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From your President, John Kielty

Welcome to the summertime. It has been great so far, with some heat and rain every week. The corn looks great around here, but quite a bit of the hay has been rained on. I notice more of this stuff while I commute back and forth from Norfolk to Wayne. I also listen to NPR radio, so I have had to focus on politics and the war in Iraq more than I normally would. Sometimes it seems so tiring, newsfolk must be wired differently than I am. My family also has had a storage unit in Wayne, so we could clear out some of our stuff, and make the place look less cluttered. I hope it works and we are able to sell this summer.

NPR had a book story about storage units, owning, and saving stuff. We have more and more stuff these days, but do we need it all? The author of the book says that there are so many storage units in the United States, that all the people in our country would fit into the storage units. I notice storage units in almost every town I pass thru, even a town of 500 people will have storage units. The author of this book says we get the storage unit to store stuff for a short time, and end up keeping the unit for a very long time. Our stuff can be color coordinated in multi-shaped totes. But once we label everything and store it in the garage or our storage unit, do we ever consider if we need the stuff at all. We could empty out the totes, and just get rid of the stuff. Think of it as working on the antiques for the 22nd century. Why are antiques from the 1700's so valuable? Things broke, they got sold, or the house burnt down. We would be doing a disservice to the future to keep all this stuff.

I say sell the stuff, give it away, and throw the junk out. I am finding boxes in my house that had not been unpacked in 9 years. Even if it was neat stuff, do I really need it? I never looked for it, or noticed it was packed there in the basement. I could be depriving someone else of stuff that they need in their lives, something that they will have a use for, or a place to display. I even brought a box of stuff to the Elkhorn Valley Museum, for them to use or sell, a small donation that did not hurt me a bit.

This will be my last newsletter message, we will be electing a new slate of officers this summer. Thank you all for allowing me to ramble on like this every newsletter, I have enjoyed myself, even if I still have trouble making the printing deadline. Please be supportive of the new officers because you may be one someday.

May Program and Meeting by **Patty Eucker, secretary**

Eleven members and three guests were present for the May 17, 2005 meeting of the Madison county Genealogical Society, held at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Nancy Zaruba in the absence of our President, John Kielty.

Each member and guest present told about family reunions they helped organize or else attended.

The Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports and motions were made and seconded to approve each one as read.

Gloria Hintz would be giving the program in June on "Early Fur Trade".

For new business a query was read from Martin Jones who has relatives buried in a Madison county cemetery. Also a discussion was held pertaining to our field trip in August.

Nancy reported that the Madison County History book is being worked on and will be ready to come out next year.

Refreshments were served by Dave and Nancy Zaruba.

June Program and Meeting

The Madison County Genealogical Society met June 21, 2005 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center with 17 members and 4 guests attending.

John Kielty, president, called the meeting to order. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. Motion was made and seconded to pay next years dues to the Nebraska State Genealogical Society and also to pay the post office box rent fee.

Discussion was held pertaining to our field trip to be held in August.

Mel Hintz told about a bus tour in September of Knox County he is organizing and extended an invitation to those who might be interested.

Bill Draube, Mel Hintz and Karen Rogat will be the nominating committee for our July election of new officers for the coming year.

Karen Rogat had received a "Random Acts of Kindness" note asking for information on Madison County Veterans honor roll. The Society as well as the museum own copies of this book which lists veterans of World War I.

John suggested for our July program, that each one bring ideas on how we have gone about solving some genealogy problem we have encountered when doing our family research.

Gloria Hintz presented a much informative program on "Early Fur Trade".

Karen Rogat served refreshments.

Reminder: Memberships expire in August. To continue receiving membership benefits, please renew. Individual \$10, Family \$15. PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68701

Our Society and the newsletter editors wish to thank John Kielty for his many years of service as President of the Society and wish him well in his new home in Wayne. John, we'll miss you!!!

Untangling My Lines From Yours
By Helen Simons

Not in my direct line? How often I regret my decision to begin my ancestral search for extended-family members not "in my direct line" only as far back as my four-great-grandfathers in Texas. So, when I'm searching for a Zachariah, a Benjamin or a Norris amongst the FENLEY/FINLEY family, I have to try to eliminate all of the wrong ones -- not in my direct line, which means that I have to look for a lot of them.

Another disadvantage is that I don't have information on how all of my distant CHANDLER and COURTNEY kin in Mississippi and my FENLEYS in Alabama were related to other families that later came to Texas. And, of course, some later descendants also married into these same families.

Some of these people are my distant double cousins, who are not as distant as they may at first appear when one considers that we share common ancestors in both families. Because many of these people lived in isolated communities, it was not uncommon for a brother and sister to marry brother and sister in a neighboring family. No problem, since they weren't related, but their children are double first cousins, who genetically are about as kin as brothers and sisters.

However, since I have bitten off about as much as I can comfortably chew, I'm not going to go back and look for five-greats and all of their other descendants. But, oh how I understand the temptation to just download GEDCOMs. Sometimes I think it would so easy just to copy a lot of someone else's work from the Internet, hook it all up to my own research in a family history program, and just let it be. No double-checking census records, no pondering undecipherable names, no wondering about whether William CHANDLER of Mississippi really is related to that old John CHANDLER back in Virginia or wherever. And I wouldn't know or care how much of the information is tentative, based on someone's assumption that they had absolutely found the right Zack P. (one of whom, by the way, was a female).

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By George I've Found Him
By Jeanne Hlavac

My father was born at midnight 31 May/1 June 1880. The census taker put down his name as George and his age as 1/365 days old. Also in tiny print it says "Midnight."

My father has always been named Julius, not George. All other censuses say Julius. That is the only record I have of his birth after years of searching -- and it says George!

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Research Center News by Nancy Zaruba

Did you know library staff have written several booklets that are sold in the Museum giftshop? A booklet on the Square Turn Tractor was the first one published several years ago. They sell for \$9.95 and have sold very well. We print them in the library as the gift shop runs out. Just a week ago I printed seven more. We can mail them anywhere and have sold and shipped them to England as well as several other states. We also have written and print new copies regularly, booklets on Diamond Dick Tanner and his Frontier Tales. Recently published was a small booklet on Doc Bennett and his baseball career. The library by writing and publishing these types of items helps to support the Museum and its mission.

I recently got a telephone call from Simon and Schuster Publishing Company. It seems they saw a photograph on our web page that they would like to use in their new book being published this fall by author Larry McMurtry. Larry McMurtry is a well-know author of historical fiction and such well-known works as "Lonesome Dove" They will be paying us a fee for the use of the photograph. How exciting! Watch for this book coming out later this fall with a photo of Main Street of Norfolk, Nebraska (in horse and buggy days.) In the meantime check out our website to see the photograph that will be used. The book is titled: O What a Slaughter.

<http://www.elkhornvalleymuseum.org/research-center-pictures.htm>

It's the fourth picture down on the right hand column.

We have had several interesting queries and visits from persons researching their family members lately. Paul from St. Paul, MN was researching his great-grandfather who died in 1911 at the Norfolk State Hospital. He's buried at Lyons, Nebraska, not here but Paul was interested in seeing photographs of the State Hospital at the time his ancestor was there and also in getting a basic history. We have those things here in the Research Center and were able to make him copies. He was most appreciative and left us a nice donation.

We also had two gals here from Washington State. They spent two afternoons and an evening here researching their ancestors. We were able to give them information on the burial locations, cemeteries locations and directions. We found a photograph of the downtown business their ancestor used to work at, and the address of each of the homes in Norfolk where they used to live. We helped them find contact persons elsewhere for further information and census records for more details on family members. They were in the Norfolk area for 10 days specifically to do family history (and boosting our economy).

We have also been answering several queries by mail, and more come in every week.

Jay Kruse, who has been volunteering daily in the library here since December has gotten a job and no longer has much time to come in. Jay was cataloging photographs for me, which was a tremendous help while it lasted. Jay is now selling cars at Cornhusker Imports so go see him if you a need a vehicle.

We are about half way to our goal of raising \$460 for a negative scanner. This will allow us to copy negatives of all sizes into the computer and print them. We have the photo negative backfiles from the Norfolk Daily News going back to the 1940s. We also have negatives from Christian Studios and also some glass plates, thousands in all, and no way to print them at the moment..

1889 Norfolk Business Directory

Transcribed by Nancy Zaruba

continued from last issue**Real Estate Agents**

Durland, A. J., Richard's block rm 1 and 2
 Lowe, W. A. 220 Norfolk ave.
 Peck and Rowe, 409 Norfolk ave.
 Pilger & Schwenk, 214 Norfolk ave.
 Rome Miller & Co., basement of Mast's building
 Widaman & Washburn, 317 Norfolk ave.
 Wilson & Miller, 416 Norfolk ave.
 Allen, E. B., 428 ½ Norfolk ave.

Restaurants

Grant, S. A. 432 Norfolk ave.
 Moore, G. D., 315 Norfolk ave.

Saloons

Eble, C., 216 Norfolk ave.
 Flynn, J. W., 423 Norfolk ave.
 Klentz, F. W., 116 Norfolk ave.
 Kyner Bros., sw cor 3d and Norfolk ave.
 Machmiller, A., ne cor 2d and Norfolk ave.
 Marquardt, C. F. A., se cor Norfolk ave and 5th
 McCombs & Riley, 312 Norfolk ave.
 Schelly, Fred, 414 Norfolk ave.
 Schwertfeger, Ernst, 113 Norfolk ave.
 Wilde, Albert, 219 Norfolk ave.

Second Hand Stores

Bucholz, Anton, 210 Norfolk ave.
 Walter, J. F., 418 Norfolk ave.

Sewing Machine Agency

Domestic – H. G. Brueggeman, 126 Norfolk ave.
 Singer – J. D. Sturgeon, 118 Norfolk ave.

Shoemakers

Hoefs, H., 117 Norfolk ave.

Taxidermists

Sessions & Bell, over Peyton & Smith's

Telegraph Co.

Western Union – M. Yount, manager, rm 9, Mast's block

Tin Shop

Laubsch, Carl, 114 Norfolk ave.

Wagon Makers

Lierman, G. F., Norfolk ave., east of 1st
 Walter B. C., Braasch ave. betw. 4th and 5th

Wall Paper Dealers

Tracy, E. H. & Co., 306 Norfolk ave.
 Wilson & Daniel, 104 Norfolk ave.

This concludes the 1889 Business Directory

NEWS:**CANADIAN CENSUS BILL IS PASSED**

The Canadian Bill, S-18, passed its third reading in the House of Commons on 28 June 2005 and received Royal Assent (29 June 2005), putting the legislation into force. This legislation "allows unrestricted access to [census] records, beginning 92 years after the census was taken," opening the 1911 census to the public for the first time.

Reprinted from Ancestry Daily News, July 6, 2005.

Meadow Grove News
Meadow Grove, Nebraska

Information extracted by Richard Strenge

A look at the Meadow Grove News newspaper from years ago gives us great ideas and clues of where to search for more information on family and friends of our ancestors.

Margaret and Burnell Gore of York, are spending the summer vacation with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

Mrs. J. G. Wiese left Tuesday morning for Gauze, Tex., where she will spend three or four weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. Bowling.

Mrs. Lister and son, Wm. Harrison, who returned from overseas a few days ago, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Lister's brother, George Carter, the greater part of last week. They returned to their home at Spencer, Nebr. last Saturday.

Miss Leopal Hawkins left for Ainsworth last Friday to spend the vacation season with her sisters, Miss Elsie and Mrs. Funk. She expects to be gone about six weeks.

Mrs. Uehling and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Omaha, are visitors at the homes of W. H. Bosse and E. M. Uehling.

Miss Edna B. Anstine has contracted for the second year as teacher of Dist. No. 18, at an increased salary.

Source: Friday June 27, 1919 on page 1.

Mrs. John Edwards is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dogan, near Chadron.

John Edwards and his daughter Miss Hazel, and Mrs. G. M. Hayden were in Norfolk Tuesday attending the funeral of Mr. DeFrance.

Grant White, a nephew of C.N. Hutchins, who was in the aerial service, was recently mustered out, and is now located at Petersburg, Neb.

Donald Cloyd went to Norfolk Monday to have his tonsils removed. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Cora.

Mrs. Chas. P. Michael left here Monday for her home at Mena, Arkansas, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. E. H. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cunningham of Plainview, spent Sunday with Mrs. Cunningham's mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown.

Mrs. I G. Alyea moved to Douglass, Wyo., where her son is in the auto tire repairing business.

Mrs. Mason and son Donald, Mrs. E. H. Crook and daughter Pauline, and Mrs. Emmett Warrick and son Oliver motored to Norfolk Monday.

Misses Rose and Charlotte Hayden, accompanied by their little niece, left Saturday evening for Hyannis, where they expect to spend some time with their brother, E. R. Hayden, on his big ranch in Cherry county.

S. C. Blackman, the editor of the Tilden Citizen, one of our most valued exchanges, left Tilden very quietly a few days ago and went to Council Bluffs, Ia., accompanied by Miss Edith Cunningham of Tilden, and were united in marriage. The bride is well known in the Tilden community having been in the millinery business in that town for several years, and is a lady of high ideals. Mr. Blackman needed a wife as he had been living with his family at a

hotel for a long time. An editor can get along so much better with a companion and we congratulate our brother on getting one to help him share the joys as well as sorrows of life incident to the life of a country editor.

Source: Friday, July 4, 1919 on page 1.

Mrs. S. A. Werner of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived here Wednesday to spend a few days with her brother, H. D. Weygint.

Charles H. and J. H. Stahl of Akron, Ohio, and J. C. Stahl of Boulder, Col., are spending a few days at the home of their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hansen.

A. J. Collins, accompanied by his wife, left town Monday noon for the scene of his boyhood days in Baywood, VA., where he will spend a few weeks with his aged father. Eighteen years have elapsed since his last visit. Mrs. Collins, being a Nebraska lady will see so many things different from what they are here, that she, no doubt with her husband, will thoroughly enjoy the trip.

Source: Friday, July 11, 1919 on page 1.

Miss Elsie Hawkins came home Tuesday evening from Ainsworth, where she enjoyed a week's vacation with her sister Mrs. Funk, to enjoy a two week's vacation with her parents.

Miss Helen Nemce of Weston, Nebr., is enjoying the summer vacation with her aunt, Mrs. J. J. Machecek.

Mrs. Monte Carr, and her little niece, Theola Beech, returned from Bayard, last Thursday.

Mrs. Ed Crook and Mrs. Monte Carr are spending this week at Newman Grove, the guests of Mrs. Chas. Crook.

J. L. Jenkins and family of Venus, Nebr., was in town last Saturday and spent Sunday with Albert Jenkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chittenden announce the arrival of a little girl at their home last Saturday morning.

Rev. F. W. Brink returned Tuesday evening from a short vacation at Grand Island and Hastings. He also visited his niece at York.

Source: Friday, July 18, 1919 on page 1.

J. R. Smith and family of University Place motored here Saturday. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Smith went to Plainview to see his mother who is ill. Mr. Smith returned home Monday and Mrs. Smith remained to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Brewer.

Dave Ober and family from Bloomfield visited his mother last Thursday.

L. A. Brown and family of Seward, spent Sunday at the homes of C. C. Wilson and E. H. Brewer.

Miss Wilma Phillips of Battle Creek, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Peterson last week.

Mrs. Bowen and children left here Monday for their home at Tecumseh, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rouse.

Source: Friday July 25, 1919 on page 1.

Burials in McCoy Cemetery, Meadow Grove, Nebraska

Charles Wesley Carpenter

Charles Wesley Carpenter was born in Franklin County, Ohio, about 25 miles from Columbus, Jan. 13, 1846.

He was married to Mary A. Hill in 1878. To this union were born two children, Fred H. and Burt E. His wife died about 18 years ago. Since that time he has made his home principally in this state in and around Meadow Grove. Last March he was taken seriously ill with dropsy and later with paralysis, and was taken to the general hospital at Norfolk, where he died Sunday July 5, 1919, being in his 74th year. He was baptized in infancy, his parents being loyal and devoted members of the church. Last spring while he was ill at the home of Alva Crooks, in the presence of Rev. Antrim, he accepted Jesus as his Saviour.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. Church Monday afternoon, W. R. S. Anstine, officiating. Interment in the McCoy cemetery by the side of his wife.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday July 11, 1919 on page 1.

A. J. Fish

Andrew J. Fish, son of John and Pheba Ann Fish, was born in Ohio, Oct. 2, 1845. He emigrated to Charles City, Iowa, there he was united in marriage to Alice E. Keck. To this union were born five daughters and two sons: Leona Justice of Norfolk, May McKay, Nellie Bush, and Ray Fish of Creswell, Ore., DessieSmith of Oregon City, Leta Williams of Everett, Wash., and George Fish of Herrick, S. Dak. He is also survived by two sisters: Sarah Phillips, Meadow Grove and Lucina Yerrick of Waterloo, Iowa.

The deceased came to Madison Co. 36 years ago. Fourteen years ago he went to Oregon where he resided until last Nov. when he returned and made his home with his daughter Mrs. Justice of Norfolk. His wife died Jan. 27, 1905. Both were laid to rest in the McCoy cemetery. Funeral services were held in the L. D. S. church Friday of last week, Rev. Wm. Self, officiating.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, July 18, 1919 on page 1.

Death of Mrs. J. I. Beech

Mrs. J. I. Beach, whose serious illness has been noted in these columns, died last Sunday morning after a lingering illness from that incurable disease cancer.

Last winter, the deceased in company with her husband, went to Rochester, Minn., and consulted with the Mayo Bros. After remaining there several weeks, they informed her after watching her case, the most careful examinations, and a nimor operation, that they were sorry that they could do nothing for her as the disease had too strong a hold on her weakened system. They returned home and for several months she suffered intensely, being unable to retain the lightest diet. Thru all her suffering she was very patient and never complained knowing that everything had been done to help her but in vain. For several days before the end came she was in an unconscious condition from extreme weakness. The deceased will be missed not only in the family circle but in the entire community.

Rocelia Lewis was born Jan. 22, 1865, near Mankato, Minn., and died at Meadow Grove July 20, 1919. Aged 54 years and 6 months, lacking 2 days. Came to Madison county when a small child, having spent nearly all her life in this community. She was married to Jos. I. Beech Dec. 3, 1883. To this union were born seven children, two dying in infancy. Four boys and one girl are living---Fred, Ray, Earl and Edwin and Maud Thrasher, all of them living in and near Meadow Grove. Besides these she is survived by her husband, and father, P. V. Lewis, four brothers, five sisters, and many other relatives and friends. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church for more than 20 years.

Funeral services were held in the M. E. church Monday noon, Rev. Antrim, the pastor, officiating. Interment in McCoy cemetery.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday July 25, 1919 on page 1.

Two Loads of Hogs at \$21.00, the Highest Price Ever Paid at South Omaha

J. W. Warrick of Meadow Grove had the honor and pleasure of having two loads of choicely finished hogs, heavy weights, on today's market that sold to a packer at the highest price ever paid on this market for hogs. One load consisted of 63 head averaging 291 pounds, and the other 62 head averaging 295, both selling for \$21.00.

This price is 10 cents above the record set Saturday and 60 cents higher than last year's record figure. Incidentally, the prediction that has been made for some time that this market would see a \$21.00 hog has been fulfilled. ---Monday's Daily Drivers Journal Stockman, South Omaha. [The above mentioned two loads of hogs were raised on Mr. Warrick's west farm and netted him \$7,515.00.]

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday June 20, 1919 on page 1.

Alfred Brewer Returns from France

A number of young people had a very pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brewer Tuesday evening. The guests of honor was Mr. Brewer's nephew, Alfred Brewer, who has just returned from France.

The room was tastefully decorated with flags and roses. The evening was spent in playing various games which were very amusing and interesting, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. Brewer entertained the company with stories of his life as a soldier and a cook. He was sent to Camp Funston, Sept. 18, 1917, and sailed for France June 21, 1918. After landing in France 16 days later, he received training until he was sent to the St. Mehiel front on the Metz offensive. After the armistice was signed Mr. Brewer was sent to Germany with the Army of Occupation thru Luxemburg, Belgium, on to Dusseldorf, Germany. On May 8th he sailed for U. S. and was honorably discharged at Cheyenne, Wyo. From here Mr. Brewer goes to Madison to visit his sister.

Schoolcraft Township Madison County, Nebraska

Extraction by Richard Strenge

The following comes from the book The Franciscans in Nebraska by The Rev. Eugene Hagedorn, O. F. M. This book was published in 1931. In Chapter 22, St. Francis De Sales Church, Schoolcraft, Madison County the names that follow were found. The names are typed as found in the book. In looking at the other material in this chapter it was found that the successor to Father Bonaventure was the Rev. Valentine Dorenkemper, O. F. M. in January, 1893.

List of Fifty-Seven Families at Schoolcraft

(By Fr. Bonaventure, O. F. M.) (Note: this list was made before 1893)

Patrick Manning, Frank Murphy and Helen Brock, Wm. Jilg and Mary Frisch, Peter Finnegan and Brodget Rooney, Peter S. Carraher and Mary Ryan, Jacob McMahan and Sara Carey, Wm. Gossen and Margaret Doran, Frank Dietterich, and Mary Bolz, Joseph Gampa and Johanna Fietter, John O'Brien and Bridget Roch, Joseph Clinch and Mary Barron, Patrick Carraher and Mary Sidley, John Casey and Helen Green, Mathias Herda and Anna Ambroz,, Joseph Kuhash and Katherine Kooridoa, Jacob Holy and Mary Kooridoa, Jacob Blazny and Catherine Bashtish, Joseph Kinklar and Mary Wyt, Thos. Lestina and Veronica Vlazny, Frank Ambroz and Anna Lazena, Frank Broz and Elizabeth Nachazel, Jacob Carrol and Mary Tully, Jacob Hartlitzki and Catherine Dusa, Thos. Carraher and Catherine E. Silk, John Francis Dvorak, Joseph Schuyler and Catherine _____, John Kukra and Frances Sasha, Adalbert Brozek, Francis Ambroz and Mary Sitza, Joseph Brozek and Mary Pracma, Joseph Dworik and Frances Richeka, John Rasenshek and Anna Jedlicka, Joseph Vech and Barbara Shamonoa, Jacob Ambroz, and Mary Broz, Andreas Boncar and Catherine Bomba, Joseph Panek and Elizabeth Dworik, Joseph Psoda and Mary Dobruska, Joseph Chutka and Rosa Bolek, Justus P. Carraher and Catherine Cunningham, Joseph Vlazny and Elizabeth Ambroz, Carl Schider and Cecilia Niesner, Frank Hauck, widow Anna Kolar, Haworka, Michael Nemezc and Anna Kamis, John Groz, Christian F. Baish and May Kuech, Joseph Pospisil and Frances Chrastil, Frank Duffy and Helen Casey, Joseph Storek and Mary Adamek, Wenceslaus Adamek and Mary Duklansky, Frank Broz Jr., John Dvorak, Joseph Lewis and Eleanore Mulvihill, Albert Lovelace and wife.

Was Elvis my father?

A man who believes he may be the illegitimate son of Elvis Presley is still waiting for permission to perform a DNA test to find out the truth. Tim Farrell claims that his mother made a startling death-bed confession in September 2002. She allegedly admitted that she and Elvis made love on a beach in 1954 and that Elvis was Farrell's true father.

But before he can go ahead with a DNA test to determine whether he really is Elvis's son, Farrell, of Michigan, USA, requires approval from Elvis Presley Enterprises, the handlers of the singer's multimillion-dollar estate. Several months ago Farrell hired legal help to aid him in his quest but so far he has not gained the permission he needs.

Farrell maintains that he is not seeking money. "I'd rather know whether it is true than spend the rest of my life wondering," he said. [Source - The Jackson Sun News, Jan 20 2005] GeoGene Newsletter Feb. 2005

Changing Ethnicity
By Dori Wegehaupt in Michigan, USA

Both my husband and I are primarily of German heritage, so imagine my surprise when I picked up copies of my daughter's death certificate last week and found her ancestry listed as French-Canadian. Evidently the person who filled out the form just picked at random one of the secondary ancestries we mentioned to fill in that space.

Anyone finding that information would incorrectly assume that they had the wrong person because there is no one in my genealogy of French-Canadian descent and I haven't re-searched my husband's ancestry.

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Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary
By Karen Holst in Manson, Washington, USA

My mother, Mary Lou, had always said she was named after both of her grandmothers, therefore, both grandmothers' names were Mary. She also stated that her middle name on her birth certificate had been spelled wrong. I quickly found her maternal grandmother in census and death records and verified her name as Mary.

To no avail, I searched and searched for her paternal grandmother and grandfather with the names she had given me. After many years of fruitless searching I was able to obtain her father's Social Security number application that contain his mother's name. It was not even close to the name she had given me.

Through my mother's grandfather's records, I was able to determine her grandmother's name was Lula. My mother wasn't very happy to hear my report and when I asked to see her birth certificate, she would not show it to me. While going through my mother's papers after her death, we found her birth certificate. I have to say I was not surprised to see it read "Mary Lula."

Humor/Humour: Doc Moves Up
Thanks to: D. Terry Huff of Woodcrest, California

While attending my mother-in-law's graveside services at the cemetery in Banning, California, we noticed a tombstone for a medical doctor who was buried nearby.

The inscription read, "Office Upstairs."

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MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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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Upcoming workshops

Federation of Genealogical Societies Sept. 7-10, 2005

Mark your calendar! The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Association are holding their Annual 2005 Conference September 7-10, 2005, in Salt Lake.

Iowa Genealogical Society Fall Conference—40th Anniversary, October 6-8, Clive, IA (suburb of Des Moines) Featuring Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak "Honoring Our Ancestors."

Good Night

The following is not so bad and is worth passing around:

When the plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When the lawyer makes a mistake, he has a chance to try it over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.

When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

When an electrician makes a mistake, he calls it induction. Nobody knows what that means.

But when an editor makes a mistake---Good Night! ! !—Ex.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday June 20, 1919 on page 1.