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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans and sons, John David and Joel, of Minden, Iowa are visiting Mr. Evan's father, N. D. Evans, in Battle Creek this week. Fred is superintendent of the Minden schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson of Los Angeles were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Tiedtke near Battle Creek. Mrs. Richardson is a niece of Mr. Tiedtke and Mrs. Carrie Allberry.

Mrs. Maurice Johnson of Newman Grove spent a few days the first of this week with her mother, Mrs. Charity Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Clark and children, Sharlene and Terry of Reno, Nev., Mrs. Emma Brozek and Mr. and Mrs. William Brozek and children of Tilden spent Wednesday in Battle Creek at the Vic Brozek home. Mrs. Clark is a sister of Vic Brozek and will be remembered here as Miss Charlotte Brozek.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory and daughter, Miss Kathleen, of Ponca visited Mrs. Gregory's mother, Mrs. Anna Crowley, Monday and Tuesday.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, July 6, 1950, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Smith of Omaha spent their vacation in Battle Creek with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith, and Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. George Schroeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Goetz of Milwaukee, Wis., arrived Wednesday evening for a few days visit with Mrs. Goetz's aunt, Mrs. F. E. Martin, and other relatives.

Mrs. George Hagstrom and son, Ellis and daughter, Beth, and Mrs. Ellis Hagstrom of Syracuse, New York, spent a few days visiting at the Koester home in Battle Creek.

Mrs. George Hagstrom is a daughter of Mrs. Rika Koester.

Mr. and Mrs. Crocket James of Carrizo Springs, Texas, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ulrich. Mrs. Ulrich and Mrs. James are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Furrow of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting the William Tiedgen, Sr., relatives in Battle Creek. Mr. Furrow is a nephew of the late Mrs. William Tiedgen, They are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Werner.

Filmore and Jerome Gardels of Los Angeles arrived here Sunday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gardels, The Gardels' daughter, Mrs. James Tenbrink, and her son, Larry, of Alameda, Calif., are also here, having come a few weeks ago. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, July 20, 1950, page 1

Leonard Seip, Mrs. Norma Schooley and son, Leslie, and Mrs. Emma Dawson and daughter, Patsy, all of Washington, D. C., are in Battle Creek visiting their mother, Mrs. Martha Seip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Conley and Eleanor Gates of Irwin visited Mrs. Eva Kibler and Mrs. Florence Haight in Battle Creek a few days ago. Mrs. Kibler is the mother of Mrs. Conley and grandmother of Miss Eleanor.

Mrs. Frances Gooding of Ottawa, Kan., visited her mother, Mrs. Joe Derrick, in Battle Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes and son, John, and Joe Wright of Phillipsburg, Pa., visited friends and relatives in Battle Creek the first of this week. Mrs. Hayes will be remembered as Ruth Wright.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, July 27, 1950, page 1

President's Message

Greetings to our members,

It has been a busy time for many of us with our family activities, our jobs, and spending time with our friends. Remember that people are important in our lives. We would not be here today if it was not for the people in our past.....our ancestors. Another year for our Society officers is coming to a close at the end of August. A ballot for the election of officers for our 2012-2013 year is on the last page (72) of this newsletter. Please vote and send your ballot back to our society mailing address. We need to have your ballot in our mail box by August 17th. Frances Beck resigned as our Secretary at our June meeting. We welcomed a guest, Bobette Ferguson, who attended her first meeting in June with us. She joined our society and also volunteered to be our secretary. This was greatly appreciated and accepted by those attending. We also welcome Kathy Lewis who recently joined our society.

Phyllis McCain will be giving a program at our July meeting. This will be a great program so plan on attending. Let us know of your ideas for some programs for our society. Our August meeting/field trip is still being planned at this time. An announcement will be made at our July meeting of what will be doing. If you can join us at one of our meetings please do so. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Richard Strenge

Society News

Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 am on May 19th at the Elkhorn Valley Museum with 6 members present. The minutes of the April meeting were distributed and accepted as written with a motion by Phyllis McCain, seconded by Bernice Walters. The Treasurer's Report with no expenses this month was accepted and filed for audit based on a motion by Phyllis McCain, seconded by Karen Reed. The next report will include newsletter costs.

Extra copies of our newsletter were given to members who have agreed to distribute them to various medical centers and offices, including Madison County Historical Museum, St. Paul's church, Faith Regional, the Veteran's Home, Family Medicine in Madison, and the nursing home in Battle Creek. Each Madison County Library receives a copy in the mail. Queries and other reports: Bernice and Richard have information on the Thatches for Kathy Lewis. Bernice showed picture of parts of the Kidder Cemetery in Prospect Hill. An update on the Harrison Morris estate was presented by Phyllis it was noted that the Zion/Bauermeister Cemetery in Stanton County was also known as the Science Cemetery.

Richard presented an advertisement for a book (\$75 - \$150) which claims to include all funeral homes and cemeteries in the U. S. It was decided that we probably do not need to buy this. It was announced that the 1940 Census is now available but indexing is not complete. Marge talked about the Rosacker family, the Vet's Home and St. Paul's Church. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. Frances Beck, Secretary

Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2012

Pres. Richard Strenge opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. June 16th at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. One guest, Bobette Ferguson, was welcomed and she also became a member of our Society.

Minutes of the May meeting were discussed as to the Zion/Bauermeister Cemetery referred to as Science Cemetery.

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Who's Who In Norfolk

(part 1 of 2)

Dr. C. L. Culmsee was born in Copenhagen on July 20, 1863. His father, Ferdinand Culmsee, who recently came here from Iowa, was a soldier in the war between Denmark and Germany. When Dr. Culmsee was but 9 years old the parents moved to Norway, in which country he attended school until he was 20 years old. In 1882 Dr. Culmsee began the study of medicine with a prominent Norwegian physician, and in 1883 he came to the United States with his parents, locating at Decorah, Ia., where he resumed his studies. He graduated from the Decorah college, where in 1890 he taught several of the departments for a few years. In 1892 he entered the Iowa state university, graduating from the regular medical school in 1895. Later in the same year he went to St. Ansgar, Ia., where he first practiced medicine. On September 8, 1897, he was married to Miss Clara B. Hansen of St. Ansgar. To this union two children were born, a son and a daughter.

In 1906 Dr. and Mrs. Culmsee went abroad, Dr. Culmsee studying medicine in almost every country in Europe. He attended schools in Vienna, Berlin, London, Copenhagen and Rome. With Mrs. Culmsee he visited in Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. In 1908, on returning from abroad, Dr. Culmsee came direct to Norfolk, locating his offices in the Bishop block, where he now practices. Dr. Culmsee is a member of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society. He is master of five foreign languages and with his wife has visited every state in the union. Dr. and Mrs. Culmsee are now planning for another trip through Europe in 1920.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thurs. Jun. 1, 1911, page 1

C. E. Thew, manager of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone Co., was born in Fairbault, Minn., on May 1, 1877. He attended the Fairbault public schools. At the age of 19 he left the high school to take up the managership of the Wisconsin Valley Telephone company at Menomonie, Wis., and held this position for three years. At the age of 21 he was united in wedlock to Miss Mabel L. Weld, and when 23 years old he went to Iowa City, Ia., and installed the telephone plant of the Johnson County Telephone company. Of this plant Mr. Thew became manager. He remained there but one year, however, leaving to take charge of the switchboard department of the Sterling Electrical company at Lafayette, Ind., He was also employed by this company as installer and during his capacity as director of the department he installed many plants throughout the country. After he had installed the plant at Sedalia, Mo., he became its superintendent. Two years later he was employed as wire chief and electrical engineer of the Marietta Telephone company and West Virginia Western Telephone company at Marietta, Ohio. Three years later he became general manager of the Western Maryland Telephone company at Cumberland, Md. On January 31, 1909, Mr. Thew was appointed general manager of the Norfolk Long Distance Telephone company, in which capacity he has been acting since.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fr.. Jun. 2, 1911, page 1

Dr. C. S. Parker, member of the state dental board, is a son of J. J. Parker, formerly pastor of the First Congregational church of this city. He was born in Worcestershire, England. In 1883 he came to New York, where he remained two years and then came direct to Norfolk. He attended the Norfolk schools and

Gates academy at Neligh. At the age of 19 he was employed as bookkeeper at the Nebraska state insane hospital at Norfolk and at the age of 21 he went to Chicago, where he graduated three years later from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery.

Dr. Parker commenced practice as a dentist in Wayne, Neb., in 1895, and practiced at Crawford, Neb., in the years of 1896 and 1897. He came to Norfolk on January 1, 1898. He is a member of the state dental board and was secretary of the North Nebraska Dental society the first four years of that organization's existence. Two years ago he represented the state board at the national convention in Old Point Comfort.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Jun. 3, 1911, page 1

Burr Taft, county commissioner, was born on a farm near Brattleboro, Vt., on February 9, 1859. He attended the country schools and is a graduate of the Brattleboro high school. After he graduated he worked in granite quarries and sawmills, which were conducted by his father on the Taft farm. When 20 years of age he was manager of a large milk route and when his employer died he was appointed administrator of the \$14,000 estate which was purchased from his father in earlier years.

When 23 years old, Mr. Taft went to Kankakee, Ill., where he was engaged on a large scientific stock farm. He remained here but about one year, when he took back to Vermont several loads of cattle.

He did not return west after the cattle were sold, but engaged in the flour business with E. Crosby company, the large flour merchants. He remained in this business for three years, and when 25 years old he was married to Miss Lizzie A. Shepardson, at Brattleboro, in 1882. To this union three children were born, two daughters and one

son.

When E. Crosby started a large ranch on the Morrow river in South Dakota, the firm purchased seven cars of cattle and Mr. Taft brought them west.

His trip to the Dakotas made it necessary for him to stop in Norfolk, and while here he looked at several farms. The country looked very good to him and he soon returned from Vermont. With his bride on August 29, 1885, he moved to Columbus, where he had friends. He lost very little time in coming to Norfolk, purchasing the farm on which he now lives, south of the city, in October, 1885. This is the farm he looked at when he brought the eastern cattle into South Dakota. Mr. Taft made many trips back to the east, but he declares the west had its grip on him hard enough to keep him here.

Mr. Taft has been county commissioner for five years and his present term will not expire for two more years.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. Jun. 5, 1911, page 1

Dr. T. H. Waters was born in Fond du Lac, Wis., on June 10, 1874. At the age of 2 his parents moved to Rock Island, Ill., and at the age of 11 to Minneapolis, Minn., where he attended school for a few years. At the age of 13 years he moved to Belvidere, Ill., where he received his grammar and high school education. During his school days at Belvidere he was connected with the Lewis Drug company. After graduating from the high school he attended the University of Chicago, from which institution he entered the Hahnemann Medical college at Chicago, graduating from there in 1897.

For some time he served on the medical staff of the Hahnemann college and later accepted an appointment at the Illinois state hospital. After his hospital experience he located at

Atlanta, Ill, entering into partnership with an older physician who had an extensive practice. For thirteen years Dr. Waters continued in a general practice, but becoming tired of the partnership, which brought most of the hard work to him, he decided to come west. A few months ago he purchased the practice of Dr. H. T. Holden. He also purchased the Holden residence on Thirteenth street and Norfolk Ave.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Jun. 6, 1911, page 1

Reese Solomon, supervisor of vocal music of the Norfolk public schools, was born in South Wales on September 17, 1873. He graduated from the grammar schools and attended the board schools for one year. When 12 years of age he took an examination and received an intermediate certificate from the Royal academy, in which school his brother was a student. He traveled all over Wales and England at an early age, singing vocal solos before large audiences.

His father died when he was 12 years old and his mother moved with the family to Cleveland, Ohio, when Mr. Solomon was but 14 years old.

At Cleveland, he attended the high school for a few months, and in 1888 the family moved to Oskaloosa, Ia., where Mr. Solomon attended the high school for two years. He then took up a year's course in business college and in 1891 he went to Chicago, where for a year he resumed his studies of vocal music under Hamlin, Bignell Young and Mrs. Moskowski. After that, he attended the New School of Methods in Chicago, graduating from there in 1893. He returned to Oskaloosa, Ia., immediately after graduating, and was married to Miss Mary Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon have five children. They are, Myfanwy, Alfred, Everett, Evelyn and Evan.

For a number of years, Mr. Solomon was connected with the George H. Carlon business house at Oskaloosa, and in 1900 he went to Detroit, Mich., where he entered the Michigan Conservatory of Music and the Thomas Normal Training school, from which he graduated in 1903.

Mr. Solomon came to Norfolk in 1904 to accept the position as supervisor of music of the Norfolk public schools. Since then he has made a good impression with Norfolk school patrons and has received numerous offers to go elsewhere, to larger cities and larger schools. He declares, however, that Norfolk is growing rapidly and the he is well satisfied here. He has been supervisor of the Wayne public schools for one year and held the same position in the West Point schools for four years. Mr. Solomon has just been re-elected president of the State Supervisors of Music association, which office he has held for a number of years.

Of Mr. Solomon, a well known lecturer declared recently: "He is the best supervisor in the state of Nebraska."

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wed. Jun. 7, 1911, page 1

E. B. Kauffman, manager of the Norfolk Ice Cream and Cone company, and councilman from the Second ward, was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, on September 12, 1871. He attended the German schools and graduated from an apprenticeship in the baker's trade. When 17 years old he moved to Sioux Falls, S. D., where after working on a farm for one year he worked at his trade until 1892, when he traveled throughout the east, visiting every state east of Colorado. He settled down in Iowa in 1897, and remained there working at this trade until in 1900, when he came to Norfolk and purchased the John Freythaler bakery store. He established the first wholesale bread and ice cream business in this city and conducted the

business for eight years. Three years ago he sold out to Charles Pilger and a year ago he organized the Norfolk Ice Cream and Cone company, of which he is president. The company manufactures butter, ice cream and ice cream cones. They do a wholesale and retail business throughout this vicinity. They are jobbers of all soda fountain supplies.

Mr. Kauffman is serving his second term as councilman from the Second ward. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman have two children. They are Madaline and Leo.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. Jun. 8, 1911, page 1

P. M. Barrett, secretary of the North Nebraska Short Ship Racing association and former state president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was born on a farm in Jackson county, Ia. Mr. Barrett came to Norfolk thirty years ago and has resided in this city ever since. On February 1, 1903, he purchased the Family Liquor store and the Oxnard hall billiard parlors. He has served as president of the Norfolk lodge of Eagles and also as the head of the state organization. Mr. Barrett is unmarried. His father, Michael Barrett, was a prominent Iowa farmer.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Jun. 9, 1911, page 1

J. B. Maylard, just appointed acting warden of Trinity Episcopal church by Bishop Williams, was born in Pickering, England, on June 6, 1865. His father, John Maylard, was a clergyman. Mr. Maylard's boyhood was spent in various parts of England. His first schooling was in the English public schools known as the board schools and later at the grammar school. He then took up the professional government studies in scientific branches and completed his apprenticeship as ad designer in textile fabrics. When 18 years old he left England alone for America, expecting to return when 21 years old and take up his

profession.

He came direct to Nebraska and for one year lived with a sister in York county. He then took up studies for two years in a York college and later went into the grain business. In February, 1893, he came to Norfolk and took up his present work with the Durland Trust company, of which he became secretary. In 1889 Mr. Maylard was united in marriage at York, Neb., to Miss Dottie Seymour.

He remembers pleasantly his first experience in America. It was when he arrived in Lincoln. He wrote back in his first letter to his English father, "there is but one building of consequence here, and that is the small stone building known as the post-office."

Mr. Maylard is past master of the Masonic lodge, past eminent commander of the Knights Templar and past exalted ruler of the Norfolk lodge of Elks. He is vice president of the Elkhorn Life and Accident Insurance company.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Sat. Jun. 10, 1911, page 1

Herman Gerecke, Norfolk's first mayor, and carpenter at the state insane hospital, was born in Zichtau, Saxony Prussia, Germany, on August 28, 1844. His childhood was spent in this village. He attended the German schools until his parents moved to America, in 1854. The family landed at Quebec, but settled forty moles northwest of Milwaukee. At the age of 12, Mr. Gerecke worked on a farm and when 15 years old he worked in his father's carpenter shop, where he graduated from his apprenticeship as a carpenter.

Mr. Gerecke is one of the boy soldiers of '61, enlisting in the Sixteenth Wisconsin, infantry in December of that year. He was but 17 years old. He was wounded at Shiloh, receiving a bullet wound in the leg. On account of this wound he was honorably

discharged from the army in 1862. For another year he remained in Wisconsin and he won the distinction of walking all the way to Nebraska, riding only five miles of that great distance. In 1863 he enlisted in the Seventh Iowa cavalry. During his enlistment he saw much Indian fighting with Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) whom he was with for a long time. In September, 1866, Mr. Gerecke returned to Tekamah, Neb., where he had come from Wisconsin and as a carpenter he secured employment on the Omaha and Union Pacific road.

On April 29, 1869, Mr. Gerecke came to Norfolk. He came to work as a carpenter and millwright on the construction of the mill, which determined the location of this city. He worked at the mill for about one year. Mr. Gerecke built the first frame house in this city.

On July 22, 1871, Mr. Gerecke was married to Miss Darah E. Brickley, at Waterloo, Neb., where he had worked for a year. He brought his bride to Norfolk in a wagon. To this union there were five sons and two daughters born. They are Alfred N. Gerecke, H. E. Gerecke, Charles Gerecke, Clarence Gerecke, Fred Gerecke, Mrs. Asa K. Leonard, Mrs. Frank Emery.

Mrs. Gerecke died a year ago.

Mr. Gerecke, since coming to Norfolk with his bride from Waterloo, has made Norfolk his home. In 1874 he established the firm of Gerecke & Hardy, furniture dealers, and in 1879, when the first railroad came to Norfolk, he went into the lumber business with A. P. Pilger. Three years later he bought out Mr. Pilger's interest and then sold the business and took charge of the Norfolk brick yards. A. P. Pilger, Dr. Verges and John Flynn were his partners. Later he bought out his partners.

In 1886 he was elected the first mayor of

Norfolk and was elected for two more terms. He was one of the first members of the board of education. Under Gov. Shallenberger's administration (1909-1911) he was steward at the state insane hospital.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. Jun. 12, 1911, page 1, and 4

Isaac Powers, who has held many important political positions, was born in Lenawee county, Mich., October 10, 1840. He was educated in the common schools of Doniphan county, Kan., studied law in the offices of Col. D. M. Johnson of Troy, Kan., and was admitted to the practice of law in Doniphan, Kan. In 1870 he deserted Kansas for Nebraska, settling in Dakota county and engaging in the practice of law at Dakota City.

In 1875 Judge Powers was elected to represent Dakota county in the constitutional convention, which framed up the state constitution under which we are now living. In 1876 he was elected state senator from Dakota and Burke counties.

In 1880 he was again elected state senator, serving in the session of 1881 as chairman of the judiciary committee, one of the most important committees. In the republican state convention of 1881 he was nominated a member of the board of regents for the University of Nebraska and was elected at the following fall election. In 1882 he was nominated by the republican state convention as attorney general of Nebraska and was elected and served as attorney general of the state in 1883 and 1884. When he retired from office, he changed his residence to Norfolk. Almost immediately he was appointed to the district bench by Gov. Thayer and in 1887 he was elected district judge for the regular four year term. He left the bench in 1892 to take up private practice of law. He formed a partnership with John R. Hays, a partnership lasting about ten years, and which was not dissolved until Mr. Hays

became postmaster of the local post office.

In Kansas, Judge Powers was married to Miss Sarah G. Matlier. Of six children, there survive one daughter, Mrs. Jean Whitney of Chicago, and three sons—Frank Powers, Chadron; W. H. Powers, court reporter, Norfolk, and Isaac Powers, jr., Jacksonville, Ill. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Jun. 13, 1911, page 1

Col. S. W. Hayes, one of Norfolk's oldest citizens but now retired from active life, was born on a farm in New England on September 26, 1820. He received a good public school education and attended the academies of Berwick and Kenebunk, Me., His first dollar was earned as a farmer boy selling potatoes and popcorn. After reaching manhood, Mr. Hayes taught school for several winters and during the summer time he worked in shops and stores.

In 1841 he was married to Miss Sarah P. Seavy at Portsmouth and in 1891 Mr. and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their golden wedding in Norfolk. To this union there were two children born, Aletha Caroline McClary of this city and Warren E. Hayes. Soon after the marriage, Mr. Hayes moved to Boston, where he worked for a few years, and later he moved to New Bedford, Mass. In 1849 he joined the California gold rush going to the western coast by way of Cape Horn. He remained two years in California and then came back to Massachusetts, later moving to Iowa, securing employment on the Burlington railroad and finally settling in Ottumwa, Ia.

At the beginning of the civil war Mr. Hayes went south with the Thirty-ninth Iowa infantry serving as civilian clerk in the quartermaster and commissary department. Although not an enlisted soldier, Col. Hayes saw much active service, being on the firing line at the engagement of Saline river and the battle of Helene, Ark. After the war Mr. Hayes settled

at Fremont, Neb., where with his son-in-law, J. W. McClary of this city, he engaged for several years in the mercantile business. His first sale at Fremont was a two-hoop water pail for 50 cents.

In 1872 Mr. Hayes went to the state senate from Dodge county, and again in 1877 from Norfolk.

In Fremont Mr. Hayes organized the first lodge of Masons in 1867 and was high priest of the chapter for some years. He had become a Mason at New Bedford, Mass., on February 15, 1847.

Mr. Hayes came to Norfolk from Fremont in 1873, with Mr. McClary. There seemed a better mercantile opening here than at Fremont and even in those days when Norfolk was but a village of a dozen homes, it was believed Norfolk would some day be a large city. Mr. Hayes and Mr. McClary built a small frame building where the H. A. Pasewalk brick building now stands. There they operated one of the two merchandise stores of which Norfolk boasted. There were about four business buildings here at that time and Norfolk avenue and other busy streets were then under cultivation. There was also a semi-monthly newspaper here then known as The Pioneer. For this publication Mr. Hayes wrote many articles.

Mr. Hayes organized a Masonic lodge in Norfolk in 1875 and was its first master. He organized Damascus chapter in 1885 and was its high priest. In 1889 he organized the commandery. From June, 1883, until June, 1884, he was grand master of the state of Nebraska. In 1892 Mr. Hayes was elected mayor of Norfolk and from 1896 until 1905 he was police judge.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wed. Jun. 14, 1911, page 1 and 4

Part 2 of Who's Who in Norfolk will be in our next issue.

Mrs. C. E. Thew died from typhoid fever at 6 o'clock this morning. She suffered with the typhoid only four days but the past two months she had been confined to her bed with a severe attack of rheumatism.; Funeral services will be held at the family home, 106 North Eleventh street by Edwin Booth, Jr., at 2:30 Friday afternoon. Interment will be made in Prospect Hill cemetery. She is survived by her husband, C. E. Thew, proprietor of the Crystal theater, three sons, twins, Frank and Howard, age 9 years and Charles, aged 13 years.

Mrs. Thew was born at Fairbault, Minn., on Sept. 13, 1877. Fourteen years ago she married Mr. Theew at Fairbault. In June 1911, she came to Norfolk. The pallbearers at the funeral Friday afternoon will be: Dr. C. S. Parker, J. S. Mathewson, C. J. Fleming, P. L. Zuelow, A. B. Baldwin and Elmer E. Hight. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. June 19, 1913, page 5

Funeral services for former Norfolkman **Charles E. Thew**, 89, were conducted recently at South Bend, Wash. He was manager of the Norfolk Auto Telephones in 1909 and 1910 and was a manager of the Crystal Theater. He had been a member of the Norfolk Country Club and was a Mason. Survivors include a son, Charles W. Thew of South Edmonton, Alta., Canada. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Sat. March 26, 1966, page 9

Mrs. Kelsey T. Waters of Belvidere, Ill., died at a sanitarium in Freeport, Ill., Saturday according to a letter received by Mrs. T. H. Waters Sunday morning. Dr. T. H. Waters, the only son, left Norfolk for his mother's bedside Friday. The body will be brought to Norfolk for interment in Prospect Hill cemetery by Dr. Waters and his father. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon in the Waters home, 1224 Norfolk avenue. Rev. F. H. Blunt, pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, will have chare of the services.

Mrs. Waters will be remembered by a large number of Norfolkans whom she met while visiting with her son here. She was born in Fond du Lac, Wis., sixty-three years ago and is survived by her husband, who will make his home in Norfolk, her son, Dr. T. H. Waters, her brother D. S. Hammond, of Wisconsin, and her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hammond, of Marinette, Wis. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. June. 28, 1915, page 3

Dr. Theodore Hammond Waters, 72, practicing physician at Norfolk for 40 years, died at 4 o'clock Friday morning in a hospital here where he had been a patient several months. He had been in failing health for more than a year. Dr. Waters practiced medicine at Atlanta, Ill., for 10 years before coming to Norfolk, was born June 10, 1878, at Fond du Lac, Wis., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey T. Waters. The family later moved to Belvidere, Ill., where he completed his high school education in 1897. He received his medical degrees in June, 1901, from Hahnemann Medical school, Chicago, and in 1905 was graduated from the Chicago college ear, eye, nose and throat course.

He was married April 10, 1911, to Stella Green at Bloomington, Ill. They established their residence at 1224 Norfolk avenue, where he had since lived. Mrs. Waters died May 24, 1949. He was surgeon for the Chicago and Northwestern railway for a number of years. Surviving are three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Fred A. Webb, Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. R. H. Willis, Milwaukee, and Mrs. E. J. Mayer, Joliet, Ill. Source: excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. July 21, 1950, page 1

Mrs. Burr Taft, 92, 213 North Twelfth street, died of old age complications at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home. He death broke marriage ties that had held fast more than sixty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Taft, it is believed, were Norfolk's oldest married couple from the standpoint of years wedded.

Mrs. Taft was born in Vermont, Sept. 23, 1858, her maiden name being Miss Lizzie Ada Shepardson. She and Mr. Taft were married July 21, 1882, in Brattleboro, Vt., where they lived for one year before moving to Norfolk. They located on a farm which is now a part of Ta-ha-zouka park. The Tafts experienced the hardships of the pioneers and took a prominent part in the development of the Norfolk community. Survivors were her husband, two daughters, five grandchildren and six great

grandchildren. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Source: excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, Wed. Nov. 9, 1949 page 1 and Sat. Nov. 12, 1949, page 1

Norfolk's oldest resident, **Burr Taft**, 97, died Wednesday morning in a Sioux City hospital after suffering a stroke. Mr. Taft, who lived in Norfolk 72 years, was taken to a Sioux City nursing home June 25. He suffered the stroke while at the nursing home. Born Feb. 9, 1858, at Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Taft moved to Norfolk in 1883. He had been married one year earlier, June 21, 1882 at Brattleboro to Miss Elizabeth A Shepardson. Mrs. Taft died about 4 years ago at 92.

When the Tafts moved here, they settled on a farm south of Norfolk, now part of Ta-ha-zouka Park. Mr. Taft was prominent in the development of Norfolk and once served on the Madison County board of commissioners. Until the last few years Mr. Taft was unusually active for his age. During World War II when there was a shortage of manpower, he was able to do a full day's work on a farm. He is survived by two daughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, one son, Harold, one sister, and three brothers.

Source: excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, Wed. July 6, 1955 page 1 and Sat. July 9, 1955 page 1

Mrs. E. B. Kauffman died at the home of her father, John Benning, on South Fourth street Monday morning at 7:15, and the funeral will be held tomorrow at 1:30 from the Benning home and at 2 o'clock from Christ Lutheran church. Mrs. Kauffmann had been sick eight months, nine weeks of which time she had been confined to her bed. Besides the husband, a baby daughter two years and three months of age survive her. A baby boy died February 5, last. Of her immediate family, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Benning, and two brothers and two sisters survive. Two sisters preceded her, one passing away six and the other seven years ago. The family all lives in Norfolk except Gottlieb Benning, who is cashier of the Meadow Grove bank.

Mrs. Kauffmann was born January 31, 1881, at Effingham, Illinois, but came to Norfolk when still a young girl. When Mr. Kauffmann engaged in the bakery and confectionary business in Norfolk four years ago his future wife took a clerkship in his place of business and served faithfully in that capacity until they were united in marriage September 9, 1901, since which time she has been a worthy helpmeet. Source: excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Dec. 27, 1904, page 4

Despite the severely cold weather a large number of friends attended the last rites for Mrs. E. B. Kauffmann Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the new Lutheran cemetery on North Eleventh street where the grave had been lined with white and green by members of the local lodge of Eagles in which Mr. Kauffmann held membership. Members of the order attended the funeral, but not as a lodge. Source: excerpts The Norfolk Daily News, Thurs. Dec. 29, 1904, page 4

Harold, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kauffmann, died at their home in this city at 7:30 this morning, quite suddenly from an attack of the measles and a private funeral will be held from the family home tomorrow at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. P. Mueller having charge of the services and interment will be in the new cemetery North Eleventh street. The little one had been sick for three weeks but appeared to be very much better yesterday and when it passed away last evening the parents thought it was merely going to sleep until they realized that it was the sleep that knows no waking. The baby was four months and ten days old and was the second child, a little girl of a year and a half surviving. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Feb. 5, 1904, page 8

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kauffman mourn the loss of their **infant daughter**, born to them a few days ago at LeMars, Ia. The child died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to a telephone message received by Norfolk friends. The death is doubly pathetic because it is the second infant that Mr. and Mrs. Kauffmann have lost, when but a few days old.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. Jan. 6, 1910, page 5

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Deaths and funeral information on some of the people and families of those mention in Who's Who In Norfolk follows. Information for **John B. Maylard** died in 1944; **Mrs. Herman E. Gerecke** died in 1910; **Mrs. Isaac Powers, Sr.**, mother of Judge Isaac Powers died 1917; **Mrs. Sarah P. Hayes** wife of S. W. Hayes died 1904; and **Col. S. W. Hayes** died 1913 are also available. Contact the newsletter editor for more information

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It was not commonly known as the Science Cemetery, nor that name origin, and it was moved by Karen Reed to continue to identify this cemetery as historically known: Zion/ Bauermeister; also known as the "old Christ Lutheran" Cemetery. Motion seconded by Kathy Lewis and it was approved. It was noted that some cemeteries are referred to by name of the current caretaker, whereas researchers prefer the correct original names to avoid confusion.

Treasurer's report was read, accepted and placed on file for audit. Richard read the letter from Frances Beck resigning her position as Secretary effective this date. Her services as Secretary were greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

Options for the July meeting regarding voting for officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were outlined. Phyllis McCain then nominated Bobette Ferguson as Secretary, in which office she had expressed an interest, seconded by Bernice Walters. Bobette will assume secretarial duties at the July meeting. The July newsletter will contain a ballot for voting which will be counted at the August meeting. Vice President Phyllis McCain will present a program at our July meeting.

Our membership in the Nebraska State Genealogical Society for the coming year is being renewed. Queries on Boyles and Cleveland were shared. The August field trip was discussed and members are requested to present possibilities. A regional Civil War re-enactment will be considered. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. Bernice Walters, Secretary pro tem

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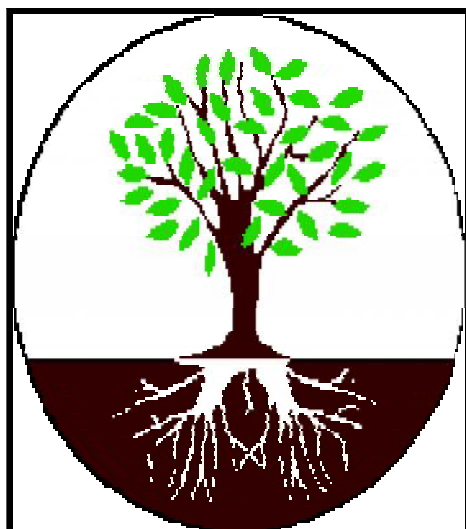
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Please return this ballot or photocopy to our society mailing address by August 17th.

If you will be attending our next meeting on August 18th you may bring it with you.

Results of the election will be shared at that time.

You may write in another candidates name or check the name listed below for each office.

President: _____ write in name
 _____ Richard Streng

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 _____ Bobette Ferguson

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