

To join our **HERITAGE SOCIETY** send this application to:

GRHS
1125 West Turnpike Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501-8115

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MINIMUM ANNUAL DUES: **Only**
Membership \$65.00
Educational (libraries, schools, etc.) \$65.00
LIFE (\$260.00 per year) \$1300.00
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE STATE WHICH YEAR(S) _____

Date _____

(Check appropriately): NEW ___ RENEW ___

NAME (print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE/PROVINCE ___ ZIP _____

PHONE NO. () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Membership Class _____

(Chapter Preference, if any)

Name of Ancestral Village _____

Names of adults in household desiring cards: _____

Enclosed is my remittance of \$ _____.
Membership fees are due annually on January 1. LIFE membership fees may be paid in annual installments of not less than \$260.00.

**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA
HERITAGE SOCIETY**

The Society was founded on January 9, 1971, at Bismarck, ND, under the name North Dakota Historical Society of German from Russia (NDHSGR). On July 14, 1979, the membership, by popular vote, changed the name to Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS).

The Society functions as a nonprofit, nondenominational, non-political organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Its aims are educational and social. Its purpose is to bring together people who are interested in discovering the common history unique to Germanic-Russian ethnics and to preserve the many elements of their rich heritage.

The Society's Bismarck headquarters, ideally located in the heartland of our ethnic group on the continental northern plains, has become the leading research center for the Black Sea Germans from Russia in the United States and Canada. Their ancestors migrated in great numbers to Dakota Territory beginning in 1873. By the end of the century, they became a predominant ethnic group of this area. Although descendants of these immigrant forefathers have scattered far and wide, the ancestral ties always go back to the pioneer settlement heartland – the place of new World roots.

The Society collects, lists, and catalogues published materials and personal documents that tell of the European migrations and exodus to the United States and Canada and also of the pioneer life on the plains. These materials can be read and researched in our library at 1125 West Turnpike Ave. - Bismarck, ND 58501-8115. This library at our international headquarters in Bismarck contains many books and magazines dealing with our ancestors.

Membership Dividends

As a member you will learn to understand your ancestry and become proud of your heritage. You can help the Society to further its efforts in researching, recording, filing and publishing all of the interesting achievements connected with our forebears. Your own mark will become an enduring tribute to posterity. What we preserve and build upon will be a

benefit to our children and generations to come. The deeds of today will be cherished tomorrow.

Each member receives yearly, regardless of the time of year joining (membership year is January 1 - December 31), a membership card and four issues of the HERITAGE REVIEW. The publications contain articles of historical and cultural value about the life of our ancestors, information about valuable books and reports on the Society activities.

Your membership places you in direct contact with people of mutual interests in various aspects of Germanic-Russian culture. Local GRHS chapters sponsor an annual international convention, sponsor area Oktoberfests, Heritage days, food bazaars, travel tours, picnics, songfests, lectures, genealogical research classes, folklore sessions . . . whatever members prefer.

We Welcome You To Join

We welcome all those who are interested in their heritage, whether directly or indirectly related to the Germanic-Russian saga, to become members of the Society. A special invitation is extended to the younger generation, no matter where they may dwell in the world.

We want and **need your help** . . . to preserve what has been handed down, and to build new frontiers. We need to tell the facts of our forefathers' migrations and their pioneering spirit. We believe it is an exciting story, and one that is a source of pride to our heritage. We have members from 48 states, 5 Canadian Provinces, Germany and other countries.

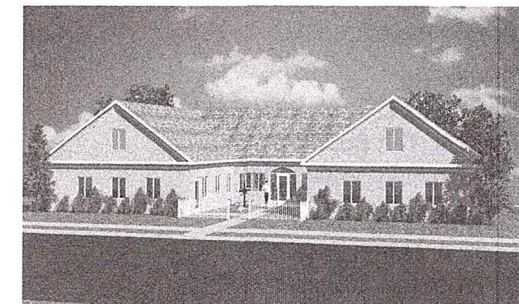
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Monday - Friday
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. . . Enriching Our Lives**



**In America Through the
Grace of God**



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