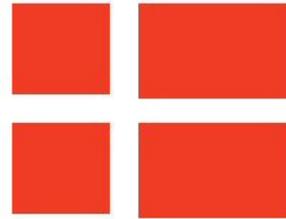


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The E-letter of the Danish Archive North East/DANE



February 2014

Welcome to the February 2014 edition of Øst (being sent in March 2014!).

It has been a cold snowy winter in the New Jersey area. We unfortunately had to cancel our Julefest this past December and we are all waiting anxiously for some sign of spring!

Everyone around the Danish Home in Edison is looking forward to the 100th anniversary celebration of the home on Sunday, May 18. It should be a fun and interesting event and all are welcome.

Thanks to Debbie McMurry, we have included several newspaper articles that involve her ancestor Peter Johnson who was a police officer in South River and a Danish Brotherhood member. The articles are all fun to read and fun to see what the Danes were doing in the early 1900s.

I included an article on our genealogical projects. We have a lot of irons in the fire!

It was suggested by Robin Peterson Emerson that a Danish recipe would be a welcome addition to each issue of Øst. That sounded like a really good idea, so we are starting with a recipe from Vibeke Aagesen for Apotekersild (Apothecary Herring Tidbits). Vibeke says that it originally comes from a close Danish friend's mother-in-law it goes back a long time. Enjoy!

A special thanks to all of the people that donated to DANE during our recent fund raising drive! It was a very successful drive and we raised \$2,930.00. That will be good to carry us through the year. A list of donors is in this newsletter. Thank You!!!

by Wendy Hansen Hudson

Newspaper articles

from Debbie McMurry

Sep 20, 1909

New Brunswick News

\$1,400 Haul by Thieves
Gershuny's Jewelry Store at South
River Robbed of Watch, Rings and
Other Articles – Three Trays of
Valuables

SOUTH RIVER – Sept. 20, (Special) –
One of the most daring daylight
robberies ever perpetrated was pulled
off here at noon today, the jewelry shop
of Emanel Gershuny being entered
while the owner was at dinner and
robbed of \$1,400 worth of Jewelry,
including three trays of rings, one watch
and another of solid gold cuff buttons.

It had been Mr. Gershuny's custom to
leave the back door of his shop
unlocked when he went to dinner and
this noon he followed his usual custom,
going to dinner shortly after twelve
o'clock. Upon his return at 12:45 o'clock
he found the place had been robbed,

and immediately notified Officer
Offenburger who is now working on
working up the case with the assistance
of Policeman Peter Johnson and some
special officers.

Mrs. Victor Wanosky, who lives near the
shop, noticed a tall man, dressed
entirely in black, walk through her yard
in the direction of Lindberg's Hotel. It is
thought this is the man who committed
the robbery. Other persons noticed
another man, probably confederate on
the streets. It is thought that the man
was on watch.

Mr. Gershuny was robbed of \$40 worth
of wedding rings last Friday noon in the
same manner and it is thought that the
same persons are responsible to the
same robberies.
The police of nearby places have been
notified.

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Nov 24, 1914

New Brunswick News

Danish Brotherhood to Hold  
Masquerade Social

One of the social events of South River  
will be held Wednesday evening,  
November 25<sup>th</sup> at George F.  
Hausermann's hotel where the Danish  
Brotherhood of South River, will hold a  
masquerade social. This will be the first  
affair of its kind to be held by the local  
brotherhood in a number of years and

many are eagerly looking forward to the  
social. A prize of two and a half dollars  
in gold will be awarded the handsomest  
dressed woman and the most comical  
dressed man. Guests are expected  
from Perth Amboy, South Amboy and  
this city. Admission fee of fifteen cents  
will include refreshments. The  
committee includes Edward Jorgen,  
chairman; Peter Johnson and Peter  
Nelson.

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Monday, Dec 11, 1905

New Brunswick Home News
SOUTH RIVER

M. E. CHURCH CELEBRATES

SOUTH RIVER, Dec 11 – The anniversary services of the M. E. Church commenced yesterday. The pulpit was occupied both morning and evening by Rev. E. C. Hancock, of Perth Amboy, who preached two eloquent, interesting and helpful sermons. There will be meeting every night this week with good spirited singing. All are welcome. The following clergyman will assist them.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. Rev. G. T. Hillman, of Old Bridge and Spotswood

Tuesday – Rev. J. F. Sechirst, of Sayreville

Wednesday – Rev. J. F. Shaw
of First Church, New Brunswick

Thursday – Rev. W. T. Vallant,
of Pitman Church, News
Brunswick

Friday – Rev. T. S. Brock, of St.
James Church, New Brunswick

Royal Council, No. 53, D. of L. will meet tonight. It is regular due night.

Miss Vera Spelling was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lott.

Borough Council will meet this evening in regular session.

The Indian vaudeville entertainment has been in Citizens' Hall for the past two weeks, closed on Saturday night. Capt. Peter Johnson won the diamond ring for guessing the correct weight of the doctor in the company.

DANE Genealogy Update

by Wendy Hansen Hudson

We continue to answer Danish genealogical requests from people that sign our guestbook on our webpage (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njdane/>) and those that email us directly (danenj@aol.com). Since the last newsletter, we have had about eight requests from the guestbook and about seven direct requests for assistance. One of those requests was from France! A little less than half of our requests are from outside the US. I believe that we were able to provide useful information in all these cases.

In March, we will be helping a Danish man who is working on a two volume book project on Danish emigration to the US from 1850-1920. He will be at DANE for a day getting information on the local Danish community. The book will be in Danish, but they are looking at also publishing it in English.

We completed indexing the records of Simpson Methodist Church in Perth Amboy. Many of the Danes from the Danish Methodist Episcopal Church later went to Simpson Methodist. Many thanks to Janice Grace for making contact with the church, participating in filming the records, and doing a lot of the indexing.

We are about halfway through indexing the records of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen. A number of Danes went to this church after they moved out of Perth Amboy.

We are always on the look out for churches in the area that will allow us to film their records. We do the filming on site and it usually only takes a day. We provide the church with a digital copy of the records so they can have a good backup of the records. We index the records and then provide the church a copy. We don't publish any record information on the web. We use the records for our own Danish research.

If anyone knows of any local churches that may have had some Danes in their parish and would be willing to let us film their records, then please let us know.

Our database of Danish families continues to grow. We currently have information on over 25,000 Danish people in the database. We usually include information on Danish immigrants and their descendants in the US, but we also include information on the Danish immigrant's ancestors for 1-2 generations back in Denmark. We include information on the Danish immigrant's siblings in Denmark. This has been very useful because often a sibling will also immigrate to the US and we can easily make the connections.

Our progress with photographing Danish headstones in Alpine Cemetery in Perth Amboy has been slowed by the snowy weather. We hope to get back to this project in the spring.

We are working on the resident files for the Danish Home in Croton-on-Hudson. We are extracting information from the files and organizing it in a spreadsheet. We are also organizing the files according to the year the resident entered the home. We finished three boxes of files, but there is another box yet to be done that is still in Croton. As soon as all that pesky snow is gone, we will be able to get there and get the box and finish the project. As soon as the project is done, all the files will be returned to the home for safekeeping. Many thanks to Erik Andersen at the home for allowing us to do this project and get all this great information!

We also have the yearly reports from the Danish Home in Croton. We are extracting the list of residents for each year and the home board list. All this information is being put in spreadsheets to help with our research.

If anyone can suggest any Danish genealogical projects that we should do, or knows of any records that would be useful to our research, then we would love to hear from you!

APOTEKERSILD
(Apothecary Herring Tidbits)

Marinade

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| ½ c. sugar | 2 | 7 oz round tins of matjes herring |
| ½ c. water | | tidbits (f.ex. Abba) |
| ½ c. vinegar, white distilled | | or |
| 1 tsp allspice, whole | 3 | 4.9 oz jars of matjes tidbits |
| 1 tsp clove, whole | | from IKEA |
| 1 tsp peppercorns | 2 | medium onions, sliced |
| 1-2 bay leaves | | |

Discard marinade from tins or jars

Place spices in wax paper, fold and crush them by pounding on the wax paper with a meat pounder. In a saucepan combine the crushed spices with the sugar-water-vinegar mixture, bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain the liquid and let it cool.

Place the herring in a serving bowl. Add the sliced onions and pour the spiced marinade over them. Refrigerate over night.

Serve as an appetizer, or as an open-faced sandwich on buttered pumpernickel accompanied by beer and aquavit.

Vibeke Agesen

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If we forgot anyone or if we got anyone's name incorrect – we apologize (and please let us know)

Thank you!!

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