project contains information about burials in some of the abandoned cemeteries in Minnehaha County.



Other Local Resources:

- Cemetery records held by individual cemeteries
- On-site displays of burials at some of the cemeteries
- Sextons' records

Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties:

Minnehaha County has 64 private, church, veteran and public cemeteries, 47 are active, 17* are inactive or abandoned.

Benton Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery
 Berg Cemetery
 Bethania Lutheran Cemetery
 Bethany Cemetery
 Bethel Cemetery*
 Brandon Lutheran Cemetery Dell Rapids
 Burk Cemetery*
 Clear Lake Cemetery*
 Dalemoe Cemetery*
 East Nidaros Cemetery
 Forest Home Cemetery*
 Free Methodist Cemetery*
 Gail Eldridge Farm Cemetery*
 German Methodist Cemetery*
 Hartford Cemetery
 Hills of Rest Cemetery

Hokenson Cemetery*
 Logan Reformed Cemetery
 Lyons / WCTU Cemetery*
 Minnehaha County Cemetery
 Minnehaha Lutheran Cemetery
 Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
 Mt. Zion Cemetery
 Munson Cemetery*
 Nidaros Pioneer Lutheran Cemetery
 North Beaver Valley Cemetery
 North Highland Lutheran Cemetery



North Split Rock Cemetery
 Norway Lutheran Cemetery
 Old Highland (Docken) Cemetery*
 Our Savior Cemetery*
 Peterson Cemetery*
 Pleasant View Cemetery
 Rosendal Lutheran Cemetery
 Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Willow Creek Cemetery*
 Sherman Cemetery*
 Sons of Israel Cemetery
 South Beaver Valley Cemetery
South Dakota Veterans Cemetery
 South Highland Cemetery
 St. Ann Catholic Cemetery
 St. Ansgar Cemetery
 St. George's Catholic Cemetery
 St. Jacobs Cemetery

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
 St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
 St. Michaels Cemetery
 St. Olaf Cemetery
 St. Paul Cemetery
 St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery
 St. Rose of Lima Cemetery
 Stordahl Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery
 Summit Hill Cemetery
 Swedona Covenant Cemetery
 Taopi Cemetery*
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery
 West Nidaros Lutheran Cemetery
 Woodlawn Cemetery
 Zion Cemetery
 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery
 Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Lincoln County has 34 cemeteries.

Beaver Creek Lutheran Cemetery
 Bethany Cemetery
 Bethesda Cemetery
 Bonine Cemetery
 Brooklyn Cemetery
 Canton Lutheran Cemetery
 Delaware Reformed Cemetery
 Eden Cemetery
 Fairview Cemetery
 Faith LaValley Cemetery
 Forest Hill Cemetery
 Grand Valley Lutheran Cemetery
 Hiawatha Asylum Cemetery*
 Lands Lutheran Cemetery
 Larsen Cemetery
 Lennox Cemetery
 Mount Olivet Cemetery



Mount Zion Cemetery
 Nathanael Cemetery
 Nazareth Cemetery
 Old Romsdal Cemetery
 Pleasant Hill Pioneer Cemetery
 Pleasant View Cemetery
 Romsdal Cemetery
 Saint Edwards Cemetery
 Skrefsrud Lutheran Church Cemetery
 Springdale Cemetery
 Trinity Lutheran Cemetery
 Trinity Lutheran Cemetery North
 Trinity Lutheran Cemetery South
 Tuntland Cemetery
 West Prairie Lutheran Cemetery
 Worthing Cemetery
 Zion United Methodist Cemetery

South Dakota:

The South Dakota Gravestone Photo Project (<https://southdakotagravestones.org/>) has over 269,000 gravestone photographs. The mission of this project is to capture digital images of gravestones; however they are not a grave registration site. As decades pass - many stones become harder, if not impossible, to read the inscriptions they originally contained. By archiving

the images of both old and new stones, we can help document these important records and assist researchers using this valuable resource.

Other States:

Find a Grave (www.findagrave.com) has lists of cemeteries in each state. On their website click "Cemeteries" for listings. Explore any interesting cemetery.

Nationally:

Several of the familiar genealogical sites provide access to burial records. These can be useful in finding cemeteries where an ancestor is buried. Many cemeteries now have online access to records and photographs of gravesites and markers. In addition to finding a local cemetery through genealogical sites or online searches, two primary sources are available to help find a grave.

- **Find a Grave** (www.findagrave.com) This website claims over 238 million memorials. Access is free and the search is relatively easy to use. Ideally, the search wants first name, middle name, last name, year born, year died, and the cemetery location.
- **National Cemetery Administration (NCA) (Department of Veterans Affairs)** (www.cem.va.gov). The NCA website contains a wealth of information regarding veteran burials within their system. Burial in a VA national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces and Veterans who have met minimum active duty service requirements, as applicable, and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. VA provides the gravesite, grave liner, opening and closing of the grave, government headstone or marker, U.S. burial flag, Presidential Memorial Certificate and perpetual care of the gravesite at no cost to the family. VA operates 155 national cemeteries and 34 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 42 states and Puerto Rico. More than 4 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. VA also provides funding to establish, expand, improve and maintain 122 Veterans cemeteries in 49 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam, and Saipan. For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. Use the Find a Cemetery tab to find a VA cemetery in each state. Use the Grave Locator tab to try to find your ancestors location.
- **The U.S. Department of the Army** maintains the following cemeteries: Arlington and the Soldiers' & Airmens' Home national cemeteries, both in Greater Washington, D.C. Additionally, the Army oversees cemeteries at military installations and its academy at West Point, NY. A few years ago, the Department of the Army transferred administration of several cemeteries to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **The U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force** manage cemeteries at their military installations and service academies.

- **US Department of the Interior, National Park Service administers the following cemeteries:**



Andersonville National Historic Site,
Andrew Johnson National Historic Site,
Antietam National Battlefield,
Civil War Defenses of Washington,

Colonial National Historical Park,
Fort Donelson National Battlefield,
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park,
Gettysburg National Military Park,
Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve,
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument,
Petersburg National Battlefield,
Shiloh National Military Park,
Stones River National Battlefield,
Vicksburg National Military Park

- **Internationally:** With the exception of the American Battle Monuments Commission locations, we will not address burial sites outside the confines of the fifty states.

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) administers, operates and maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries and 31 federal memorials, monuments and markers, which are located in 17 foreign countries, the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the British Dependency of Gibraltar. Four of the memorials are located within the United States. These cemeteries and memorials, most of which commemorate the service and sacrifice of Americans who served in World War I and World War II, are among the most beautiful and meticulously maintained shrines in the world.



The website: [ABMC Burial and Memorialization Statistics](#) site tells about the number of men and women we honor around the world.

The cemetery locations include the following. Monuments are not listed.

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery (France)
Ardennes American Cemetery (Belgium)
Brittany American Cemetery (France)
Brookwood American Cemetery (United Kingdom)
Cambridge American Cemetery (United Kingdom)
Clark Veterans Cemetery (Philippines)
Corozal American Cemetery (Panama)
Epinal American Cemetery (France)
Flanders Field American Cemetery (Belgium)
Dise-Aisne American Cemetery (France)
Rhone American Cemetery (France)
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery (Italy)

Florence American Cemetery (Italy)
Henri-Chapell American Cemetery (Belgium)
Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery (France)
Lolrraline American Cemetery (France)
Luxembourg American Cemetery (Luxembourg)
Manila American Cemetery (Philippines)
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery (France)
Mexico City National Cemetery (Mexico)
North Africa American Cemetery (Tunisia)
Somme American Cemetery (France)
St. Mihiel American Cemetery (France)

Suresmes American Cemetery (France)

Tours American Cemetery (France)



IS READING CURSIVE YOUR SUPERPOWER?

Elizabeth Weise - USA TODAY

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If you can read cursive, the National Archives would like your skills.

The National Archives has more than 200 years worth of U.S. documents in need of transcribing (or at least classifying) and the vast majority from the Revolutionary War era are handwritten in cursive – requiring people who know the flowing, looped form of penmanship.

“Reading cursive is a superpower,” said Suzanne Isaacs, a community manager with the National Archives Catalog in Washington, D.C. She is part of the team that coordinates the more than 5,000 Citizen Archivists helping the Archive to read and transcribe some of the 300 million plus digitized objects in its catalog. And

they’re always looking for volunteers with this increasingly rare skill.

Those records range from the Revolutionary War to the 1950 Census.

“We create tasks where we ask volunteers to help with transcribing or tagging records in our catalog,” Isaacs said. The ability to Read long-hand script is a huge help because so many of the documents are written using it.

To volunteer, all that’s required is to sign up online and then jump in. “There’s no application,” she said. “Choose a record that hasn’t been done, read the instructions then just start. It’s easy to do for a half hour a day or a week.”

Cursive is seldom used

In the past, most American students began learning to write in cursive in third grade, making it a rite of passage, said Jaime Cantrell, a professor of English at Texas A&M University

– Texarkana. Her students take part in the Citizen Archivist work, putting their skills reading old documents to work.

While many of her students today learned

cursive in school, they never use it and seldom read it, she said. She can tell because she writes feedback on their papers in cursive.

California passed a law in 2023 requiring that “cursive or joined italics” be taught for first through sixth grades. The law’s author said it was so students could read primary source historical documents.

That’s exactly how Cantrell’s students use it. One of the classes she teaches involves

AI can only go so far with cursive

AI is starting to be able to read cursive but only with human help, said National Archive’s Nancy Sullivan.

The Archives has been working with FamilySearch, a genealogical nonprofit operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints. FamilySearch offers researchers free genealogical software and a website for searching and has access to many historical documents.

FamilySearch developed an AI program that reads handwritten documents. However, a person is still required to do the final edit.

“There’s usually some mistakes,” she said. “So we call it ‘extracted text’ and our volunteers have to look it over and compare it to the original.” Only once a volunteer has looked the document over is it considered an actual transcription.

No cursive? No problem!

According to the Archive’s Isaacs, “volunteers don’t have to start out knowing cursive, you can learn along the way.” It helps – but it’s not a necessity.

For example, there’s a “no cursive required” option for those reading Revolutionary War pension records. Instead of reading and transcribing the records, volunteers can also help append “tags” to records that have already been

Some of her students aren’t even typing anymore. Instead, they’re just using talk-to-text technology or even artificial intelligence. “I know that because there’s no punctuation, it reads like a stream of consciousness.

Cursive is still a skill for some

deciphering documents written in the 18th and 19th centuries – and one of their projects is to get involved in the National Archive’s transcription work.

“There is certainly a learning curve,” said Cantrell. “But my students stick it out. They feel like they’re making a difference.

AI can only go so far with cursive

And AI can’t always decipher the often problematic documents their volunteers deal with, said Isaacs. Sometimes they’ve been torn, smudged, folded, or dog-eared. In the case of Revolutionary War pension applications, widows had to prove they were married so they often included handwritten family tree pages torn from the family Bible.

Not to mention simple poor penmanship. “Some of the Justices of the Peace, their handwriting is atrocious,” said volunteer Christine Ritter, from Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. “There are cross-outs, things written on the other side that bleed through, strange and inventive spellings, old forms of letters (a double S was sometimes written as a “long s” and looked like an F) and even children’s doodles over top. And many obsolete terms and legal words that can stump even the most erudite readers.

transcribed by other Citizen Archivists so that they’re easier to search.

You can also pick it up as you go along, Ritter said.

“When they first sent me a document I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, I can’t read this. I got nervous.

But the longer you do them the easier it gets,” she said.

Ritter's working on Revolutionary War pension files for soldiers who served at the Battle of Guildford Courthouse on March 15, 1781. As she works, she imagines how much it will mean to families to find something so old about one of their relatives.

She says she once prided herself on her perfect penmanship but today says her handwriting is "atrocious." Still, she can read cursive with the best of them and it's become a wonderful hobby.

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"When an older person dies ... another library has burned to the ground."

Lois Lorraine Appel

February 20, 1924 - September 15, 2024



Lois Lorraine Appel, age 100, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, September 15, 2024 from Good Samaritan Society, Canton. She was buried at Worthing Cemetery in Worthing, SD.

Lois Lorraine Dickens was born on February 20, 1924 in Worthing, SD to George D. and Myrtle B. (Richardson) Dickens. She was raised and received her elementary education at Buboltz District #53 and then Lincoln County High School in Worthing, graduating in 1942.

Lois married Walter G. Appel on June 2, 1943 at the Army Air Base in Sioux Falls, SD. Lois and Walter were blessed with five children, Kay, Stephen, David, Michael and Patricia. The family lived in West Sioux Falls, SD in 1964 and then later a farm South of Tea, SD. Walter passed away on May 12, 2004.

Grateful for having shared her life are one daughter, Kay Meyer and her husband, Thomas, Ames, IA; three sons, Stephen Appel and his wife, Phyllis, Lennox, SD, David Appel and his wife, Cheryled, Lennox, SD, and Michael Appel, Madison, WI; eight grandchildren, Justin Appel and his wife, Debbie, Stephanie Cook and her husband, Darren, Susie Weisenbach and her husband, Tim, Anne Schmidt and her husband, Tony, Paige Appel, Cherith Heuer and her husband, Tommy, Christopher Meyer and Robin Meyer; 12 great-grandchildren, Alexis, Kathryn, Sarah, Macy, Olivia, Jonathon, Jameson, Esperansa, Prescott, Atticus, Dracen and Lilly; three sisters, Geraldine Anderson, Independence, MO, Clara Halls, Duluth, MN and Dorothy Horn, Duluth, MN; many other relatives.

Lois was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Ann Appel; her husband, Walter Appel; her parents, George and Myrtle Dickens; three brothers, Donald, Marvin and John Dickens; and one sister, Betty Schomer.

Barbara Ellen Bringman

August 12, 1921 - July 30, 2024



Barbara Ellen (Ehli) Bringman born August 12, 1921, passed away on July 30, 2024, at the **age of 102**. She was born to John J and Rosalia (Hager) Ehli as the fifth of eight children. She spent her early life in Ziebach and Dewey counties attending rural county schools and graduated from Eagle Butte High School.

Barbara married Berton Bringman in Orofino, Idaho where Berton worked in Civilian Conservation Corp after the Great Depression. Born to this union was Frank, Jean and Peggy. Later they moved to Iowa to Nebraska to Wagon Mound, New Mexico where Burton worked for the Diamond A Cattle Company. In 1953, while visiting family in Eagle Butte, South Dakota Bert suddenly passed away.

Barbara and her children stayed in South Dakota where she later married Glen (Tiny) Bringman. Three children Marian, John and Barbara were born to this union. In 1960, they purchased the Harding Motel where Barbara ran it for 40 years.

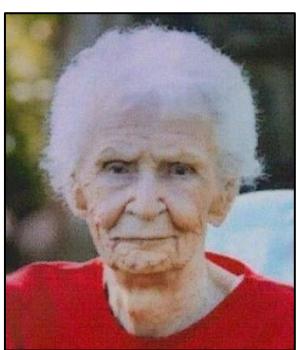
In 2001 retirement took them to Rapid City, South Dakota to live closer to her family members. Later, she moved to Sioux Falls to live with her daughter, Barbara.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Berton and Glen, her sisters (Katherine, Regina, Angie, Phyllis, Anna-Marie) and brother (Wendel), great grandson Barry Tyrrell, great granddaughters Ahakila Gallegos and Olivia Schuler.

She is survived by her children Frank (Betty Ann) of Ridgeview, SD, Jean (Jerry) Perrett of Rapid City, SD, Peggy (Ray) Mischkot of Bodega Bay, CA, Marian Tyrrell of Portage WI, John Bringman of Rapid City SD, and Barbara (Greg) Schuler of Sioux Falls, SD, one sister, Caroline Rioux, fifteen grandchildren, thirty-one great grandchildren and seven great, great grandchildren.

Catherine I. (Nooney) Bruyer

October 25, 1923 - October 4, 2024



Catherine I. (Nooney) Bruyer, 100, of Vermillion, SD, passed away Friday, October 4, 2024.

Catherine I. Bruyer was born to John and Catherine Nooney in rural Yankton County – October 25, 1923.

Catherine attended grade school in rural Yankton County and graduated from Irene High School in 1942. She worked in Sioux City, IA for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company. She later returned to Yankton, SD and worked for Fox Jewelry Store.

She married George E. Bruyer on August 13, 1945, and moved to a farm in rural Vermillion, SD. She lived there and raised their family of six children: 1 son - Larry (Louise) Bruyer – Sioux City, IA. Daughters – Maggie (Don) Zahm – Sioux Falls, SD, Mary Kay (Tom) Sletten – Gilbert, AZ, Roseann Bierle – Sioux Falls, SD, Teresa (Kevin) Millage – Vermillion, SD, Patsy (T.R.) Sullivan – Burbank, SD. Catherine had 17 Grandchildren, 25 Great Grandchildren, 3 Great Great Grandchildren and 2 more on the way and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by husband George on October 19, 2001. Parents John and Catherine Nooney, brothers- Bill and James Nooney, sisters- Mary Peterson, Theresa Brennan, and Agnes Nooney, and son in law Greg Bierle.

Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery rural Vermillion.

Kenneth Carlson

January 28, 1923 - July 10, 2024

Kenneth Carlson, 101, was born January 28, 1923 to J. Verner and Tilda (Oakland) Carlson on the family farm near Harrison, SD. He was baptized and confirmed at Ebenezer Lutheran church and attended DeLange country school. After school he helped his parents on the farm but wondered what else life might offer away from home. As a teenager, he followed his cousin to the Elmer Wevik farm south of Beresford. He picked corn by hand for 3 cents/bushel. He decided to stay in the area, working for various farmers and was also a cook at The White Palace Café in Sioux City, IA.

There was a very good reason to stay around Alcester because this is where his cousin Millie introduced him to a pretty young gal named Doris Hagen, while working on his aunt Hulda & Hank Otten's farm.

After Doris graduated from Augustana Academy & a secretarial school in Sioux City, they were married May 18, 1945 at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Hudson, SD. Ken was home from boot camp after joining

the US Navy in February, 1945. He served on the USS Denebola in the Pacific Islands until he was honorably discharged in March 1946.



Ken & Doris returned to SD to work on the Vernon Swanson farm for a year until he was able to rent the Doc Eggelston farm north of Alcester. They raised livestock, crops and a family of five children on this farm until March 1965 when they bought a farm west of Alcester.

They moved into Alcester in August 2008. Doris passed away suddenly on June 27, 2012. Ken moved to the Prairie Creek Independent Living in Sioux Falls in 2015 and Assisted Living in 2022. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on July 10, 2024 at the Dougherty Hospice House, Sioux Falls, SD.

Ken was very handy and could fix or build many things. He was also a skilled woodworker and carver. Ken & Doris attended many craft shows, displaying & selling his projects. Two of his award-winning carvings were in the SD Senior Traveling Arts Show.

His lifelong love of fishing was topped off with two fishing trips on the Missouri River when he was 100 & 101 years old. On the first trip he was interviewed & appeared on the American Heroes Outdoors TV show, which was aired this spring. He was also interviewed by the Sioux Falls Dakota News Now, highlighting his carving hobby. It was aired Jan. 31, 2024.

Ken is survived by his five children: Linda (Lee) Hinkley, Forest City, IA, David (Sandy) Carlson, Alcester, Linette (Jeff) Trudeau, Sioux Falls, Julie (Steve) Montgomery, Sioux Falls and James Carlson, Morrison, CO. Also surviving are his 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren: Chris (Shannon Wolf) Hinkley, Broadwater, NE, Bailee Eck, Mark Eck Alliance, NE, Tad (Kristi Mutter) Hinkley, Savannah, Magnolia & Beila, Fort Collins, CO. Andrew (Rachel) Hinkley, Cameron Park, CA, Shane Carlson, Whitefish, MT, Grace & Morgan, Minneapolis, MN, Shannon (Dennis) Motl, Sophia & Ava, Robbinsdale, MN. Matthew (Rachelle) Carlson & Ella, Sioux Falls. Justin (Renae) Trudeau, Sioux Falls. Jordan Trudeau, New Richland, WI. Jody (Aaron) Aadland, Soren, Macy & Jonah Sioux Falls, Stephanie (Rob) Maier & Tristin, Brandon, SD, Samantha Maier & Liam, Sioux Falls; plus, many nieces, nephews, other relatives & friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Doris of 67 years; an infant daughter, Bonnie; his brothers, Ted (Edna), Marvin (Valarie), Vic (Ruby); sister, Rosanna (Marven); and infant sister, Naomi.

Marcella Chmela

February 8, 1918 - October 28, 2024

Marcella Chmela, 106, of Kimball, SD, passed away Monday, October 28, 2024, at Aurora-Brule Nursing Home in White Lake. Burial will be at Kimball Cemetery.



Marcella Chmela was born February 8, 1918, to Anton and Christine (Sluka) Toupal in Kimball, SD. She attended Brule County Country Schools.

Marcella married Leon Chmela on June 8, 1937, at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Kimball. She and Leon lived on farms near Pukwana and Gann Valley.

Marcella is survived by her son, Dwayne (Claudia) Chmela of Kimball; daughter-in-law, Doris Ann Chmela of Kimball, SD; sister, Helen Petersen of Tracy, MN; five grandchildren, Damon Chmela, Darin Chmela, Dawn Hellbusch, Denise Rutten, and Danette Paschke; 11 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon in 2009; son, Dennis in 2018; sisters, Virgie Potter, Florence Pazour, LaVerne Peters, Sue Almjeld, and Doreen; and brothers, Jerry, John, Wally, James, Harry, Willard, and Jimmy.

Arnold (Arnie) Hinseth**July 5, 1924 - September 3, 2024**

Arnold (Arnie) Hinseth, 100, of Sioux Falls, SD, previously of Irene, SD, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Arnie was born on July 5, 1924, to Ole and Emma (Lee) Hinseth on the family homestead farm west of Irene, SD. He farmed with the family until 1944.

He joined the army on August 29, 1944. He spent his time in the service in the Rhine-land Campaign and the Central Europe Campaign, where he was a POW and earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle-Eastern Ribbon, and two Bronze Battle Stars. He was honorably discharged on October 16, 1945. He was honored to go on the Midwest Honor Flight on September 18, 2021, with grandson, Dan. This was the first time he had been on a plane since Basic Training. This time he got to fly first class, just a bit of an upgrade from the first flight.



He married the love of his life, Delores Jensen, on January 14, 1948. They were blessed with one daughter, Laurel, in 1951. They farmed in the Irene, SD area until 2003, when they moved to Sioux Falls, SD, to be closer to Laurel and her family.

He will be greatly missed by his daughter, Laurel Luke, and her husband, Jim, grandson Dan Luke and wife Becky, great-grandchildren Alex Luke and girlfriend Rachel Landmark, Elizabeth Luke and boyfriend Tristin Atack. Also surviving are brother Elton and his wife Sharron, sister-in-law Shirley Jensen, and brother-in-law Roger Jensen and his wife, Phyllis, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Arnie was preceded in death by his wife Delores, his parents, sisters Madeline and Florence, and brothers Sidney, Sylvan, and Olin and his wife Ardys.

Dorothy Maxine Wehrkamp**April 15, 1924 - November 9, 2024**

Dorothy Maxine Wehrkamp, age 100, died on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at the Tuff Memorial Home in Hills, MN.



Dorothy Maxine Drake was born on April 15, 1924 in Chancellor, SD to Charles and Winnie (Arends) Drake. She was raised and received her education in Chancellor graduating from high school in 1942. Dorothy then made her home in Sioux Falls, SD and began working in the personnel department at John Morrell and Company.

Dorothy met and fell in love with Robert Wehrkamp, the couple were united in marriage on December 27, 1948 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls, SD. The couple first lived in Madison, WI and then Lawrence, MA until moving to their home in the Cathedral District of Sioux Falls in 1953 where they raised their family. They later moved to an acreage east of Sioux Falls, SD.

Dorothy and Robert were blessed with four children, Karen, Gregory, Becky and Douglas. Dorothy worked in the home while raising her children then spent the next 15 years as the school secretary at the St. Joseph Cathedral School, retiring in 1985.

Grateful for having shared her life are her four children, Karen (Paul) Larson, Custer, SD, Gregory (Kim Sehr) Wehrkamp, Sioux Falls, SD, Becky (Tim) Holtquist, Milbank, SD and Douglas Wehrkamp, Sioux Falls, SD; 8 grandchildren, Meg (Steve) Kugler, Joe Larson, Travis Wehrkamp, Tracy (Eddy) Kames, Laura (Cory) Stotesberry, Ashley Holtquist, Adam (Michelle) Holtquist and Erin (Dom) Lockwood; 20 great grandchildren; Hannah, Case, Trey & Ava Kugler, Jorden & Trev Wehrkamp, Jeremy Kannas, Kiley, David & Caden Kames, Brooke, Nicholas & Merliah Stotesberry, Nolan Sehr, William, Mya, Liam & Amelia Holtquist, Charlotte & Augie Lockwood; special nieces, Winnie Leguit and Shirley Kirwan; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, special neighbors and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Winnie Drake; her husband Robert Wehrkamp in 2001; grandson, Benjamin Larson; one brother, Charles Drake, Jr; and four sisters, (infant) Charlotte Drake, Lila Boomgarden, Idella Leguit and Fern Sinning.

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For members that picked up business cards at the last meeting (December),
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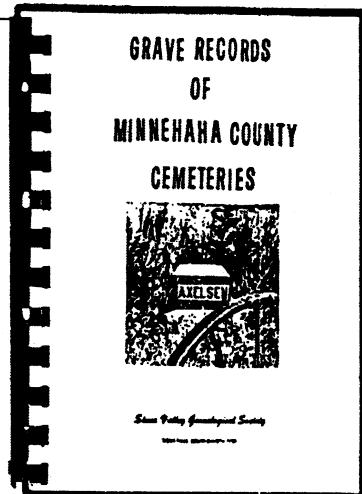
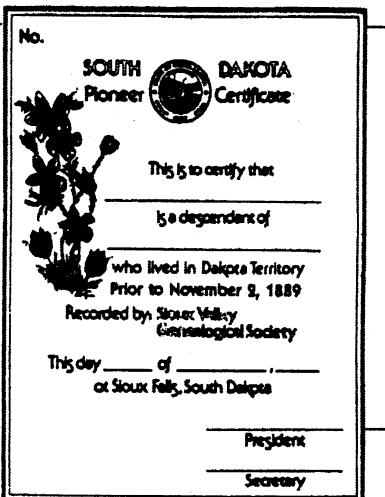
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