

The Genealogy & Education Center

Museum of Danish America

Elk Horn, Iowa

4210 Main Street, Elk Horn

Hours:

Wednesday – Friday, 9:00 – 4:00
Or other days by appointment

Website:

<https://www.danishmuseum.org/visit/location/genealogy-center>

Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/319824389373267>



At the Genealogy Center



- We assist patrons with research, and complete research and translation requests for people all over the country.
- Hourly fee for research and translations; members of the Museum of Danish America may use our library for free.
- Computer workstations available with access to paid database subscriptions: Ancestry LibraryEdition™, Fold3™, ProQuest Obits™, NewspaperArchive™, Newspapers.com™, HeritageQuest Online™, etc.

Library Organization & Types of Sources

- Local (4-county area) sources: directories, church books, histories, yearbooks, cemetery records, etc.
- Other Iowa & state records organized by county, primarily Danish communities
 - Canada, Virgin Islands, India, etc.



Newspapers & Obituary Collections

- Bound copies of complete *Elk Horn-Kimballton Review*, 1928-2007
 - Obituaries indexed
- *Audubon County Journal* obituaries collected & indexed
- Danish-American obituary collection (national)



Danish Immigrant Vertical File Collection

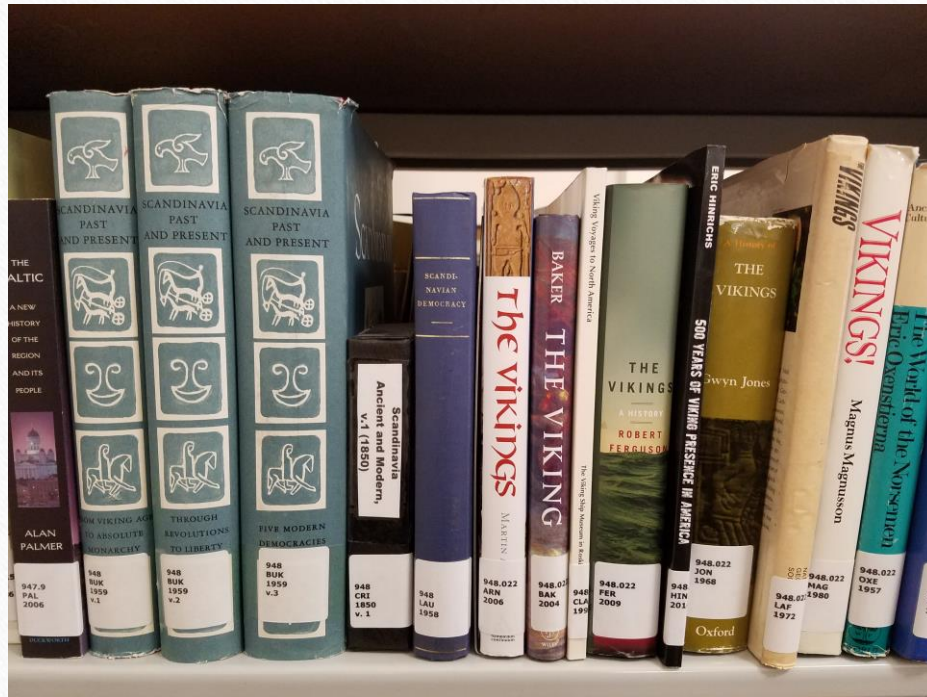


- 10,000+ folders, organized by immigrant' name
- May contain copies of research reports, vital records, photographs, family trees, memoir writing, related translations, etc.
- Corresponding database

Surname	Given Names	aka	Born	Died	Home Parish/ (Other Locality)	Home County/ (Other Locality)	Year of Immigra- tion	County Settled	State Settled	Spouse(s); see: / see also:	Related Book (RBk), Obit (O), Image (I), Letters (L), Narrative (N), Documents (D), Artifacts (A), Oral History (OH); Related Materials (Rmt); Spec. Collections (SC)	Misc. Notes	Column	Row	ID #
Modeweg	Ellen Rigmor Hansen Jensen		1888	1987	(Copenhagen)	København	1907	Cook	IL	Charles Jensen	D, I				
Moeller	Gustav	Muellar	1843			[Germany]	1870	Cook	IL	Frieda _____	Rmt				
Moffatt	Margaret Selena Hansen		1866	1948	(Copenhagen)	København	1868 1926 & 1929	Pottawattamie	IA	George Arthur Moffatt			45	25	2064
Mogensen	Aage Jøjlund		1905	1991	Sønder Vinge	Viborg		Cook	IL	Maren Kirstine Rask	D, O	100+			
Mogensen	Gottlieb C. J.							Hamilton	IA				16	12	607
Mogensen	Jens		1855	>1930	[Skt. Johannes]	København	1914	Cass	NE		D				
Mogensen	Kristen Hansen		1814	1874	(Oxbøl)					Ane Katrine Bondesdatter	L, I, N				
Mogensen	Margrethe Laursen							Webster	IA						
Mogensen	Maren Kirstine Rask		1909	2012	Aars	Aalbrog	1928	Cook	IL	see: Aage Jøjlund Mogensen (1905)	D, O	100+			
Mogensen	Niels Peter						1909	Webster	IA				17	13	648
Molbak	Egon						1950	King	WA	see: Laina M. Molbak			58	22	4808
Molbak	Laina M.						1950	King	WA	see: Egon Molbak			58	21	4807
Molby	Aage Markussen		1888	1962	(Tjastrup?)			Pine	MN	Marie Katherine Johansen	D		30	31	1226
Molgaard	Anni Kristina Jensen	Stine Mølgård					1888	Shelby	IA	see also: Niels Madsen Molgaard			50	36	4545
Molgaard	Marie Rasmussen						1888	Audubon	IA				50	37	2313
Molgaard	Niels Madsen	Mølgård	1849		Vedersø	Ringkøbing	1888	Shelby	IA	see also: Anni Kristina Jensen	D		50	35	2312
Molgard	Niels			1954			1905	Sheridan	MT						
Moline	Olaf "Ole" M.	Maartensson	1890	1937	Östra Ingelstad	Sweden	c1893	Cook	IL	Amanda Edin	D	imm. from Bornholm			
Moller	Albertine						1910	Sheridan	MT	see: Michael Moller			9	18	342
Moller	Anna C.	Anna C. Møller	1846	1923			c1881	Linn	IA	Peter M. Hansen (1848)					
Moller	Augusta Margrethe Katherine Krumlind	Augusta Margrethe Katherine Krumline Møller	1852	1939	Grube	Holstein	c1873	Black Hawk	IA	see also: Bertel Petersen Møller (1845); Erick Petersen (1855)	D				

Book Collection

Danish geography, history & culture; immigration; Danish-American culture, immigrant & Danish-American memoirs/biographies—from Vikings to Ellis Island, cookbooks and design



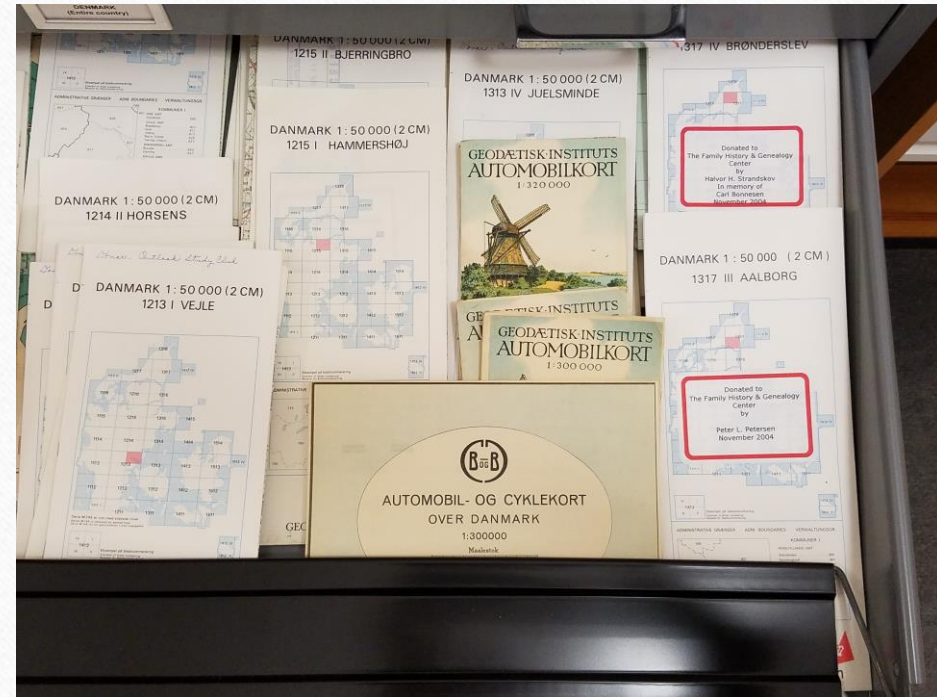
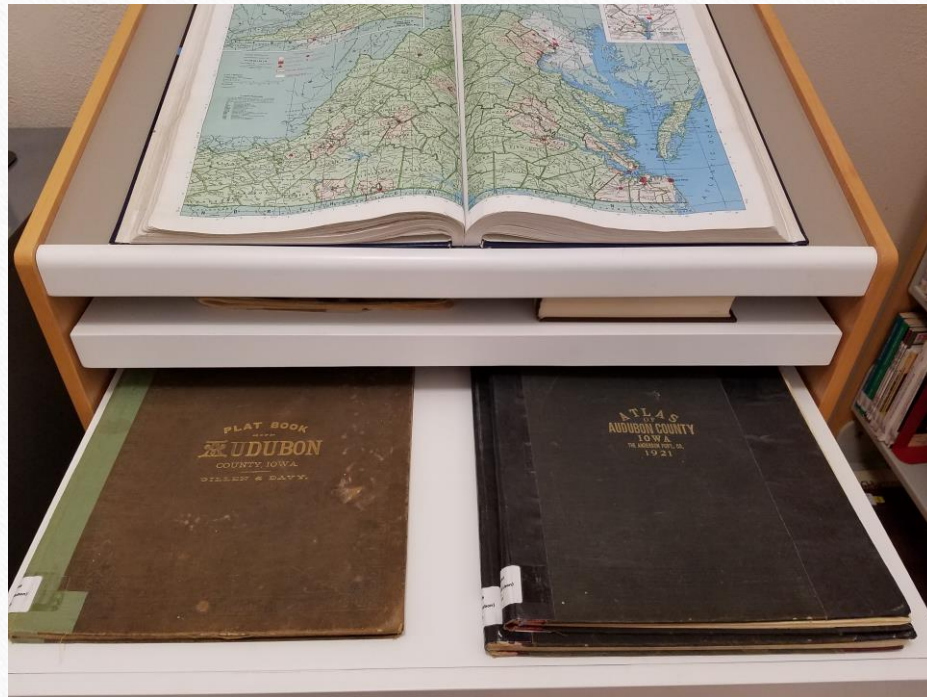
Periodical & Newspaper Collection

Danish-American, Genealogical



Maps

Local county plat maps, Denmark



Danish Brotherhood Membership Rolls

- Originals available on microfilm
- Indexed, in binders organized by state & lodge (done in cooperation with DAAL)
- Include birth date, birth place, beneficiary, occupation, etc.
- Danish Sisterhood in progress...



Cataloging

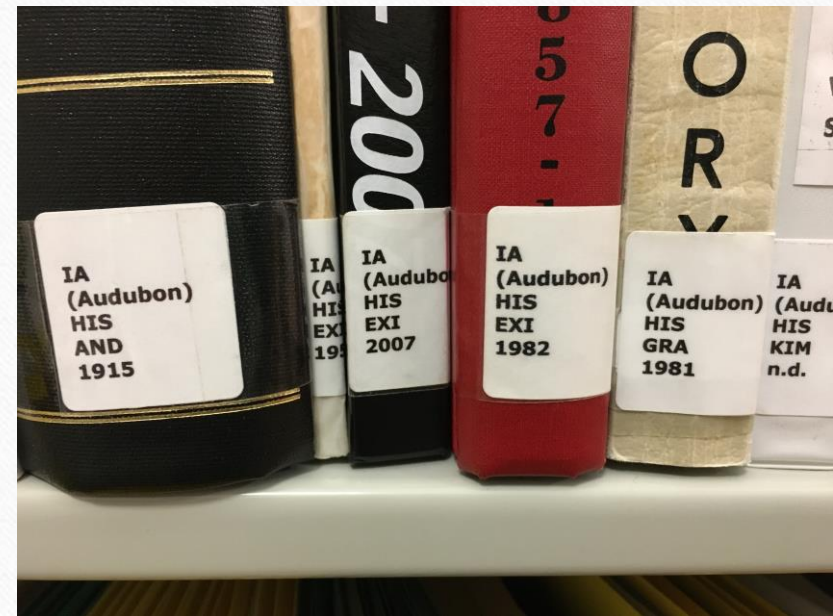


- Library catalog is on Past Perfect
- Call numbers: unique to section

Cataloging

Geographical

- State, County, Type of Material, Author, Year Published
- DK/County/City/Author/Year



Cataloging

Family Histories (FH)



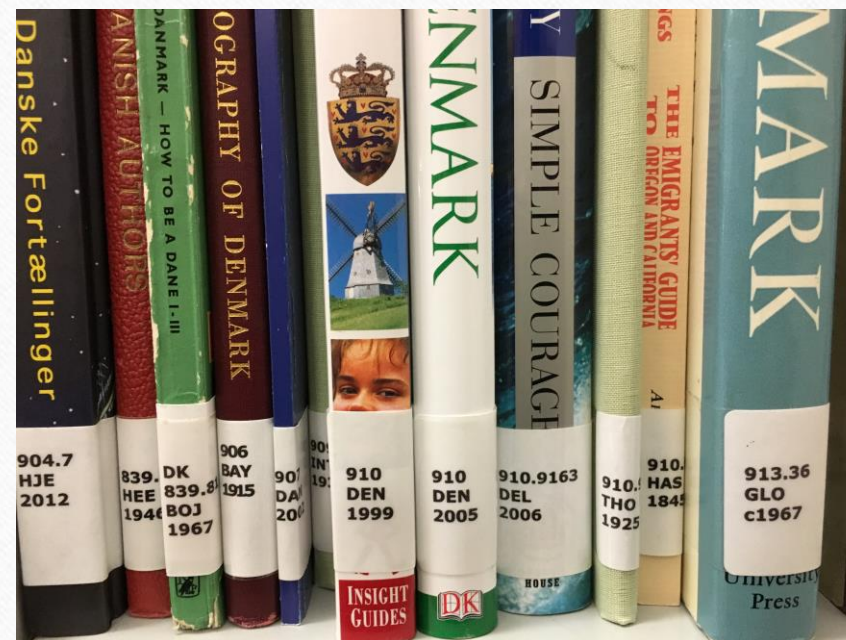
Biographies (BIO)



Cataloging

Dewey Decimal System

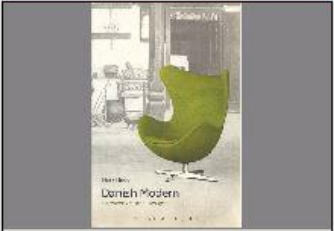
- Used for general reference materials, organized by subject
- “DK” preceding Danish-language materials, “OS” for over-sized materials



Library Catalog

Sort by Accession#

Collection	GC	Publish Date	2016
Object ID	2016-109	Year Range	thru
Object Name	Book	Catalog Date	08/06/2016
Call#	745.409489/MUS/2016	Cataloged by	McNabb, Michele
Other#		Status Date	/ /
Old#		Status by	
Accession#	2016-109	Status	
Home Location	Bloomsbury Publishing Inc.		



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Summary

Subjects
Design--Denmark--History--20th century

Author	Mussari, Mark	LCCN	745.409489
Added Entry		ISBN	978-1-4742-2372-0
		ISSN	
		Control#	
Title	Danish modern: between art and design	Physical Description	
Added Entry			193 p. : ill. ; 23 cm.
Series		Language	English
Added Entry		Copy#	0
Event		Publisher	Bloomsbury Academic
Site #		Pub Place	London
		Edition	

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Building Our Collection

Volunteers assist the Genealogy Center in many ways, among them:

- Data entry – creating databases and indexes
- Scanning – creating digital copies of documents
- Research
- Collecting and organizing obituaries and articles
- Creating books/binders of documents

Special Collections

*An archive of Danish-American families,
organizations, institutions, & publications*

Special Collections

- Mainly stored in stacks in a climate-controlled room of the museum
- Contents documented in Past Perfect
- Finding aids created with box inventories
- Organized into family collections, by organization, publication, or topic



Archives Catalog


Sort by **Accession#**

Screen View —
 Archive
 Map
 Music Collection
 Oral History
 Custom

Other Views —
 Appraisal
 Condition
 Container List
 Lexicon
 Location
 Notes & Legal
 People - Subjects Classification
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 Lists
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Actions —
 View/Set Up Links

Collection **GC Special Collections** Date **1950**
 Object ID **2015-184a** Year Range **thru**
 Object Name **Document** Catalog Date **10/21/2015**
 Reference Code Cataloged by **Jensen, Ida**
 Other# Status Date **/ /**
 Old# Status by
 Accession# **2015-175** Collections department Status
 Home Location **GC SR 2/Danish Document Coll/Box 3/Folder 15**


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Archive Map Music Collection Oral History Custom

Identity Statement	Context	Structure	Conditions of Access and Use	Allied Materials	Description Control
Scope and Content / Abstract [To Otto and Valle on their 25th wedding anniversary by Valle's family in Denmark]. The song is personal and is written in Danish, 1925-1950.			Multilevel Linking Level of Description		
			Title Tilegnet Otto og Valle paa sølvbryllupsdagen af Valles familie i Danmark.		
			Dates of Creation 1950		
			Dates of Accumulation		
			Extent and Medium of the Unit of Description (Quantity, Bulk, or Size) 1 song divided onto 4 pages. 17 x 26 cm.		
Site /Site#			Event		

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Genealogy Center Special Collections Box Inventory List

Accession No.(s): various
Collection Name: Dania Society and other Danish Societies Collection
Donors: various
Location: GC Remote Storage, tier C1

Basic Description: The Danish Society Dania of California – Nevada was founded in 1879 in Oakland, California, to assist Danish immigrant members in adjusting to life in the U.S.—providing sick and funeral benefits to members as well as helping them find employment—while preserving and celebrating the Danish language and Danish customs. Twenty-eight Dania lodges were formed throughout California and Nevada, governed by a Grand Lodge comprised of delegates from each branch and elected Grand Officers. The wives of Dania men eventually established their own lodges and Grand Lodge Dannebrog, growing to 23 branches, 12 of which were active as of 2008.

Box 1:

1. *Dania-Dannebrog Bulletin*, San Francisco, April 1952
2. *BIEN- 8 November 1979 Volume 97 No.45*
3. *Inkorporations Artikler og Bilove for De Sammensluttede Danske Foreninger af Amerika, 1913*
4. *Konstitution og Bilove for Foreningen "Denmarks Sønner", 1914*
5. Formularer for Dania-Kvindeforeningen Dannebrog af California og Nevada / Rituals for Dania Ladies' Society Dannebrog of California and Nevada (n. d.)
6. Formularer til brug for overbestyrelsen for Dania-Kvindeforeningen "Dannebrog" af California [Rituals for the board of the Dania Ladies' Society Dannebrog of California], (1920)
7. Formularer til brug for overbestyrelsen for Dania-Kvindeforeningen "Dannebrog" af California og Nevada [Rituals for the board of the Dania Ladies' Society Dannebrog of California and Nevada], (1924)

Preservation

- Acid-free, lignin-free folders & boxes in appropriate sizes
- Folders labeled in pencil, not ink
- Extraneous materials like paper clips, rubber bands, etc. removed
- Polyester and polypropylene sleeves for documents and photos
 - Avoid encapsulation, which accelerates deterioration
- www.Gaylord.com/resources/guide-to-collections-care
 - Buffered vs. unbuffered storage materials

What you can do now for your own family collection

- Digitize – scan both sides of photos and documents, label/title clearly
 - Make photocopies
 - Transcribe
- Store materials safely – acid-free sleeves, folders, boxes
 - Do NOT laminate...this causes documents to deteriorate faster
- Identify photographs—people, places, point in time
- Organize by person/family



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