



Daneville Heritage Association
Calendar:

DHA Museum: (wheelchair ramp): 101 N. State St., and DHA Rural School, 106 N. State St., Viborg, SD; 57070: Open Sundays and no-mail federal holidays: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST.

Both available by appointment: ON CALL: Richard Skola 605-766-5675 (10-15 minute delay); Lester Lauritzen 605-563-2732 (15-30 minute delay).

DHA Annual Voting Member's meeting in the DHA School Building; Nov. 5, 2 p.m. CST. Regular DHA Board meeting to immediately follow. Lunch to be served. Board member's terms expiring: Lester Lauritzen and Toots Peterson.

DHA Basket Social Nov. 29, 7 p.m. CST; DHA School building.

DHA News:

No visitors Oct. 18th, Sunday. Host donated a couple of small items. Spent the day enjoying a thick genealogy sent to DHA by Mr. Carlyle Nelson, of Whittier, California. My notes list the book as the "Thompson Family History", dated 1995, by Marcella Larson Vost. The book is 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 1 1/4 inches thick, plastic back (binding). There are 22 surnames listed in three columns; nearly 1400 listings, in 545 pages, including 30 pages of index. Five pages of "Words from the Author", and ten photos showing 45 people.

The family names listed include: Jensen; Knudsen; Petersen; Oleson; Thompson; Griffin; Nielsen; Jordon; Larsen; Maylor; Hersey; Hansen; Henningson; Christensen; Miller; Anderson; Nelson; Frederickson; Sorensen; Beard; Porter; Mortensen.

The Christensen-Thompson family listed 947 people. Kjersten Marie's family 1241 people. Index included 2677 people in about 700 families. Thompson name spelled four ways: Thomsen, Tomsen, Tomson, Thompsen; Thompson! Some of the Christensen families took to using the name "Monk". Danes used (mostly) "SEN" for boys, and "DATTER" (daughter) for girls in the Scandinavian "patronymic" system. In the last hundred years or so, they have continued the same surname from generation, instead of using the father's first name, plus sen/son or datter, to change each generation.

In Denmark, the children were confirmed at age 14, usually in April or October, on a "feast day" nearest their birth date.

At this time, they were considered adults; the parents likely could no longer afford to support them, and they had to leave home and find work to support themselves.

Many soon immigrated to the United States, due to lack of

opportunity in the old country.

There is also some family church history, including the Turkey Valley Baptist members.

This writer found this a very interesting way to spend the hours in the museum office. He recognized a few of the names, including Jill Jeffers, who has blessed DHA News with information in the last year or two. (And Lyle Miller of the Centerville JOURNAL years ago.)

The author believes that she wrote about 2000 letters in doing the research to compile this family genealogy.

LRL: WOW. Now, that is more like it! This is the first extensive family genealogy at DHA, I believe. Now, that "the ice has been broken", readers are encouraged to "go thou and do likewise".

They don't have to be that thick. But they could be thicker.

For yourself, and for your family, do what you can. Or a little more. THEN send DHA (and any other museums you wish) a copy.

But, wearing out TWO TYPEWRITERS?? They must have been well worn to begin with. I'm doing DHA News on a machine that I must have used nearly daily, at least a little, for sixty years.

LRL: the author comments that a Black Hills printery would have charged too much to produce a hard-cover, bound-back book.

I wonder if Freeman's Pine Hill press would be lower. They printed the Centerville, Hurley, and Viborg Centennial History books, all hard bound. Future bookmakers might check with them. They did nice work, and seemed helpful to work with.

Anecdotal Genealogy:

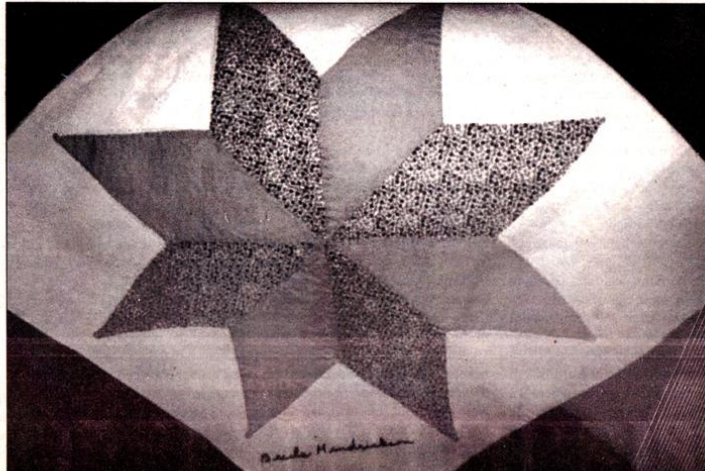
Family history and genealogy can be more than names, dates, and places. The people that live dates and events are more than statistics. They are also people with lives. Even professional genealogical writers forget that at times. And, a reminder can come proverbially "out of the mouth of babes."

There are at least two popular genealogical magazines, both published in Utah, I believe, "Verton's Genealogical Helper", and "Ancestry". The Executive Editor of "Ancestry", is a lady named Loretto (Lou) Dennis Suzcs.

Recently Mrs. Suzcs told of being, with granddaughters ages 13, 11 and 8, in a restaurant, when a favorite movie-star of the girls had been there.

Afterward, "being the eternal family historian", she suggested that the girls write about their "brush with fame". The middle girl then asked her grandmother if she had written about famous people that she (grandmother) had met. She had not, hence was urging readers to do so. She had shaken Lyndon Johnson's hand before he was president;

An In-Depth History of Hooker and its Quilt Series presented by Lester Lauritzen to be continued....



Beula Hendrickson

Beula was married to Johnny Hendrickson.

They lived 1 mile south and 1 miles west of Hooker.

met a Interior Dept. Sec. at Ellis Island; taken a photo of the back of Caroline Kennedy's head and has an autograph, on an official document, of an Illinois Governor. She had also met Barbara Walters, and David Hasselhoff.

And she has an 1892 newspaper account of a wedding attended by great-great grandparents, also attended by ex-President, Grover Cleveland.

Mrs. Suzcs, concludes with the statement (all capitals added for DHA News):

"SO MAYBE MY DESCENDANTS WOULD FIND IT INTERESTING TO HEAR ABOUT MY BRUSHES WITH FAME. I GUESS ANNA - - - HAS CONVINCED ME TO WRITE THESE STORIES AFTER ALL."

Mrs. Suzcs also wrote: "I TOLD ANNA THAT MEETING A FEW FAMOUS PEOPLE DON'T MAKE ME WHO I AM:

IT JUST GIVES ME SOME GOOD STORIES. IN EACH INSTANCE, I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME".

Which is the reason for including her story in DHA News. What we do, who we do it with, and why, may not matter to the world at large, or maybe even to our neighbors, but IT HAPPENED TO US, IT AFFECTED US; AND, TO OUR DESCENDANTS, IT IS BECAUSE IT DID HAPPEN TO us that they care, and find it interesting.

The writer believes that in past years, he reported in DHA News, that a lady had mentioned at a genealogy class, that she records in her family history, the dress that she wore to each event of importance in her life. As in the story by Mrs. Suzcs, it will be important to our descendants, (and maybe others, as well), simply

because it was important in her life. It becomes as important to her readers, as it was to her life.

Making the point of these several paragraphs, simply to record your life, as much as your genealogy, because if you do not, your history, and thus, YOU, will disappear forever, as if you had not existed.

In short, keep a diary, journal, log, or what ever you wish to call it, to inform your descendants (& others) of what you did, how you lived, etc. Without such records, we largely disappear as if we had not existed. Unless you do, you NEVER EXISTED" to your descendants. Leave them a copy. And our museum(s). Especially, of course, DHA.