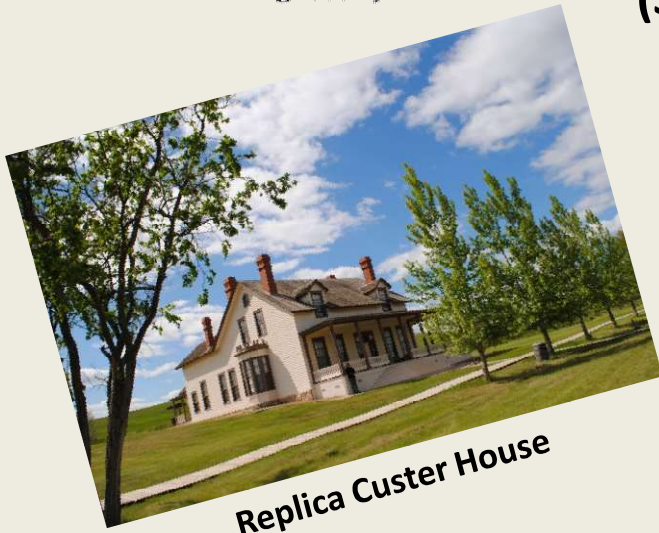




2023 GRHS Pre-Convention BUS TOUR

Wednesday - July 19

(Space is limited- first come)



Replica Custer House

Step back in time in an air-conditioned coach with tour guide Paulette Bullinger, to when the Germans from Russia migrated to the United States in their search for freedom and land.



A large group of Germans from Russia originally from the Kuchurgan settled on the Sioux Indian Reservation when the government opened it up for homesteading. Many of them crossed the frozen Missouri River with their teams pulling loaded wagons to find homesteads. The Black Sea Germans from Russia living on the Reservation incorporated many of the Sioux practices. They began to dry their garden products much as the Sioux did and hung their corn out to dry in front of their homes. They collected native plants that were used for healing and learned from each other; their traditions and beliefs.



St. Peter Catholic Church

The tour takes you down Scenic Highway 1806 to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, where you will be able to tour the reconstructed house of Libbie and George Custer.

As we travel south towards Fort Yates, enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way and hear about the history of the small towns and other historic sites until we reach Fort Yates. There we will do a on-bus city tour and visit St. Peter Catholic Church and Cemetery. Following the visit to Fort Yates, we will make a lunch stop at Prairie Knights Casino as we return to Mandan.



Stumpf Natural Area

Paulette Bullinger grew up in the small town of Huff which we will pass on the way to Fort Yates. Her husband, Bob, is a descendant of the GFR in the Flasher area, so she has a great interest in the history of the Germans from Russia. She loves history and keeps it alive in her guided tours. Besides leading tours, she is an author and co-author of several books and a photographer.

Photos courtesy of Paulette Bullinger

For more information on the tour go to <https://www.grhs.org/pages/Conventions>