

Madison County Remembers...

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From your President, John Kielty

We are in that changing time again. Here in the central plains, the snow drifts are becoming smaller and showing a dirty face. I'm tempted to wish for a new snowfall to cover everything over, but I'm not going to go that far. We've heard the first robins, although I wonder why they are here. There can't be anything for them to eat. The males in the neighborhood were all calling out loudly, one morning this week, way to early in the morning.

Have you all been relaxing with your research this winter? I seem to hibernate, or at least go semi-dormant. But now the sun is up earlier and stays up later. Its time to dust off your research and set your sights anew on a goal.

We all have problem ancestors or at least someone we know little about. We start by breaking down the problems into smaller goals. Have you heard the proverb "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." Setting a smaller goal is focusing. It's like doing a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle. There are just too many pieces, and you are not sure what fits where. So you group things, blue for sky, green for grass, and red for the barn. That is focus. Next you work on the straight edges that will give definition to the larger picture. You try, piece by piece, trial and error, till everything falls into place, or someone bumps the card table. The good thing about a jigsaw puzzle is that you know all the pieces are meant to fit. Our research is like that, setting goals and focusing.

What are your goals for sharing your research? You might set a goal to let your research touch someone in your family, or your genealogical family. Write a story about some ancestor. Use your research to deepen your understanding about what happened and why. If you can explain events and set up a timeline, the process may clear your head and help you define gaps and possible research goals. When you share the story with your cousin or your friend they may ask a question which brings a whole new light to the problem. Or more importantly the story may jog someone's memory about your family history. The other person may not remember the story like you do. Even that will give you a clue to help you unravel the research problem that you have been working on for so long.

I know that there are secrets which will forever remain secrets, and personal stories that have been lost. But my hope is that there are treasure maps still out there and treasure waiting to be dug up, with just a little luck.

January Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The first meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society in 2004 was held on January 20 at JD Brothers Steakhouse. The minutes and treasurer's reports were read. The announcement of the bus trip to Kansas City was made. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and the Christmas Party was begun. Ruthie presented a trivia quiz of Nebraska towns, with prizes for the most correct in 15 minutes. Then Nancy and Dave conducted one game of "Take-Away Bingo." One game of blackout bingo was played and every time someone got one number they got to take a prize, but they couldn't open it. When the pile of 100 prizes were gone they could take a prize from their neighbor or anyone else. What a lot of excitement over the "cookies" that turned out to be macaroni, and the myriad of interestingly shaped and wrapped packages. Prizes were everything from calendars, seasoning mixes, flashlights, hats, gift certificates, food items, Christmas leftovers, candles, etc. You never saw such a good time.

February Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The February meeting was extremely short also. The minutes were dispensed with and a shortened version of the treasurer's report was read. The status of the bus trip was announced and the meeting was adjourned. There were lots of visitors present to hear Jim Carlisle tell stories of growing up in Norfolk in the 1950s and 1960s. Jim told stories of the Carlisle Circus which was presented several years and grew larger and more elaborate each year, involving more and more kids. Jim had photos to show and even a costume. He also told treehouse stories and his unicycle stories. Karen Rogat videotaped Jim's presentation and the video is available to be viewed at the Museum library. The audience was laughing so hard we hurt. Jim has to be the best storyteller in Norfolk. Jim's dad was Orville Carlisle, the rocket and pyrotechnics expert and he will present a program about his dad in May at the Elkhorn Valley Museum Sunday Series.

Membership Notes

Joyce Barlow has been a member for many years. Her husband passed away recently. Lois Craig, another longtime member passed away in January.

Use map sites along with census data!

By Ron Gaddis Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society Newsletter February 2004

I have found a number of my ancestors on the 1920 and 1930 Federal Censuses. Both of these years now have indexes on www.ancestry.com and between these two and the search function for the 1880 Census on www.familysearch.org, I have been able to pin down a bunch of my predecessors who seemed to refuse to stay put.

When I "find" one of my characters, the detective work and synthesis begins. I note who was called by their middle name in 1920, who is known by his first name in 1930, who farmed then and follows a trade now, etc.

I estimate when the family moved from the old location to the new one by the dates and the places of birth of the kids. I look to see if the wife listed would have been more than

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14 when the oldest child listed was born...otherwise she might not be the mother. I look at where the kids' parents were born to see if the places jive with the husband & wife listed on the census. I look to see if the age at first marriage appears to have been the same number of years back for the two parents so that they likely were first married to each other. Is the man a veteran? Does someone show to be naturalized? Etc.

I imagine you also do these same things. I wonder if you have found other helpful techniques to guide you—things I have not thought of or found yet?

But back to maps. If the census habitation location is not a farm, there is often a street name written along the left-hand margin of the census sheet. In that case, the first number (of usually three numbers) is a street house number. I have a 1930 Census sheet for Miami County, Kan., in Osawatomie City. Along the margin are five street notations showing also how the census taker proceeded to collect the data: "Chestnut, Martin Street, Fourth, Martin, Fourth Street."

I found 13-year-old Louis G. Gause (Lois Jean Gause) on this sheet, along with her 15-year-old sister, Thelma L. Gause, both of whom are "Lodgers" at house number 400 of Martin Street in the home of Loyd and Anna McNeil.

Having no exact idea where Miami County, Kan., is located, nor where Osawatomie might be, I went to GNIS of the USGS (see URL below) by clicking on an address saved on my list of MS Explorer Favorites or Netscape Bookmarks. When the GNIS window appears, I typed in Osawatomie for the feature name and Kansas and selected Miami County. This gets me further link choices as to what type of map I want. I clicked on Show Feature Location as I did not want a watershed or topographic map. By zooming out a couple of times from the initial map, I could easily see where Osawatomie is located in comparison to the other major Kansas locations that I recognize.

Next I wondered just where in Osawatomie these two sisters "lodged," so I went to another mapping web site, www.mapquest.com. There, I put in the address of 400 Martin Street and found the exact location of the McNeil House and printed the map for my notes.

This Osawatomie residence seemed, for me, an isolated instance.*

In this town, I do not yet have other known relatives, but in other Kansas communities I have used the map techniques to learn where Aunt Minnie lived (down by the courthouse) with respect to where Uncle Arch and Aunt Blanche lived (near the railroad station where he worked). Cousin Tom's filling station, on the other hand, was across the tracks on the highway out of town to the east, etc. The result is a map that I can print, even modify and put in the file, save to disk or put in the electronic scrapbook for the folks involved.

Mainly, though, I simply can know a great deal more about the lives and environment of these folks because of the maps!

[Http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnis_eb_query_form](http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnis_eb_query_form)

[Http://www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

*Turns out the first Kansas State Hospital for the Insane is located in Osawatomie and its florist at the time was a Gause who earlier lived with his wife in an adjacent county. I imagine the wife died or maybe was an inmate under a different name. The husband lived on the grounds to be nearby, but likely did not feel comfortable lodging his two young daughters with him at the State Hospital, however, all this is yet to be substantiated—before I add the locations of the hospital and the girls' school to the map.

A look at the Families in Madison County, Nebraska.

Compiled by Richard Strenge

The following items were taken from various newspapers across the county.

Prof. Walter Brase of Omaha is enjoying a vacation in Battle Creek at the home of his parents, **Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Brase**.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, July 25, 1929, page 1.

Mrs. Ralph Crook of Meadow Grove spent Thursday with her sister, **Mrs. Everett Kreidler**, in Battle Creek.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, July 25, 1929, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman and son, Ernest, of Gilmore City, Iowa, spent Thursday in Battle Creek with relatives and friends. The Freemans were enroute home after a motor trip to Colorado Springs. They were accompanied from Battle Creek by Mrs. Freeman's mother, **Mrs. Mary Burkhart**, who had been visiting her brother, **Peter Boebel**, for some time.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, August 22, 1929, page 1.

Mrs. Robert Osborn, accompanied by her daughters, **Mrs. Cora Tobler**, **Mrs. Irene Meyer** and Miss **Bernice Osborn**, the latter of Omaha, have returned after a motor trip to Denver where they visited their daughter and sister **Mrs. Zola Sink**. The ladies report a delightful trip as well as a very pleasant visit with western relatives.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, August 22, 1929, page 1.

James Thomas and daughter, Miss Abbie, of Osmond and **Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas** and son of Gordon, were visitors at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn** in Battle Creek a few days this week. Mrs. Osborn is a daughter of James Thomas. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Tilden Citizen: **Mr. and Mrs. W. Warner** and **Mrs. Elmer Blackstone** have returned to their home in South Dakota after being in Oakdale to attend the funeral of their sister, **Mrs. Eva Meacham**.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cox of Seneca were in Battle Creek last week to attend the funeral of **John Reeves**, uncle of Mrs. Cox.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Mrs. A. W. Burton left Tuesday for her old home in Virginia, having been notified of the serious illness of her father.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

George Fundum of Hickman spent Thursday in Battle Creek visiting his mother, **Mrs. Bert Holden**. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Philip Schreiner of Pierce visited at the home of his brother, **Frank Schreiner**, in Battle Creek last week.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bendixon are the proud parents of a son born last week Monday at the Tilden hospital.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Mrs. Frances Pratt spent a few days last week at Meadow Grove with her son, **Clarence Pratt**, and family.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 9, 1930, page 1.

Mrs. O. V. Sheer entertained at a party Tuesday afternoon in honor of her son, Thomas' fifth birthday anniversary. Games were played after which refreshments were served. There were about 25 little boys and girls present.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 29, 1931, page 1.

Five Madison County People Naturalized

Twenty-four of thirty-five applicants were granted final naturalization papers by Federal Judge Woodrough at Norfolk Monday. The list included men and women from over north-east among them the following Madison county people: **Hermann Thiede**, Norfolk, Germany. **Frank Sery**, Madison, Czecho-Slovakia. **Georgios Nicholacs Keromitis**, Norfolk, Greece. **Henrich Weber**, Tilden, Germany. **J. Olivia Rasmussen**, Tilden, Denmark.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 24, 1931, page 1.

It's "Grandpap" and "Grandma" (**Grover**) **Osborn** now. A son was born May 28 to **Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Osborn** and a daughter June 1 to **Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Osborn**. Both Osborn families live in Norfolk.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 3, 1937, page 1.

Thatch Family Reunite Under Old Home Roof

Gathered in annual reunion under the parental roof in Battle Creek during the past week were all the surviving members of the "Uncle Sam" Thatch family, among the first Madison county pioneers.

There were present: **Mrs. Martha Thatch**, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will celebrate her ninety-second birthday in October; the son **George Thatch**, San Diego, California, and the four daughters, **Mrs. Lou Griffin**, Chicago, **Mrs. Leona Pryor**, Cleveland, Ohio, **Mrs. Belle Fried**, Schuyler, and **Mrs. Josephine Henninger**, Tilden. Accompanying Mrs. Griffin was her daughter, Miss Johanna. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 10, 1937, page 1.

A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.

Elkhorn Valley Museum Research Center News

Books, Booklets, & Catalogs: Along Nebraska Pioneer Trails; Plains Indian Folklore; Nebraska State Symbols; Teton Dakota Sioux Indians; Fort Robinson; Children at play in many lands, 1912; Bible and Mission school stories; St. Paul's Cemetery Index cards & Lot book; Burial Records for Fairview Cemetery; First Congregational United Church of Christ, 125th Anniversary; 1954 Milestone; Nebraska Retail Hardware Association 1930; Norfolk Furnace Book; In No Time At All by Carl Hamilton; Yearbooks: Pierce Bluejay 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961; Polk City Directory for 1995 for Norfolk; Yearbooks: Petersburg Pirateer 1993, 1994.

Photographs and postcards: The Famous Home Brew Orchestra; Mt. Olive Lutheran Church centennial; Clarence and John Isaacson (Norfolk Bridge & Construction); 9 prints of Johnny Carson's car and desk at Imperial Palace in Las Vegas; Norfolk Police Patrol; Georgia Cowles; Carl Henning; Blanche Platt; Gale Wallace; Minnie Soost; Genevieve Evans; John Hofferber; Mae Morris; Bernard Orr; Lois Platte; Leo J. Schula; Arthur S. Avery; Lyle Burdick; Lloyd Higginbotham; Dorothy Witters, Elsa Perske, Miss Wade 1919; Junior class of Pierce High School 1959-1960, Senior class of Pierce High School class of 1961; Granada Theatre calendar 1990.

Maps: St. Paul's Cemetery Map; 1890s map of Norfolk; 1889 Norfolk map with 1881 inset.

Misc.: Letter to Colwell Machine Works (became Square Turn Tractor Co.); Menu from Mary's Café circa 1955-1960; Class History, Prophecy, and Wills of Pierce High School class of 1960, 1958, 1959; Roster of Pierce HS class of 1961; 2 autograph albums owned by Helen Sickles.

Newsletters, Magazines and Newspapers: Oakdale Cemetery Auxiliary; Pipost: St. Croix Valley (WI) Genealogical Society; GC: Genealogical Computing; Ancestry magazine; Norfolk Centennial Edition; Needlecraft magazine of Home Arts, 6 issues for 1930 and 1931.

Brochures and Programs: Course of Study, NHS under Allen Burkhardt; Programs from Stanton City Schools Band Concerts, Community Concert Association, Norfolk Junior College Banquet, Wayne State College, Kearney State Teachers College Symphony, all from late 1940s.

Scrapbooks: Norfolk History; Wally Truex's scrapbook of Johnny Carson memorabilia.

Collections: Large collection of photos, bibles, etc. that belonged to John Hide and Gladys Horton Hide. They had no surviving children but were from Madison and Norfolk. Collection: Joyce Faye Synovec and James Merle Sloan, wedding album and misc. items.

Share your knowledge; it is a way to achieve immortality.

1889 Norfolk City Directory

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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- Warnecher, Rudolph, cigar maker, bds. as above.
Warner, Mrs. Louisa, widow of Wm.; res. 5th, betw. Park and Pasewalk Aves.
Warner, Gustav, bds. as above.
Warner, Miss Laura, bds. as above.
Washburn, A. W., drayman, res. Nebraska Ave., betw. 12th and 13th, south side.
Washburn, Mrs. A. M., res. the same.
Washburn, L. C., res. se cor Maple and Paddock Aves.
Washburn, Mrs. _____ res. the same.
Washburn, G., res. Main str., betw. 1st and 2nd Aves., 1-h-e.
Waugh, M., expressman, res. nw cor Madison Ave. and 9th.
Waugh, Mrs. O. G., res. the same.
Weaver, Miss S. L., dressmaker, nw cor 2nd and Norfolk Ave.; res. the same.
Webber, H. A., res. Philip Ave., betw. 2nd and 3rd, north side.
Webber, Mrs. M., res. the same.
Weboldt, Earnest, bds. Morey House.
Wetzel, L., gunsmith, 120 Norfolk Ave.; res. in the rear.
Wetzel, Mrs. P., res. the same.
Wetzel, Ernst, res. 1st, betw. Philip and Madison Aves., 2-h-e.
Wetzel, Mrs. W., res. the same.
Weymouth, Edward, fireman, rms. at Thomas Ferguson's.
Weymouth, _____ fireman, rms. O. P. Masters'.
Wheaton, T. W., planing mill, Norfolk Ave. east of 1st; lives at J. E. Simpson's.
Wheaton, Mrs. M. W., res. the same.
Wheeler, Mrs. _____ res. Park Ave., betw. 4th and 5th, 4-h-n.
Wheeler, Mrs. E. B., res. 17th, south of Madison Ave., west side.
Whipps, Chas. C., printer, res. Philip Ave., betw. 5th and 6th, 3-h-n.
Whipps, Mrs. E. B., res. the same.
Whitham, J. D., res. 13th, betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves.
Whitham, Mrs. C., res. the same.
Whitham, George, (Wigton & Whitham), bds. as above.
Whitman, S. Harry, real estate, res. ne cor Prospect Ave. and 11th.
Whitman, Mrs. A. C., res. the same.
Whitmarsh, Rev. W. T., rector of Trinity Church, Canon of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, and Dean of the North Platte; res. 9th, betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves., 3-h-e.
Whitmarsh, Mrs. _____ res. the same.
Whitmarsh, Miss _____ bds. as above.
Wich, Miss Bertha, domestic at P. C. Storey's.
Widaman, W. H., (Widaman & Washburn), res. 1st betw. Norfolk and Braasch Aves.
Widaman, Mrs. L., res. the same.
Wigton, Frank P., (Wigton & Whitham), attorney, res. nw cor 9th and Koenigstein Ave.
Wigton, Mrs. _____ res. the same.
Wilde, Albert, res. sw cor 7th and Hayes Ave.
Wilde, Mrs. W., res. the same.
Wilde, Carl, clerk, res. nw cor Park Ave., and 6th.
Wilde, Mrs. B., res. the same.

Weddings and Anniversaries

Compiled by Richard Strenge

The following are extractions from various papers in Madison County. The bold print names are for the people who are having a wedding or anniversary.

Ira Chittenden and **Josephine "Josie" Schartzer** were married March 15, 1887 at the Methodist parsonage in Madison, Nebraska. She was born in Virginia and came to Madison county with her parents homesteading about 10 miles southwest of Madison. He was born near Galesburg, Illinois. She and her parents moved to town when there [were] not more than 30 buildings here. Frank Barnes, founder of the town, gave her father one lot if he bought another. Her father helped build the first Methodist church here, but died before the building was dedicated. They have two children, Mrs. Alta Trine and T. W. Chittenden. There are three grandchildren, Stewart W., Keith D. and Gene I. Trine. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, March 11, 1937 on page 4.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Collins celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary January 16. Mr. Collins is 91 years old and Mrs. Collins is 90. Mr. Collins and Miss Lennie Hackler, both born in Grayson county, Virginia, were married January 16, 1872, near Independence, Virginia, where they spent the first thirty years of their marriage. In 1902 they moved to Colorado, where they lived several years. They came to Madison county, Nebraska, thirty-five years ago. They are the parents of nine children, five of whom survive: Mrs. Lester Hawkins, Mrs. Connie Austin, Mrs. Cleat Austin, Mrs. L. Flanigan, and Elijah Collins. There are fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, January 22, 1942 on page 1.

Miss **Lorraine Conger**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Conger of Madison and **Bernard A. Venhaus**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Venhaus of Creighton, were married Monday. They left after the ceremony for Scottsbluff where they plan to make their home. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 16, 1937 on page 1.

News of the marriage of Miss **Mary Davis**, daughter of Fred H. Davis, to **Ray Garvin**, Los Angeles, California, a banker reached relatives here this week. The marriage took place Saturday at Ventura, California. The bride is a member of one of Madison county's pioneer families. Following her graduation from Madison high school she was employed in the post office here under her father. Until 18 months ago when she left for California to be near her grandmother, Mrs. Mary L. Thatch, she served as deputy register of deeds for three years. At the time of her marriage she was an instructor in the Mackay Business College at Los Angeles. The groom, a former Nebraskan, moved to California with his parent several years ago. He is connected with the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles at its Larchmont boulevard branch. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 20, 1931 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob D. Gabelman celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Broberg of Newman Grove on Friday, June 25th. Mr. Gabelman was born at Frankfort, Illinois, June 10, 1857. Mrs. Gabelman was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 11, 1858. They both came to Madison county in 1871. In the month of June, 1877, Elizabeth Knapp, at the age of 19, became the bride of Mr. Gabelman. They are the parents of six sons and three daughters. A son, Charles, died at Tilden in the

spring of 1935. Those living are: Jake, Fred, Frank, William, Mrs. Fred Yenter, Mrs. Earl Yenter, Alfred, and Mrs. Arthur Broberg. Four generations were present at the gathering, among them 27 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. Nine of the grandchildren and six great grandchildren were unable to be present. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, July 8, 1937 on page 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden B. Groff celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary Tuesday, August 26th when they enjoyed a dinner prepared for the occasion at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Dover of Madison. Mr. Groff, who is a Civil War veteran, is 89 years of age. Mrs. Groff is 86 years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Groff were born in the state of Maryland and were married there. In 1870 they moved to Nebraska and have lived here most of the time since. Six of their children are still alive, and include Milton, Arthur, Frederick, Mrs. John Kneeland, Mrs. Sylvia Dover and Mrs. Thomas E. Dover. There are also 28 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 28, 1930 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Haskins observed their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday. They were married at Sysamore, Illinois, May 5, 1887. They came to Madison county in the spring of 1890 and settled on a farm in Fairview [township]. In 1908 they moved to Madison where they have made their home except for a short time they lived in Enola. Mr. Haskins opened the first moving picture theatre in Madison. For the past several years he has been in the radio business. They have four children, Mrs. Nora Bates, Mrs. Pearly Taylor, Harvey and Horace Haskins, and six grandchildren. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, May 6, 1937 on page 10.

Edward B. Heuston and **Ida Overman** were married last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. B. Heuston, mother of the groom. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 27, 1929 on page 1.

County Couple Is Married 69 Years

Newman Grove---**Rev. and Mrs. George A. Humrich** will celebrate their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary Feb. 16. Rev. Humrich, 90, came with his parents to homestead in Nebraska shortly after they had gone to Kansas in 1859. He hauled the first load of rock for the first Nebraska capitol building. Mrs. Humrich is 85. Their romance began in 1865 on the day memorial services were held for Abraham Lincoln in the Humrich cabin a half-mile west of the site of the present state capital. It was in the Humrich cabin the first sermon was preached in Lincoln. The couple carried on missionary work in Nebraska and neighboring states in pioneer days. Most of Rev. Humrich's service has been with the United Brethren church. He is regarded as the oldest living missionary in this territory. Rev. and Mrs. Humrich had 11 children.-----World-Herald. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 18, 1937 on page 5.

Old Time Memories August 21, 1889

Ten years ago **Tom Farage** dug a 60 foot well on the **T. J. Funk** farm and it had furnished plenty of water until last year. Last week Tom and Mr. Funk dug it deeper until they were satisfied there would be plenty of water. When down about 12 feet he pulled the auger out and a stream of water spouted forth 18 inches about the main body of water. Since that time the water in the well has been in constant motion, boiling and making a roaring sound, and the water has been so oily that it is unfit for use. Whether the phenomenon will result in a gas well or the water get clear again is now agitating the mind of Mr. Funk. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 25, 1937, page 7.

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We are in the process of developing a genealogical section in our library. We have a number of resources that need to be cataloged and shelved that can be of use to researchers. Included are:

Antelope County Cemetery records 2-volume
Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980 by Louise Prevo
Antelope County History 1868-1985
Before Today-A History of Holt County Nebraska-Centennial Edition
The Tigers-Tilden High School 1893-1967
Rooted in Faith-Peace United Church of Christ 1902-1977
The Letters of Louise Ritter from 1893-1925
Do You Remember Meadow Grove 1886-1986 by Gary Kuchar & Mrs. Lenora Kuchar
They Called It Meadow Grove by Gary Kuchar & Mrs. Lenora Kuchar
Oakdale High School Memories 1891-1990
Memories of Orchard 1983 by Charles E. Alexander
1961 Atlas of Antelope County
1961 Atlas of Pierce County
Love letters of Emerson Ashcraft & Minnie Kelly January/June 1898
Charles Hemenway 100th year Reunion 1899-1999 by Eunice Coover
The Migrating Ives and Their Decendants 1639-1988 by Dorothy Gilmore
The Smith Family Saga by B. Jane Fisher
The Wagner Story by JoNelle Wagner Linnaus & Marcia Wagner Hellums
Family Whitwer by Amel Whitwer
Service Record World War II Tilden and Community
The War Years-The People of Antelope County, Nebraska
125 Years of Memories 1867-1992 Madison, Nebraska
A Piece of Emerald-O'Neill—Nebraska's Irish Capital-The First One Hundred Years 1874-1974 compiled by Burns E. McColloh
Civil War Veterans buried in Nebraska Cemeteries
The 1880 U. S. Census and National Index on compact disc.

Women of Nebraska Hall of Fame by Peggy A. Volzke Kelley

Nebraska 1870 Nebraska Census Index

History of the State of Nebraska 1882 2-Volume

Who's Who in Nebraska 1940

Who's Who in the Midwest 1980-1981 17th Edition

Notable Nebraskans by Jean Sanders

Northeast Nebraska-Our Past in Pictures

Nebraska "Native-Sons"--as listed in the 1964-1965 Who's Who in America

CEMETERY RECORDS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY

Tilden City Cemetery (formerly I.O.O.F.) Maps dating back to 1906 with alphabetical listing of Burials-some with birth & death dates, or at least years. Contact Tilden City Clerk 402-368-2232

St. Mary's Cemetery (Catholic): Contact Joanne Rudnick, Tilden 402-368-5548

Lutheran Cemetery: Contact Lyle Herbolsheimer, Tilden 402-368-5313

McCoy Cemetery: Contact Ralph Larson, Tilden 402-368-5971

The Battle Creek Library has old Battle Creek newspapers back to the 1800's on microfilm. Newer ones are kept through the year. We have maps of some of the local cemeteries (Union Cemetery). We have a new book on starting genealogical research. We have a plat map of Madison county cemeteries done in 1974. We have a history of Battle Creek by Charles Zimmerman. We don't have genealogical info on other parts of the country, but we have travel packets which give tourist information and we try to update them every couple of years.

Those in charge of the cemetery records are:

Nancy Hughes--Catholic; Adela Klein--Lutheran and Francis Osborne--Methodist.

Our hours are always:

Monday and Wednesday--1-8 p.m.;

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday--10 a.m.-6 pm. and

Saturday-9 a.m - 3 pm. The hours don't change in the summer or winter. We have a

Web page with our e-mail linked on every page: www.battlecreeklibrary.org.

Our e-mail is battlecreeklibrary@cablone.net.

Our phone number is 402-675-6934; Our fax number is the same.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box D, Battle Creek, NE 68715.

You may contact Kathy Bretschneider, Director at any of these addresses or phone numbers.

**MADISON COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

P. O. Box 1031
Norfolk, NE 68702-1031

Meetings: The 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE.

MCGS Library is located at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE
Hours are Thursdays 4-8 pm and Fridays 1-4 and other times by appointment. Please call: (402) 371-3886.

Memberships are \$10.00 for individual or \$15 per couple per year, due in September.

Research Requests: \$10 and a family group sheet to MCGS, P.O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.

Information

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From the Elkhorn Valley Museum Newsletter

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you have special memories of growing up in Norfolk?

Do you remember Ta-Ha-Zouka Park? The Train? The Zoo?

Ball games? Swimming? The Floods? Camping? Playground?

Fishing in the lagoon? Family Reunions?

Picnics? Dating? Parking? Special events?

Please share them with us. We would like to publish your memories in our newsletter.

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