

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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4TH QUARTER

Dear Members and Readers:

On June 9th we hosted an Everton Publishers workshop. It was declared a success. We are so glad so many of you came. The Society ordered several helpful books. We bought a new Handy Book, 7th Edition. It's in our library for your use.

Many thanks to Joyce Borgelt, Joyce Barlow, and Elvira Geske for getting so many door prizes and all the rest of the work they did.

On July 17th some of our members and guests took a field trip to Neligh, Nebraska. We toured the historic Neligh Mill and Antelope County Historical Museum and cabin. At the museum they have some papers and records that are very useful for genealogists if you are researching in that area. They have all three Antelope County History books for sale.

We viewed White Buffalo Girl's tombstone and a beautiful sunset, drove slowly over the 'singing' bridge. You missed a good outing.

Our membership is up to forty-two members. A good group to work with. Let's keep it up! Don't forget to pay your dues by September 1st, 1990.

I can't take the duties of president for another year. Thanks for all the help and cooperation this year. Do work with the new officers so that our society prospers and produces.

Yours Truly,

*Margerie Fuhmann*

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New members this issue include Nebraska History Network, Inc., R. R. 3 - Box 137A, Seward, NE 68434, Elkhorn Valley Historical Society of Nebraska, P. O. Box 1114, Norfolk, NE 68702-1114, and R. D. Johnson, 4361 So Smoke Ridge Court, Rosewell, GA, 30075.

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DUES ARE DUE - Individual dues - \$6.00 - Family - \$8.00

Mail to our new treasurers Don and Dorothy Monson, R. R. 2 - Box 57, Norfolk, NE 68701 or bring to the next meeting.

13 April 1990

Nebraska State Genealogical Society  
Georgene G. Sones, President  
12224 Franklin Circle  
Omaha, NE 68154

Dear President Sones,

The Madison County Genealogical Society, of Area 5, Norfolk, Nebraska, is pleased to nominate Franklin Geske to receive the Certificate of Appreciation for 1990.

Franklin is a Charter Member of the Madison County Genealogical Society. He helped record the tombstones when we had this project underway. He knows the German script and language so he has always been helpful in reading and translating anything; from tombstone inscriptions to papers from Germany to old Church records.

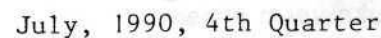
Franklin learned to speak, understand and read the German language at home, as a little boy. Later when he served with the Allied Forces in Europe, he was captured by the German Army. No doubt his knowledge of the language stood him in good stead, and was increased. He also learned a lot about the geography and history of the country. This he explained to us when we wanted help with our German letters or papers. His health was ruined by the terrible conditions in the prisoner-of-war camp he was kept in.

Franklin was also a long-time member of the Elkhorn Valley Historical Society which is located in Norfolk, Nebraska. He has served several terms as Secretary. He has done much to preserve the history and artifacts of this area. While he was serving as Secretary, the city of Norfolk decided to close the Museum that the Historical Society sponsored and maintained. Franklin, his wife Elvira and a few other officers worked hard in hot, damp weather to box up and move the contents of the museum to a safe place. Franklin has continued to support the Historical Society in their efforts to raise money for a new museum building.

Franklin continues to come to the meetings when his health permits. We appreciate his contributions to our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Nomination Committee; Margerie R. Fuhrmann and Elizabeth Ahrens  
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**ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH  
SCHOOLCRAFT, MADISON CO.  
1887 - 1987**

St. Francis de Sales, known as Schoolcraft, is located ten miles from St. Bernard, eleven miles from Madison, eleven miles from Lindsay, and thirteen miles from Battle Creek.

The community was settled with Bohemians, German, and Irish. Ten to twelve years passed with the people having attended no church, partly at fault themselves, and partly from the lack of availability of a Bohemian-speaking priest.

In the summer of 1887, families from Schoolcraft Precinct came to St. Bernard asking help to get a church started. On June 13th, 1887, the first Mass was said, confessions were heard, and communion given at the Joseph Clinch farm by Rev. Bonaventure Faulhaber, O.S.F.

For the benefit of Bohemian-speaking people, Rev. Bonaventure, through the Rt. Rev. Apostolic Vicar, made repeated attempts to get Bohemian priests. They even appealed to the Pope, whereupon some Bohemian-speaking Jesuit Fathers were sent, who remained in Nebraska a number of years. A priest was even sent to Bohemia to bring over priests, but with limited success.

In November of 1887, 2½ acres were deeded to the then reigning Bishop by C.C. and Ervila Wyatt. The land was willed from each Bishop to the next reigning Bishop until 1931, when it was deeded to Schoolcraft. The land was given to the Church to use for as long as the Church was being used. When and if it was closed for a period of more than six months, the land would then be returned to the original donors.

During this period, a delegation was sent to Madison, on a day the Bishop was administering Confirmation, with a long subscription list for permission to build a Church. They assured His Excellency they were able to erect and pay for a Church. Permission was granted, even though the list contained names of Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and non-religious, largely businessmen of Madison, Lindsay, and Humphrey.

Upon completion, Father Bonaventure went twice a month, on Mondays, from St. John's at St. Bernard to Schoolcraft to say Mass and have instructions, also on the 5th Sundays of the month, and Holydays of Obligation.

Frank Murphy and Frank Ambroz, were the first trustees. They named the Church St. Francis de Sales. A membership of 57 families was registered.

Father Bonaventure served the parish until 1893. His successors were Rev. Dorenkemper from Humphrey, and Rev. Lehman. Then, for sometime, St. Francis was without Divine Worship. Until 1899, priests from Lindsay tended the parish.

In 1900, Rev. Albert Bruesermann, O.S.F., from St. Bernard, reorganized the parish. He bought a church bell, which was placed in position on the eve of New Year's Day. At midnight, the pastor himself rang out his message: "Come to Mass again and listen to the word of God." Back they came, one after another. Even some non-catholics became attendants. During his stay, nearly every family of the congregation was attending church again. A Sanctuary, a room for an office, and priests quarters were added. A communion rail and an altar were added, the pews refinished and varnished, and the church itself, painted. The new high altar came from LaCrosse, Wisconsin. It took about six weeks to do all of the remodeling at a cost of \$1500 to \$2000. The people drove 18 teams strong to Lindsay to haul the necessary material. A barn was also erected to shelter the horses used by the pastor and parishioners.

There existed a dance hall nearby, of which Father Albert had no favorable comment, and felt it was a detriment to the spiritual well-being of his sheep. He came back one day to find that his parishioners had cut the hall in two, sold the parts to two men, and reimbursed the contributors from the proceeds.

Father Albert visited Schoolcraft now twice a month, every other week, in every kind of weather, and never missed a Sunday in ten years. Twice, he was offered a change, but he wished to remain until all was well again. He purchased a pair of ponies in 1902, and drove as far as the vicinity of Tilden, a distance of 20 miles, in search of lukewarm sheep.

In 1905, Fr. Albert engaged a Father Drbal to preach a Bohemian mission. During his ten year stay, Fr. Albert

drew a salary of \$300, total.

St. Francis de Sales has no cemetery, probably because there was and still is a well kept cemetery for all in the near vicinity.

In the next twenty years, about ten or eleven priests came from St. Bernard to take care of the Schoolcraft parishioners. In 1911 and 1912, Fr. Meyer labored zealously in behalf of the Bohemians, studied their language, and invited a Bohemian priest to preach a Mission.

Pastors serving St. Francis between 1910 and 1931 include: Rev. Francis Stick, Rev. James de Marchis, Rev. Leo Zettel, Rev. John Nepomucene Turek, Rev. Peter Bartko, Rev. Othmar Berthieaume, Rev. Max Klotzbucher, Rev. Erwin Huntscha, Rev. Ludger Wegemer, and Rev. Anthony Wagner.

In August of 1925, a missionary from Czechoslovakia, Father Jemelka, preached a Mission at St. Francis de Sales. He stayed with Frank and Kristina Kubes during his stay. Father Jemelka taught Kristin when she was a child in Czechoslovakia. In 1923, he was assigned as an apostolic delegate to the United States, and in September of that year, married Kristina and Frank Kubes in Omaha. Kristina's daughter, Mrs. Leo (Martha) Gillespie, is a member of Schoolcraft at present.

In 1929, Father Ludger Wegemer stayed every other weekend at the home of Joseph Frisch, Sr., having Mass, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings at St. Francis de Sales. Father Ludger taught Joseph Jr. the Mass prayer, and young Joe served Mass starting in 1929, when he was nine years old, until even after he was married, as did many other young men of the parish. He was the only altar boy during this period. When the roads were bad, the Frisch's, as did other parishioners, went to church with horse and buggy. Mrs. Joseph Frisch, Sr., who is 90 years old, the oldest former member of the parish, lives at Countryside Homes in Madison.

Beginning in 1932, St. Francis de Sales was under the tendership of St. Leonard's at Madison, Nebraska. Priests serving between 1932 and 1939 include: Fr. Adrian Van Veen, Fr. Joseph Duhamel, Fr. Peter Doeswyck, and Fr. Fred Irshik.

Under Fr. Van Veen's direction, members of the congregation and the priest acted in plays presented to the public to raise funds.

While Fr. Duhamel was the celebrant, catechetical instructions were held during the Mass for the children of the parish. It was not unusual for him to lock the door during Mass, so the congregation would remain for the instructions. Also under Fr. Duhamel's service, women taught instructions to the children after Mass.

Starting in 1940, St. Francis de Sales became a mission of Battle Creek, Nebraska. Up until 1965, the Benedictine Sisters from Norfolk came on Saturdays to teach religion to the youth of the parish. All the parishioners took turns and some parishioners drove as many as 20 miles to pick up the sisters at Battle Creek, and return them to Norfolk, a distance of 40 miles. Since 1966, youngsters of the parish either go to Madison or to Battle Creek to attend CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes. Mothers and fathers from St. Francis de Sales help with the teaching in both parishes.

A Bazaar or Festival was held annually in St. Francis de Sales' social hall, beginning as early as 1906. The Bazaars were an annual affair to raise funds until the year of 1968. The last few years, when the membership was smaller, only 17 to 22 families held the Bazaars. Almost all the food was donated. The women each fried ten chickens, and baked six pies, along with bringing other food. The men all helped, doing dishes and other duties. One man was assigned the task of hauling hot water from the various farm homes, as the only water supply was a well on the church grounds. As many as 800 people were served the dinners, people coming from surrounding counties. No one left hungry, as the dinners were served family style. In 1970, the hall and contents were sold as facilities were not up to government standards.

In 1958, the little church was completely redecorated in the interior. The walls were paneled and the floor carpeted. Stained glass windows purchased from the old Holy Family Church in Lindsay were cut to fit the windows of St. Francis de Sales. Old pews were also replaced with pews purchased from Lindsay. The interior and exterior were also repainted.

In July 1975, the men and women of the parish gave both the interior and the exterior a fresh coat of paint, and again in 1985.



The first Baptism in St. Francis de Sales was administered by Fr. Bonaventure Faulhaber to baby Elizabeth Brosh Kuchar, May 10th, 1888. Five grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren of baby Elizabeth, later Mrs. Charles Kuchar, are current members of St. Francis de Sales. The Stephen Kuchars' and the Joseph Kuchars' will be having new babies baptized in 1987.

The first marriage, which was a double ceremony of Joseph and Mary Kuchar and Michael and Mary Ambroz, was recorded on September 12, 1895. Dean and Bev Kuchar, grandson of Joseph and Mary Kuchar, was the last couple to be married in our parish community on August 31, 1985. Am and Dorothy Masur, and Tom and Vi Finkral, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries in 1987, and have attended St. Francis all 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cook, former parishioners, are the couple having been married the longest -- 53 years. All three couples were married in St. Francis de Sales. FRANK BROSH'S MARRIED IN 1933

St. Francis has been most fortunate that they haven't had to have a funeral at St. Francis de Sales for a member since 1956, that being Joseph Frisch, Sr. In 1967, a funeral Mass was held at St. Leonard's in Madison for Paul Masur, son of Gene and Marceda Masur, a young member of the congregation.

Men who served in the military in WW II: Joseph Frisch, Jr., Francis Gillespie, Frank Brom, Charles Gillespie, Jr., Eugene Masur, Ralph Albracht, and John Masur. John Masur was killed in action. KOREAN WAR: Eugene Frisch, Bernard Voborny, and Dean Kuchar. VIETNAM WAR: Larry Masur, Allen and Francis Choutka, Larry Brom, David Gillespie, Dennis Kuchar, Gene Martischang, Marvin Finkral, Tom Finkral, Jr., Charles Kuchar, Tim Kuchar, Ray Krings, and Robert Weber.

Women who entered the convent include: Lucille Gillespie, daughter of Charles and Mary Gillespie; Sisters of Saint Francis. Blanche Voborny, daughter of Stanley and Mary Voborny; Sisters of Christian Charity.

Stephen Kuchar, son of Willard and Lucile Kuchar, received Holy Orders as a Permanent Deacon in July of 1983.

Pastors serving St. Francis de Sales from 1941 until present include: Fr. Maciejewski (1938-1940), Fr. Walter Flynn (1940-1942), and also (1945-1946), having served as a chaplain in WW II, Fr. William Fitzpatrick (1942-1945), Fr. Richard Parr (1946-1951), Fr. Joseph Kaup (1951-1956), Fr. Leo Kuhn (1956-1961), Fr. Michael Kelly (1961-1967), Fr. Nelson Newman (1967-1970), Fr. Thomas McDermott (1970-1974), Fr. Floyd Wesslin (1974-1976), Fr. Kevin Kraft (1976-1978), Fr. Larry Loecker (1978-1980), Fr. Anthony Wilwerding (1980-1981), Fr. Michael Printy (1981-1986), Fr. Allen Martin (1986-?).

Many changes have transpired over the years at St. Francis de Sales. The communion rail and high altar are gone, as are the parish hall and horse barn. The steeple has been removed and Fr. Bruesermann's bell now rests near the door of the sacristy. But the spirit and faith of the rural parishioners lingers on.

In 1979, in cooperation with St. Patrick's parish of Battle Creek, St. Francis de Sales' parishioners helped with the financing and construction of a social hall. The modern steel building is situated beside St. Patrick's Church in Battle Creek. It serves a variety of needs. As a CYO center and a CCD building. It is used for the Altar Society, Parish Council, and other functions of community fellowship.

As of this printing, 24 families are registered, with a membership of 89. Fr. Allen Martin celebrates the Sunday Liturgy at 8:30 A.M., and also Holydays of Obligation. The Altar Society, which was started so many years ago by Fr. Faulhaber, is still active and is currently involved in planning the Centennial Celebration, to be held on June 28th, 1987. A 3:00 P.M. Liturgy will be concelebrated with the Omaha Archdiocese Archbishop Daniel Sheehan presiding with all of the past pastors who can make it that day. Following the Mass, a catered dinner will be served on the grounds of St. Francis de Sales.

And so, as it did for so many years in the past, St. Francis de Sales invites all of our former pastors and parishioners to come together, to share Liturgy, meal, and memories as St. Francis de Sales begins it's second "100" years.

From St. Francis de Sales Church History

### BOHEMIAN HOMESTEADERS

There were not many Bohemian homesteaders in the Battle Creek area. It seems certain nationalities would follow others of like nationality who preceded them. The first colony of German settlers in the Norfolk vicinity attracted others of like nationality. The Irish Hughes brothers who settled in what is now Deer Creek Precinct attracted other Irishmen. The Swedes and Norwegians settled around Newman Grove. Other Virginians followed Fleekes J. Hale and his brothers, D. A. and John D. Hale; T. C. Osborn and Alf Reeves to Schoolcraft Precinct. So many Virginians followed them that, to at least one man, Virginians were a nationality group.

The German, Irish, Virginians and any other nationalities which came to settle our area, always got along well, helping each other and being friendly neighbors, with deep concern for their neighbor's welfare. There was a time however, when feeling ran high against those of German descent—this was during World War I.

No matter how loyal to the United States those of German descent might be, to some all were branded pro-German. One man who was even ready to advocate extreme action against people of German parentage, by taking away their land and sending them back to Germany, then, as an after thought said, "and while we are at it, we should banish all of the Virginians from America too," He had not learned his Geography lessons very well.

Joe Skala, a Bohemian, was probably the second homesteader coming into what is now Schoolcraft Precinct early in March, 1867, preceded only by "Ponca" George St. Claire who came in January, 1867, one mile to the south. The concentration of Bohemians seems to have been in the Schoolcraft area.

For the most part, the Bohemians came too late to homestead but bought land in the late seventies and early eighties. Those connected with Battle Creek history would include Joe Finkral who came to Madison County with his parents in 1883. His father purchased a farm in Section 28, Twp. 22, Range 3. The father, Joseph Finkral, Sr. came to America from Bohemia in 1866. He married Mary Witt that same year in Baltimore, Maryland. They had three children, Anna (Mrs. Frank Sobotka); Joseph, Jr., who married Rosa Resneck; and James who remained on the original Finkral home farm.

Joseph, Jr. and Mrs. Finkral retired to Battle Creek in the house where Mrs. Finkral still resides and the Frank Sobotka family retired to make their home where their daughter Rose and son Frank, Jr. now live.

John Brosh, Sr. was born in Michigan where he married Katherine Poncar who was born in Czechoslovakia, coming to America when she was 15 years old. They too first came to Madison County in 1883 settling in Schoolcraft Precinct, later buying the farm which is the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7 in Fairview Precinct and which was later the Wm. Brosh home. Their children were Joe, who married Rosa Dvorak; Anna (Mrs. L. C. Haskett); Elizabeth (Mrs. Chas. Kuchar); James, who moved to Calgary, Canada; John married Mary Vlazny; William married Vlasta Kuchar; Edwin married Marie Kuchar and Allen married Marie Marie Thomsen.

The Kuchar family, also in Schoolcraft Precinct, came to Battle Creek to do their business in the early days. These consisted of Vaclav (known as Big Jim, as he was a large and friendly man); Joe who retired to Madison; and Charles who lived southwest of Battle Creek where the Willis Kuchar family now lives. When they retired, they moved to Meadow Grove where Mrs. Kuchar (the former Elizabeth Brosh) still lives. It is to her that we are indebted for much of the information about the Bohemians of Battle Creek.

Then, we must not forget Joe Plouzek who had a blacksmith shop at Big Auger postoffice and store in Schoolcraft Precinct nine miles south and one mile west of Battle Creek.

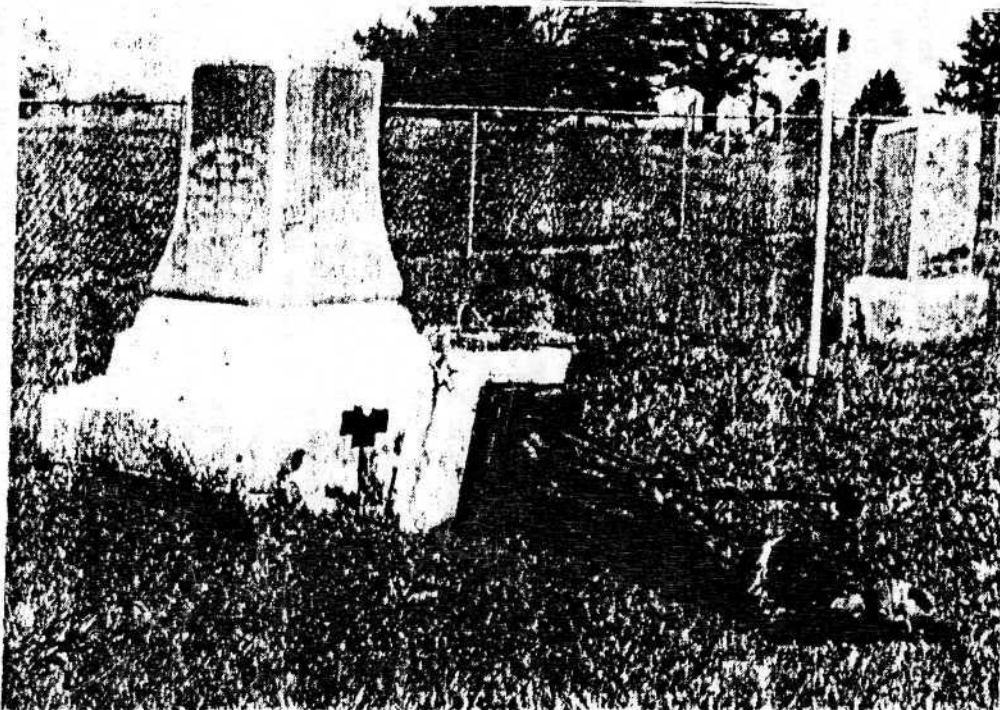
There were others who came for a while and then passed from the scene, namely: the Karbel family, brothers of Mrs. Joe Severa. Lambert was in business in town for a while; as was also Joe Srb. It is difficult to gather information about a family when they are gone.

The William Volk family came from Illinois and they first purchased the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  in Section 1 of School Craft Precinct. The Volk family descendants are numerous in the community and they helped greatly in building it. August Volk, Sr., brother of William Volk, acquired land in Fairview Precinct which is now the Walter Christenson home.

The original William Volk family included sons Fred Volk, who married Martha Horn, and acquired land in Section 15 of the Battle Creek Precinct which was railroad land; W. August Volk, married Ottilia Wienck, became prominent in the community, purchasing the original homestead of the David Whitla who had sold it to the Little family and they in turn sold it to Mr. Volk. This is now the farm home of the Edwin Volk family. Conrad Volk married Marie Huddle, who was a daughter of another early day land owner who had come too late for first homesteading. Marie still resides in California.

From CENTENNIAL REMINISCING. A Story of the People of the Community of Battle Creek, Nebraska 1867-1967





## Vandals Topple Monument

The Crown Hill monument to Madison's first war dead was toppled and the figure's head was stolen during the weekend of April 21-22.

The cemetery desecration was one of two in the area on the same night, or at least on the same weekend. Vandals did an estimated \$30,000 in damage to a crucifixion tableau at a cemetery near Platte Center.

Rory Matteo, Madison County Deputy Sheriff, told the Star-Mail on Monday, April 30, that he was in charge of the investigation of the Crown Hill incident and that it had been reported to him on Monday, April 23.

Aside from being "in charge" Matteo appeared to have very little knowledge of the vandalism. He admitted that he had not yet visited the site seven days after the report came to him. When asked if he had discussed the possibility of the two incidents being connected with the Platte County Sheriff's Department, he was apparently unaware of the vandalism in the Platte Center area at approximately the same time as that at Crown Hill.

Vandalism to the Spanish American War monument is not altogether new. Approximately ten years ago the head of the figure was removed and was only located in a field near Humphrey after a tip from a farmer who had seen an article in The Star-Mail.

The monument marks the graves of the three Madison soldiers who died in the Philippines during the Spanish American war shortly before the turn of the century.

The three were Arthur Charles Sims, 18, who died at Manila on October 23, 1898; 1st Sgt. Arthur H. Vickers, 21, who also died at Manila on April 4, 1899; and Corp Waller M. Riley, 24,



who died at Malolos in the Philippines on April 9, 1899. All three men were members of Co. F of the 1st Nebraska Volunteers, a Madison area organization formerly known as the Allen Rifles.

The monument was erected with donations from Madison townspeople shortly after the end of the war. The dedication ceremony was held at the Heins Opera House and at the cemetery and was attended by a large number of local people in addition to state and national dignitaries.

The monument was righted by a crew of men last Monday and, except for the head, is now complete. The lower photo shows a closeup of the figure, pock marked with bullet holes, an easy target for vandals with rifles.



Name of Compiler Ann Wacker Rape'  
 Address 3219 West 18th St.  
 City, State Grand Island, NE 68803  
 Date April 4, 1989

# Ancestor Chart

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Conrad Wacker  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 04 Nov 1883  
 p.b. Frankere Cutor, Russia  
 m. 1900  
 d. 13 Feb 1958  
 p.d. Norfolk, NE

2 Henry Wacker  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 23 Apr 1903  
 p.b. Thornton, IL  
 m. 17 Feb 1927  
 d. 04 Sept 1958  
 p.d. Norfolk, NE

5 Scharlotte Kamerzell  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 17 April 1884  
 p.b. Frank, Russia  
 d. 03 Jan 1966  
 p.d. Norfolk, NE

1 Ann Wacker Rape'  
 b. 20 Nov 1940  
 p.b. Norfolk, NE  
 m. 04 May 1963  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 Henry Klein  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 10 Feb 1879  
 p.b. Frank, Russia  
 m.  
 d. 25 Aug 1952  
 p.d. Norfolk, NE

3 Marie Klein Wacker  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 22 Aug 1906  
 p.b. Pierce, NE  
 d.  
 p.d.

7 Katherine Kaiser Klein  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 22 Oct 1884  
 p.b. Frank, Russia  
 d. 12 July 1939  
 p.d. Pierce, NE

Edward David Rape'

(Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 25 Dec 1934 d.  
 p.b. Bulpitt, IL p.d.

8 George Wacker

(Father of No. 4)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

9 Mary

(Mother of No. 4)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

10 Henry Kamerzell

(Father of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

11

(Mother of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

12 Heinrich Klein

(Father of No. 6)  
 b. 20 Nov 1854  
 p.b. Frank, Russia  
 m.  
 d. 18 March 1910  
 p.d. Norfolk, NE

13 Kathryn Margaret Horst

(Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 9 March 1853  
 p.b. Frank, Russia  
 d. 2 June 1914  
 p.d. Pierce, NE

14 Johannes Kaiser

(Father of No. 7)  
 b. 1 October 1861  
 p.b. Cololobowska (Russia)  
 m.  
 d. 17 Feb 1908  
 p.d.

15 Margaretha Steinbrecher

(Mother of No. 7)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d. MCGS Vol 11, #44 -45- July 1990, 4th Quarter  
 p.d.

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b. (Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

18

b. (Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

20

b. (Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

23

b. (Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. 2 Mar 1832 (Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d. 8 Jan 1914

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Margaret Uhrich (Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

b.

d.

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b. (Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

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b. (Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

m.

d.

# PEDIGREE CHART

23 May 1990

Chart No. 1

<p>2 William Byron Johnson-112-----              BORN: 5 Oct 1902              PLACE: Tilden,,Nebraska              MARR: 25 Dec 1926 --32              PLACE:              DIED: 6 Jun 1988              PLACE: Boulder,,Colorado</p>	<p>4 Herbert Byron Johnson-252-----              BORN: 16 Nov 1861              PLACE:              MARR: 30 Apr 1887 --76              PLACE:              DIED: 14 May 1936              PLACE:</p>	<p>8 Alfred James Johnson-295-----              BORN: 20 Jan 1834              PLACE:              MARR: 1 Jan 1861 --89              PLACE:              DIED: 26 Jan 1922              PLACE: Tilden,,Nebraska</p>
<p>1 Robert Dale Johnson J.D.-1-----              BORN: 8 Jan 1946              PLACE: Boulder,Boulder,Colorado              MARR: 12 Jun 1966 --1              PLACE: Boulder,Boulder,Colorado              DIED:              PLACE:</p>	<p>5 Annie Laurie Flanders-253-----            BORN: 8 Sep 1872            PLACE: Bradford,,New Hampshire            DIED: 16 Apr 1962            PLACE: Tilden,,Nebraska</p>	<p>9 Hanna Catharine Brown-296-----            BORN: 14 Mar 1835            PLACE:            DIED: 25 Mar 1866            PLACE:</p>
<p>Joan Yvonne Barr-2-----              Spouse</p>	<p>6 Frederick Oscar Bley-139-----              BORN: 19 May 1873              PLACE: West Point,Cuming Cty,Nebraska              MARR: 28 Nov 1893 --42              PLACE: Madison,Madison Cty,Nebraska              DIED: 22 Sep 1932              PLACE: Newman Grove,M,Nebraska</p>	<p>10 Jonathan Flanders-270-----              BORN: 24 Aug 1797              PLACE:              MARR: --81              PLACE:              DIED: 25 Aug 1877              PLACE:</p>
<p>3 Susan Andrena Bley-113-----            BORN: 27 Aug 1909            PLACE: Newman Grove,,Nebraska            DIED:            PLACE:</p>	<p>7 Sarah Matilda Altstadt-140-----            BORN: 28 Nov 1873            PLACE: Eldora,Hardin Cty,Iowa            DIED: 21 Mar 1928            PLACE: Newman Grove,,Nebraska</p>	<p>11 -----            BORN:            PLACE:            DIED:            PLACE:</p>
		<p>12 Louis Gerald (Gotthd.) Bley-215-----              BORN: 29 Sep 1839              PLACE: Obergunststadt,Weimar,S,Germany              MARR: --70              PLACE: Preble,Adams Cty,Indiana              DIED: 23 Mar 1928              PLACE: Madison,Madison Cty,Nebraska</p>
		<p>13 Dorothea Reppert-216-----            BORN: 16 Feb 1843            PLACE: Preble,Adams Cty,Indiana            DIED: 18 Jul 1898            PLACE: Madison,,Nebraska</p>
		<p>14 John Frederick Altstadt-210-----              BORN: 1847              PLACE: Baden,,Germany              MARR: Jul 1870 --68              PLACE: Eldora,Hardin Cty,Iowa              DIED: Aft 1928              PLACE: ,,Oregon</p>
<p>Name and address of submitter:            Robert D. Johnson            4361 South Smoke Ridge Court            Roswell, GA 30075             Phone:404/998-3145</p>	<p>MCGS Vol 11, #44 -46-            July, 1990, 4th Quarter</p>	<p>15 Mary Simpson-211-----            BORN: 19 Jun 1853            PLACE: ,,Indiana            DIED: 19 Dec 1879            PLACE: Madison,Madison Cty,Nebraska</p>

## LIBRARY IS A VALUABLE RESEARCH TOOL

By Harriet Hall - Contributing Writer to Hobbies magazine

Libraries are helpful places to go to search out information of all kinds. Reference materials such as local history books, census indexes, original cemetery and church records (as well as abstracts), original manuscripts, family records in book format, periodicals, old newspapers, directories, maps and gazetteers, federal Census on microfilm, and much more may be housed there.

If the library is not familiar to you, don't hesitate. On your first visit, you will find it helpful to walk around the library to find out how it is arranged.

Talk to whomever is in charge about the catalog. No two libraries have the same type of catalog. Each has its own system. And today many collections are being computerized.

You will frequently find open shelves and closed shelves or stacks. Anyone may go to an open shelf and pull a book, but it is necessary to fill out a request card for an attendant or librarian to get a book from a closed shelf.

In most genealogical and research libraries, materials are used in the room and returned to a desk or cart for shelving. Materials do not circulate. Any misshelved book or material is, in reality, a "lost" book or item.

Libraries have policies about copying materials. Likewise, each library has its own rules, developed so that the best kind of service can be offered to the user and so that materials may be best preserved.

In those libraries or areas having local history and genealogical materials are oftentimes found the rare, one-copy-of-a-kind type of materials. Thus, special handling is most important.

Before you go to a library, you should determine what it is you need. Exactly what is your problem? Try to state it precisely. There is no need to go into a long-involved story about your family. If you have thought-through your need and can state it clearly, then whoever is in charge can provide you and/or help you locate books and materials available in that library on your family and its possible background.

## DO YOU WANT A CERTIFICATE OR A RECORD:

Do you understand the difference between a certificate and a record? The certificate is simply a formal paper to testify to the date, cause and place of death/ or birth/ or marriage; The death record, for instance, includes somewhat more information and place of nativity. In a similar vein, if you ask for a marriage register, not a certificate, you get more information. The marriage register gives the parents names, place of residence of the bride and groom, often their birthplaces, age, where they were married, by whom, the names of witnesses, etc. (taken from the ILL-IA-Mo Searcher, January 1986)

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ALTSTADT - SIMPSON

Requesting information on ALSTADT side of the family, which includes my grandmother Sarah Bley and her parents, John Frederick ALSTADT and Mary (SIMPSON) ALSTADT. John and Mary came from Ackley, Iowa to Madison, NE in 1873 the same year their daughter Sarah was born. Want to trace the parents of John F. ALSTADT, who I believe came from Germany about 1866 at age 23. John was widowed in 1879 and, I believe, later married a Hulda (?)---and moved to Portland where he died sometime after 1928. Also I am interested in the ancestors of Mary SIMPSON. Her father was either Smith J or Nathaniel SIMPSON. Want to tract that line back to an Indian ancestor. Robert D. Johnson, 4361 So Smoke Ridge Court, Roswell, GA 30075.

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Our sympathy is extend to Jeanne Allison on the death of her father, Robert Blatchford, Wakefield, NE., on July 10, 1990.

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1990 Officers for Madison County Genealogical Society are: Lottie Klein, President, Ardith Logan, Vice President, Dee Sewell, Secretary, and Don and Dorothy Monson Treasurers.

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Everton's genealogical workshop, "Family Tree Climbing can be Fun" was held on June 9th at the First Baptist Church auditorium. Forty-six people attended. Mr. George Everton, Jr., gave a very interesting program on many helpful topics. Many door prizes were passed out throughout the day.

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