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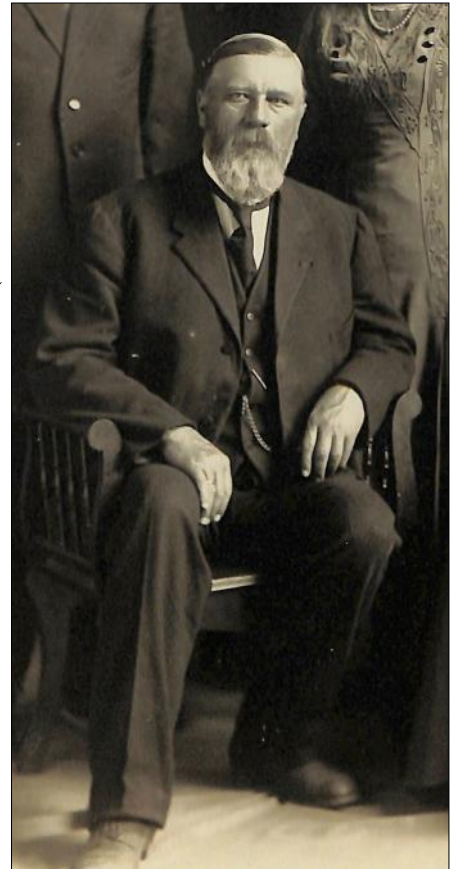
P. S. VIG AND THE DANES IN AMERICA

Peder Sørensen Vig was born into a poor farm family near Egtved, Denmark in 1854. He came to the United States in 1879 and worked a variety of jobs in Chicago. His goal since his youth was to become a Lutheran pastor.

Though he had had some schooling at Askov Folk High School (including theology) he knew it was very unlikely that he would ever attend the University of Copenhagen, where Danish pastors were educated. His chances were much better in America. He was ultimately ordained by the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1885 and eventually served churches in Iowa and Wisconsin. Vig was dedicated to an ever-deepening knowledge of the Bible and the orthodox Lutheran interpretation of Christianity. He was known for his lively and thorough debates with the Seventh-day Adventists and Baptists, both of whom sought to claim Danish Americans for their congregations.

In 1894 P. S. Vig was part of a schism in the DELC that was essentially caused by differing interpretations of scripture. The issues were complex, but perhaps at the heart of the matter was the question: “Was the Bible at the center of Christian life or merely a part of Christian life?” For Vig only the former phrase could be true. Two years later this breakaway group merged with the Danish Lutherans based in Blair, Nebraska to form the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church. Vig would become the most influential professor at the synod’s school, Trinity Seminary.

Eventually P. S. Vig acquired another scholarly love to stand with his devotion to theology and scripture. As a first-generation Danish American himself, he developed a great desire to preserve the history of these immigrants. As early as 1890 he wrote: “Fathers have fought, mothers have wept, in the building of a new home in a new land. Their history deserves preservation. The sweat and toil of the pioneers must not be forgotten.”



Peder Sørensen Vig—1910

P. S. Vig:
DANSKE I KAMP
i og for Amerika.



Between 1899 and 1921 Vig wrote numerous Danish language books and shorter articles on the Danes in America. He also authored hundreds of pages in the massive two-volume *Danske i Amerika*, which was published in Minneapolis from 1908-1916. His works bear such titles as: *Dansk Luthersk Mission i Amerika i Tiden før 1884* (Danish Lutheran Mission in America in the time before 1884); *Danske i Kamp i og for Amerika* (Danes in battle in and for America); *Den Danske Udvandring til Amerika* (The Danish emigration to America); *Danske i Amerika: Nogle Blade af den danske Udvandrings historie* (Danes in America: some pages of the Danish emigration story). Unfortunately most of this material has not been translated into English.

In 1921 King Christian X of Denmark made P. S. Vig a Knight of Dannebrog for his work with Danish Americans. He died in 1929. The DAAL has most of P. S. Vig’s titles on the book shelves as well as his shorter works in various publications. His papers are part of a larger extended family collection on the Vigs. ■

AROUND THE ARCHIVE

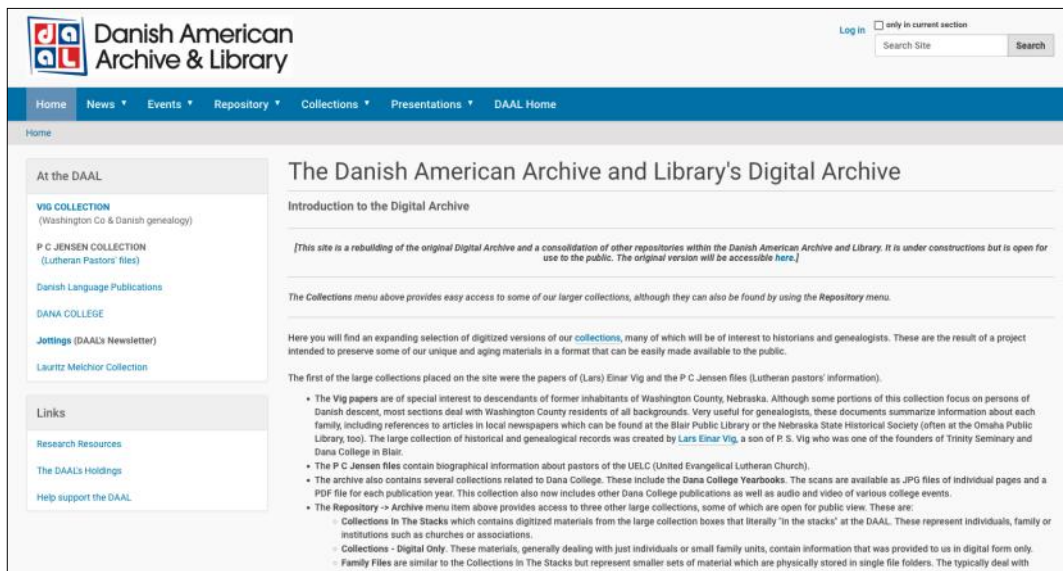
The new version of the DAAL's Digital Archive is now active at <http://archive.danishamericanarchive.net>. The content from the original version has been added and is available for viewing and searching. Some of the material needs editing and renaming, but the older version can still be used (a link is present on the front page of the new site) while that process continues.

The Digital Archive includes the 'Vig Collection' of genealogical materials covering settlers and citizens of Washington County, Nebraska, from pioneer days to the early 1970s; the P C Jensen files documenting pastors of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church (UDELC), later the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELCH); a large collection of documents, video and audio files associated with Dana College; and hundreds of smaller individual, family and organization collections and well as links to additional related sites.

This version of the site also makes it possible for individuals or families/groups to directly contribute materials to the archive by uploading files remotely, thereby eliminating the need for physically bringing or sending them to the DAAL's office. A typical use of this capability would be for an individual or group of family members to upload family history documents, photos, recordings or other files into a private work area within the Digital Archive. Once organized by the persons submitting the files, DAAL personnel will move them into one of the larger collections where they can be made available to others for viewing and study.

Since it is possible to restrict the use of the materials to specific persons, groups of persons or to open them for general access by the public, persons who contribute the materials will be able request how they are to be used and who can view them. In this way, it will be possible to create small archives of family historical and genealogical information for use by other family members (or the public) in the years to come. Donors should give careful consideration to the opinions of other family members before making such decisions and should, also, be aware of the DAAL's need to guard against exposing information about living persons or other sensitive information to public view.

Please see <http://archive.danishamericanarchive.net/repository/public-articles/remote-contribution/> or contact collections@danishamericanarchive.com for further information about how the contribution process works. ■



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FROM THE DANA ROOM

A STUDENT-FUNDED DREAM... THE SWIMMING POOL AT DANA

By Karen (Nelson) Hansen

In the time span between 1945 and the 1960s, Dana College had an impressive expansion of the campus with the renovation of Old Main, the building of Pioneer Memorial, C. A. Dana Hall of Science, Omaha Village apartments for married students, Mickelsen Hall, Holling Hall and Borup Coliseum. In 1960 a \$172,000 gift was made to Dana from the estate of Christian and Maren Borup, Danish immigrants who had settled in Beresford, South Dakota and accumulated great wealth through success in agriculture.

The donation was to be used for a building at Dana, and at the family's request be named for the Borups. The gift was designated by the Trustees and Administration to be used for the construction of a physical education building, accommodating a gym, practice facilities, classrooms and offices. To the disappointment of the students, no plans were included for a swimming pool. Planners believed a new science building to be a more urgent need, and inclusion of a Borup swimming pool would not meet the monetary criteria.

Students then began discussion of a student-funded swimming pool. Led by student body president Myrv Christopherson, Student Body representatives began investigating the possibility of raising \$100,000 and presented their proposal to the administration and the trustees. It was agreed if the students could raise \$100,000, the pool would be included in Borup Coliseum. The question of taking on such a project was put to the student body in the form of a general election. The students voted to continue with the plan.

Following a model previously used for fundraising by Concordia Teachers College to finance their own pool, and with legal advice from attorney Reed O'Hanlon of Blair, the students formed a corporation named **Dana Students Incorporated**. The Student Body officers would serve as officers of the corporation. Dana Students, Inc. would borrow funds from donors,

promising to repay the loans at 4% from a fund comprised of monies raised with a \$7.50 assessment of each student per semester. A huge letter writing campaign was launched to approach businesses and large companies. Students returned to their hometowns throughout the country for the summer of 1960 and presented their requests for loans from family, hometown businesses, alumni and friends of Dana. Each donor was issued a promissory note for the amount of the loan agreed upon. The wheels were in motion! The headline in the January 12, 1961 *Hermes* shouted "Swimming Pool Drive Passes Halfway Mark!" \$51,302.50 had been loaned to the students at that point. In the January 26, 1961 *Hermes* the headline read "Cool Blue Pool Dream to Become a Reality." By that time \$65,000 had been raised. The trustees then voted to include the swimming pool in the revised plans with the stipulation that fundraising would continue to reach the remaining \$35,000.

There are many legal and financial pieces which are too involved for this writing; however, some points of note were that, "the interest would accumulate from the 1st month following receipt of the money" and "it is understood that a note may run as long as 12 years." The loans were repaid as promised; however, many donors wrote the loans off as a gift which allowed swifter repayment of remaining loans. Dedication of Borup Coliseum took place on Parents' Day April 29, 1962, and it was noted the building housed a gym with seating for 2500, wrestling facilities, practice areas, offices and "A STUDENT-FUNDED SWIMMING POOL." The *Hermes* issue of May 3 stated "a shout of joy went up as the pool began to fill!" (continued on page 8)



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We've enjoyed connecting with so many of you this summer! The statistics on the top of the Archive Report give you an idea of how many visitors and researchers we've talked to from all over the country and the world.

The most distant research request came from Switzerland. A high school student was doing a research paper about immigration and wanted to include some information about her great-grandfather's family. Fortunately, we had plenty of information on Rev. Immanuel Petersen who graduated from Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska, and served congregations in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC).

It was a pleasure to meet members of the Danish Sisterhood Lodge #15 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during our Zoom presentation about the institutional history of the DAAL on May 15th.



*Executive Director
Jill Hennick*



Congratulations to former DAAL intern Catrine Kyster Giery, who wrote a children's book about Danish emigration to America that has been published in Denmark.* *Rejsen til New York – dengang og nu* (The Journey to New York –Then and Now) is a picture book telling the parallel stories of two young Danish girls on their way to New York, one in 1900 and the other in 2024.

Thanks to Lutheran Family Services, the new owners of the Dana College Campus, for allowing us to retrieve some forgotten documents from the Dana College Library. They plan to continue cooperating with us in preserving historic Dana College materials. We, in turn, have been able to answer some of their research questions regarding the buildings and grounds. Representatives of the Archive have also toured the former Blair and Mickelsen dormitories that have been converted into apartments for children aging out of foster care.

We are constantly digitizing materials at the DAAL. This summer our scanning equipment is being used by other organizations to preserve their old records. That includes the archive of Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma and a Blair congregation with records going back to 1889.

Two big summer events introduced new friends to the Archive for fellowship and education.

During Dana Volunteer Days in June, twenty-six different individuals worked on Dana projects. Nine of these were new volunteers and some had never even been in the building before. They provided 170 volunteer hours! Some of them also donated materials.

On July 1st, a family reunion of 22 relatives of former Dana President P. S. Vig visited the Archive. Fortunately, Vicki Vig, wife of P. S. Vig's grandson Ron, planned activities to take place at the Archive and provided the supplies. DAAL board member John Mark Nielsen spoke to the family about P. S. Vig. Family members created family trees that included current generations, and they also sorted piles of photos into groups for



Dr. John Mark Nielsen speaks about P. S. Vig at the Vig Family Reunion

each of his 15 children and their descendants. The Archive provided coffee and treats. Many family members took photos in front of the painting of P. S. Vig that hangs on the wall in our breakroom.

October is a busy month for us, and we hope to see many of you at our events.

- Saturday, October 5, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, is our annual Kringle & Mingle. This is the same day that the Dana Alumni and Friends host Homecoming. Stop by to enjoy kringle and coffee, reminisce, and view our “Dana Fun Facts” exhibit.
- Monday, October 7 - Friday October 11 is Fall Volunteer Week. Please let us know if you can join us so we will have projects ready and work space available.
- Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 AM is our annual Meeting of Members. Voting members are those who have donated time, money or materials from January 1, 2023, through the date of the meeting.

At the Archive we’re always busy connecting with people as they visit and volunteer. We’re also busy connecting people to the past as we research in the stories, photos and historical documents being preserved at the DAAL. ■

** To learn more about Catrine’s internship, visit our website danishamericanarchive.org. An article can be found under Jottings newsletter/ January 2021. The completed online exhibit project can be found on the Links page at “The Dana College Theater Troupe Tour of 1942”.*



*Dana College friends and alumni identifying photographs during Dana Volunteer Days
June 18-20, 2024*



The DAAL In-House Database by the Numbers

This searchable (and growing) digital resource enables researchers to access listings of obituaries (15,000); Danish Brotherhood members (80,000); DAAL boxed collections (660); periodicals (400); DAAL family files (675) Dana College faculty, staff and students (29,000); oral histories (70); music records and tapes (1,200); and *Dansk Almanak* person references (1,000). The database can be accessed at the DAAL or remotely with the assistance of staff and volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS: 1,716 hours by 50 volunteers from Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio and Texas.
VISITORS: 109 visitors from Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Nebraska, South Carolina, Texas, Wyoming and Denmark.
RESEARCH: 88 researchers from California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland and email/phone/Facebook.

ACQUISITIONS

Materials

The Archive could not continue to document the history of Danish Americans without these wonderful materials including complete family collections, photos, books, periodicals, music and obituaries. We appreciate your financial donations to support the processing and storage of your materials.

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 Larrie Stone (Ames, IA)
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 Joyce Johnsen
 Erna Berthelsen (Albert Lea, MN)
 Myrv Christopherson (Decorah, IA)
 Michael & Jill Hennick (Blair, NE)
 Beulah Larsen, age 103
 Charlotte & Ron Young (Fremont, NE)
 Esther Larsen
 Phil Larsen family (Blair, NE)
 Gary & Diane Madsen (Omaha, NE)
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 Lowell & Sue Madsen (Fresno, CA)
 In memory of Ben Miller (dad) playing basketball at Dana 1936-37
 Linda Karen Miller (Henderson, NV)
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 John W. & Elizabeth Nielsen
 Myrv Christopherson (Decorah, IA)
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 Myrv Christopherson (Decorah, IA)

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All donations are placed in the General Fund unless otherwise specified. Those who give through the 50/100 Club are listed in each issue of Jottings.

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50/100 Club

The name of the 50/100 Club was inspired by the idea that if 100 members gave \$50 per month, most of our operating expenses would be met. Members sustain DAAL by giving a minimum of \$600 per year (given monthly, quarterly, or yearly according to the donor's preference). Those at the Founder Level give at least \$2,000 per year. An added benefit of being part of the 50/100 club is receiving one donation acknowledgment for tax purposes in January reflecting a yearly total of all donations, rather than getting a separate acknowledgment for each financial contribution. These donations are part of the General Fund.

(* indicates deceased)

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These donors have named DAAL in their estates (* indicates deceased). If you are not on this list but should be, please contact Jill Hennick at 402-426-7910.

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ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment fund is an investment in the future of the Archive. Some named funds have been established in memory of loved ones. The balance in the endowment follows. Figures are rounded to the nearest \$500 and are listed at historic cost.

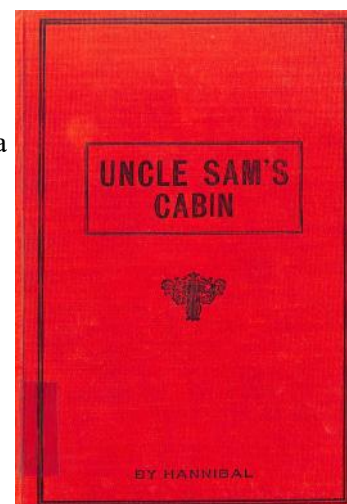
Ada Stokes Jeppesen Memorial Fund	\$100,000
Deloris Hansen Bengtson Memorial Fund	71,000
Oscar & Dody Johnson Memorial Fund	13,000
Bernhard & Marilyn Erling Memorial Fund	10,000
John T. & Virginia (Lippincott) Beck Memorial Fund	7,500
Rev. Aster & Ruth Neve Family Memorial Fund	7,500
Dagmar Vasby Memorial Fund	7,000
Martin & Else Andersen Memorial Fund	5,000
Earl Jensen Family Memorial Fund	4,000
Rev. Sigurd D. & Dorothy M. Petersen Memorial Fund	3,500
Maryann & Jerry Lund Memorial Fund	2,500
Subtotal of named funds with balances over \$1,000	231,000
General Endowment Fund	141,000
Total Endowment Funds	\$372,000

Thanks to everyone who has made plans to **support the future of the Archive** through their estate by naming the Danish American Archive and Library as a beneficiary in wills, trusts, securities, annuities, life insurance policies and retirement accounts.

These Legacy Builders are listed in each newsletter's Archive Report.

OLD BOOK ON THE SHELF

Peter M. Hannibal published *Uncle Sam's Cabin* in 1910. The author was born in Denmark in 1849 and came to America in 1856 with his family. They settled in Wisconsin and then later in Nebraska. Peter was a teacher and a writer. The story takes place, for the most part, among the forests and lakes of Wisconsin, just before and then in the decades after the Civil War. The extended family, friends and foes of Uncle Sam and Aunt Minnie are at the heart of the book. The work has much to say about Christianity, patriotism, slavery, immigrants, work, and, especially, the dangers of alcohol and the "liquor trade." One could easily conclude that Hannibal's reason for writing the book was to aid in the cause of temperance. ■



FROM THE DANA ROOM (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Throughout the next 48 years the pool was used for recreation, PE instruction, synchronized swimming and other aquatic events. A former football player mentioned that the pool was a great place to cool off after late summer practices. (No further details will be published here.) The pool remained in use until the early 2000s when leaks were detected, and the cost of repairs became prohibitive. There was some thought that the pool could be filled in and the space used for further wrestling facilities; however, the college closed before that proposal was implemented. The special student-funded swimming pool is empty and deserted as are so many treasured places on the Dana campus, filled only with memories and gratitude. It is a reminder of the dedication, initiative and teamwork of the hundreds of students over the 126 years who loved Dana and shared her spirit far beyond that small college on The Hill. ■



In 2020, the DAAL acquired a new logo. Since that time, many of our volunteers have asked whether they could purchase shirts with the attractive design.



For a limited amount of time, an online store is open. You can see all of the available styles at daalstore.itemorder.com.



All of the shirts will be made at one time in a batch. **The deadline for ordering is September 8, 2024.**



Contact Information

Thank you for your interest in the Danish American Archive and Library. All members enjoy three issues of the *Jottings* newsletter each year and reduced program service fees. The newsletter is mailed in March, July and December. Please keep your contact information current.

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Featured Danish American Commemorative Wall Panel

<https://danishamericanarchive.com/danish-american-commemorative-wall-gallery/>

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

The Wall continues to grow. Six more panels will be added this summer. A limited number of panels are still available.

We will continue to feature a panel in each issue of the newsletter.

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



Myrvin and Anne Christopherson

Myrvin F. and Anne C. (Marking) Christopherson served as President and First Lady of Dana College from 1986 to 2005. During Myrv's presidency Anne served as Coordinator of Special Events. Myrv was born in Milltown, WI in 1939 and graduated from Dana College in 1961. He received a Ph.D. from Purdue University, doing his doctoral study on Søren Kierkegaard's Dialectic of Ethical and Religious Communication. Anne was born in Holmen, WI in 1940 and received her B.A. from Luther College in 1962. She worked as Director of Young Adults at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, WI, where she met Myrv. They had four children:

Kirsten, Berit, Bjorn and Nisse, and four grandchildren: Aleide, Espen, Else and Torben. The family lived in Madison, WI and Stevens Point, WI during the years Myrv was teaching at the University of Wisconsin from 1965 to 1986.

After retirement in 2006 they moved from Blair, NE to Decorah, IA.

Myrv was awarded Knight of the Order of the Dannebrog by order of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark in 1997 and further honored with Knight First Class in 2006.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PARTING SHOT



Congratulations to Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp on their hundredth anniversary! The camp was originally the Lake Okoboji Bible School Association of the Iowa District of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This photo, from the summer of 1927, features a gathering of Sunday school teachers with their instructors and leaders. The six men seated in the front row (all Lutheran pastors) from left to right are A. V. Neve; Fred C. M. Hansen; J. R. E. Hunt (visiting from the Augustana Synod); James C. Peterson; P. C. Jensen; and Christian Justesen. ■