

Moorhead State University in cooperation with the America the
Beautiful Fund presents:

Family History Workshop

April 30, 1977 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Comstock Memorial Union

Welcome to Moorhead State University's Family History Workshop. You will have a chance to attend a wide variety of 25 minute mini-sessions relative to developing a family history. Many have already begun your project and may only need a few hints or questions answered to bring it to a successful conclusion. Others are only beginning to consider doing a search and need all the assistance you can gather.

This workshop was designed with both the novice and 'pro' in mind. And it is hoped that all who attend will come away with useful, practical information that will be taken home and put to good use.

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MSU wishes to thank the America the Beautiful Fund for its assistance in organizing the Family History Workshop. ABF is a non-profit people's foundation dedicated to creating a grassroots movement in its efforts to preserve and restore those things, both natural and man-made, from our past that have made America unique.

For further information about this organization write: America the Beautiful Fund, 219 Shoreham Building, Washington, D.C. 20005. (ABF materials are available in the resource room.)

MSU wishes also to thank the Family History Workshop Committee people for all of their effort and time that went into planning the workshop. Those people are: Frances Bergquist, Bernard Gill, Ruth Herring, Audrey Smerud, Larry W. Jones, Cathy Bakke, G.K. Haukebo, John Shonyo, and Ron Matthies.

Finally, we would like to recognize the session presenters for without their willingness to share, (on a volunteer basis), their knowledge and experience there would be no workshop.

The workshop was coordinated under the auspices of MSU's Office of University Relations and Division of Continuing Education.

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WORKSHOP NOTES

Resource Room: Located in the Union's Comstock Room (found on the northeast corridor of the lower level) the resource room will have the following ongoing activities throughout the workshop:

*Minute histories: videotape of local family histories prepared by KFME-Prairie Public Television

*Microfilm of census of various counties dating back to the late 1800's will be available to view

*Literature will be available for perusal by workshop participants. Please DO NOT remove this literature unless it is clearly indicated otherwise.

*Bookstore: the MSU Bookstore will have on sale family history reference books.

*Giveaways: on those tables clearly indicated certain materials will be available for the taking.

Message Boards: Two message boards will be located in the registration area of the Union. These boards will be used to post session corrections or additions, room changes, personal messages, and further workshop notes.

Thresher Luncheon: The luncheon will be served from noon to 1:00 in the Comstock Union's West Ballroom. In the event of an overflow crowd workshop participants may eat in the student dining service which is through the Union's south doors. Tickets (\$2.00 per person) for both the thresher luncheon and overflow eating will be available in the registration area.

Performing for the thresher luncheon will be the Fargo Senior Citizen Kitchen Kettle Band, under the direction of Emmy Schatz. Edna Sanden is the group's pianist.

THE SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Registration and coffee: Comstock Memorial Union Lounge

9:30 a.m. Workshop introduction and welcome: West Ballroom (upper level)

Introduction: Dr. G.K. Haukebo

Welcome: Dr. Roland Dille, President, Moorhead State University

Special Guest: Paul Bruce Dowling, Executive Director, America the Beautiful Fund

Orientation: Dr. Larry W. Jones

SESSIONS

(Note: each 25 minute session will be repeated once in succession. Please move on to the next session of your choice when you hear the school bell.)

10:00-10:25 a.m.
10:30-10:55 a.m.

Discussion Group: David Olson, facilitator
These groups (to be held each session) will be for participants who just want to share with each other ideas or problems concerned with conducting a family history project.
RM 218

Lee Grugel--speaking on the European immigration to America; will also include family history sources in Britain and Europe. RM 212/213

Verlyn Anderson--explanation of what to do to start a family history search. RM 151

Bill Snyder--describing the use of film in a family history search. RM 226

Joan Buckley--suggested ways of tracing Norwegian ancestry back to Norway and sources of information and strategies that can be helpful in a family search. RM 228

Phillip Anttila--utilizing church records in determining family history in Moorhead and Scandinavian countries.
RM 215/216

Lon Dickerson--using the Lake Agassiz Regional Library as a resource tool. RM 148

John Guerrero--suggested ways of how to find your grass roots, (has 8 years experience in researching his own family history). RM 147

SESSIONS (cont'd)

11:00-11:25 a.m.

11:30-11:55 a.m.

Discussion Group: Dorothe Nordick, RM 218

Viola O'Day--an introduction to exploring family histories, and the sidelights in doing such a search. RM Senate chambers

Audrey Smerud--using local, regional and federal resources available for doing a family search. RM 226

Bob Davies--introduction to the writing of business history including which sources are best for researching such a history. RM 212/213

Nanette Frick, Marguerite Andrews and Marian Kohlmeyer-- explanation of methods in obtaining oral histories. RM 215/216

Vee Westbrook--introduction to activities you can do with your family to make your family history research easier. RM 147

Audrey Lehse, Shirley Simmons and Marian Edgerly--introduction to basic genealogical search requirements for your family history. RM 228

John Bye--suggested ways on how to preserve certificates, documents and other important papers. RM 151

Cay Merryman--description of locations and use of micro-filmed records in tracing your family; also charting methods used in research. RM 148

12:00-12:55 p.m.

'Thresher' Luncheon: West Ballroom (see workshop notes)
The Fargo Senior Citizen Kitchen Kettle Band will perform.

1:00-1:25 p.m.

1:30-1:55 p.m.

Discussion Group: James Lockwood, RM 218

Louise Frost--a personal approach to conducting a family history search; she will tell how she is doing a family history of her own. RM 212/213

Carrie Mayo and Frances Bergquist--where to write for information on genealogical records in twenty different countries. RM 215/216

Bernard Gill--very basic introduction to using a library and some of its resources, i.e., card catalog, book stacks and copying machine. RM 147

Hanny Wright--using funeral home and cemetery records as resources. RM 148

SESSIONS (cont'd)

1:00-1:25 p.m.

1:30-1:55 p.m.

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James Kaplan--the ethnic community experience and what it means to work with such communities in terms of ethnic pride and consciousness. RM 218

Kenneth Smemo--speaking on developing oral histories; also finding resources for a family history search in Norway and other Scandinavian countries. RM 226

Gary Phillips--speaking on historical societies as resources. RM 228

Rev. and Mrs. Emery Wallace--looking ahead: making preparations for preserving family records for the use of succeeding generations. RM 151

2:00-2:25 p.m.

2:30-2:55 p.m.

Discussion Group: Ruth Herring, RM 218

John Shonyo--methods and procedures for preparing your family history for publications. RM 226

Roland Dille--viewing your family history in context. RM 228

Allen Petersen--examining how to search for family roots in Denmark and Germany. RM 215/216

ADDENDUM

Due to larger-than-anticipated attendance, we have added several activities so as to accommodate everyone. Please note the changes below in your program.

Further changes, additions or corrections will be posted on the message boards located near the registration area.

Discussion Groups

One more discussion group has been added to each 25-minute session. These will be held in the music listening room located in the northwest corner of the Student Union's lower level.

One-to-One Discussions:

People with mutual interests or projects may want to discuss them on a one-to-one basis with one another. To do this simply write your topic on the white stickers (found in the workshop folder) and place it below your name tag. This will identify your interest or project topic and the fact that you would like to speak with someone with a similar interest or project. Second floor lounge areas and the Union Station (snack bar) are available for these one-to-one discussions.

Special Events

Two films, *The Plow that Broke the Plains* and *Life in the 30's*, will be shown during alternate mini-sessions in the Wooden Nickel Coffeehouse (below the resource room). *The Plow that Broke the Plains* will be shown at 10:00, followed by *Life in the 30's* at 10:30; they will then be repeated in the same order throughout the day.

At 10:30 a.m. the featured length movie *Grapes of Wrath* will be shown in Weld Hall Auditorium.

Sounder will be shown at 1:30 in King Hall Auditorium (Rm 110).

(If interested in going to either feature length movie please meet in front of the registration tables.)

Sessions

Several new mini-sessions have been added to the original schedule. They are:

10:00–10:25/10:30–10:55

Ken McIntyre: speaking on considerations in preserving family treasures. Rm D (located through the Union's south doors).

Ron Matthies: considering buildings as personal statements in a historical context. Senate Chambers.

1:00–1:25/1:30–1:55

Royce Yeater: introduction to finding historical records concerning your home. Rm D.

Audrey Smerud: an overview of inheritance laws and court records. Rm 228.

2:00–2:25/2:30–2:55

Rev. Fred Moberg: using historical societies as a resource. Rm 212/213.

Correction

James Kaplan (1:00–1:25 and 1:30–1:55) will be in the Senate Chambers

Cancellation

Gary Phillips 1:00–1:25 and 1:30–1:55.

Special Note

The photos displayed on the balcony were loaned by the Northwest Minnesota Historical Center.