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## Double Serendipity

This tale of amazing coincidences begins with the burial of Jacob Fuglsang in 1896, in the Frisk Cemetery, Byron Township, Hughes County, South Dakota. More than a century later, three members of our local society (Virginia Hanson, Susan Assmus and Jessie Elder) and guest Patricia Kirby took a short field trip to locate the cemetery and survey the remaining headstones. We spent a peaceful afternoon along a seldom-used back road, listening to the meadowlarks and enjoying the immense arc of prairie sky.

There were only three stones left of an original 29 monuments. Clustered together and probably not marking the actual resting place of any of these individuals, they made a forlorn grouping. One lay flat, partly covered with weeds; one was pock-marked by bullets; and one had completely lost its top half. Jacob's stone had the following verse:

"The pains of death are past.  
Labor and sorrow cease.  
And life's long warfare closed at last.  
His soul is found in peace."

Later that summer, the society attempted to learn the fate of this little burial ground. We learned that the burials were reinterred somewhere else but we could not discover where. None of the 29 listed individuals could be located in other local cemeteries. We thought we had reached the end of the story.

However, in August, Virginia Hanson, at her position at the South Dakota State Archives, encountered two branches of Jacob's family in a most unusual way.

First, she was assisting a visitor to the archives, Ms. Roberta Ramsey of California, when the woman asked how to find information about a local family, the Fuglsangs. Virginia was delighted to share with her the story of our field trip, showing her the rubbings and photographs we had taken. It was a remarkable coincidence but not unheard of.

Within 24 hours, however, serendipity struck again. As Virginia assisted another set of visitors to the archive, Ms. Vicki Roth and her daughter from New York state, they too enquired about the Fuglsang family. Astounded, Virginia again shared her knowledge and asked for permission to bring the two women into contact. Within days, the two branches of Jacob's family were emailing each other, discovering their relationship as cousins and sharing their family histories.

Both had traveled a long distance to do research in Pierre, yet missed each other by barely a day. By astounding good luck, however, both encountered one of only four people in the area who knew of Jacob Fuglsang and his lonely grave on the prairie.




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## Hughes County Marriages, 1885 to 1899, M through O

Continuing with our listing of marriage licenses issued in Hughes County, South Dakota, during the years 1885 through 1899, we present data for surnames beginning with M through O. Following issues will complete the series alphabetically as space permits.

A reminder: Most (but not all) of these licenses may be found at the Deeds Office at the Hughes County Courthouse. The missing certificates may have been the result of using the license to marry in another county or instances in which the wedding never actually took place. For other licences, the original records are no longer available. 

<b>Groom (M-O)</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Date</b>
Madsen, Christian Kruse	Thompson, Carrie	April 07, 1896
Malick, William F.	Owen, Lillie L.	November 11, 1899
Mallery, George E.	Shore or Shove, Ada	June 24, 1898
Mallock, William G.	Parrett, Carrie	January 23, 1889
March, George Keith	Holmes, Helen L. Sammis	October 24, 1898
Marian, Dormidas	Greenough, Virginia	May 01, 1888
Marrington, Lester	Barton, Mable	May 08, 1891
Martin, William Sheridan	Putnam, Lyle Lura	August 10, 1896
Martin, Wm. S.	Long, Emma J.	January 12, 1892
Masters, Myron	Raber, Scilda Isabella	February 09, 1890
Mathieson, Justus S.	Fetterley, Almeda	June 17, 1891
Mathieson, Robert B., jr.	Santo, Emma M.	June 21, 1895
Matthews, Emil Franze	Naeman or Nauman, Lizzie	September 12, 1896
Mattson, Frank	Schuck, Luella	September 03, 1899
Mattson, M.F.	Olson, Christen	March 30, 1893
McKean, Scott E.	Forsyth, Alice Ann	August 28, 1899
McLaughlin, George W.	Taylor, Celiste May	November 29, 1890
McLeod, Charles	Treece, Nettie Luella	December 21, 1896
McMacken, Charles R.	Felton, Susie M.	August 03, 1899
McMahan, Alexander Simpson	Seward, Lena May	November 28, 1895
McMahon, Marion D.	Way, Gertrude Alice	October 13, 1889
McMamara, James A. William	Hilgenbocker, Laura Emma	November 18, 1899
McNeely, Frank	Sommer, Clara Isabel	December 24, 1898
Metzger, Charles A.	Meyers, Daisy J.	August 13, 1890
Meyers, J.W.	Grass, Mellissa M.	May 21, 1893
Miller, James	Smith, Maggie	May 09, 1888



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<b>Groom (M-O)</b>	<b>Bride</b>	<b>Date</b>
Miller, Thomas	Dupree, Alice	October 09, 1898
Miner, William L.	Thompson, Mattie	November 30, 1889
Minich, Charles	Collins, Clara	January 11, 1897
Mohau, Edward	Besancon, Jennie	October 01, 1896
Moir, Peter A.	Rowell, Hulda W.	August 12, 1896
Monahan, Wm.	Craig, Rebecca	May 15, 1889
Moore, Albert L.	Atkinson, Caroline W.	June 23, 1898
Moore, James N.	Geltz, Winnifred	November 08, 1890
Moore, Thomas J.	Peterson, Ida	November 25, 1891
Morgan, Zadoc	Reynar, Ida M.	August 27, 1891
Morton, Frank	Lillibridge, DeEtte	October 22, 1898
Mosteller, Elwood B.	Scovel, Olive	April 07, 1889
Moxness, Bernt	Olson, Nettie	January 03, 1891
Naibling, Lawrence L.	Grenard, Eliz	December 19, 1887
Narcelle, Edward	Airhart, Emma	September 08, 1890
Nardin, Charles F.	Green, Lillian May	July 01, 1891
Neal, James Haley	Airhart, Maud	August 24, 1896
Neffeler, Edward B.	Pattison, George	April 17, 1895
Nelson, Andrew G.	Brekke, Jennie	September 14, 1898
Nesmith, Frank M.	Copes, Lillian M.	November 27, 1889
Newcombe, John	Newton, Laura May	November 10, 1898
Northdurft, John F.	Bahnsin or Bahnson, Bertha S.	December 30, 1891
Nye, Allyn Russell	Adams, Etta May	September 25, 1897
Nye, Willard S.	Littlejohn, Laura J.	January 31, 1894
Nystrom, Fred	Nystrom, Louise	September 17, 1891
Oberlin, Fred C.	Stinger, Minnie	October 24, 1890
Odemark, Edward	Hauge, Martha	November 20, 1895
Ohrman, Edward H.	Dennerline or Demerline, Sarah J.	October 25, 1888
Oldfield, Oliver P.	Mitz, Amelia	November 30, 1899
Osterkamp, Henry F.	Hill, Maude E.	January 01, 1890
Ostrander, James Cameron	Owens, Margeret	December 24, 1895
Owens, Owen L.	Blake, Elta E.	October 27, 1897

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<b>Bride (M-O)</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Date</b>
Madsen, Laura	Jones, John Byard	April 19, 1899
Malick, Pauline or Lena	Coons, John B.	July 31, 1890
Malick or Malock, Julia	Serres, John W.	July 31, 1890
Mallock, Isabella T.	Pierce, Edward A.	November 27, 1894

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<b>Bride (M-O)</b>	<b>Groom</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mallon or Mallone, Melissa	Barnes, Herman E.	December 15, 1888
Marenda, Louisa	Brandell, Gustave	March 18, 1899
Marsh, Apha Unita	Smith, Fred B.	July 24, 1890
Marsh, Edna F.	Ackerman, George Birney	September 04, 1899
Martin, Ettie May	Hutchinson, Robert Louis	October 03, 1899
Martin, Lizzie	Woolson, Cornelius F.	January 13, 1891
Mathison, Mable	Borden, Merton	September 30, 1895
Mauttry, Mary W.	Kalish, Frank	October 29, 1893
McArthur, Mary	Hausman, J.W.	November 26, 1889
McCarts, Amelia	Deleham, Edward C.	July 31, 1897
McClure, Carrie	Ihli, Joseph	September 02, 1892
McCracken, Jessie	Elshere, Lennel	October 04, 1899
McGannon, Sue M.	Stine, Geo. W.	April 20, 1892
McGinnis, Lizzie	Rathmell or Rathmall, Aron Clinton	April 10, 1894
McMamara, Mary A.E.	Loughlin, Peter J.	February 25, 1895
McNally, Margaret	Purcell, Richard Thomas	September 22, 1897
McNeal, Della	Bower, Leonard	July 31, 1897
McNutt, Harriet A.	Cummings, Geo. W.	June 22, 1891
Medcalf, Minnie	Armstrong, L.H.	September 02, 1893
Merriman, Irene	Houty, George	September 28, 1887
Meyers, Daisy J.	Metzger, Charles A.	August 13, 1890
Mitchel, Alice E.	Daniel, Seth Calvin	May 13, 1896
Mitchell, Alice Estella	Daniel, Seth Calvin	January 14, 1896
Mitchell, Manerva or Minerva Bell	Cook, Charles William Oscar	July 02, 1896
Mitz, Amelia	Oldfield, Oliver P.	November 30, 1899
Molash, Mary	Fallis, Joseph	February 20, 1892
Montgomery, Matilda J.	Hogan, John	August 16, 1895
Moroney, Ellen	Searl, William Bradley	January 08, 1897
Morton, Estabel	Howry, True W.	December 12, 1897
Muir, Maud	Wilkinson, Vernon	November 23, 1896
Murphy, Ida M.	Thompson, Charles L.	July 26, 1893
Naeman or Nauman, Lizzie	Matthews, Emil Franze	September 12, 1896
Nedrow, Minnie	Kipp, John H.	November 09, 1891
Nelson, Anna	Peterson, John P.	May 28, 1891
Nelson, Nettie	Jacobsen, George	March 31, 1898
Neudecker, Anna	Arnst, Frank	December 10, 1891
Neuman, Louisa	Bowers, Stephen	October 12, 1898
Newbern, Amanda	Stinger, James P.	November 01, 1891
Newton, Laura May	Newcombe, John	November 10, 1898



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Bride (M-O)	Groom	Date
Nice White Woman, Julia	Fisherman, Henry	October 08, 1891
Nichol or Nicol, Aggie B.	Johnson, Lewis L.	December 14, 1892
Nordvold, Mathilda Theresa	Brekke, Hans Lawrence	April 27, 1897
Nye, Grace E.	Billings, George A.	December 17, 1892
Nystrom, Louise	Nystrom, Fred	September 17, 1891
ODonnell, Maud Beatrice	Shunk, Wilson Larmar	July 05, 1896
O'Donnell, Sarah A.	Hall, John W.	April 29, 1895
O'Donnell, Theresa	Solberg, Albert C.	November 27, 1895
Olson, Anna H.	Tweed, Nels Nelson	February 25, 1896
Olson, Anna S.	Larson, Nels E.	November 28, 1891
Olson, Annie	Sorenson, Halvor E.	October 11, 1895
Olson, Christen	Mattson, M.F.	March 30, 1893
Olson, Mary	Johnson, Frederick	March 21, 1896
Olson, Nettie	Moxness, Bernt	January 03, 1891
Owen, Lillie L.	Malick, William F.	November 11, 1899
Owens, Annie	Wolfe, William Booker	February 26, 1897
Owens, Annie	Fountain, Ezra W.	July 26, 1898
Owens, Margeret	Ostrander, James Cameron	December 24, 1895

## *Don't Tell the Girls: Book Review*



Patricia Reilly Giff remembers her grandmothers in a small but warm presentation of family tales. Her charming and wistful memories of her Nana and her search for knowledge of her other grandmother from Ireland will remind all of us of the reasons we do family history.

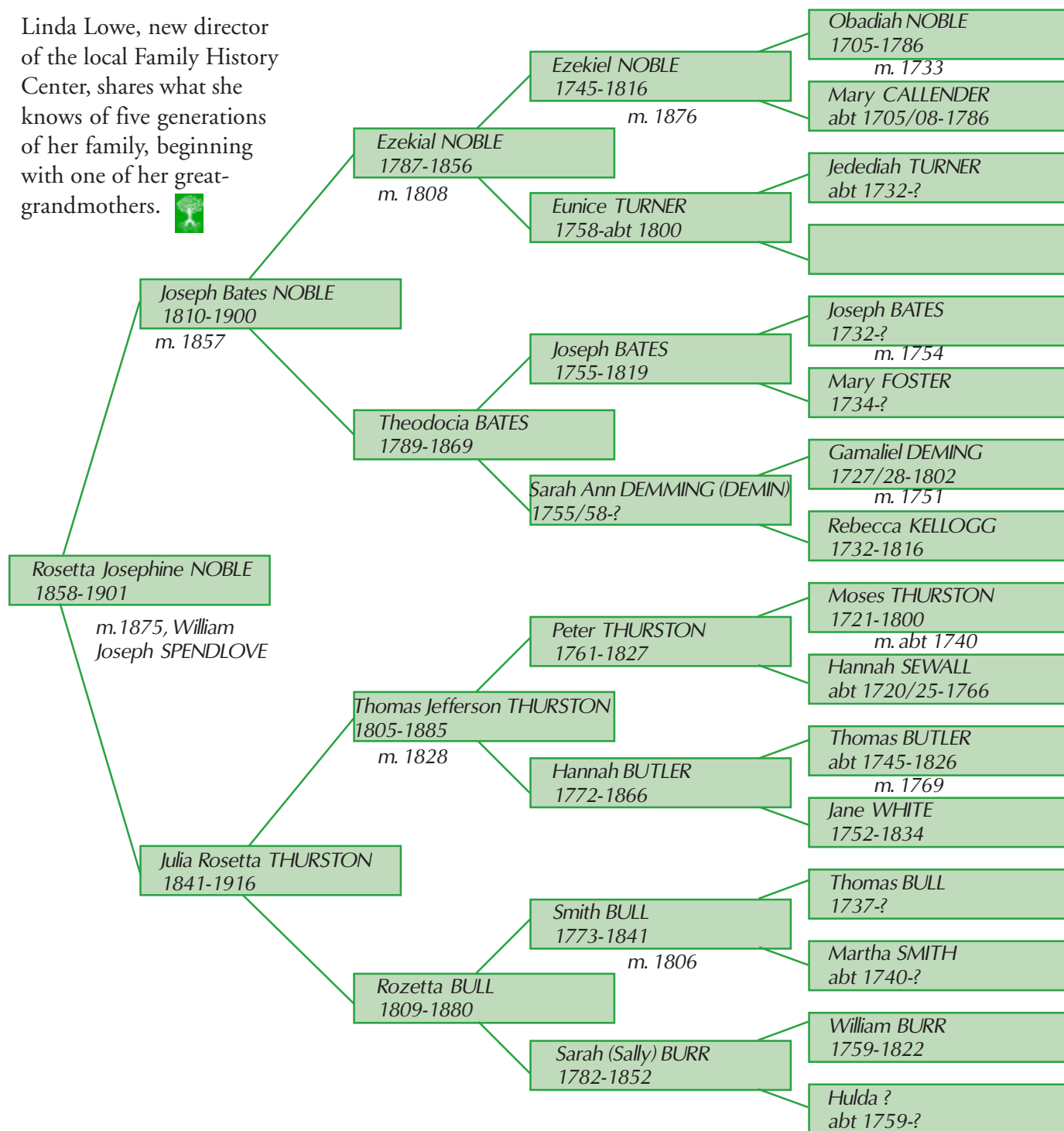
As a novice genealogist, she learns to start her search with herself and her own memories. Later she describes learning how to speak to librarians and archivists, how to do research and how to let others help when traveling to ancestral places.

An easy-to-read little book with lovely old photographs, it evokes an earlier time as the author describes her closeness with Nana and her longing to have known her Grandmother Jennie. Lest the title mislead you, it is only Nana's warning to the author not to mention to her mother or aunts whatever folly Nana had committed, keeping the secret between the two of them.



# Linda Lowe's Ancestors

Linda Lowe, new director of the local Family History Center, shares what she knows of five generations of her family, beginning with one of her great-grandmothers.







## News Notes

The South Dakota Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a free workshop all day Saturday, May 29th, at the Governor's Inn in Pierre. The DAR is hoping to organize a local chapter of their organization.

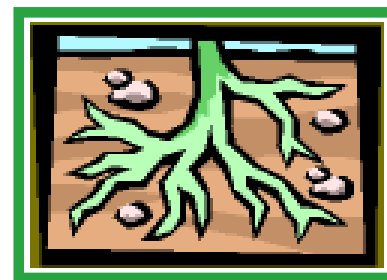
The South Dakota Genealogical Society recently adopted the following clarifications on the use of research cards for South Dakota vital records. Cards are for the use of one individual only and are non-transferable. They are issued without expiration date and lost cards may be replaced for a fee of \$2.

The local Family History Center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has appointed a new director, Linda Lowe, a member of the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Genealogical Society. The center has also extended its hours and is open at the following times:

- Tuesday 1-5 p.m.
- Wednesday 1-9 p.m.
- Thursday 7-9 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

There's a brand-new wiki on the Web. What's a wiki, you ask? A wiki is a website that allows any user to create/edit pages without knowing any special programming needed. The original wiki is Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia. This new one is We Relate ([www.werelate.org](http://www.werelate.org)), dedicated to genealogy. You can create pages discussing research sources, surnames, local histories, tips and techniques. The site also contains a search engine that covers the wiki itself as well as more than 6 million websites related to genealogy. Try it out; it's free!

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## Summer Bydelag Stevne

### June

Sunnfjordlag - June 29-July 1, Luther College,  
Decorah, IA

### July

Seven Lag - July 13-15, Holiday Inn Convention  
Center in Sioux Falls SD  
<http://stevne.hadelandlag.org/news.htm>

### August

Tre-Lag Stevne - August 2-5, Plaza Hotel and Suites,  
Eau Claire, WI. Contacts: Dixie Hansen - Nord  
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Schwartz - Trønderlag (734)769-2877

Sognefjordlag Stevne - August 4-5, Westby and Coon  
Valley, WI. Contact: Kathy Johnson, (608)238-  
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### September

Opdalslag - September 9-10, Scandia  
Lutheran Church, Centerville, SD.  
Contact: Gil Gjere, (605)766-1095

Solør Lag - September 13-16, Best  
Western Doublewood Inn (near I-29  
on 13th Avenue), Fargo, ND

Nordfjordlag - Sept 17, Green Lake Bible  
Camp, Spicer, MN

Romerikslag - September 21-23, Best  
Western Soldiers Field, 401 6th St. SW,  
Rochester, MN. Contact: Marcia  
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### October

Nordfjord-WI, October 7, Ferryville,  
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