

2015 Stevne Suggestions

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Theme: (Relevant to) Norwegian-American Newspapers

Newspapers:

- Ethnic and local newspapers
- Roles that newspapers played of the settlers in the Midwest, including Norwegians
- Class on finding and accessing newspapers: online, microfilm (generally at the state historical societies), microfilmed newspapers borrowed through Interlibrary Loan
- Address local (Eau Claire) audience:
 - Presentation on Waldemar Ager
 - Tour Ager museum
 - Research facilities in the area
 - Databases and websites for that area
 - Eau Claire Public Library – “Ask A Librarian” sent Elaine an Obituary in an hour
- Tie in Rowberg clipping file at NAHA – original, microfiche, online
- Norwegian-American newspapers used and accessed in Norway
- Activity possibility:
 - Attendees bring favorite article about an ancestor from a newspaper. Identify the newspaper and its date and share a paragraph about it.
- Publicity:
 - Posters in libraries, local historical societies, Family History Centers, Sons of Norway halls, etc. (use database already created)
 - Articles in newspapers well in advance of the Stevne
 - Press releases to local and other newspapers
 - Interviews on radio
 - Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest (involve younger generation)