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Message from the President.....

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Dear Members and Readers:

I hope you had a 'pretty good' Merry Christmas and that you have a prosperous New Year with good health and energy to pursue your genealogy research. I hope the New Year will have time for us to get some of our society projects going again. We did "put-it-off" again last year.

Did you get any family history info from someone in your Christmas mail? I got several gueries from people who wanted information (all you can find) right at Christmas. Guess they thought we were Santa Clause of the NORTHeast Nebraska Pole. I do want to urge EVERYONE to enclose a S.A.S.E. (Self Addressed STamped Envelope) whenever you ask for help; even to a Genealogical Society because no Genealogical Society has unlimited funds or correspondents to take care of queries. We are all lunteers and not getting any younger or richer.

I researched for a friend in Lawrence, KS., and they have a most helpful reference librarian and Genealogical Section of books and quarterlies. And that county (Douglas) has a two-volume history and census of all cemeteries. It was 'done' back in the thirties and typed at that time. Later it was printed in two nice volumes. They keep those under lock and key but can be looked at upon request. The cemeteries we saw were in excellent shape. The main Lawrence cemetery was marked with little signs to go with a map found in one volume. Even my son and family enjoyed the research and helped.

<u>DUES</u> are past due, so if you want to continue getting the newsletters and some help, please send your check right away. DON'T forget to use our NEW BOX Number of P. O. 1031.

Harlow BUTCHER kindly invited us to move our meeting place to the new FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH at 404 West Benjamin Ave. across from the YMCA. So we gladly accepted and are meeting there now at $7:30~\rm p.m.$ on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Do come to the meetings. You enter on the east side of the building at the kitchen door on the Northeast corner of the building. A big THANK YOU to Harlow. We enjoyed the tour of your wellplanned and well-built, very useful church building.

We want to thank Ardith Logan for letting us use her Logan Antenna Store for the past two and one half years for our meetings. The Library wabinet is still there and is accessible in the afternoon and early evening till 7:00.

Sincerely yours,

Madison County Genealogical Society Roster for 1989 to 1990.

At the September Society meeting the following persons were nominated and elected to offices: Marge Unkel Fuhrmann to be President; Eunice Brown Coover for Vice-President; Ardith Colwell Logan to be Secretary; and Lottie Van Ostrand Klein to be Treasurer. They accepted the duties.

The officers held a meeting on October 11th 1989 to discuss some of the much needed projects that were started long ago. These projects had gotten delayed and bogged down through the years. With the sincere hope that these projects can be revived and worked on and completed, we have compiled some COMMITTEES. We did not have time to consult everyone to see if they would serve but we dearly hope you will accept us.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE

Program

NEWSLETTERS

SCRAPBOOK

LIBRARY

PUBLICY (paper & radio)

ANCESTOR CHARTS & SURNAME CARDS

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

RESEARCH & QUERIES

WORKSHOPS

CEMETERY RECORDING, TYPING

COUNTY GUIDES PROJECT

COFFEE CHAIRMAN

Lottie Klein & Officers

Eunice Coover & Joan Moody

Joyce Borgelt & Jeanne Allison

Eunice Coover & Marge Fuhrmann

Eunice Coover & Ardith Logan

Lottie Klein & Ardith Logan

Joyce Barlow

Lottie Klein & Dee Sewell

Joyce Barlow & Elvira Geske

Joyce Barlow, Joyce Borgelt & Elvira Geske
Joyce Barlow, Joyce Borgelt,
Eunice Coover
Lottie Klein, Joyce Borgelt,
& Donald, Dorothy Monson

Betty Ahrens

NE STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PUBLICITY Marge Fuhrmann

LUNCH SERVING LIST for October 1989 to Sept 1990:

October Connie L. Lange 371-8281 Call Marge Fuhrmann as a substitute.
November Harold Lyon
January Ardith Logan & Marge Fuhrmann
February Betty Ahrens
March Deb Hyatt
April Eunice Coover
May Elvira Geske
June Joan Moody & Lottie Klein
July possible trip to museum = sack lunch
August is picnic month
September Dee Sewell & Joyce Barlow

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Membership September 1, 1989 - September 1, 1990

	Betty Ahrens 309 North 13th Place Norfolk, Ne.	371-5029
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If we will get behind the persons we elect, use our fresh ideas and energies, and imput/e our organization will move ahead so that years from now someone can legitimately look back "at the way we REALLY accomplished it!!"

1. Work with each of the new officers, DO NOT stay home

because you may disagree with their philosophy.

2. Share your knowledge to help others. You may just have "the" idea they are looking for to make their research easier. We learn by sharing.

Attend ALL meetings.

4. Volunteer when something needs to be accomplished. You may feel you don't have much to contribute, but remember an ant hill is built with EACH ant carrying just one piece of sand of the hill at a time, then going back down the same trail again after one more piece of sand. They work together, lets do the same "the way we ALWAYS do!!!"

Let us make the first year of our next decade the most productive and fund year yet for our organization. Diane Contributed from Ancestors Unlimited, SW NE Gen Soc, Winter 1989.

Mrs. Wm. Chilvers, P. O. Box 10, Pierce, Nebraska, 68767, 329-4434 is the daughter of Mrs Edna Myers, P. O. Box 128, Galva, Kansas, 67443. Mrs. Myers is the contributor of the Genealogical Books & Pamphlets donated to the Norfolk Public Library.

The Second Century Publications, R3, Box 137-A, Seward, NE, 68434, report on their book project - "NEBRASKA, OUR TOWNS."

of the 537 incorporated towns in Nebraska we now have 528 enrolled in the project and are working to find historians in the remaining 9 towns. To date the three areas completed <u>Panhandle</u>, published June, 1988, <u>South Central</u>, in December, and <u>Central & North Central</u>, arrived July 1989. They contain stories and pictures of each of the incorporated towns in their areas. The books are being very well received. Many who ordered only a book for their area, are now getting the others that have been published, and/or ordering those yet to be completed.

North - Northeast, divided along county lines, is currently on the drawing board. It will be published soon after the first of 1990. Eastern Area will follow, then Southeast in two volume.

I appreciate your patience and support. Jane Graff, Project coordinator. 402-643-2341.

MADISON COUNTY NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE LIST January 31, 1990

Adams County Historical Society, P. O. Box 424, Hastings, NE 68901
Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Soc, P. O. Box 541, Fremont, NE 68025
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen. Soc., P. O. Box 30055, Lincoln, NE 68505
National Gen. Soc, 4527 - 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363
Nebraska State Gen. Society, P. O. Box 5600, Lincoln, NE 68505
Northeastern Nebraska Gen. Soc, P. O. Box 169, Lyons, NE 68038
Plains Gen. Society, 40208 South Walnut Street, Kimball, NE 69145
Platte Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 153, Columbus, NE 68601
Prairie Pioneer Gen. Society, P. O. Box 1122, Grand Island, NE 68802
Rebecca Winters Gen. Society, P. O. Box 323, Scottsbluff, NE 68361
Southeast Nebraska Gen. Society, P. O. Box 562, Beatrice, NE 68310
Southwest Nebraska Gen. Society, P. O. Box 176, McCook, NE 69001
Watertown Genealogical Society, C/O Elaine Smith, 229 Fremont Street
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

Woodbury County Gen. Society, P. O. Box 624, Sioux City, Iowa 51102

Our sympathy is expressed to <u>Harold Lyon</u> on the death of his monther-in-law Mary Lovelace Schwartz on December 21, 1989. and to <u>Joyce Borgelt</u> on the death of her mother Myrtle G. Parks Volk on January 10, 1990. We have received notice of the death of Mabel (Hinds) Wheeler, mother of former member Pat Nygren, on December 18, 1989, at Wakefield, NE.

We thank Marge Fuhrmann for donating a membership to the Nebraska State Genealogy Society to the Norfolk Public Library in memory of her husband Fred W. Fuhrmann.

We are planning to have an Everton Publishing Company workshop on June 13th, 1990. This is a tentative date. The time and place will be announced and more information given when available.

WARNERVILLE INFORMATION ASKED FOR The Warnerville School (District 25) is currently in the process of researching the history of the school and the once-thriving Warnerville community. Anyone with information, memories or photos of Warnervile who is willing to share them with the school district is asked to write: District 25 School, Route 2, Norfolk 68701 or call Mrs. Tom Hedrick, 402-379-1936. From Norfolk Daily News 1/25/90.

If the label on this newsletter is marked with a red * please note that your dues have not been paid and you will be removed from the mailing list. Dues are \$6.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. Please pay them immediately.

ZIPLOC A MESSAGE

An unusual, but helpful hint: If you're researching a cemetery and you locate a relative's or "possible" relative's gravestone, it's possible that other relatives of that person may be buried nearby. You can try leaving a note or message in a Ziploc bag by the gravestone to see if someone will answer. Be sure to weight it down so it doesn't blow away or get misplaced by the wind and weather

(Information above taken from: Illiana Jewish Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Dec. 1988) Pravie Pioneers Beneslogical Society, Jantik 1989

For the descendents of the thousands of Germans who fled the Russian Ukrain to seek new homes in the plains of Nebraska and Kansas who what to know more about their heritage they can contact:

The American Historical Society of Germans frpm Russia Headquarters 631 D street.

Lincoln, Ne. 68502.

Volga German Society, Lawrence Weigel 1114 Centennial Blvd. Hays, Ks. 67601.

Mennonite Library and Archives
Bethel College
Newton, Ks. 67117...

Balzakas Museum of Lithunanian Culture Genealogy Department 6500 South Pulaski Rd.

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RESEARCH SUGGESTION ..

Can't find some census records? The 1790 census for present day District of Columbia is included with records for Montgomery and Prince George Counties, Maryland. The 1820 and 1830 census records for Wisconsin are included in Michigan. The 1860 census for Wyoming is with Nebraska records. The 1860 census for Nevada is included with Utah. The 1860 Colorado census is found in the Kansas census. (Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society Newsletter.)

TIPS ON OHIO RESEARCH: 1. Don't overlook Botetourt Co., VA or Augusta Co., VA when searching for Ohio ancestors. Virginia at one time had all land to MN, IL, & TN line. 2. Ohio is complicated by the fact that it was claimed by VA, CT, & MA. 3. Ohio gained statehood in 1803. 4. Under the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 lands were surveyed for public sale—known as Old Seven Ranges. 5. Between 1753 and 1779, only two ways to enter Ohio country—Forbes Road and Braddocks Road (through Pittsburg, PA). 6. Virginia Military Dist. retained by VA & gave grants to those soldiers who performed in the Continental Army for Virginia and many early settlers who were Virginians.

Mesquite Hist. & Gen Soc.—Nov 1979

via Ancestors Unlimited, McCook NE

From Platte Valley Kinsukers, Soc Jan 85

ADOPTION -- "IN RE" This term means "in regard to", in this case regarding adoption. You can now find adoptions listed in record books on many counties where divorce and probate records are filed. The courts are very clever and instead of putting adoptions in under the letter "A", they place them under "I". In these record books, usually open to the public, they are indexed alphabetically. The first rule is NEVER say you are looking up an adoption, say divorce or probate. Then turn to the "I" index and find "in re."

Under this category you will find in re: Petition to change name, petition to adopt, etc. When you order the file, you must list the docket number and the name. It usually takes two or three days to get the file. If you were lucky enough to be adopted in Superior or Probate Court, you might have acess to your own sealed records.

IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, 1988

ORPHAN TRAINS -- Riders and descendants of the Orphan Train era, 1854-1929, are being sought by the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America. The Children's Aid Society of New York arranged for thousands of children to be sent via trains to new homes in the "West." If you know of anyone connected with this unique segment of American history, or if you would like one of the OTHSA newsletters sent to you, please write Mary Ellen Johnson, Director, OTHSA, Route 4, Box 565, Springdale, Ark. 72764. Membership in the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America costs \$20 per year, includes a subscription to their Newsletter, and entitles one to access to all data collected by the Society.

From: Frontier Research, Winter and Spring, 1988 and Buffalo Chips,
Summer, 1988. From Prant Pioneen Genewlogical Sac Jan-feb - 1989

COPYING PHOTOGRAPHS --- W. C. Weaver, Exchange Chairman, The Houston Genealogical Forum, suggests the following technique for improving the quality of photographs which are copied on a photocopy machine. Credit is given to the Mesquite TX G. S. and the Boulder G.S.

"COPYING PHOTOGRAPHS: When copying photographs on the photocopy machine, the quality can be improved by using a copy-screen. Copy-screens are available in the 65 line and 85 line sizes. Use of the screen (under the photo being copied) creates a dot matrix image and produces a copy with better detail and contrast balances. Such screens are available for around \$3.25 from larger art supply stores."

W. C. Weaver reported testing this technique with a 65 line copy-screen with photos from 1930 in black and white and from 1987 in color print. "Zerox type copies were made before using the screen; then the screen was laid on the glass, rough side up; the pictures laid face down on the screen; and a copy was made. The difference in the two copies is worth the small cost of the screen which can be kept and reused many times."

This article was taken from "The Genealogical Record", published quarterly by the Houston Genealogical Forum, P.O. Box 271469, Houston, TX 77277-1469; via Illinois State Genealogical Society, FEB, 1989. From III. State Gen. Soc. 526 /989

EXTRA EXTRA

Mending Those Treasures: Old documents which are printed on one side have been torm or broken along old folds can be repaired using rice paper and acid-free paste on the reverse. Acid-free paste can be made at home with the following recipe:

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 teaspoon flour

1/4 teaspoon Borax (or milk of magnesia)

1/2 cup water

Combine all ingredients, cook about 3 minutes, stirring constantly. This will make about 1/2 cup of paste and will not harm documents that are to be repaired.

Genealogist's Exchange--St. Genevieve, MO Oct 1984

via Ancestors Unlimited, McCook NE

From Platte Valley Kinseckers, Jan 85

HISTORICAL MAP REPRODUCTIONS

Have you ever wanted a map of a certain area of the world but did not know where to order it. The Heritage Society has a list of maps available for purchase from the GOLD BUG in California.

All reproductions are printed in black on 8-1/2 by 11 inch bond paper (unless another size is indicated). Some have been enlarged from the original edition to improve the detail. Most reproductions are of very good quality, but this will vary according to the quality of the original from which it was made.

If you are interested a list is available at the Heritage
Research Center. from Linn Co Wentage Dunters, Cedar Rapids IA 10/89

Division Of Maps has very early maps & the names of people were on these maps, indicating they owned land. A member of TRW Gen Soc found early ancestors in PA after 1750 & early 1800. Write: Library of Congress Geography & Map Division—Washington DC 20540.

submitted by Pat VanLeeuwen to DuPage Co. Gen. Soc., IL via the Ancestors Unlimited, McCook NE from Plottle Valley Kinseekers, Columbus, UE Jan 85

NEED YOU OLD MAP REINFORCED?

- 1. Place map face down on ironing board.
- 2. Place over it a sheet fo thin plastic such as a dry-cleaning bag.
- 3. Cover with old sheeting.
- 4. Press with iron for about 30 seconds over all the area (do not move iron with lifting.)
- Trim of the edges.

(NOTE; this works on pictures, clippings, ect. The plastic will Anhere to cardboard, or heavy paper. Be sure iron isn't too hot, but hot enough to melt the plastic bag.)

From Platte Valley Kinseekers, Jan-85

WHERE TO WRITE

If you are unable to find a town which no longer exists, try wriing the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092. Many towns have had their names changed over the years and this is the place to write for information. Ann Valois - Genealogical Priends of the Pasadena Public Library Library Newsletter. (found in the Okmulgee County Genealogical Society Newsletter - Ckmulgee, OK. Vol. 3 No. 2 1988)

From Platte Valley Kinseekers Jan - 85

The state of Michigan is giving "discount" rate to genealogists who request several death or marriage records at one time. The cost is \$10 for the first and \$6 for others ordered. Your request MUST be on a special form, "Application to Request a Vital Record for Genealogic Reseach" and can be ordered from Michigan Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics, 3500 N. Logan St., P.O. Box 30035. Lansing, NI 48909.

McHenry County, IL Genealogical Society

(found in The Searcher - Southern California Gen. Soc. Eurbank, CA.)

From Inva Genealogical Society 1988

A Brief History of the First United Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, Nebraska

The First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk was organized at the residence of Dr. J. W. Plummer April 24, 1896. The Rev. Samuel F. Sharpless and the Rev. William E. Kimball were delegated by the Presbytery of Niobrara to perfect the organization. By their action the Rev. Sharpless became the first minister of the church.

The following ten members brought letters of transfer from other

Presbyterian churches:

Mrs. Rebecca T. Plummer

Mrs. Ella Sharpless

Mrs. E. McCallum

Mrs. Esther Reekard

Mrs. Annie L. Briant

John W. Plummer

Mrs. George A. Latimer became a member on profession of faith. The eleven members of the new organization elected the follow-

ing elders: Dr. J. W. Plummer and John C. Ransdall.

In August of 1897 Dr. Plummer passed on. The wife of Elder Ransdall was admitted by letter from her home church in Whiteland, Indiana, and so at the end of the first year the membership remained at eleven.

For the next five years it was a struggle to keep going. A few members were added each year, but often as many would move on to greener fields. It was a time of general depression and low prices. Church services were irregular, sometimes held in the homes and sometimes in the GAR Hall for which a small rental fee was paid. Later, the second floor of the building now occupied by the Balllantyne Furniture Company became the regular meeting place.

In 1898 the following were added to the church rolls: Jack Koenigstein, Mr. and Mrs. David C. Covert, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Wigton and Miss Cora Wigton. The church now had a membership of seventeen. Soon after joining, Mr. Covert was elected an elder and the name of Covert continued through the years to be

listed in the leadership of the church.

On April 7, 1901, Mr. John A. Ballantyne and his wife, Lydia E. Ballantyne, were received by letter from the First Presbyterian Church at Osmond, Nebraska. With the addition of the Ballantyne tamily to the church rolls, there came to the struggling new organization deep encouragement. Mr. Ballantyne soon became an elder and both he and his wife were most faithful in attendance and in assuming responsibility. More often than any other member, Mr. Ballantyne represented the Norfolk Church at Presbytery and Synod. The spirit of unity was growing. Minutes of the Session note frequently that "All members of the church were present at the morning service".

After serving as pastor of the Norfolk Church for about two years the Rev. Sharpless became pastor at large for Niobrara Presbytery, and the Rev. Scudder was assigned to the Norfolk Church.

Even though the membership was very small they realized they needed a church building. New people coming to town joined the groups having a church home. But how could the very small group of Presbyterians in this period of drought and hard times build

a church? Ways and means were discussed. Five trustees were elected, but the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, April 1, 1902 record no action taken. In fact, finances were at such a low ebb that the following motion was passed: "It is the desire of the congregation to retain the Rev. Scudder as pastor for the next year provided the salary can be raised". It was not raised and the Rev. Scudder left.

The report of the trustees for 1902 gives the picture:

Rent for G A R Hall ranged from \$1.00 to \$1.121/2 per week — in all tor 10 months or 42 sabbaths — \$43.00.

Pastor's salary at the rate of \$16-2/3 per month, was \$166.66 per year. \$137.00 had been paid on the salary leaving a balance due Rev. Scudder of \$29.66. The following year they were able to pay Rev. Scudder this deficit. He left.

The Session makes no explanation of a change of ministers at this time. They do note that Mr. and Mrs. Wigton and daughter,

Cora, were admitted by letter from the church at Osmond.

Recent correspondence with the daughter, Cora Wigton Wilson, who now lives in Idaho Springs, Colorado, explains what happened.

Mr. F. P. Wigton — a young attorney — came to Norfolk in 1881. He opened an office and began the practice of law. Failing eye sight made it impossible for him to continue. As a young man he had felt called to the ministry. Hearing of this, the struggling little church at Osmond persuaded him to become their pastor. The choice proved to be a very happy one. He loved the work and they loved their minister. The John Ballantyne family then lived in Osmond and were active in the Presbyterian Church there. By 1901 the Ballantynes had moved to Norfolk. It was just about this time that the Rev. Scudder left the Norfolk Church. So, Mr. Ballantyne suggested they ask Rev. Wigton to candidate in the Norfolk Church. He did and the congregation issued a call to him. To the Wigton's it was like coming back home to return to the cottage they had built when they first came to Norfolk. This was on what is now the corner of 9th and Koenigstein and to get down town one walked over unbroken prairie to the business houses which were located near the river. Rev. Wigton was often twitted for having built out in the country. The Wigtons remained in Norfolk for a number of years and the church grew under his leadership.

It was in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1902 that the Ladies' Aid receives its first mention. However, one would know from their report which appears in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting that they were already a going concern. They had the pioneers'

faith and courage.

The following are items from their report: The rent of the G A R Hall was assumed by the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School. They, as well as the Session and Trustees, had considered well the need of a church house and the Aid had decided the time had come to act. They had cash on hand in the amount of \$98.46. This was raised by suppers, sewing and dues. They had borrowed \$70.00 from the bank which gave them a total of \$168.46. Their disbursements:

) Q This left the Aid five cents in the red. A letter from Mrs. Percy on April 9, 1954 says: "I recall Mrs. Ballantyne telling me that it took the Aid's last dollar to pay for the lots and there was no money left to pay for recording the deed. Mrs. Ballantyne, out of her household allowance, saved the necessary amount by having the children's meals temporarily consist of bread and milk or mush and milk, and thus the deed was recorded."

At this same Annual Meeting the Missionary Society reported that they were organized January 23, 1902 with eight members. In the three months they had raised \$5.50 and paid it to the Women's Treasury for Missions.

The Sunday School reported: Officers and teachers — 9; scholars — 22; Total 31, of whom 13 were added during the year just past. Monies raised — \$14 for general expenses and \$1 for Foreign Missions.

The Y.P.S.C.E. (Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor) was organized December 1, 1901 with twelve members. Monies raised from dues \$2.00; Mrs. E. F. Knickerbocker was leader.

The Session reported additions to Church Membership: From Sunday School 8, on Confession of Faith 2, Dismissed 1. Total membership April 1, 1902 was 30. Money sent to the Boards: Church Erection \$6.40, Home Missions \$6.40, Foreign Missions \$5.65. Total \$18.45.

Six months later, on September 6, 1902, application was made to the Home Mission Board for aid to "help support our minister".

On November 29 of the same year a Congregational Meeting was held to consider the advisability of erecting a church building on the lots recently purchased for that purpose. Without a loan from the Board there could be no building. Tithing was discussed as a means of increasing the local giving. The total membership was 31. This included children. After a thorough canvass it was estimated that the congregation could raise \$270.00 and that with \$450.00 from the Board they could go ahead with the building program. This would give them \$720.00. Rev. Wigton's salary was \$166.00 so there would be \$554.00 with which to build a new church. Accordingly "On the first Tuesday in October 1902" application was made to the Home Missions Board for help.

This action can be better understood when we learn that every Presbyterian Church in Nebraska through this early period secured a loan from the Board without which the first buildings could not have been erected. In fact, almost 90% of the Presbyterian Churches of this entire country began as Home Mission enterprises. The Board was organized to lend this aid and today we see the great wisdom of the plan.

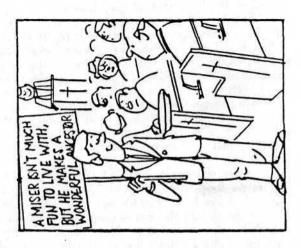
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The request for the loan from the Board was made in October, 1902. No records of the building of the church can be found. On November 29, 1903, they dedicated the new building.





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