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Flag Day is June 14.

The following article was in the Norfolk News in June 1901.

Henry C. Matrau was a Mayor of Norfolk in 1893 and 1894. He was a Civil War veteran, elected to the US House of Representatives in 1911 and even has a street in Norfolk named for him.

This is especially timely for the world we live in today even now that the flag is 240 years old.

THE 124TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF THE EMBLEM.

MAKE IT A FESTAL OCCASION

An address to the American People concerning the proper observance of the day--On the morning of June 14 let a flag flutter from every housetop.

H. C. Matrau, who has been appointed patriotic aide of the G. A. R. for Madison County, is in receipt of a copy of an address to the American people concerning the proper observance of Flag Day, which is June 14. The address is given herewith in full, with the suggestion on the part of Mr. Matrau that the day be suitably observed as requested;

June 14 will be the 124th anniversary of the birthday of the United States Flag.

When it is considered what it has cost to give birth to this flag, what it cost to maintain it and what it means to this nation and to the world, there is no honor too great that should not be conferred upon it.

Our flag was born in the throes of liberty, wounded in the battles of freedom and sanctified in the cause of humanity.

It should be honored for all the security it guar-

antees; all the mercy it proclaims; all the power it implies.

It is the flag that has ever been raised in honor and never lowered in disgrace. It is the flag that represents liberty of thought and religious right and floats today, dutifully hovering in the breeze around her Cuban protégée, a protectorate against "man's inhumanity against man." The flag that gracefully waves in the Orient, a respected monitor in the celestial empire, guiding the world in the solution of a divine problem, remonstrating against avarice and admonishing against treachery.

It is the flag that must not be disgraced as an advertisement of merchandise nor displayed for idle purpose.

It is sacred! It is sublime! Next to Holy Writ it should be our guide standing for the equality of man, and of woman to man. It is now the peace maker between hitherto domestic foes. It is a guard against foreign interference. It forgives the past and points to the future grandly; with more grandeur than our pre vision can encompass. It the flag of our reunion. The flag of the new possessions which providence has bestowed. So let the American people, with one hand on the casket of the golden rule and with the other saluting the emblem of our liberty and strength, do honor to our banner as it stands for loyalty between ourselves and the elevation of all mankind. Continued on next page

As the day dawns on June 14 let the morning breeze kiss the fluttering flag from every housetop, and as the school bell sounds the assembly hour let there be glad hearts among the children as it is made their festival day to sing praises to the flag and to cheer it as it floats in the air above a token of their noble birth.

Every school may fittingly honor this day with special exercises as a day of rejoicing, adopting a program suitable to the occasion—

1. **Prayer**
2. **Salute to the flag**
3. **National hymns**
4. **Addresses by soldiers and patriots**
5. **Flag drill**
6. **Quotations from eloquent orations on the flag**
7. **Ringling of bells**

Every child waving a flag and possessing it for himself as a treasure to be admired and revered. There are no school children too young to love the flag, none too old to be ashamed of it. Patriotism is a sentiment—an emotion, capable of being cultivated to a high degree by inspiration. It is not an incentive to military action with a tendency to war, rather a promoter of peace, and no nobler sentiment can be created than love for the flag, which is the mantle of Columbia standing in the foreground beckoning to the oppressed of all mankind to come under the folds of the robe of love, to dwell in harmony and security in this land of peace, the Canaan where the wanderer may rest, the oppressed find relief and all be the equal of his fellowman.

Allan C. Bakewell

Chief Aide to Commander in Chief, G. A. R., in charge of patriotic education.

The Norfolk News June 1901

Some May and June historical highlights in Norfolk history.

The Norfolk Daily News began the 1st of May of 1877;

May 5, 1874 the I.O.O.F. was chartered; The American Red Cross was in Norfolk May 11, 1917.

The huge flood of Norfolk May 12, 1944. Norfolk's first YMCA building opened May 13, 1915;

The First Congregational Church was organized May 15, 1870,

Norfolk had a Cornet Band May 17, 1878.

May 22, 1888-- Norfolk Street lighting was approved and the Norfolk Electric Light Company lit up the town!

The Chicago Lumber Company was destroyed by a horrific fire May 27, 1948.

June 1st 1874 Madison County Agricultural Society was organized,

June 2-4, 1874, the first county Teacher's Institute was held

June 4, 1868, August Raasch was commissioned the first postmaster.

June 14, 1921, Norfolk Lion's Club

June 16, 1962, Norfolk Sertoma Club

June 16, 1964 was a terrible hailstorm

June 17, 1891 Order of Eastern Star was organized.

June 21, 1890 First big circus parade in Norfolk

June 25, 1875, Mosaic Lodge 55 was chartered.

From the Norfolk Weekly News, Friday June 7, 1901 page 2:

City Council Notes: The mayor stated that the Thirteenth street culvert is in very bad condition and will have to be repaired at once. It was moved and seconded that the Streets and Alleys committee be instructed to investigate the matter and purchase whatever tiling or pipes it may be found necessary to tile the Thirteenth street culvert. This motion was carried by the full vote of the council.

Editorial: The action taken at the meeting of the city council last evening, whereby the ungainly culvert at Thirteenth Street was ordered replaced by a large tiling, will place the residents of the west end under lasting obligations to Mayor Koenigstein and the present members of the city council. This culvert, which has at various times been designated as **Poverty run. Corporation gulch and other choice titles**, has for many years needed just such action as the council has now taken, and the people whose property is affected feel jubilant that at last relief has been ordered. The tile conduit which it is proposed to place in the draw will undoubtedly carry off most of the water that is furnished by the occasional freshets, and the residents of that part of town will not need longer to fear that their choice shrubbery and lawns stand in danger of being deluged with mud and water on the appearance of every storm.

THE KLUG FAMILIES

WILHELM KLUG...captured the spirit of the great migration of faith and pioneer singleness of purpose of earlier Klug families as he sailed August 1, 1857 from Hamburg to New York, on the ship Marion. Wilhelm was an ambitious and courageous man of 27 who had heard enough stories about the opportunities overseas to have no regrets over leaving family and friends in his native Prussia. Wilhelm was born on December 3, 1830, in Labuhn, a small village in the farmland of Pomerania, Kreis Regenwalde, in present day northwest Poland near the Baltic Sea. Wilhelm's wife, Henrietta Wilhelmina (Uecker), was born August 9, 1829 in Kummerow, a village not far from Labuhn, and the couple was expecting their first child. This area of Pomerania had a multitude of unhappy citizens flocking to the new world seeking religious freedom and a chance to prosper.

Wilhelm Klug's story is cause for an introduction to some historical facts of the mid 1800s German and Pomeranian migration to America, documented in Pastor William Ewan's 2 volume work on the "Old Lutherans", published in 1943; his original work summarized later in books by genealogists. My MCGS files on Ewan and Pomerania tell the story that many of those immigrants in the first major 1839 migrations landed in Buffalo, New York, and traveled west, to Freistadt, the 'free city' of Wisconsin Territory. Religion, but also land that could be bought at \$1.25 per acre, historically unavailable to ordinary farmers, propelled the exodus.

It was a long and arduous ship voyage to America in 1839 which included several Klug families as recorded in Ewan's book, one of the earliest detailed records. William Ewan lists five ships that arrived in New York, September, 1839: Alfred, Georgina, Republic, Britannia and Echo. From the village of Muddelmow, Regenwalde District, he specifically describes the old homesteader, father Gottlieb (Adam) Klug (63), mother Sophie (Schumacher) (60), their son-farmer Karl Friedrich (40), and blind brother Franz (15). Sophie Schumacher was born 1778 in Neuhof (D1853); (possibly Neuhof in Mecklenburg District as there were many villages of that name), and is listed as widow of Adam Friedrich Klug (1779-1805). Gottlieb Adam Klug was born Jan. 11, 1775 in Trienke, later was in Muddelmow, Pomerania, from which he and Sophie emigrated to Freistadt, Wisconsin in 1839, according to the tombstone in the old Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Freistadt, Wisconsin. He and Sophie were married in 1805, and brought over only two sons as listed above. Emigration was not such a simple matter as citizens first had to receive permission to leave, primarily civil, but also church and military, and based on their reason-religion acceptable; adequate preparation beforehand for any family member not emigrating, (to not be a burden on the government), military service status, and settlement of any debts or claims, were among the more common requirements.

Wilhelm satisfied all the demands of the local government and made careful preparations of food and personal necessities. What an exciting and emotional voyage that must have been for both of them as their first child, a daughter, was, born July 10, 1857, on the ship Marion enroute to America. Captain Georg Gronemann, docking at the Port of New York on August 1, 1857, wrote on the ship's passenger transcript "born to wife of W. Klug on 10th of July a daughter". Before long, she was baptized Augusta Marie Louise Klug on August 17, 1857 in the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ixonia, Wisconsin, with sponsors John Timmel, Fredericka Dames and Auguste Uecker.

From New York Wilhelm and family had traveled west along with other immigrants, lived in Mil-

waukee briefly, then moved on and settled in Ixonia, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. Ixonia was developing from a wilderness occupied by Native Americans into a town modestly flourishing from the influx of new settlers who cleared the land, built saw mills, homes and businesses. Wisconsin, granted statehood in 1848, was promoted as the new frontier for pioneer settlement, not just fur traders. Wilhelm and his wife Henrietta Wilhelmine began their farm life here as primitively as most of their fellow neighbors, all of whom arrived with the barest minimum of farm and household necessities. So it was a difficult and strenuous life those first years, but they were thankful to live and worship without strife, which had become impossible in the old country. Their family grew with additional children: Carl Frederick August in 1859, Bertha Louise Henriette in 1860, Carl August Wilhelm in 1862, and Caroline Augusta Emilie in 1864. All were born in Wisconsin and recorded as baptized in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ixonia, although a sketch on Frederick suggests he was born in Milwaukee.

Life was good but could be better Wilhelm thought, so he and his family took part in the historic wagon trains to Nebraska in 1866. Again it was much hard work, plain and simple life, but never any regrets as they settled near the new Norfolk and worked for an even better future. Two children were born here in Madison County: Carl Heinrich Herman (Henry E.) born April 23, 1868, and Herman Wilhelm Ferdinand (William F.) born May 30, 1870, both baptized by Pastor John Heckendorf, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska.

In the sprawling Norfolk settlement Wilhelm had selected land to the northeast of the town for their new farmstead, and October 1, 1875, received his Patent for 160 acres on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 23-T 24N-R 1 W, Madison County. It was good farmland although an old creek bed from the North Fork River on the east cut through a corner of it. As the city expanded and laid out streets, Wilhelm's farm was situated north of present day Walnut Ave, and east of First Street, extending east to north Pine Street. The old stone house today has an address of 806 North Oak Street. It's not clear when the large 'stone' house was built, but plat maps of 1895 show a residence some distance east of the railroad tracks.

In the early 1900s cement was the rage all over the country and people were excited by the idea of making their own cinder blocks, cheaper than brick or real stone, thus saving a lot of money in building their own home. Masons early on had access to block making machines; one advertised and sold by Sears Roebuck and Company was the Wizard Block Making Machine retailing for only \$57.50. Detailed instructions and a money back guarantee proved irresistible to



Labuhn Church, Regenswalde, Prussia where the Klugs attended

local masons, and our pioneers were already 'do it yourself' settlers so this opportunity was not lost. No record has been found as yet of the masons who built the two 'stone' houses in existence in Norfolk, now over 100 years old, and still standing. (The home built ca 1910 on William F. Haase land is the other 'stone' house--on 25th & Eisenhauer Ave.) In early 1900s W. M. Klug and B. J. Heckendorf, General Contractors, advertised 'hollow and solid concrete blocks and building stone', so perhaps Wilhelm built his own 'stone'.

A special feature of these 'stone'-cement homes was the variety of surface designs that gave the appear-

ance of real stone, appealing to both professional masons, and the do it yourself builders-masons. By the 1920s 'rock face concrete blocks' had become a common building material in the United States. 'Stone' blocks were first manufactured in England in the 1850s. Portland Cement, a key ingredient, was readily available in the United States by the 1890s, which promoted the first 'block molding machine' constructed here. (An example of American ingenuity and inventiveness supporting the new construction material !)

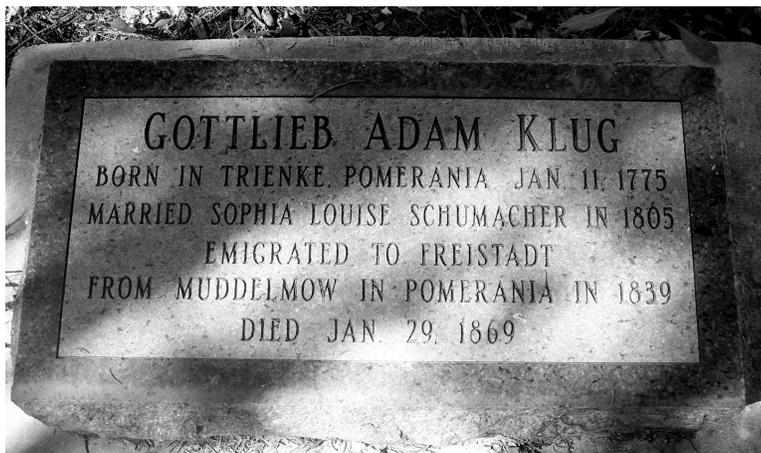
Not one given to idleness, Wilhelm farmed the land. On July 8, 1880, Wilhelm and Wilhelmine Klug deeded to the Sioux City and Nebraska Railroad a strip of right of way, diagonal across the quarter section, specifically "100 feet wide, with fifty feet on each side of center line of said railroad". The Union Pacific Railroad in 1895 ran this as a spur line of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad to Sioux City, Iowa. Consideration was \$256.

Wilhelm platted and developed his First Addition as Numerical Town Lots 1 to 4, on April 19, 1884, situated along north First Street and to the east, north of present day Klug Ave. On May 20, 1885, Wilhelm and Wilhelmine then sold to their son, Frederick Klug, the balance of the Section 23-24-1, except for the right of way to the railroad and the town lots previously disposed of.

Frederick Klug and his wife Mary transferred to William Klug (their son) and his wife the above described land in Section 23-24-1, comprising approximately 142.35 acres. Despite the old creek bed still running through the southwest corner, over the ensuing years the land was used by local people who raised cattle and chickens on smaller individual plots. Klug Avenue was officially named as Norfolk grew, and developments by local homebuilders transformed this farmland into a well established residential area of northeast Norfolk, extending over to the bypass channel of the North Fork River, built expressly to remove the flood threat to Norfolk business and homes.

Wilhelm retired from farming, leaving his son and grandson to develop the farmland into desirable and profitable residential sites. He and Wilhelmine lived in the Norfolk Precinct area, and in later years Wilhelmine's mother, Friedericka Uecker (1806-1899), lived with them. After a long and successful life Wilhelm Klug passed away April 25, 1895. Wilhelmine passed away April 27, 1910. All three are buried in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk, NE. Wilhelm Klug's name is engraved on the monument honoring the

pioneer settlers who settled Norfolk, dedicated in 1976 at the Liberty Bell Park on Georgia Avenue at Sixth Street, Norfolk, Nebraska.



The Norfolk Veterans Home has built a fabulous new Veterans Memory Plaza where you may purchase a tile to honor any veteran, living or deceased. There are three styles of tiles currently available. One style can be linked to a website where you can upload unlimited data, photos, movies, songs, etc. of your veteran. The second style has only the veteran's photo and service dates. The third option is no photo but the veteran's name and dates of service. There is room for more than 2000 tiles. At present there are slightly more than 300 tiles installed. This veterans memorial is beautiful with the flags, engraved benches, life size bronze statues and an eternal flame. For more information visit the website at <http://supportheroespark.org/veterans-memory-plaza/>

Starting here and continuing in each issue will be the list of veterans and organization that have tiles. Tiles are being added regularly.

Name	Panel, Row, Column			Some tiles are linked to a website at: www.forevermissed.com
Silhacek, Frank V.	4	F	6	See website
Sindelar, Alvin J.	2	E	3	No website
Sindelar, Donald G.	2	E	2	See website
Sindelar, James A.	2	E	4	No website
Siner, Charles	2	I	2	No website
Sirek, Bernie H.	1	F	6	See website
Slechta, Arthur	19	F	1	No website
Sneeden, Robin	2	H	8	No website
Sock, Donald Frank	5	F	5	See website
Sparr, Steven L.	7	F	1	See website
Spieker, Robert M.	16	F	3	See website
Spiering, David H.	6	F	5	See website
Stagner, Dan	2	I	1	No website
Stalp, Robert John	16	F	4	See website
Stanton County Veterans	24	I	3	See website
Stanton VFW 3602	24	J	7	See website
Starman, Raymond H.	16	F	5	See website
Staroscik, Emil E.	2	D	2	See website
Steele, Robert Taylor	5	F	4	See website
Steward, Rick L.	21	F	5	See website
Stone, Edwin V.	1	F	7	See website
Stover, Wayne T.	14	F	5	See website
Strate, Bill	2	I	6	No website

The websites are located at www.forevermissed.com. This website started as a place to post information about a deceased loved one but has evolved into a place for all persons to put up their information, memories and life history even while still living. **To be continued.**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska Cemetery

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk was founded by members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ixonia, Wisconsin in 1866. The cemetery has Highway 81 on the west and Georgia Avenue on the south.

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS.

Name	Birth date	Death date	Additional notes
Zutz, Paul F.	4 Sept 1865	4 May 1901	Father, Lot 74
Zutz, Minna A.	8 Jun 1866	5 Jan 1954	Mother, Lot 74
Zutz, daughter of		1 May 1890	Lot 74
Zutz, Ernest	25 Oct 1898	13 Apr 1948	Lot 74
Wagner, Max F.	25 Jul 1890	15 Mar 1927	Lot 74
Wagner, Martha Z.	4 May 1891	6 Feb 1976	Lot 74
Wagner, Herbert M.	14 Aug 1921	22 Oct 1926	Lot 74
Schulz, Howard	1906	1929	Lot 75
Schulz, infant		1927	son of H.G. and C. E. Schulz Lot 75
Schulz, A. C. F.	1876	1938	Lot 75
Schulz, Emma L.	1885	1958	Lot 75
Howe, Norton F.	1882	1945	Lot 75
Howe, Louise D.	1892	1990	Lot 75
Schulz, Ferdinand	1847	1933	Father, Lot 75
Schulz, Louisa	1854	1934	Mother, Lot 75
Neitzke, Carlton D.	1938	1939	son of C. and H. Neitzke Lot 76
Pugsley, Lori Kathleen	23 May 1965	23 May 1965	Lot 76
Korth, Herman	1844	1933	Lot 76
Korth, Bertha	1852	1933	Lot 76
Kluender, August	1874	1946	Lot 76
Kluender, Bertha	1876	1968	Lot 76
Neitzke, Carl H.	28 Apr 1909	30 Oct 1994	
Neitzke, Hildegard M.	18 Jul 1913	27 Feb 1999	married 6 Nov 1932
Uecker, Edward	1865	1941	Father, Lot 39 Outer Drive
Uecker, Hulda	1866	1957	Mother, Lot 39 Outer Drive
Uecker, Paul L.	1893	1969	Lot 39 Outer Drive
Uecker, Mattie B.	1896	1982	married 16 Dec. 1915 Lot 39 Outer Drive

Section B Row 10 South to North

Kruger, Duane M.	12 Jul 1942	13 Jul 1942	Lot 33 Outer Drive
Kruger, Beverly J.	20 Sept 1948	23 Sept 1948	Lot 33 Outer Drive
Kruger, Infant daughter		15-Jun-45	Lot 33 Outer Drive
Kruger, Vera	1920	2013	Lot 33 Outer Drive
Kruger, Arthur	1913	1992	Lot 33 Outer Drive
Rohrke, Richard G.	1872	1940	Lot 35 Outer Drive
Rohrke, Martha E.	1870	1963	Lot 35 Outer Drive
Rohrke, Lloyd E.	1902	1980	Lot 35 Outer Drive

Section C, Row 1 South to North (start on north edge of west half where cement drive ends and go west)

Machmueller, Anna	1895	1923	daughter in law of Rudolph, Lot 81
Machmuller, Rudolph	1874	1930	Lot 81

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS, continued**Row 2 South to North**

Haupt, Frank A.	1876	1923	Lot 83
Stoffer, George	5 Jun 1902	20 Dec 1992	US Army, WWII, PFC, Lot 84
Stoffer, Caroline L.	1902	1983	Lot 84
Stoffer, Bernice I.	6 Oct 1930	26 Dec 1930	Lot 84
Draube, Willis C.	19 Aug 1921	15 Dec 2001	(born Stoffer) Lot 84
Draube, Loretta J.	5 May 1939	16 Aug 2003	Lot 84

Section C, Row 3-4 empty South to North as of 1999**Section C, Row 5, south to north**

unmarked graves			Lot 89 One is a child of M/Mrs. Walter Melcher died in summer of 1915
Engel, Anna Christine	1923	1923	infant daughter of Mr/Mrs. Nick Engel Lot 90

Section C, Row 6 south to North

Mather, Lucille	1925	1966	daughter of Howard and Mildred Lot 46
Mather, Dennis	1962	1969	grandson of H. & M. Mather Lot 46
Mather, Howard N.	1889	1946	Father Lot 91
Mather, Mildred A.	1904	1965	Mother, Lot 91
Mather, Karen	1956	1992	Lot 91
Raduenz, Herman	21 Jun 1864	28 Aug 1917	Father Lot 91
Raduenz, Augusta	1868	1965	Mother Lot 91
Raduenz, Paul			Lot 91
Radinz, M. I. A.	4 May 1852	23 May 1896	Lot 92

Section C Row 7 South to North

Unmarked graves			Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
Krause, William	unmarked		Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
Krause, 1st wife	unmarked		Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
Krause, 2nd wife	unmarked		Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
1 boy	unmarked		Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
1 girl	unmarked		Lot 93 Krause, William owner,
Nenow, Alfred H.	1883	1966	Father, Lot 94
Nenow, Anna L.	1891	1982	Mother, Lot 94
Nenow, Adolph W.	1884	1971	Lot 94
Nenow, Lennie E.	1888	1969	Lot 94
Nenow, Herman	1858	1940	Lot 94
Nenow, Minna	1861	1945	Lot 94

Section C, Row 8 south to north

Ebeling, Donald A.	23 Aug 1928	27 July 1997	Brother
Ebeling, Laverna	21 Jul 1922	25 Jun 1986	Sister
Ebeling, Arthur O.	1893	1983	
Ebeling, Marie D.	1898	1988	
Parsons, Alma C.	1885	1969	MM in cement Lot 95
Heckman, William	1894	1926	Father
Brown, Lydia Heckman	1893	1981	Mother (Web, her son in New Lutheran Cemetery)
Brown, Willard H.	1896	1969	Step-father Lot 96

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS, continued**Section C, Row 9 South to North**

Uecker, Lester A.	25 Jun 1917	11 Aug 1980	US Navy WWII Lot 40
Klug, Maria	11 May 1863	12 Apr. 1896	First wife of Fred Klug
Klug, Anhold R.	30 Mar 1896	18 Dec 1896	son Lot 97
Klug, Fred	1859	1929	Big family stone, also smaller Father stone Lot 97
Klug, Emilie	1880	1962	Born Klawitter, second wife of Fred Lot 97
Klawitter, Herman L.	1858	1922	Father Lot 98
Klawitter, Anna L.	1867	1947	Mother and wife of Herman Lot 98
Klawitter, wife of Herman	31 Jan 1860	13 May 1902	Wilhelmine, Lot 98
Klawitter, son W.		1889	Lot 98

Section C, Row 10 South to North

Klug, Wilhelm Sr.	5 Dec 1830	28 Apr 1895	Lot 99, Pioneers of 1866
Klug, Wilhelmine	9 Aug 1829	27 apr 1910	Mother, Pioneers of 1866, Lot 99
Uecker, Friederike	2 Sept 1805	6 Jan 1899	Mother of Wilhelmine (Klug)
Biehle, John	1865	1947	Father, Lot 100
Biehle, Anna	1871	1924	Mother, Lot 100
Biehle, Fred J.	1903	1940	Father, Lot 100

Section C, Row 11, South to North

Locht, Eliese H.	21 Jul 1913	11 Jan 1915	Lot 101
Locht, Lillian T.	5 Jan 1916	29 May 1916	3 names on one stone, Lot owner John and Caroline (Dreesen) Locht, these parents are not buried here
Locht, Herbert H.	15 Aug 1918	26 Jan 1921	Lot 101
Schimmelpfennig, Carl	1835	1923	Father, Lot 102
Schimmelpfennig, Frederika	1838	1928	Mother, Lot 102

Section D, Row 1 South to North

Machmueller, Oscar	1888	1925	World War I, American Legion, Lot 106
Machmueller, Edmund	1891	1905	
Machmueller, Gustav A.	1861	1933	Father
Machmueller, Mary A	1861	1951	Mother
Kell, Herbert	30 Jan 1903	3 Oct 1904	Lot 107
Kell, Julius	1879	1955	VA Record: Spanish American War
Kell, Martha	1879	1950	Born Schimmelpfennig
Dederman, Fred J.	1899	1993	
Dederman, Laura E.	1904	1983	Lot 11 Outer Drive
Dederman, Frederick G.	27 Jan 1932	21 May 1994	Lot 11 Outer Drive

Section D, Row 2 South to North

Bartz, Herman F.	1872	1955	Lot 116
Bartz, Hermine	1872	1944	Lot 116
Bartz, Paul	18 Jan 1907		died at 11 months, Lot 116

This will be continued in the next several issues of the newsletter.



FIRST GRADUATES—Pictured are the five members of the first annual Norfolk High School graduating class. Commencement was held June 15, 1889. The class members were top L to R: Lilian Gerecke, Ida Batte, middle: Frederick Leavitt and bottom row L to R: Ethel Reid and Edith Hays. In May, 1891, a \$22,500 high school was completed. It had six large rooms, seated five hundred and had two teachers.

Six of First 40 Pupils Could Speak English

By **GENE KELLY** A public school was high among the goals of the English - speaking Norfolk pioneers. Mrs. Mary Kidder, wife of the Congregational minister, shared classrooms in the German church during her first year (1870) as teacher in the colony. The Rev. Mr. Hecken-dorf taught German school in the morning, and she taught English school in the afternoon.

"This was School District No. 2 and had 40 pupils. Only six of the pupils could speak any English at the time of their entrance," according to Edward A. Landgraf's "Early History of Norfolk." Mrs. Kidder was dependent upon them for interpreting.

The present site of the J.C. Penney Store, at Fifth Street and Norfolk Avenue was the choice of Norfolk citizens for the official first grade school. It was made of sun-dried brick in 1871. A temporary structure, located on the present site of Ace Fuel and Grain, had been abandoned when the children complained of the "long walk." Even the Norfolk Avenue location was "way out in the country at that time." notes Mrs. Cora A. Beels in "Early Days in Norfolk."

BRICK NOT GOOD "The brick were not very good, and this school house soon fell down and was replaced (1875) by a little frame building," said Mrs. Beels.

Research reveals that when, in the spring of 1880, the Union Pacific Railroad bought 40 acres where its de-pot is now, it was decided to move the schoolhouse. The frame structure was moved east to 408 Norfolk Ave., the present site of Putters Jewelry. A brick front masked the identity of the old school.

The first graduating class from Norfolk High School was the Class of 1889. The Milestone was published that year and through 1892 but was then discontinued for several years. It was started up again by the Class of 1898. In the next several newsletter issues we will be publishing excerpts, lists and photos from the existing Milestones starting with 1898 that we have located at the Norfolk Public Library. (We have not yet located the 1889 through 1892 Milestones)

In the 9 years since their graduation the first class had moved on with their lives. By 1898, Frederick W. Leavitt, was living in Andover, Mass. and was studying for the Congregational ministry. Lilian Gerecke, was in Spearfish, S. D, and the supervisor of music in South Dakota State Normal School. Ethel I. Reid, was a stenographer in Glasgow, Ky. Edith Hays was married to Peter Salter, and had one child, Dorothy and was living in Norfolk, Neb. Ida M. Batte married Charles S. Whitehead in 1891 and was living in Beatrice, Neb. By 1920, Ida was widowed and living in California with her father. She had no children.

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2016—2017 Officers

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Our Society Website is at

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/**Our future meetings**

June 17 cemetery tour

July 15

August 19

September Road Trip???

Join us and bring a friend

Memberships are \$15 per year. Our membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st annually and includes our newsletter. Joining anytime is welcome and your first year membership will be pro-rated to expire on August 31st. If you would like to join our society please send your payment to our mailing address. Please include your email address. Let us know if you prefer an email newsletter or a paper printed copy.

Meetings on 3rd Saturday of each month except December and January, at 10 a.m. at 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE., in the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

Queries, Society contact, Change of address, or Newsletter submissions can reach us by mail at our mailing address P. O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031, or by email at mcgs@telebeep.com. We are here to help you in your research .for your ancestors in Madison county.

Greetings from the Madison County Genealogical Society

April gave us more weather too nice to stay indoors, but we did have an interesting and full discussion of available resources on the internet. For the benefit of an unexpected guest, this gave us an excellent opportunity to show her the genealogy and historical materials available on Family Search programs for Indiana and Illinois, the areas of her family research.

We are interested in hand held scanners for copying records, photos and such. Our members, Cheryl and Richard, demonstrated their favorite scanner which is a desk model wand #S8X1103, with separate feeder dock, and charger. It's only about 12 inches long, 3 inches wide and could easily be packed in travel luggage. The scanned documents and photos were clearly visible; papers can also be inserted to be scanned. It would work very well scanning courthouse documents as well as photos. We also have in our library a copy of the 1854 Nebraska Census (surnames) of settlers in the First through Sixth District. At that early date counties were not yet fully established and this "census" is not the familiar format later employed. It covers mainly the eastern and southern Nebraska areas, including the unsurveyed Kansas-Nebraska border, with interesting details of the families' origins, many of whom traveled on through, but many settled the plains and built the towns we know today.

May was perfect for the pomp and circumstance of school and college graduations. The Norfolk College of Nursing, Northern Division of the Univ. of Nebr. Medical Center, held its ceremony at the Lifelong Learning Center. It was especially rewarding to see not only the local and state-wide graduates, but those from Sweden, China and the Philippines also completing studies.

May showers didn't bother graduations, but cancelled our genealogy tour of the old Lutheran cemeteries in Stanton County, as wet sandy trails are not the best driving conditions. **So**

lets try again for June 17. Let's meet at the museum and wear proper footwear—NO open toed shoes or sandals as there are cactus. See you there!

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Coming up in the next issue:

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St. Paul's cemetery records as walked by Madison County Genealogical Society members continues.

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Norfolk High School graduations continues.

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Upcoming Events

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July 28-30 2017 International Germanic Genealogy "Connections" Conference, Minneapolis Marriot Northwest Hotel, Brooklyn Park, MN contact: www.GGSMN.org

September 8-9, 2017 Genealogy KC—Kansas City's Family History and Technology Conference, <http://genealogykc.org/> **FREE!!**