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From your President, John Kielty

I'd like to talk about setting goals. Does your family history have a goal? Or more correctly, do you have a series of goals, a priority list? Most of us started with just one family name, one goal. Before we knew it we had to set goals among 16 great-great grandparents. We can either set goals or they set themselves.

Family history is a complicated study. Periodically we need to re-evaluate our goals. We have to decide if our research is still on track. We can pick up an ancestor and start more research. We can use a computer to organize, store, and print. We could use scrap booking techniques to present our family history in a pleasing way. We can write a book or a short pamphlet detailing one family name. Now with the use of scanners and quality printers we can organize and present our family history with photos, maps and other documents. If you're feeling burnt out in one area, move to another area of interest.

I was recently excited to learn about the census indexes that are available on-line. I knew the name of my 2-great grandfather, Martin GALLAGHER from a marriage record. That was all I knew. The marriage of Ellen GALLAGHER to Patrick STANTON occurred in 1882 in Omaha, NE. I expected to find the family in Omaha or Council Bluffs, IA. The 1880 census index lists 93 Martin GALLAGHERs in the U. S., only 6 were living in NE or IA. Checking the adults I found my 2nd great grandfather in O'Neill, Holt Co., NE. A total surprise! Without the census index, I could have searched forever and never found them. I give all the credit to 'familysearch.org' for the answer.

Even old problems can have solutions. I found a man, his wife, and 8 children. I have a lot more information for goal setting. So set a goal, change direction, do something new. This is a 'great' hobby!

May Program

Marv Gibson will present the program for the May 20, 2003 meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society. His topic will be "The Importance of Writing Memoirs."

Marv will bring books that were written, published and bound by his grandfather, Fred Yoss, the son of 19th century Swiss immigrants. They are of his life before his marriage, his family's genealogy, and the lives of his relatives. He will also bring copies of memoirs written by his father, Vic Gibson, and a little of the Gibson family history.

Marv is a very interesting speaker, a member of Toastmasters, and an accomplished storyteller. This should be a very interesting program.

We look forward to seeing you on May 20, 2003 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska, at 7:00 pm.

March Meeting Notes

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on March 18th. We had 16 members present. The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Dave Zaruba suggested that as we have extra money in the treasury that we increase our membership to the Elkhorn Valley Museum be upgraded from Friend at \$100 to Patron at \$250 per year. Mike Moats mentioned that we have the use of all the facilities, computers, and research center along with the meeting room. The motion was approved.

Nancy has a need for more file cabinets in the Research Center. Dave Klitz, director of the Museum, has a need for a lateral file. He has 2 regular file cabinets that he would trade if we would purchase a lateral file cabinet for his office. There is also a legal sized file cabinet with a dent at Western Typewriter that can be purchased at a discount. Jeanne Rix made the motion that we purchase the 2 file cabinets, Ruthie Galitz seconded, the motion passed.

Mention was also made we should purchase a decent chair for her use at the computer in the Research Center. Mike Moats suggested that Nancy pick out a chair that she likes and report back to us at the next meeting.

Those who went to the Courthouse last month had a good time. Marriage license records, burial records, land records, and the military discharge book were things that were investigated. Thank you notes were sent out to Nancy Scheer and Nancy Gross for their kindness.

John presented the newsletters, magazines, and queries that have been recently received. Dave Zaruba will check on the paperwork to become a non-profit organization. Nancy encouraged people to think of "want list" ideas for the research center that members of the society might need. We are in desperate need of local information between the years of 1896 and 1915, especially city directories.

March Program

The March program was presented by Pam Wieser on scrapbooking and how to preserve and display your photos and memorabilia. Be sure to use only archival paper and acid free pens. Do not use the magnetic photo albums or any adhesive style albums as the glues will ruin your photos and treasured items. Plastic sleeves should be polyethylene or archival safe. Anything food grade is ok to store items. So until you can get to it, ziploc style bags and rubbermaid type containers are safe storage items. Many different styles of scrapbooks and trims are available as well as several colors of pens to mark with. All are archivally safe. Members asked questions and made comments. Some members already do this. It was an interesting program.

April Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The Madison Co. Genealogical Society met on April 15 with 15 members present. The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Dave Zaruba suggested that we renew the CD that is maturing on the 20th of April. It was approved.

The file cabinets from Western Typewriter have arrived and are installed in their proper positions and are in use. Nancy Zaruba reported that she has found a chair that she likes. The cost of the chair will be approximately \$280.00. Marge Fuhrman made the motion that she go ahead and purchase it and that it be paid with money from the treasury and Mike Moats seconded. This was approved.

John Kielty presented the newsletters and other mail that has been received. No new queries have been received. The progress of the past queries was discussed.

The Museum would like us to think about a workshop again this fall. Nancy passed around a listing of books that are available for purchase from Ancestry.com. and asked that we initial the ones that we would like to purchase for the genealogical library. Donations will be accepted for these items and they will only be purchased when enough donations have been received.

Richard Strenge reported that Nancy Gross and Nancy Scheer have again offered the use of their offices after hours for our group. We asked Richard to convey our thanks but we will decline this offer until the fall.

Things to think about....nominating committee for the election of officers, field trip location for this summer, wish list for the research center.

Dave Zaruba checked into the possibility of becoming a non-profit organization. With all the restrictions we decided that this will not be a possibility for our group. Some of the mailings that we receive have a non-profit postage stamp mark and John Kielty is going to check with the post office on the regulations of this.

April Program

The program for the April meeting was a video titled "Ballad of the Blue Ridge: a journey through the Blue Ridge Mountains of West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina." It was loaned by Lottie Klein.

Genealogical Errors

On March 16, 1928 my uncle, Martin GRAFF, was shot and died instantly in Titus County, Texas. His death certificate states he had lived in the community 25 years, was 22 years old, and was born March 14, 1928. How many mistakes can be made on one paper? There are no birth records to be found at the county or state levels. There is no marker on the grave either. I could cry. I am even told the court records from the trial the next February are no longer in existence, but I have not checked that out yet. We just know he was born between 24 June 1903 and 31 August 1909.

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Mr. Mom

--Bob Ferguson rwferguson@ualr.edu

I joined the band of people who don't fully trust official records when, several years ago, I helped my mother do all of the paperwork to get her Social Security. We got a copy of her 1910 birth certificate from the State of Texas and it stated she was a male and was still-born. Fortunately, she had sisters who provided affidavits that helped her get a new birth certificate.

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Upcoming Workshops

Genealogy and Land Records Symposium, Wednesday June 11, and Thursday June 12, 2003, Beatrice, NE. Renowned researchers and authors from throughout the United States will make presentations on how to do proper research in Homestead case files. Genealogists will address the volumes of family information in Homestead records. For more information contact: Kelly Schwisow, 402-228-8244, or 800-233-5027, ext. 244 or kschwisow@southeast.edu

Federation of Genealogical Societies 2003 Conference, September 3-6, 2003 at Orlando, Florida at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World. The conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping. For more information contact: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940 or www.fgs.org or fgs-office@fgs.org

Manning Heritage Foundation will host the **8th Annual International Low German (Plattdeutsch) Conference and Genealogical Workshop** at the Hausbarn/Heritage Park at Manning, IA, Oct. 3-5, 2003. Special guests from Germany and the U.S. will be present. The conference will be of special interest for genealogists, Platt speakers, and those who would like to learn more about the language of their forefathers. Family researchers with old German script documents will find assistance with interpretation of the documents. For additional information: Dr. Struve at crstruve@pionet.net or telephone 712-653-2607 or the Manning Heritage Foundation at heritag@pionet.net or telephone 800-292-0252.

A History of Abandoned Methodist Churches in the Norfolk District of the Nebraska Conference

by E. T. Antrim

This booklet was printed by the Newman Grove Reporter, the year is unknown. It was purchased off of Ebay the internet auction site last year. Bits and pieces will be published as space permits in the future.

The introduction, written by E. T. Antrim, notes over sixty abandoned churches in the district. He notes that many letters were written and many were never answered. Information was very difficult to get in some cases. He relied primarily on these letters, conference minutes and Marquette's History of Nebraska Methodism and his own knowledge of the district having spent over 45 years in ministry in this district.

The end note in the booklet is reprinted here:

The history is a work of love by Rev. E. T. Antrim, and is in compliance with the request of the Historical Society of the Nebraska annual Conference of the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Antrim is well aware that this is not a complete history. If you readers can secure additional material or history of these churches or others completely overlooked, send that information to the Norfolk District Superintendent. Four copies will be made, one sent to Historical Society, one to Nebraska Wesleyan University Library, one to Rev. Mr. Antrim and one kept with the records of the District Superintendent. The sale of this history is to be at cost—no profit will be made by anyone. It is expected that each church on the district will buy at least three copies—one to be kept in the permanent records of the church. John W. Ekwall, District Superintendent, 215 North 9th St., Norfolk, Nebraska.

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1899 Burnett Township

Extracted by Richard Strenge

The following comes from the Plat Book of Madison County, Nebraska published in 1899. The pages inside said, Patron's Directory of Madison County, Nebraska.

<u>Burnett Township</u>			
Name	Business	Post Office	Sec.
Andrews Bros.	Farmers and Stock Raisers	Tilden	21
Beed, G. H.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove ...	12
Heckman, Samuel	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Tilden	20
Hoepfinger, J.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Tilden	6
Kruger, A.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Tilden	32
Lewis, P. V.	Farmer and Stock Raiser. also Miller	Meadow Grove ...	22
Mann, P. A.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove ...	34
Marshall, H.	Farmer and Breeder of Short-horn Cattle. Scotch and Bates families ...	Tilden	32
Miller, M. E., Mrs.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove ...	26
Minkler, A.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Tilden	6
Nelson, Ole	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove ...	34
Reel, Geo. W.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Meadow Grove ...	34
Shafer, T. A. & Son ...	Proprietors of "Meadow Brook Stock Farm." Breeders of Short-horn Cattle. Scotch and Bates families	Meadow Grove ...	28

Tilden

Name	Business
Elkhorn Valley Bank	General Banking Business transacted
Mossbarger, Wm.	Farmer and Stock Raiser
Putney, F. L.	Lawyer. Money to loan on Real Estate. Collections a specialty.

Meadow Grove

Name	Business
Meadow Grove State Bank	We do a general Banking business. Insurance and Real Estate.

Cemetery Tip of the Day

If you're at a cemetery and discover that the gravestone you're interested in is facing the wrong way for the light and you don't have a mirror along, try your large fold-up windshield sun protector. Instant photo studio reflective lighting and very lightweight to carry.

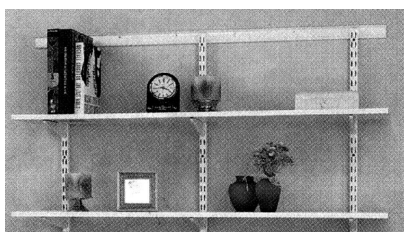
Research Center News

We have received many wonderful new items in the Research Center in the past two months. Some of those will be listed below. The library volunteers have also been busy answering queries from people all across the country and hosting families from out of town.

A family of cousins from across the country met here in March, most having never met their cousins before. Their ancestors were from Norfolk having founded Davenport Shoes in downtown Norfolk. By the mid-1920s the families had moved away. Others have met here to research their family histories. We also get many queries over the internet.

Items are donated almost on a daily basis and we get several queries and research requests every week. The library is indeed a happening place!

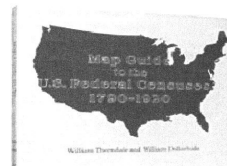
With all of the new items, the library is in need of wall mount shelving for above file cabinets. This shelving needs to be adjustable, have 2 shelves and be 12 feet long. Please see picture.



Anyone wishing to contribute towards the purchase may send a check to the Museum designated for this purpose. The cost is about \$150. There are also a number of books on this month's want list. You may also send a donation towards the purchase of any of these books. When enough funds have been received to purchase the books they will be ordered.

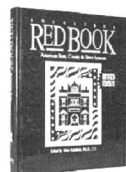
Items on the want list include: **Map**

Guide to the U.S. Federal Census. This book shows all of the county and state boundaries as they changed every decade. This is an invaluable research tool when searching for your ancestors and towns. Price \$39.95

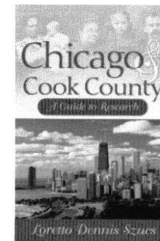


Another book on the want list is: **Ancestry's Red Book:**

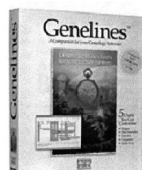
American State, County, and Town Sources. The price of this item is \$39.95 on sale. \$49.95 regular price.



The next item on the want list is **Chicago & Cook County: Guide to Research.** This is a comprehensive guide to the complex vital records of thousands of immigrants to the Chicago and Cook County Illinois area. Regular price is \$24.95, on sale for \$19.95.



Also requested is **Genelines: Deluxe Timeline Charts for**



Your Family History. Genelines helps you place your ancestors in a historical context. By visually mapping ancestors and family groups against a historical timeline you can powerfully envision how their lives intersected and how world events may have impacted their decisions and life circumstances. (This is a computer program to print out charts and maps.)

Recent Donations:

Photographs:

Andy's Tire Service, Harry Behmer and his harp, Men of the Congregational Church, 1956, Bessie Kidder, Gracia Kidder, Freeman Scott Family Farm and Dairy 1888, Employees of J. M. McDonald's Store, William Nangle, Employees of Brown McDonald Store, Mount Olive Ladies Group, Mount Olive Quilters Group, 23 Lueshen Family Photographs, AYSO Soccer-Battle Creek, Flood of '44 north on 2nd Street, Evangelical Lutheran School Pierce Co, 1911, Large assortment of unidentified photos from the John Pollack home (not Pollacks) and a large assortment of negatives and slides of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Clippings: Collection of Blizzard of '49, Huse family home razed, N. P. Johnson Best Citizen of 1936, Dederman Cabin, NDN, Jan. 23, 1969, Kings Ballroom Fire, Norfolk All-America City, Clippings of Gulf War, Johnny Carson, World Trade Center Bombing, etc.

Yearbooks: Blackhawk, (Norfolk Junior College) 1947, The Reflector (Tilden) 1914

Booklets: Concordia Teacher's College Reunion, Constitution & By-Laws of Mount Olive Church,

1974, Our Church Windows—Grace Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church dedication 1951, 25th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church 1944, Large number of extension circulars from the 1930s and 1940s, Allied Radio Builder’s Handbook, Spanish American War 1898 (several different), Nebr. Food Commission 1906, Crop Statistics of Nebr. 1911, Nebr. National Forest Silver Anniversary, 1927, History of the First United Presbyterian Church, Commercial Federal Savings & Loan, 1887-1987, Norfolk of Today (1884), Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce, 1962

Misc: Roster of choir of Congregational Church, Communicant members of the First Congregational Church, J.C. Penney Catalog, 1994, Otto Voget biographical info., Roster of School Teachers and School Officials (Pierce Co.) 1952-53, Farm Directory Pierce Co., 1943, General John O’Neill: Fenian Invader of Canada, 6 early calendars (Norfolk Businesses)

Magazines: Nebraska Farmer March 10, 1917, Inspiration: Filmack’s Messenger of Good Cheer (several issues), Boxoffice Barometer 1950s several issues, Good Housekeeping issues from 1921, 1922, 1925, American Suburbs, 1911, Nebr. Farmer, 1959, Ladies Home Journal 1904,1905

Postcard: I am detained at Norfolk by a big wash-out on the line, (May or may not be Norfolk, Nebr.), Gavins Point Powerplant and Dam, Historic Meridian Bridge

Audio Cassette: Johnny Carson’s morning show WOW Omaha, 1952

Books: Restoring Antiques, Glass, Insulators with Embossing Errors, Flashlights Price Guide, Collectible Marbles, English & Continental Pottery & Porcelain, Hull Pottery, Collecting Boxes, Spies and Spying in the 20th Century, Marvels of American Industry, NY: the world’s most exciting city, Middle Five: Indian Schoolboys of the Omaha Tribe, 2001 Norfolk City Directory, New Webster’s Dictionary

Prints: Fire equipment and apparatus historical prints, Railroads (21 prints)

Sheet Music: Large lot of sheet music from 1890s to 1920s, including Norfolk’s theme song from 1917

Map: Satellite Image of Nebraska 1974, Pierce Co. School Districts (1950s), 22 road maps of Nebraska

Stamps: Assortment of Christmas Seals and Easter stamps from the 1950s

Newspapers: The No-Hi-So, (Norfolk High School), The Telital, (Norfolk High School), Pierce County Leader, a few issues of each, assorted newspapers with historical headlines.

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Bancroft Circuit	Fullerton Circuit	Star	Reservation Circuit
Bancroft	Mount Zion	Venus	Alfred
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Bethany	Timbercreek	Hubbard	Highland
Blackbird	Grace—Dakota County	Humphrey	Mission Church
Battle Creek Circuit	Grace—Wayne County	Ionia	Salem
Blencoe	Grecian Bend	Iowa Valley	Scribner
Boone	Grove	Leedom	Sholes
Brunswick	Hartington	Leigh	Skedee
Cedar Valley	Holt and Knox County	Log church	Spring Valley
Center	Blackbird	Monroe	Star
Crofton	Marquette	Mount Pleasant	West Point
Creston	Middlebranch	Niobrara	Wilson
Deloit	Millerboro	Oliver Grove	Victory
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Emerson	Olcott	Pleasant Hill	
Fairview	Paddock	Primrose	

1889 Norfolk City Directory

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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- Reed, James O., cook at Pacific House.
 Reed, James A., clerk, res. Madison Ave., betw. 2nd and 3rd, 2-h-n.
 Reed, Mrs. G., res. the same.
 Reinhardt, Wm., baker, res. 9th, betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves., 1-h-e.
 Reinhardt, Mrs. C., res. the same.
 Rembe, L. L., plumber, ___ Norfolk Ave.; res. Norfolk Ave., betw. 12th and 13th, south side.
 Rembe, Mrs. S. M., res. the same.
 Rembe, Miss Lillie, bds. as above.
 Reno, L. J., (W. W. Marple & Co.), res. Madison Ave., betw. 3rd and 4th, 1-h-s.
 Reno, Mrs. M. E., res. the same.
 Requa, Edward, salesman, res. ne cor 3rd and Phillip Ave.
 Requa, Mrs. S., res. the same.
 Reynolds, R. H., contractor, res. ne cor 17th and Madison Ave.
 Reynolds, Mrs. M. E., res. the same.
 Reynolds, H. J., (Reynolds & Son), billiard hall, res. 5th, betw Park and Pasewalk Aves., 2-h-e.
 Reynolds, Mrs. F., res. the same.
 Reynolds, Frank H., (Reynolds & Son), bds. as above.
 Reynolds, G. J., bds. as above.
 Reynolds, T. F., brakeman, res. ne cor 4th and Bluff Ave.
 Reynolds, Mrs. H., res. the same.
 Rice, Chas., traveling salesman, res. Braasch Ave., betw 3rd and 4th, 2-h-s.
 Rice, Mrs. E., res. the same.
 Richards, Dr. G. B., Richards block; res. 10th betw Koenigstein and Nebraska Aves., west.
 Richards, Mrs. M. J., res. the same.
 Richards, Frank, clerk at J. E. Olney's, bds. at the same.
 Richards, J. B. base-ballist, rms. at W. L. Clark's.
 Rickert, Miss A., domestic at Rome Miller's.
 Riley, J., (McCombs & Riley), res. nw cor 3rd and Madison Ave.
 Riley, Mrs. M., res. the same.
 Rimsocky, Anton, tailor, res. Michigan Ave. betw 3rd and 4th, 2-h-s.
 Rimsocky, Mrs. A., res. the same.
 Roberts, teamster, bds. at I. Rodgers'.
 Robinson, E. M., res. 3rd betw Norfolk and Madison Aves.
 Robinson, Mrs. R., res. the same.
 Rodgers, Isaac, carpenter, res. 5th betw. Park and Pasewalk Aves.
 Rodgers, Mrs. M. E., res. as above.
 Rodgers, Miss Nellie, bds. as above.
 Rose, Walter J., teller of Norfolk State Bank; bds. at Mrs. J. Egbert's.
 Ross, J. V., tailor at Wide Awake; res. Park Ave. betw 4th and 5th, 2-h-n.
 Ross, Mrs. A., res. the same.
 Ross, Wm. res. 4th betw Grove and Michigan Aves., 3-h-e.
 Ross, Mrs. E., res. the same.
 Ross, — — , tailor at Wide Awake, bds. at D. Amarine's.
 Rouse, C. E., barber, 224 Norfolk Ave.; res. Park Ave. betw 3rd and 4th, south.
 Rouse, Mrs. E., res. the same.
 Rowe, E. G., (Peck and Rowe) real estate, rooms at H. J. Cole's.
 Rudat, Chas., coal dealer, opposite U.P. depot; res. nw. cor Koenigstein Ave. and 8th.
 Rudat, Mrs. A., res. the same.

MADISON PRECINCT, Township 21 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M. Madison County, Nebraska. Names of persons living on or owning land in Madison Precinct extracted from the STANDARD ATLAS OF MADISON COUNTY OF 1918. Extracted by Jeanne Rix.

Adams, J. J., Sec 5	Dittberner, Otto, Sec 21	Madison National Bank Brick
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Meadow Grove and Jefferson Township

Extracted by Richard Strenge

1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska

The following list is from the Standard Atlas of Madison County, Nebraska 1918

EXPLANATION -- The date following a name indicates the length of time the party has been a resident in the county. The abbreviations are as follows: S. for Section; P. for Precinct; P. O. for Post-office address. When no Section Number or Township is given, it will be understood that the party resides within the limits of the village or city named, and, in such cases, the post-office address is the same as the place of residence, unless otherwise stated.

{In the above Precinct and Township are the same thing, just different words are used.}

- Baker, C. G.**, Farmer and Breeder of Thoroughbred Shorthorn Cattle, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens. Ash Grove Stock Farm, S. 3, P. Meadow Grove, P. O. Tilden.
- Baker, F. E.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Percheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Buff Orpington Chickens, Black Loam Stock Farm, S. 4, P. Jefferson, P. O. Tilden.
- Bliss, D. W.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shropshire Sheep, Stock Feeder, River Side Sheep Ranch, S. 7, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1888. Born in ILLINOIS in 1866. Mrs. Bliss was born in Iowa in 1871.
- Bliss, Alvin**, S. 7, P. Jefferson. P.O. Tilden. Born in Madison County in 1893. Mrs. Bliss was born in Nebraska in 1896.
- Carlisle, J. A.**, Farmer and Breeder of Aberdeen Angus Cattle, Percheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs, Shropshire Sheep and Rhode Island Red Chickens, Evergreen Stock Farm, S. 31, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1902. Born in Ohio in 1868. Mrs. Carlisle was born in Iowa in 1867.

- Dahnke, W. M.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Percheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens, Upland View Stock Farm, S. 5, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1887. Born in Germany in 1868. Mrs. Dahnke was born in Nebraska in 1873.
- Danes, F. L.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Plymouth Rock Chickens, Valley View Stock Farm, S. 5, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1900. Born in Nebraska in 1865. Mrs. Danes was born in Nebraska in 1871.
- Fox, C. E.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Duroc Jersey Hogs, Draft Horses and Rhode Island Red Chickens, Butter Nut Stock Farm, S. 29, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. Born in Madison County in 1886.
- Hoepfinger, Adolph**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses and Mules, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Rhode Island Red Chickens, Swastika Stock Farm, S. 6, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden.
- Ott, Theo. G.**, Farmer and Breeder of Hereford Cattle, Percheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Rhode Island Red Chickens, Alfalfa Hereford Stock Farm. S. 9, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1892. Born in Nebraska in 1881. Mrs. Ott was born in Nebraska in 1883.
- Petersen, M. J.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Percheron Horses, Duroc Jersey Hogs and White Rock Chickens, Hillside Stock Farm, S. 6, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1913.
- Sanne, Chas.**, Farmer and Breeder of Shorthorn Cattle, Draft Horses, Poland China Hogs and Rhode Island Red Chickens, River View Stock Farm, S. 7, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden. 1897. Born in Germany in 1880. Mrs. Sanne was born in Missouri in 1892.
- Terry, R. M.**, Farmer and Breeder of Holstein Cattle, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Buff Orpington Chickens, Orchard View Dairy Farm, S. 8, P. Jefferson, P.O. Tilden.
- Terry, T. N.**, Farmer and Breeder of Black Polled Angus Cattle, Duroc Jersey Hogs and Rhode Island Red Chickens, S. 10, P. Meadow Grove, P.O. Tilden. 1869.

The 26th Annual Conference of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society was held in Hastings, NE. on May 2-3, 2003. Karen Tippets presented "Census records as a valuable source of information." The different questions asked in each census gives us clues as to their life and where to find further records. She also talked on "Vital records as a source of information." The use of birth, death, and marriage records and the use of church records if you know their religious background can also be of help. Check the delayed birth records for persons who may not have had an original birth record. The use of school records and newspaper articles during the time period your relative lived in the area was also discussed. The cemetery sexton records and funeral homes may give you additional help.

Catherine Renschler spoke on "Researching a House History." This was very informative on looking at the house with its architectural style helping to determine the year it was built or remodeled. To find sources in your search check the library for books on architecture. Check also with the neighbors, prior owners, and the abstract. Look into the Register of Deeds office and Treasurer's office and also the city office for building permits and utility service. The historical society or local museum may have plat maps, city directories, fire maps, tax lists, photographs, newspaper articles, county and city history books for further details. She also talked on the use of "Newspapers as a Source for Family History." You will need

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to spend time, as many of the older papers did not list a death in the obituary column, as they do today. It may just be a line or two in a social column or other area of the paper. You can also find births listed when a birth certificate is not available. Clues to cause of death may be found here also. Check the papers for anniversaries especially if they made it 40 or 50 years of marriage or 80 years from birth. Check area towns and towns in neighboring counties newspapers for information.

Todd Arrington shared his knowledge on "Homestead Records." He is with the Homestead National Monument Park at Beatrice, NE. He spoke on the background of the Homestead Act from 1862 and the requirements of the pioneers to obtain government land. Nebraska was third in number of claims at 105,000. There are 2 million files with 30 million pieces of papers at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. He also talked about the fragile nature and the loss of these records and the hopes for the future. A large sum of money, time and co-operation is needed if we are to have a chance on preservation of the records even onto microfilm.

Cyndi Howells topics were: "World Wide Web-Quit Surfing and Start Searching"; "Ohio and United Kingdom Research"; and "Evaluating Websites." This was a great help for many people. She has Cyndislist.com on the internet. The information about evaluating websites was very useful. We need to make sure the information is accurate and can be verified by the actual records. We need to know where they got their information. Not everything out in print or on the internet is true. People who write and extract and retype information can make mistakes that are unintentional. Richard Strenge attended and thought it was an excellent conference. He will share more of this information later perhaps at the June meeting.