



# PRESERVATION PRESS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March Board Meeting:  
9 a.m., March 17, at  
Threads of Memories  
(enter thru alley door).

Preserve Brookings  
Annual Meeting:  
Monday, June 8, Old  
Firehall, 410 4th St.,  
Business meeting at 6:30  
p.m., Program at 7 p.m.

Preservation Leadership  
Training: June 20-27, in  
Deadwood. Applications  
due March 31, 2009 (see  
story in this issue).

Downtown Grand  
Reopening:  
Thursday thru Saturday,  
Sept. 10-12.



PLT at the Lied Lodge and  
Conference Center,  
Nebraska City, Neb, 2006.

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## WHAT IS PRESERVATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING?

**P**reservation Leadership Training (PLT) is an intensive one-week experience tailored to respond to the needs of state and local preservation organizations and agencies. It emphasizes providing a participatory experience in leadership and organizational development techniques and the most up-to-date and effective information and training in current preservation practices, issues and action strategies.

### Preservation Leadership Training will be held:

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PLT took place in Birmingham, Alabama on January 10-17, 2009. To view the final report go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/plt/>

According to Ross Plambeck, Portland Development Commission, Portland, Oregon, "The skills I learned at PLT helped me save an abandoned 1892 brick school earmarked for demolition and convert it into a community center and regional historical museum... The lessons from PLT were invaluable in the community process to facilitate the discussion on how to make the renovation happen."

### Who should attend?

PLT is aimed at staff and volunteer leaders of private, nonprofit preservation organizations, staff of state and local government agencies, members or staff of commissions, and others who are in a position to influence preservation activities in their communities.

The faculty is drawn from national, state, and local experts in preservation and organizational development, giving participants a balanced national perspective and a network of regional and local resources for the future. Faculty members are available following their presentations to meet informally with participants and discuss individual concerns.

"Solid knowledge of legal tools, strategic planning, fund raising, and economics is something every preservationist needs, but these subjects are rarely taught in a single forum. PLT exceeded my expectations," says Kaisa Barthuli, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico

### How Much?

The tuition for the program is \$450, which includes a one-year membership in National Trust Forum. Applicants who individually or through their sponsoring organization are members of National Trust Forum are eligible for a discounted tuition of \$350. An additional meal assessment fee is charged for group catering.

Participants are responsible for lodging costs, most meals and transportation to and from the PLT site. Participants are required to stay at the designated group hotel, as the PLT schedule is quite intensive and many sessions extend into the evening hours. The National Trust will make all arrangements with the designated hotel; please do not attempt to make reservations directly. Details are provided to accepted participants.

## PRESERVATION LEADERSHIP TRAINING (CONT)

### Scholarships?

A limited number of scholarships are available to ensure the cultural diversity of participants and will be applied to housing and/or meal fees. Applicants must demonstrate why the assistance is needed, why the National Trust is the only source of assistance available to them, and how their participation will enhance the diversity of the preservation movement.

Participants who are not eligible for cultural diversity scholarships may qualify for support from the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will be applied to housing and/or meal fees. Applicants must demonstrate why the assistance is needed, why the National Trust is the only source of assistance available to them, and how

their participation will contribute to historic preservation efforts in their community. Donate now to the PLT Alumni Scholarship Fund!

PLT takes place in June in a different National Trust region each year. Contact the Center for Preservation Leadership to add your name to the mailing list. Please include both email and postal address.

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## State Historical Society Offers Online Index to Pioneer Daughters Collection

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota State Historical Society-Archives now has an index to a collection of stories of female pioneers online.

The Pioneer Daughters Collection is the result of a statewide General Federation of Women's Clubs effort to collect and preserve the stories of female pioneers in South Dakota. Arranged by county, married name and maiden name, this collection of nearly 6,000 stories is the largest body of women's histories in the State Archives at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center.

The GFWC Pioneer Daughter's Collection is available at the State Historical Society Web site at [www.sdhistory.org](http://www.sdhistory.org) under the "In the Spotlight".

Beginning in the 1940s, Marie Drew, chair of the Pioneer Daughters Collection, began the work of gathering biographies of female pioneers of South Dakota. Her efforts, garnered a

collection of some 6,000 stories of the Great Plains.

"This is a great collection which the State Historical Society is happy to feature on its Web site," said State Archivist Chelle Somsen. "The index will be helpful for individuals looking for clues into their family's history and also organizations working on county histories."

The collected biographies include women of various social standing and ethnic background who lived in South Dakota during the first half of the 20th century. A very small portion of the entries also include photographs. Patrons can order a copy of a particular entry by contacting the State Historical Society-Archives.

The State Archives is open Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact the archives by phone at (605) 773-3804 or by e-mail at [archref@state.sd.us](mailto:archref@state.sd.us)

# Pioneer Daughters from Brookings County



| Maiden Name                          | Married Name                   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (?), Anna .....                      | Larson, Mrs. Lewis             |
| (?), Bertha.....                     | Cole, Mrs. Fred                |
| (?), Bertha.....                     | Simmons, Mrs. William          |
| (?), Carrie.....                     | Anderson, Mrs. Walter P.       |
| (?), Clara.....                      | Nelson, Mrs. Nels              |
| (?), Clara Otilda .....              | Mundahl, Mrs. Leonard          |
| (?), Ella Marie.....                 | Amundson, Mrs. Adolph          |
| (?), Emma.....                       | Quickstad, Mrs. John O.        |
| (?), Georgia Anna .....              | Johnson, Mrs. David Asher      |
| (?), Gertrude.....                   | McKinnon, Mrs. Alexander       |
| (?), Jennie .....                    | Oines, Mrs. Albert S.          |
| (?), Kjerstie.....                   | Fjeseth (Digrehagen), Mrs. Ole |
| (?), Laura.....                      | Carlson, Mrs. (?)              |
| (?), Louise .....                    | Dunbar, Mrs. B. E.             |
| (?), Sena (Dena) Josephine .....     | Shirley, Mrs. Thorvald A.      |
| ?.....                               | Goodfellow, Mrs. William       |
| ?.....                               | Hall, Mrs. Philo               |
| ?.....                               | Murphy, Mrs. Frank             |
| Alseika, Sophie .....                |                                |
| Ask, Maren Vangen.....               | Olson, Mrs. Andrew             |
| Askalon, Magdalene .....             | Graham, Mrs. Irving            |
| Aslakson, Matilda Amanda.....        | Jacobson, Mrs. Hans J.         |
| Axtell, Marietta Blanche "Net" ..... | Ranney, Mrs. William Silas     |
| Bell, Kathryn .....                  | Moe, Mrs. E. A.                |
| Binkle, Elizabeth.....               | Lung, Mrs. George M.           |
| Bjerke, Inga M.....                  | Sundet, Mrs. Helmer            |
| Bjornstad, Petra .....               | Erickson, Mrs. Ole             |
| Bockey, Sophia .....                 |                                |
| Bortnem, Christine.....              | Dahl, Mrs. Bernt               |
| Brunick, Bertha .....                | Henrikson, Mrs. Chris          |
| Bruvold, Olina .....                 | Svaren, Mrs. Nels John         |
| Cowles, Gertie May .....             | Valentine, Mrs. William A.     |
| Crowell, Lulu Agnes.....             | Swartz, Mrs. Carl Frederick    |
| Dammen, Lise Marie .....             | Thompson, Mrs. Ole             |
| Dean, Emma.....                      | Quam, Mrs. Andrew              |
| Erickson, Clara Bertina.....         | Rogholt, Mrs. Lewis            |
| Falken, Edith.....                   |                                |
| Fasbender, Sophia Agatha.....        | Tobin, Mrs. John Robert        |
| Felberg, Mary.....                   |                                |
| Friedel, Ida .....                   | Smith, Mrs. Henry              |
| Gullick, Minerva Priscilla .....     | Castle, Mrs. George A.         |
| Gurina, Clara .....                  | Olson, Mrs. Robert E.          |
| Halsten, Edna.....                   | Leite, Mrs. Gustav K.          |
| Halsten, Theodora.....               | Leite, Mrs. Gustaf             |
| Hanson, Eva .....                    | Gilkerson, Mrs. David          |
| Harris, Ida V.....                   | Bennett, Mrs. Loyal J.         |
| Heath, Hattie Mae .....              | Olson, Mrs. Fred B.            |
| Hilmoe, Sina Anna.....               | Jacobson, Mrs. Thomas          |
| Hodgman, Hattie .....                | Hodge, Mrs. John Edgar         |

## Pioneer Daughters from Brookings County (CONT)

| Maiden Name                              | Married Name                  |
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| Hoffelman, Caroline C.....               | Hjermstad, Mrs. Lars S.       |
| Hoffman, Sophia .....                    | Risch, Mrs. John              |
| Johnson, Alma .....                      | Otterness, Mrs. Lars A.       |
| Johnson, Hattie .....                    | Simonson, Mrs. Severt         |
| Johnson, Leonora.....                    | Bacon, Mrs. H. W.             |
| Kettner, Maria Elizabeth.....            | Puhr, Mrs. Joseph             |
| Krause, Bertha .....                     | Schiefelbein, Mrs. William E. |
| Kretsinger, Iva.....                     | Kurtz, Mrs. Gust              |
| Krogstad, Maren Kristine.....            | Thomson, Mrs. Anton           |
| Laabs, Bertha Bessie.....                | Dumke, Mrs. Henry             |
| Laabs, Rosa Lena.....                    | Green, Mrs. Thomas J.         |
| Laing, Ellen Martha .....                | Crowell, Mrs. Henry M.        |
| Lindsay, Mary Margaret "Minnie" .....    | Bushnell, Mrs. J. H.          |
| Lloyd, Anne.....                         | Russell, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton |
| Loveland, Emily D. ....                  | Murray, Mrs. Oxcar O.         |
| Lung, Rachel Abigail .....               | Waldrath, Mrs. George         |
| Mennis, Anna Olava .....                 | Fuhrman, Mrs. (?)             |
| Mork, Ellen.....                         | Jensen, Mrs. John             |
| Morris, Jennie.....                      | Seemann, Mrs. Henry           |
| Mueller, Alvina .....                    | Jans, Mrs. William            |
| Nelson, Bertha Catherine.....            | Williams, Mrs. Fred           |
| Nelson, Tina .....                       | Otteson, Mrs. James C.        |
| Ortness, Kristianna .....                | Trygstad, Mrs. Nils           |
| Pike, Nora Myrtle.....                   | Miller, Mrs. LeRoy E.         |
| Rebme, Julia .....                       | Rude, Mrs. Ole                |
| Roberts, Ellen.....                      |                               |
| Rogness, Anna Josephine.....             | Halverson, Mrs. Henry         |
| Rogness, Marit.....                      | Rogness, Mrs. Andrew          |
| Ruttum, Bertha .....                     | Solem, Mrs. Ben               |
| Sagerlie, Carrie .....                   | Thompson, Mrs. Herbert        |
| Sayles, Amanda .....                     | Walradth, Mrs. George Henry   |
| Skarloken, Matilda.....                  |                               |
| Smith, Helen A. ....                     | Brown, Mrs. R. L.             |
| Smith, Nellie Dakota.....                |                               |
| Swanson, Dena .....                      | Christensen, Mrs. John        |
| Sween, Tilda.....                        | Sneve, Mrs. John M.           |
| Taskila, Ida .....                       | Holsti, Mrs. J. E.            |
| Taylor, Mary .....                       | Porter, Mrs. Harry S.         |
| Thomas, Lillian May .....                | Osborn, Mrs. James Elmer      |
| Twedt, Ida.....                          | Wosje, Mrs. Rudolph           |
| Underwood, Florence.....                 | Lee, Mrs. Vernon R.           |
| Vagnild, Merit Johnsdtr.....             | Engilsgood, Mrs. Knut         |
| Walsch, Josephine Mary (Marie Walsh) ... | Horn, Mrs. Robert L.          |
| Ward, Urane .....                        | Weston, Mrs. Millard D.       |
| Westley, Inga .....                      | Peterson, Mrs. Arnt           |
| Westrum, Emma.....                       | Sterud, Mrs. John M.          |
| Westrum, Inge.....                       | Hovey, Mrs. Peter J.          |
| Westrum, Martha .....                    | Cotton, Mrs. Lynn             |



## Pioneer Daughters from Brookings County (CONT)

Stories can be requested from the Pioneer Daughters collection. They require pre-payment for the search and a processing fee of \$10.60. They do no billing. Payment can be made by check or money order payable to the S.D.State Archives. All the necessary information for a search can be found online at: <http://www.sdhistory.org/arc/gfwc/gfwcindex.html>

*The following story about Mrs. Bernt Dahl is part of the Pioneer Daughter collection and was submitted by Mrs. Virgil Dahl of Volga.*

### **Christine Bortnem (Mrs Bernt Dahl)**

My mother-in-law, Mrs. Bernt Dahl (nee Christine Bortnem) was born to Soren and Anna Bortnem on May 6, 1879, in Goodhue County, Minnesota. She spent most of her childhood in Lake County, South Dakota.

She told me, "I wore high-top shoes and wore long dresses. The school house was heated by a potbellied stove, fueled by coal. That was something! It was too hot by it and cold in all the corners!

We used copy-books, slates, and our teacher gave each of us a pencil. We were afraid we would break them - and don't you suppose I broke mine almost right away!

"Readin', writin' and 'rithmetic was what we studied in those days. When Hannah Engelson was our teacher we really learned to sing, "O Say Can You See."

The fall that I was fifteen I was confirmed at the Lake Campbell Lutheran Church by Reverend Aaberg. There were twenty-nine of us in that class.

I married Bernt Dahl on June 11, 1913. We built a new house in Summit Township, Lake County and our address was Volga, South Dakota.

Five children were born to us here: Alice Marie, Burnet (sic) Sanford, Elroy Philip, Verna Elizabeth, Virgil Oneal.

We raised cattle, hogs and chickens and farmed with horses. My children attended a country school.

My girls attended high school at Brookings and went to business schools and became bookkeepers.

Sanford and Philip went to Detroit, Michigan, and joined a crew of plasterers, later became contractors, and Sanford became a machinist.

Virgil bought the farm in 1943 and Bernt and I moved to Sinai, South Dakota, where we lived until his death in 1952. Virgil then supervised the building of a house for me in Volga, South Dakota.

On February 15, 1970, Christine Dahl died quietly in her favorite chair. Her daughter Verna was with her. It was her husband's birthday anniversary.

Blessed be her memory. "I walked beside that cold rose box and felt my hot tears fall. I never told her near enough, never told her all the ways I'd loved her while she lived."

YOUR INVESTMENT IN PRESERVE BROOKINGS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED

# Preserve Brookings

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**Our program plays an important role  
in the protection and promotion of historical,  
cultural and environmental  
heritage in Brookings.**

## *Our Mission*

*Preserve Brookings  
protects and promotes  
the historical, cultural,  
architectural, visual,  
and environmental  
heritage of the  
Brookings area  
through education,  
alliance building,  
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## Our Mission

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*Preserve Brookings protects and promotes the historical, cultural, architectural, visual, and environmental heritage of the Brookings area through education, alliance building, and action.*

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## BOOKS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAIN STREET LIBRARY

The following books are examples of the many books that may be checked out for a two-week period by any resident of Brookings County at the Downtown Brookings office. The DBI office, 414 Main Avenue, Brookings, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop in or call 692-1554 or email [downtownbrookings.net](mailto:downtownbrookings.net) for more information.

### Getting Started: How to Succeed In Heritage Tourism

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