

# Madison County Remembers...

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## President's Message

Life is full of choices. The following is not all inclusive but a person does make a lot of choices, i.e. who to date and who to marry, the number of children and the name for each child, the type of work a person is going to do and where a person is going to live. One item a person does not usually make a choice on is when they will die. That decision is usually unknown and may come upon a person at anytime at any stage of life. Now a person may think they are prepared for this final event in the life of an individual. However, no matter how prepared you are it still comes down and hits each one of us. In the case of the recent deaths of my parents I was thinking I was prepared but I wasn't even close to being prepared. What was overwhelming was the paperwork after the deaths. It was not only the paperwork for the funeral but the paperwork that was involved in the everyday life of a person. Who to contact for delivery of the newspaper, telephone bills, garbage service, water and sewer services, TV/cable provider, the names of the various doctors they have seen and their office addresses. What about bank accounts, and other related financial affairs they have, life insurance policies, and many other aspects of a persons everyday life.

I have been involved a little bit in these matters but not to the extent I was comfortable in trying to handle their affairs after their deaths. Little by little I am moving on and trying to do justice to their affairs. Over the past few weeks the aspects of clearing out a home and the contents it contains is an unveiling of their life and the happenings that occurred in their lives. Letters, pictures, clothing, items made for them and who made it are now beginning to take on a new choice for me. What do you keep and what can be given away or sold? So many memories are involved in the sorting and decision of what to do with each item.

Many of the pictures I have located are old and unidentified. No names, no dates, no location either on the picture or under the picture when it was pasted into the photo album. One picture I know to be almost 90 years old and a cousin was able to identify herself as the baby in the highchair. Many others are truly unknown at least for now. I hope to continue the

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search for answers and maybe sometime a few more will be known.

There has been a change in my working hours and days. This change is going to keep me from doing a lot of the work I have been doing in and for the genealogical society for some time. This is not a choice I wanted to make. With a persons job sometimes it requires making a choice and right now having a place where you are employed is important. So this will be my last message as your president.

I hope that your choice to being involved in our society is one that will continue. Our group is going to be making some choices in the near future. Your active involvement and participation is vital to our future. If you live in the area so you can attend the meetings please do so. This is not the efforts of a few people but of a whole society. Remember that the choices you make in your life does have effects on more than just yourself. Others will be following in your footsteps and your guidance and direction is important to many who follow you.

Thank you for your support during the years I was your president.

**Richard Streng**

### **MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Our Society's election of officers will take place at our July meeting. The ballot you received in the mail will need to be sent back to our society mail box before the July meeting of our society. At this July meeting all the ballots will be opened and counted. If you are able to participate in holding an office, or work on the newsletter please fill in your name on the ballot.

The election will be for the following: President who conducts the meetings; Vice-President who is responsible for programs and helps to conduct meetings in the absence of the President; Secretary who notifies the media of our meetings and takes minutes of the meetings; Treasurer who handles the responsibilities of the financial affairs, newsletter committee who prepare the bi-monthly publication of our newsletter "Madison County Remembers..."; and membership chairman. Our current vice-president Nancy Zaruba and co-editor of this newsletter will not be able to continue holding both positions. She has had a number of eye surgeries on both eyes and faces a healing process that will take another 1 1/2 years or more for her vision to return.

What is the future of our Society?

### **Battle Creek Reminiscing Book Team presents**

**Battle Creek Reminiscing 1967—2010 & Smile.** A continuation of Centennial Reminiscing A Story of the People of the Community of Battle Creek, Nebraska 1867-1967. This book is now available. The cost is \$25.00 plus sales tax and postage for each book. If you would like to order please contact: P. O. Box 340, Battle Creek, Nebraska 68715. Please include your name, address, City, State, and Zip Code.

### Meeting Notes

Submitted by Susan Askew, Secretary

The May 18, 2010 regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was called to order by the President Richard Streng, with 12 members and 2 guests present.

The Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report were read. A convention report was given which showed there was a positive response from attendees, with comments that it was well organized and planned. Richard read the Governor's Proclamation that was presented to our society at the conference. The week of the conference was proclaimed Nebraska Genealogy Week.

A letter was read from Susie Wattier concerning the book, *One-Room Schoolhouse*. It is a history of the Randolph-Scholes area. Battle Creek is publishing a new history book from 1967 to the present. Richard is working on an index for it.

The society has received a query about the Dawson family who lived in Madison County.

Members present discussed the future of the Society, membership numbers are down and election of officers is coming. Meeting permanently on the third Tuesday of the month was also discussed. We will be helping with the regional center old cemetery on a Saturday July or August with the help of Judy Carlson. Graves will be marked and a list of names created from funeral home records as no list exists at the Regional Center.

Election of next year's officers was discussed, Bernice Walters and Bobbi Mullen are serving on the nominating committee. The following indicated they would serve next year; Bernice Walters, Treasurer; Phyllis McCain, Secretary; Richard Streng, President. Positions needed to be filled are Vice President and Newsletter Editor.

The June 15, 2010 regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was called to order by the President Richard Streng with 7 members and 1 guest present.

The meeting began with a special program presented by Ken Mossman of Holdrege who talked about his research of the early history of the mental hospitals in Nebraska, about the book he has published about the Phelps County orphan home and its records and his latest project on prosopography (a type of autobiography).

The May minutes and the Treasurer's report were read.

The upcoming election of officers was discussed; Richard's work schedule has changed so he is unsure he can be president. A ballot will be mailed to all members and will include a questioner about the future of the society. Bernice Walters will run for Treasurer; write-ins will be listed for all offices. Also included will be a job description of the offices.

It was announced that the old funeral home records are going to be transcribed to computer hopefully yet this summer. Also the index for the upcoming Battle Creek history is being created and will be available at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Askew,  
Secretary



Preserve Norfolk has taken a summer break from Preservation Sunday events. These events include tours of properties and a featured speaker on various aspects of preservation. This year we hosted the Karl Stefan Memorial Airport terminal, the

MCMILL building, the Grand Theater (also known as the Rialto, and the Cinema), the Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Kennington Hotel (also known as Hotel Norfolk and Hotel Madison).

The core group has been meeting regularly to discuss upcoming projects. If there is a historical building, landmark, home, or statue that you would like to see preserved for the future, please let the group know. A couple of examples that have been discussed include the bandstand at Central Park, buildings that still exist that were on the Meridian Highway through Norfolk, and the Abraham Lincoln statue at Hillcrest Cemetery.

We would appreciate any information and/or photos of older businesses, homes, or landmarks of Norfolk would be greatly appreciated. These would be used in presentation events and/or for future projects. These properties need to still be in existence, even if under a different name.

Any information, historical books, or photos that you might want to donate towards this endeavor would be appreciated.

For details and information on Preserve Norfolk or to be a part of this worthwhile group, please contact me, Karen Rogat at [krogat@conpoint.com](mailto:krogat@conpoint.com).

### June Program

Dr. Ken Mosman did an interesting program for us at the June meeting. His primary topic was about doing a structured autobiography, which means asking specific questions and recording a persons complete personal life story while they are still alive, as compared to the bare, basic facts about a person that can be gleaned only from historical records. Following is his detailed explanation of prosopography and his method, intended to avoid misuse of that word, by creating two new words: prosobio and prosogen. Dr. Mosman has given us a copy of the form the Holdrege Area Genealogical Club is using to interview 90 year olds in the Holdrege area. If you are interested in seeing or getting a copy of this interview form, contact Ken Mosman at [kfmscn@q.com](mailto:kfmscn@q.com)

#### PROSOBIO AND PROSOGEN, NEOLOGISMS IN GENEALOGICAL THEORY

Kenneth Freeman Mosman Holdrege Area Genealogy  
Club, Holdrege, Nebraska

Our structured autobiography (SA) is an adaptation of Dr. James E. Birren's theme-centered autobiography used in the palliative care of geriatric patients. The development of the SA was part of a project to obtain personal data from ninety year olds in our community. An SA bears little resemblance to the same term used in the field of psychology. The SA contains a list of

questions designed to elicit responses by an individual in order to obtain a comprehensive genealogically relevant set of facts, traits, and characteristics broadly descriptive of that individual. Some questions yield traditional vital records such as birth, marriage, and educational information. Other questions are designed to reveal the individual's appearance, interests, values, factors about his career, and personality. The result is what we call a 'prosobio.' This term is a construct of the individual's complete and valid personal description. The assumption is that descendants would be keenly interested in their ancestor's description of himself.

The prosobio for any given individual is in part identical to a complete and valid description of an individual that traditional genealogical research could obtain about an ancestor given sufficient evidence. There the process is typically limited as to source material suitable for describing an individual's complete personal life story. Such a description is called a prosogen. Its value is to highlight what is and is not known about a deceased person being studied or described. Note this assessment or prosogen of Stukely Westcott is an analysis of his life from seventeenth-century records:

"Available records indicate that Stukely Westcott was intrepid, venturesome, and aggressively insistent that liberty, justice, truth, and happiness should prevail."

The words prosobio and prosogen are in part intended to avoid a common misuse of the word prosopography, a word that would appear to describe SA data results, viz., "a description of a person's appearance, personality, social and family connections, career, etc." Also note a more terse similar definition: "A description of the person or personal appearance." The word prosopography does not appear in Webster's 1972 unabridged dictionary and there seems to be a growing confusion and laxity in the use of the word in recent decades. Keats-Rohan writes that "family historians, whose views of historical genealogy are rather narrow are beginning to confuse their pursuits with prosopography." She states that "although the study of individuals is a pre-requisite of prosopography, prosopography is not about individuals. The study of individuals is the province of biography or genealogy and is very limited. Prosopography is about what the analysis of the sum of the data about many individuals can tell us about the different types of connection between them, and hence about how they operated within and upon the institutions-social, political, legal, economic, intellectual-of their time. . . . Prosopography is a multi-layered approach to the analysis of whole societies in defined regions and times." To avoid confusion with the narrower definition or this broader definition we chose the neologisms prosobio to define our structured autobiographical construct of the person and prosogen to describe any after-life construct of him.

There is little doubt that a comprehensive personal description does not exist for most persons at the time of their death. What can be gleaned after death from records about them conveys little personal information about the deceased to descendants. The SA provides personal information for future generations in the form of a prosobio correcting this general failure of communication. Also the SA-derived prosobio is not limited in the extent to which information about a given can be generated. Sophisticated medical, genetic, and psychological assessment data also can be included in its summary. The prosogen is a hypothetical-deductive construct which can point to possible areas for further genealogical research.



On the back of this picture was written: This picture was taken on the south side of the old section of the old Battle Creek High School. Behind those windows was the first grade class when I went to school in that building. Signed: Vera (Miller) William Her parents were: Hayes Miller and Verne Wright.

From the school census of April 1887, here are some of the surnames that were attending high school: Lowing, Gardels, Avery, Dinkel, Werner, Ketterson, Brechler, Schacher, Tillotson,, Brecheisen, Hedman, Young, Bower, Clouse, Batie, Stock, Beck, Willis, Moreland, Peeks, Barnes, Doore, Fuerst, Waters, Cost, Eden, Craig, Walker, Bresler, Morrow, Dirk, Kuhn, Collins, Stolle, Henseleit, Lucht, Phipps, Osborne, Hohenstein, Beed, Crawley, Warnke, Tomhagen, Lovelace, Cleveland, Thomas, Smith, Piper, Hurford, Borchers, Tiedgen, Hale, Massman, Bredehoft, O'Neil, Gibben

I found the school census at the court house. We could find some of our ancestors.  
Contributed by Karen Reed

### **KCI Expo Center Hosts First Midwest Expo**

The exciting Midwest Family History Expo will take Missouri by storm with a special feature tour on Thursday, July 29 and two full days of sharing and learning July 30-31 at the KCI Expo Center [<http://www.kciexpo.com/>], 11730 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri.

No, it's not too late to register! Register online right now ([www.fhexpos.com/expos](http://www.fhexpos.com/expos)). Register by phone (call 801-829-3295) before 6 p.m. Thursday, July 29, and save \$10 off the price of at-the-door registration. Pre-registration (by Thursday, July 29, 6 p.m.): \$65.00 At the door: \$75 One day: \$40 Single class: \$12 Opening session and exhibits are FREE to the public, LDS Historic Sites Tour, Thursday, July 29: \$65 (in addition to the general cost of registration)

Note: There are many classes running at the same time so you will need to choose.

**HISTORIC FOOTSTEPS OF EARLY NORFOLK BUSINESSMEN****By Bernice Walters**

William Warneke was a former newspaperman and wrote for The Norfolk Press in 1917 about his early day memories of Norfolk. Following are excerpts from some of his articles on pioneer business men of those earliest days, with additional data from the Mary Voss Collection.

He credits Carl Asmus as one of Norfolk's early merchants, who in both business and civic life was generally regarded as one of the splendid citizens of the community. Toward the middle 1870s Mr. Asmus engaged in the general merchandise business in a small building on the north side of Main Street (now Norfolk Avenue), between Second and Third Streets, with a residence in connection. The building was so located as to offer the great blizzards of that period special facilities for planting at its front a mountain of snow extending clear across the street. Carl Asmus was a native of Germany and so well respected for his integrity and honor that his word was as good as his bond.

By 1880 the business of Mr. Asmus had grown to such an extent that it became necessary to construct the new brick building at the corner of "Main" (Norfolk Avenue) and Third Street. The bricks were made at the Norfolk Brick and Tile factory and it was Norfolk's first 2-story building, constructed by C. G. Miller, one of Norfolk's earliest contractors, at a cost of \$8,000. Carl Asmus came to Norfolk from West Point in 1872 and he and his wife operated the grocery and specialty store until his death in 1903. His wife, Louise, continued the business until her death in 1913. William Roland purchased the business and building, and later Mason C. Faser and Walter T. Recroft became joint owners with Mr. Roland, forming the Economy Food Market, which operated as a well-known grocery for many years. In 1946 Albert and Nelda Lueders bought the business and building, operating the store until the 1950s when the Economy was relocated to Braasch Avenue (today the V. F. W. corner). In 1968 Pearle Optical Company opened a vision clinic on the old "Economy Food" corner, 232 Norfolk Avenue, and operated until 1988. During the 1980s considerable remodeling was done, creating apartments on the second floor, and at one time housing the Tillotson and Thompson Photography. The work exposed the east side of original old Norfolk bricks. Still later, various Hispanic businesses have occupied this rather historic corner of "Main Street".

In those earliest days, across the street west of the Asmus building was the Elkhorn Valley Hotel. For a considerable period of time the hotel was operated by the Beels family, early pioneer residents. William G. Beels came to Norfolk in 1874, established the first English hotel and ran it until 1880 when he sold it to A. N. Yost. The buildings were originally a shop and residence moved from south Second Street. A bell was arranged on the building to call guests from their chambers, and to announce meals. Residents of the community regarded the ringing of the bell as "standard time" and regulated their watches and clocks accordingly. Mr. Yost continued the hotel for some time until about 1886 when he moved to Omaha. The various buildings were moved to Braasch Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets, and on the vacant corner the McClary brick building was constructed. Mr. Yost played a prominent role in the community, displaying an unusual sense of humor at times as he arranged for welcoming bands for supposed celebrities who were said to be on the road to Norfolk. When the celebrities failed to appear, after several announced delays, the bands and welcoming committees dispersed feeling "once was enough", and future events were greatly discounted.

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William G. Beels organized the Methodist Church in Norfolk, as well as Warnerville and Hoskins. His daughter was Cora Ann Beels who married her cousin, George N. Beels, who was a lawyer in Norfolk.

Of interest is the 1880 Census of Madison County, Norfolk Village, as of June of that year, showing the following, some of whom were hotel guests:

NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH
YOST, A. N.	40, widower	hotel keeper	Ohio
JOHN	20, son	hostler	Nebraska
LOUIS	18, son	hostler	Nebraska
SULLIVAN	14, son	at home	Nebraska
FRANK	6, son	at school	Nebraska
GALORD, LIZZIE	44, sister	keeping house	Virginia
FERGUESON, THOMAS	36	hostler	Kansas
RABER, MARY	18	servant	Iowa
RYAN, MARY	16	servant	New York
VANDEROLE, MINNIE	16	servant	Germany
MARK, DORA	16	servant	Germany
SELAH, CLARENCE	23, boarder	editor	Illinois
CAAU, FRED A.	21, boarder	printer	Illinois
CULOE, GILBERT	21, boarder	livery	Illinois
HOBBS, F. D.	35	clerk at Land Office	New Hampshire
NELLIE	25, wife	keeps house	New Hampshire
FALKINS, CYRUS	23, boarder	laborer	England
CLARK, L. A.	45, boarder	engineer	New York
SMITH, J.	28 boarder	surveyor	Indiana
REINHARD, L. F.	26, boarder	surveyor	Nebraska
PHILIPPS, MILES	25, boarder	surveyor	New York
YATES, H.	27, boarder	surveyor	Ireland
FRYE, W. C.	35, boarder	surveyor	New York
REINLAND, D. S.	24, boarder	surveyor	Missouri
O'REILLY, R. J.	16, boarder	surveyor	Iowa
NORTHUES, HATTIE	23, boarder	school teacher	Illinois

Compiled by Bernice Walters

## Newspaper Gleanings

Compiled by Richard Strenge

### It Happened In Madison

"The biggest load of oats ever hauled into Madison was brought in by Dave Hansheu last Friday. There were 148 bushels and 30 lbs. on the load. They were raised on the farm of D. A. Hale" Yes, it happened in Madison way back in 1891!

Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, July 14, 1955 on page 1.



"A team belonging to Valentine Scheer took a lively little spin Tuesday afternoon. He was driving them to a carriage when they became frightened by an automobile and began a merry chase. Mrs. Scheer was thrown from the rig and the team was caught near the Jacobs residence. The carriage was somewhat injured, but otherwise no damage was done." Yes, it happened in Madison way back in 1890. Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, August 4, 1955 on page 1.

"The second election which has been held this year for the purpose of voting \$10,000 bonds for a new city hall was held Tuesday and resulted in a victory for the bonds as the final count was 45 votes over the two-thirds majority." Yes, it happened in Madison 50 years ago, in June of 1906. Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, July 5, 1956 on page 1.

### **Hold Last Rites for Tom Panek**

Funeral services for Thomas Panek, 83, retired Madison county farmer, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Adrian Edgar of Norfolk conducting the final rites. Mr. Panek died Saturday in the Lady of Lourdes hospital after being ill a few months.

Thomas Panek, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Panek, was born November 2, 1870 in Czechoslovakia. He came to the United States with his parents at the age of 14. As a young man, he started farming in the Kalamazoo and Emerick precincts and lived there until he moved to Madison nine years ago. On June 6, 1903, he was united in marriage to Emilie Severin at Stanton. To this union were born six sons and four daughters.

He helped organize the Z.C.B.J. Lodge No. 50, a western Bohemian fraternal organization, of which he was a member for the past 55 years.

He is survived by his wife, Emilie, his children, Mrs. Blanche Dahlsten, Newman Grove, Rudolph of Madison, William of Princeton, Ill., Ernest of Ohio, Ill., Leon of Madison, Mrs. Evelyn Seiler, Madison, Mrs. Loretta Housel, Lincoln, Aldrich of Oakland, Calif., one brother, Joseph of Madison, two sisters, Mrs. Anna Kasik of Madison and Mrs. Theresa Dvorak of Brazile Mills, four grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mrs. Edith Satchell and one son, Miles, who was killed in World War II. Source: excerpts from The Madison Star, Thursday, August 12, 1954 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Housel and daughter, Ruby of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. William Panek of Princeton, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Aldrick of Oakland Calif., were here to attend the funeral of their father, Thomas Panek. Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, August 12, 1954 on page 1.

### **Michael Nemec Funeral Sunday**

Services were held Sunday at Trinity Methodist Church in Madison for Michael Nemec who died Friday morning at a Norfolk hospital after a short illness. The Rev. D. V. Rose officiated at the services and burial in the Iowa Valley Cemetery.

Nemec was born March 15, 1864 in Czechoslovakia, where he was baptized and confirmed in the state church. At the age of 16 he came to America with his parents and two sisters and settled in Chicago. In the spring of 1887 he left Chicago to farm northwest of Madison. In the fall of the same year he was married to Anna Kamis. From here they moved to a farm west of Madison where he resided until his death.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nemec; five of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by his son Albert and a daughter Mrs. Malven Kamrath, with whom he made his home. Also

among survivors are 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. His wife died in 1943. Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, July 21, 1955 on page 1.

#### **Mrs. Charles Smith Services Thursday**

Graveside services were conducted at Crown Hill Cemetery Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Charlie Smith of Omaha. Florence McGehee Smith was born and raised near Madison the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McGehee. She died in Omaha Monday evening at the Immanuel Lutheran Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted in Omaha at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The past two years she has lived in Los Angeles, Calif. She recently moved to Omaha to make her home. She is survived by her husband Charlie; two sons Kenneth Reed of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Claude M. Reed of Omaha; and sisters, Mrs. Mark O'Shea, Mrs. John Studts, Sr., Mrs. Herman Fricke of Madison and Mrs. Mary Osborn of Fremont.

Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, July 28, 1955 on page 1.

#### **Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Mrs. Pospisil**

Funeral services for Mrs. Vincent Pospisil were conducted Wednesday, June 27, 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Richard Baumer. Mrs. Pospisil, 67, died Sunday evening, June 24 at a Norfolk hospital where she had been a patient a number of times following a heart attack about two years ago. Her last hospitalization was for only a few days.

Burial was in Iowa Valley Cemetery, west of Madison. Pallbearers were Edward Choutka, Alvin Choutka, Adolph Dvorak, Jr., Emil Stedry, Joe Pospisil, Jr., and Eman Pospisil. Honorary pallbearers were Mesdames Marie Brosh, Vlasta Brosh, Olga Kucera, Mary Storek, Mary Panek and Vlasta Whyte.

Anna Choutka Pospisil was born February 5, 1889, in Kalamazoo precinct, the daughter of Joseph and Rosalie Choutka. She was married to Vincent Pospisil, April 27, 1909. They located on a farm eleven miles west of Madison. In 1945 they moved to Madison.

Mrs. Pospisil was baptized in the Presbyterian faith at the New Zion Presbyterian Church, Clarkson and later became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Madison. She was a member and organizer of the western Bohemian Fraternal Association Lodge No. 50.

Mrs. Pospisil is survived by her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Frank (Mabel) Podliska, Madison; Mrs. Adolph (Minnie) Podliska, Newman Grove; Mrs. Deane (Eileen) Severson, Norfolk. Other survivors are the four sons, Emil of Meadow Grove; Clarence of Norfolk; Thomas of Newman Grove and Reuben of Madison; eighteen grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Mary Dvorak and one brother, Fred Choutka. Preceding her in death were a son, Irvin, in 1934; her parents; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Ambroz and Mrs. Louisa Urzal; three brothers, Anton, Frank and Joe and several infant brothers and sisters.

Source: The Madison Star, Thursday, June 28, 1956 on page 1.

#### **Query from a Member of our Society**

I am looking for any information of a child named Baby Girl Williams who is my paternal Great Aunt. She may have had a name but I do not know that.

Her parents were William Marion Williams and Frances Ellen Williams, nee Bondurant. All I know is Baby Girl Williams was born and died in Norfolk and I think August 18, 1889. Her parents and Grand Parents (John Mathew Bondurant and Matilda A Bondurant, nee Chambers, are buried in Prospect Hill, Section 9, Lot 22. If anyone could find her for me that would be great. Thank you for all of your hard work too.

Jack Williams, Chula Vista, California 91910-6127 (If anyone has this information please contact the editor for an address)

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**Memberships** are \$15 per year.**Research Requests:** \$10 and a family group sheet to:  
MCGS, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031**Meeting Information:** Subject to change  
Call Nancy 402-379-4654 or Richard 402-371-9216**Website:** www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/  
or <http://mcgs.nesgs.org>**2009-2010 Officers**

President: Richard Streng

Vice-President: Nancy Zaruba

Secretary: Sue Askew

Treasurer: Bernice Walters

Newsletter Editors:

Nancy Zaruba &amp; Richard Streng

**Website Address** Please note the new address for one of our websites. The Nebraska State Genealogical Society moved their website to a new server which therefore changed the address. Our new address is now: **<http://mcgs.nesgs.org>** which stands for: mcgs is Madison County Genealogical Society and nesgs for Nebraska State Genealogical Society and its an organization not a commercial business which is why its .org not .com - this might make it easier to remember actually. (Note: there is NO www in front)

**Membership Reminder**

The date above your name on the mailing label shows when your memberships is expiring. Membership renewals will continue your membership for one year after your expiration date. Thank you for your renewal. Your donations to our society are greatly appreciated.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 29, 30 and 31, Family History Expo, Kansas City, Missouri, ([www.fhexpos.com/expos](http://www.fhexpos.com/expos)) Tour on Thursday, July 29 and two full days of sharing and learning July 30-31 at the KCI Expo Center [<http://www.kciexpo.com/>], 11730 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri.

August 18-21 Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 Annual Conference: *Rediscovering America's First Frontier* at the Knoxville Convention Center, Knoxville, Tennessee

September 18-25, 2010 - 6th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise, hosted by Wholly Genes, Inc. - Voyage through the Caribbean [www.whollygenes.com/](http://www.whollygenes.com/)

September 23-25 2010 The Montana State Genealogical Society's Conference, Lewistown Montana, September 23, 24, 25, 2010. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/mtmsg/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/mtmsg/) or [blgsmarket@aol.com](mailto:blgsmarket@aol.com)

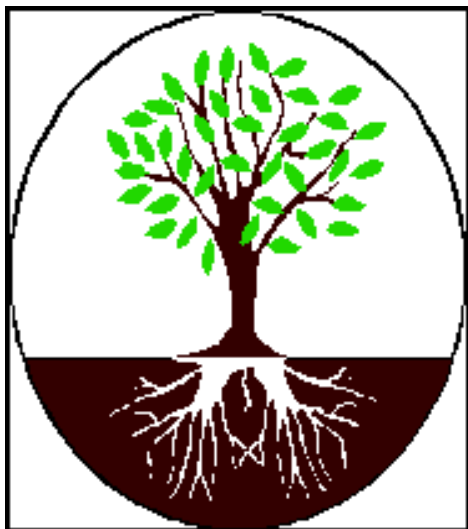
October 1-2 2010 The Polish Genealogical Society of America's conference will be Friday and Saturday, 1-2 October 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

October 1-2 2010 The Minnesota Genealogical Society 2010 North Star Genealogy Conference in South St. Paul, Minnesota. Contact J. H. Fonkert, [jfonkert@aol.com](mailto:jfonkert@aol.com), or [www.mngs.org](http://www.mngs.org).

Nebraska State Genealogical Society 2011 Annual Conference, Nebraska City, NE, first Friday and Saturday of May 2011, [www.nesgs.org](http://www.nesgs.org)

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The date on your label is your membership renewal date. Please check it and renew to save postage/printing costs.

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## **MCGS Meeting Announcements**

**We will have our July meeting on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. This will be the annual election of officers. Please mail in your ballot or bring it with you so it can be voted at the meeting. There will be some discussion about the future of the society and a short program if there is time.**

**Our August meeting will be our annual outing. We will be meeting on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm at Johnson Park (North side) for a picnic supper and then we will carpool out to Best Cemetery where Cleo Deuel will tell us about the history with assistance from Margie Fuhrmann and Karen Reed.**

**Your attendance at our meetings is encouraged. We hope to see you there. The future of the society depends upon membership and participation.**

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