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3RD QUARTER

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Meeting date and time - 3rd Tuesday of each month not including December  
7:30 p.m. - First Baptist Church - 404 Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE.

OFFICERS: President - Lottie Klein V. President - Harold Lyon  
Secretary - Margerie Fuhrman Treasurer - Donald & Dorothy Monson  
Newsletter Editors - Joyce Borgelt and Jeanne Allison

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\$6.00 for individual or \$8.00 per couple

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

I am sure all are eagerly waiting for pleasant spring days. Days full of sunshine, warmth, green grass, budding trees and a glimpse of the first blossoming tulips.

We have had a season of very interesting programs given during our genealogy meetings. Aage Andersen shared with the group about the abundance of material he had received from Sweden aiding him in filling in more pieces of his family tree. Don and Dorothy Monson had attended a workshop and shared with us the gleanings they collected and gave us some valuable information of "How to Write Your Family History." Harold Lyon presented a very interesting program of his display of old and present day cameras along with a collection of snapshots taken a number of years ago. He also treated us with a slide review of a trip he and his family had taken. Don McBride presented us with an interesting and informative talk and slide review of the two years he had spent in China.

We will be looking forward to the program about Germany and Jo Nelle Linnaus's research in Germany for her family tree. Another interesting and informative program "How Your Family Tree Can Save Your Life" will be given by Dee Sewell.

May each of you have a pleasant Spring.

Sincerely,  
*Lottie Klein*  
Lottie Klein

GREATER OMAHA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SPRING 1993, WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1993

NEW CASSEL RETIREMENT CENTER, 900 NORTH 90 STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA (AUDITORIUM IS BELOW THE CHAPEL - ENTRANCE IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE AUDITORIUM ON THE LOWER LEVEL.)

SPEAKER: RUTH KEYS CLARK of Winchester, KS. Mrs. Clark is a retired teacher who has taught at all levels from preschool to university. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and is an active member/officer of many heritage & genealogical societies too numerous to list.

PROGRAM

RESEARCH IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

RESEARCH IN KENTUCKY

RESEARCH IN OLE VIRGINIA

A DESTROYED COURTHOUSE RECORD NEVER STOPS THE GOOD RESEARCHER

SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION	8:00 - 9:00
PROGRAM	9:00 - 11:30 (includes break)
LUNCH (on your own)	11:30 - 1:00
DOOR PRIZES	1:00 - 1:15 (must be present to win)
PROGRAM	1:15 - 3:00 (includes short break)

(TRAVEL GENIE and SECOND IMPRESSION will be available during registration, breaks and lunch.)

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REGISTRATION

BEFORE MAY 19, 1993	GOGS MEMBERS	\$10.00	NON-MEMBERS	\$15.00
AT THE DOOR	- GOGS MEMBERS	\$15.00	NON-MEMBERS	\$20.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS ON THE REVERSE.

SEND REGISTRATIONS TO COOKIE LEARY, 3030 SOUTH 114 STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68144 (402) 334-0533 BY MAY 19, 1993.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GREATER OMAHA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

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**ACCOMODATIONS**

A. BEATRICE INN MOTEL 402-223-4074  
 (Restaurant-Lounge) 800-232-8742  
 3500 N. 6th  
 Single - \$30 - \$33  
 Double - \$36 - \$43

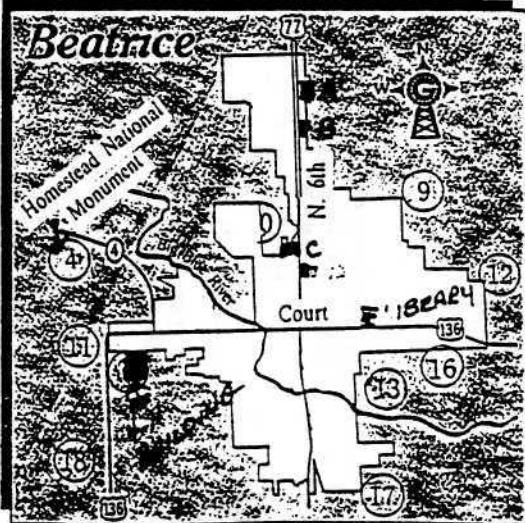
**FOLLOWING HAVE FOOD SERVICES NEARBY:**

B. SUPER 8 MOTEL 402-223-3536  
 3210 N. 6th  
 Single - \$30 - \$33  
 Double - \$36 - \$43

C. VICTORIA INN 402-228-5955  
 1903 N. 6th  
 Single - \$30 - \$33  
 Double - \$37  
 Each addn'l adult + \$3.00

D. HOLIDAY VILLA MOTEL 402-223-4036  
 1820 N. 6th  
 1 Person - \$24  
 2 Persons - \$30  
 Each addn'l adult + \$4.00

NOTE: Prices rounded; check exact amount when registering. Be sure to state you are attending NSGS Conf.



**LLOYD D. BOCKSTRUCK**

Supervisor, Genealogy Section at the Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas. He has a M.A. in history and M.S. in library science. His extensive background in many areas of genealogical research is reflected in his membership in over 30 state, national, and hereditary societies. He has traveled Canada, Mexico, England, Europe, and Africa. He is author of "Virginia's Colonial Soldiers" (1988). We are pleased to feature him for the second time in Nebraska.

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**BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

under the direction of Laureen Riedesel is celebrating its 100th year in a brand new facility, AND is the new home of the NSGS Library Collection. A visit is a MUST - either a scheduled tour or just browse on your own. Features include courtyards, sculpture, wrap-around brick mural and teaching arboretum, meeting rooms and Heritage Research room for genealogical research. Hours are:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Friday - Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
 Sunday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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**HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Daniel Freeman received the first homestead from the U.S. Gov't, located 4 miles northwest of town on Highway 4. Randy Baynes, Park Supt., will enlighten us with information on this important phase of Nebraska settlement. Nature trails, a log cabin and modern visitor center are part of this attraction. Open daily-no charge. Call 402-223-3514 for exact times. Come early and visit Friday morning or after conference.

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**CLARA BEWICK COLBY**

was editor and publisher of The Woman's Tribune from 1882 to 1909. The wife of Br.Gen. Leonard Colby, she was very knowledgeable of the Nebraska plains and especially sensitive to geographically isolated women, using her paper as an education tool to reach them. MARLENE SNYDER skillfully presents the story about every aspect of the suffragist's life and work, never dropping character, and resides in one of the Colby homes.

# Nebraska State Genealogical Society

16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1993  
BEATRICE, NEBRASKA

- FEATURING -

LLOYD D. BOCKSTRUCK  
Dallas, Texas



-ALSO-

LAUREEN RIEDESEL  
BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY

ELSIE CERCLE

MARLENE SNYDER AS  
CLARA BEWICK COLBY

Hosted By  
 Southeast NE Gen. Society  
 P.O. Box 562  
 Beatrice, NE 68310  
 402-228-0140

SATURDAY - MAY 1, 1993

#AT 4-H BUILDING#

- 7:30 am - REGISTRATION  
Coffee and Rolls
- 8:30 am - WELCOME
- 8:40 am - NSGS Annual Meeting
- 9:30 am - THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY  
Lloyd Bockstruck
- 10:30 am - BREAK & SHOP
- 11:00 am - THE OLD NORTHWEST TERRITORY
- 12:15 pm - LUNCHEON  
- Outstanding Genealogist  
Certificate Presentation
- 1:30 pm - FINDING CLUES IN NAMES  
Lloyd Bockstruck
- LIBRARY RESEARCH TIPS
- 3:00 PM - BREAK & SHOP
- 3:30 PM - "CLARA BEWICK COLBY (1846-1916)"  
4:30 pm Beatrice Publisher, Suffragist, an  
Community Leader. A Living Histor  
Presentation by Marlene Snyder.
- 5:00 pm - BACK TO LIBRARY - TOUR #3

VENDORS

Genealogical books and supplies.  
NSGS Publications.  
Book Publishers.  
Photographer. (Bring photos that you want  
copied or restored. These will be photo-  
graphed & you take originals home. Copies  
will be mailed. SATURDAY ONLY.

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE - Bring old books you  
want to sell marked with your name and  
address and selling prices. NSGS keeps 10%.

FRIDAY - APRIL 30, 1993

#AT HOMESTEAD NAT'L MONUMENT - 4 MI. NW on Hwy 4

- 9:00 am - VISIT & TOUR ON YOUR OWN  
Tours each 1/2 Hour start  
at 9:00 am

#AT BEATRICE PUBLIC LIBRARY# - 100 N. 16th

- 8:00 am - NSGS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- 9:00 am - Library Research Room Opens
- 9:30 am - LIBRARY TOUR #1
- 11:00 am - LIBRARY TOUR #2
- NOON LUNCH ON YOUR OWN



#AT 4-H BUILDING# - West Court to Scott,  
South 2 Blocks

- 11:00 am - REGISTRATION OPENS  
- Vendors open
- 1:00 pm - NEBRASKA VITAL RECORDS  
Elsie Cercle, Asst. Director of  
Nebraska Vital Statistics
- 2:15 pm - THE FIRST HOMESTEADER  
Randy Baynes, Homestead  
National Park Superintendent
- 3:00 pm - BREAK
- 3:15 pm - THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LIBRARY DESK  
Laureen Riedesel, Director,  
Beatrice Public Library
- 4:15 pm - BREAK - SHOP - GET ACQUAINTED
- 6:00 pm - PRIME RIB DINNER  
- NSGS Library's New Home  
- Special Introductions & Recognition
- 7:15 pm - COLONIAL & REVOLUTION WAR RECORDS  
9:00 pm Lloyd Bockstruck
- 9:30 pm - VENDOR CLOSING - BUILDING CLOSED.

**NSGS NEW MEMBERSHIPS** - Annual Guest: \$15.00 Individual \$18.00 Family  
Anyone wishing to join for FY 93-94 (Jun 1-May 31) may receive member rates for Annual Conference Registration.  
Please enclose a separate check payable to NSGS Membership.

NSGS ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 30-MAY 1, 1993

PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 23, (APRIL 15 FOR SURNAMERS).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after April 23 - ADD \$2.00 PER DAY.  
NSGS MEMBERS:

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- Friday Sessions \$ 8.00
- Friday Dinner \$ 9.00
- Saturday Sessions 10.00
- Saturday Lunch 7.00

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

- NON-MEMBERS:
- Friday Sessions \$10.00
  - Friday Dinner 9.00
  - Saturday Sessions 12.00
  - Saturday Lunch 7.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NSGS.  
MAIL TO: NSGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
P.O. BOX 562  
BEATRICE, NE 68310

LATE REGISTRATION @ \$2.00 PER DAY  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to join NSGS and qualify for member rates. Separate check enclosed payable to NSGS MEMBERSHIP.

FOR PLANNING SPECIFY PREFERENCE:

Library Tours #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Will visit Homestead Nat'l Monument Friday AM \_\_\_\_\_.

FOUR SURNAMES WILL BE LISTED IN THE HANDOUT IF POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 1992.  
(Example: SPEER 1750-1900 NC, VA, IA, KS) My four surnames are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

PLATTE VALLEY KINSEEKERS is having a workshop on September 25, 1993, at the Methodist Church, 2710 14th Street, Columbus, Nebraska (west side around back and down in basement). The church is located west of the Courthouse. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Contact Darlene Nelson, Sect., Platte Valley Kinseekers, P. O. Box 153, Columbus, NE 68601, Telephone 402-564-4048.

## CALCULATING A BIRTHDATE FROM TOMBSTONE INFORMATION

*This arithmetic exercise is little understood by most family historians. It is reproduced here from Marshall County Roots & Branches for October, 1985.*

The following is offered as a simple method of calculating the date of a person's birth using the date of death and the age at death. This doesn't sound like a difficult task and it isn't if you keep a few rules of thumb in mind. It is just a matter of subtraction once the numbers are placed so that those with the greatest value are at the left. Suppose a child died at the age of 1 year, 3 months, and 11 days; date of death is recorded as July 26, 1871. Your numbers would be arranged as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(year, month, and date of death)} \quad 1871 \quad 7 \quad 26 \\
 \text{(age)} \quad - \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 11 \\
 \text{(birthdate: April 15, 1870)} \quad 1870 \quad 4 \quad 15
 \end{array}$$

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Whenever it isn't a matter of simple arithmetic with the lower number smaller than the one it is being subtracted from, you must borrow from the number to the left. However, you must remember to change the month you are borrowing into days and the year you must borrow into months (12). The number of days would depend on the number of days in the month preceding (30, 31, 28, or even 29 in the event of a leap-year February). If the child in the example above had died at age 1 year, 3 months, and 29 days, the calculations would appear as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(30 days of June were borrowed)} \quad 1871 \quad 6 \quad 56 \\
 \text{(birthdate: March 27, 1870)} \quad - \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 29 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 1870 \quad 3 \quad 27
 \end{array}$$

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(This may not seem correct but look at it this way, if you did not begin numbering July at "1" again July 26th would be June 56.) Suppose this child died at the age of 1 year, 9 months, & 11 days. The example would now appear as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(12 months are borrowed from 1871)} \quad 1870 \quad 19 \\
 \text{(birthdate: October 15, 1869)} \quad - \quad 1 \quad 9 \quad 11 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 1869 \quad 10 \quad 15
 \end{array}$$

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Just for fun, let's try a more complex example. Suppose the person who died was 75 years, 6 months, and 21 days old when he died on the 1st of March in 1912.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{(12 months were borrowed from 1912)} \quad 1911 \quad 14 \\
 \text{(29 days were borrowed from leap-year Feb.)} \quad - \quad 2 \quad 30 \\
 \text{(birthdate: August 9, 1836)} \quad - \quad 75 \quad 6 \quad 21 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 1836 \quad 8 \quad 9
 \end{array}$$

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Your calculations may not agree to the day with known birthdates because we have no way of being certain whether the person doing the original calculating used this method or one that assumed all months to contain 30 days. If the latter was the custom, your figures would be 1 (or 2) days off.

## WARNING: DO YOU HAVE AIDS

(Amateurs' Insufficient Documentation Syndrome)

Many books published in the past are so lacking in basic documentation that they are harmful to persons pursuing their genealogy.

Do you have a tendency to copy anything out of a book and feel because it has been printed in a book that it must be fact? Then you will have big troubles!

Unless a book cites primary sources, it should not be used as a reference. A book should only be used as a stepping off point to find an ancestor. Even if the work cites references, it may not be correct. There are many mistakes in the Rucker books, and care must be taken when using these sources.

"Acts of faith may be admirable in religion, but genealogy should not be exalted to that status; it should remain a science with research methods worthy of the designation. Reputable genealogists constantly revise in the light of new evidence revealed." An open mind must be kept at all times. Doubt what you read! Question it! Look it up! Most important, don't repeat it unless you can prove it.

How many times do you repeat what your grandmother told you as fact? Can you prove it? Stories are wonderful, but remember they are only stories until backed up with evidence. Memories play tricks on a person, memories dim over time, and memories have a tendency to glorify facts after awhile. Label your stories as such and try to back them up with proof.

"Today, compilers of family histories that borrow from previously compiled genealogies with

out verifying their documentation spread a disease; they help to perpetuate false information that should have been revealed as such. Theirs is a sin of omission more venal than the sin of commission made by the original compilers.

"Guides to research, courses in genealogy, and seminars did not exist too many years ago to make family historians aware of the absolute necessity for accurate documentation. Even so, reputable historians gave us well researched monuments."

Beware of the histories that are based on myth! Heed words such as probably, I think, possibly, in all likelihood, presumably, supposedly, perhaps, conceivably, perchance, obviously, evidently, presume, seemingly, assume, imagine, suspect, surmise, or any word that indicates the author is guessing.

Among the worst offenders in propagating dubious or undocumented genealogy were the periodicals devoted to the subject. Examples are The William and Mary Quarterly, and The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. It was not a period of verification. Family histories based on these older works should bear warnings. "This product will give you genealogical glaucoma." "Contaminated source: beware of coliform bacteria." "Infected with AIDS [Amateurs' Insufficient Documentation Syndrome]."

Adapted from "Warning! This Book May Endanger Your Genealogical Research," Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, Vol. 26, No. 1, Feb. 1988.

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## CCC: CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS...

*(This is the first of two articles about Nebraska's experience with the Civilian Conservation Corps, a depression-era agency that provided work for 10,000 of the state's residents.)*

**S**IXTY years ago this month a bold crusade to reclaim lives, as well as the ravished earth, was penned into action by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It was the Civilian Conservation Corps, a depression-fighting agency that drew 10,000 Nebraskans to its ranks in the less than a decade of its existence.

A hardy band of Nebraska veterans of what they affectionately term "the Cs," remember. They remember with pride what was for them, youngsters of the Great Depression, supreme opportunity at a time when a chance to work and earn was largely a dream.

CCC involvement brought a para-military living and working style—health care, recreation programs, and the pride that came from being able to help hard-pressed families back home. The experience provided a sense of being needed and worthwhile at a time when people were adrift in a sea of economic problems and unemployment.

Young men learned order, discipline and teamwork in pursuing reclamation and conservation goals, all under the umbrella of the Soil Conservation Service.

"It was hard work, but it was good work," commented Ernie Pratt of Omaha. He added, "There was a feeling of accomplishment, for ourselves, our families and our country."

Military officers were in charge of the camps, barrack-style complexes. Each camp was home to about 200 men.

Nebraska's role in the CCC endeavor brought more than two dozen camps to the state. Some of the Nebraskans who signed for the \$30 per month—\$25 was returned to families—were posted to camps elsewhere in the country. Many saw service in the important work of renovating and improving national parks. But, wherever possible, Nebraskans were assigned work as near homes as possible.

Andy Bakker of Omaha went to Fort Crook, now Offutt Air Force Base, with a friend. They intended to enlist in the Army. But as Bakker retells the episode, there was a longer line nearby and "I asked what that was for."

He was told they were boys signing up for the CCC. Bakker said he determined that a buck private's pay—\$16.70 per month—was little more than half the stipend awarded for CCC enrollment.

"I changed lines right quick," Bakker said.

As World War II loomed, an estimated 80 percent of CCC enrollees entered the military. They were better prepared, physically and mentally, than had they remained jobless on the Depression sidelines.

Before his military stint, however, Bakker was able to leave the Cs when he was fortunate enough to secure a job with a wholesale food chain.

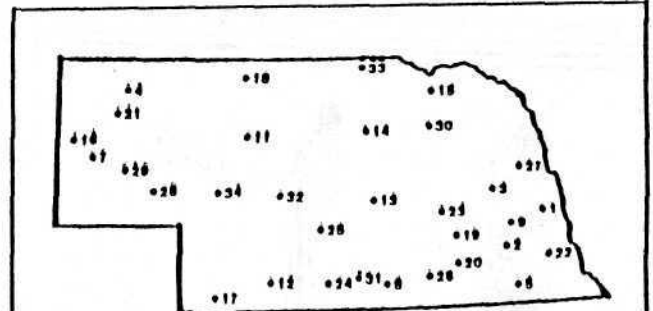
Pratt joined the Cs in 1937, just after his 17th birthday. He remained at the Blair camp until 1939 when his National Guard unit was mobilized. "The Cs," he said, "got him through a time when he had no other prospects."

Life in the Cs was not all eight-hour workdays. There were plenty of recreational pursuits. Baseball teams were organized and often played teams from towns near their camps.

And there were educational opportunities as well. Enrollees were eligible for high school or college-level courses in evening classes. Typing, English and agricultural management courses were available.

Nebraska corps members were involved largely in conservation projects. They planted trees, built earthen dams for stock holding ponds, terraced farm fields, built roads and introduced, in many areas, the new concept of contour farming.

In several instances, Pratt recalled, farmers stubbornly resisted the idea of contour farming, instead of the traditional straight line furrows up



*Map shows locations of more than two dozen Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Nebraska. 1. Ft. Crook, Omaha; 2. Tecumseh; 3. Fremont; 4. Chadron; 5. Pawnee City; 7. Gering; 8. Nelson; 9. Weeping Water; 11. Halsey; 12. Beaver City; 13. Fullerton; 14. Albion; 15. Hartington; 16. Mitchell; 17. Parks; 18. Valentine; 19. Denton; 20. Beatrice; 21. Ft. Robinson; 22. Nebraska City; 23. David City; 24. Franklin; 25. Ravenna; 26. Hebron; 27. Blair; 28. Bridgeport; 29. Bayard; 30. Madison; 31. Red Cloud; 32. Broken Bow; 33. Niobrara; 34. Mumper.*

and down hills. "I think some of those farmers figured we were crazy," he said.

Lincoln is home to the former nerve center controller of Nebraska's role in the CCC experience. Mrs. Margaret K. Frampton, 95 years young, carried the title of director for the network of camps throughout the state. She recalled that temporary office space had to be secured in the Terminal Building until a small, shared office was available in the capitol.

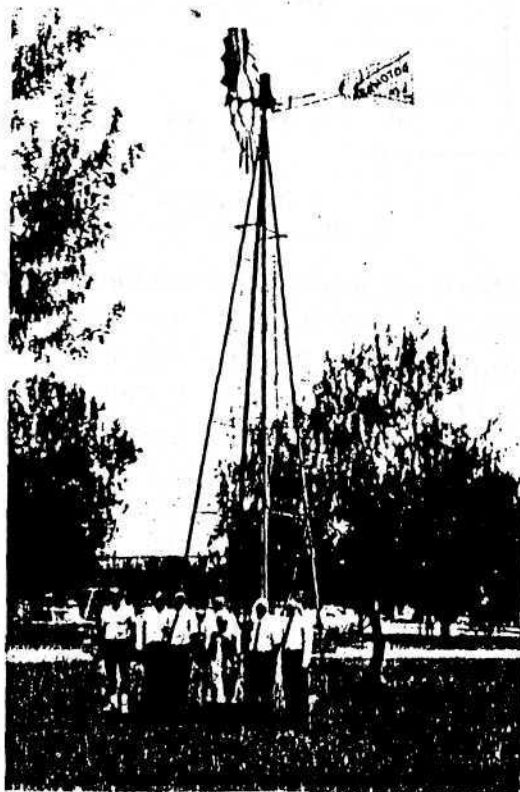
Her voice is being raised, along with veterans of the Cs, as advocates of a similar concept in these troubled social and economic times.

Spearheading the voice conviction for a return to CCC style programs is Wilber (Bill) Clark of North Bend, current president of Nebraska CCC Vets. He will preside June 9 at Windmill Park, south of Gibbon, when the organization assembles for reminiscing and socializing.

Source: The Senior Spotlight by The Timekeeper, Lincoln, NE Spring 1993

Battle Creek, Nebraska 68715      Wednesday, October 28, 1992

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## Windmill Standing Tall At Battle Creek Park

Hi-I am the windmill standing tall and proud in the Battle Creek Parks of Pride. Have you seen me? Have you touched my sturdy legs? Have you thought of all the history connected to me? Have you looked up at my fan and the beautiful Nebraska blue sky?

Richard Gardels of Omaha had the ingenuity and generous donation to urge the Parks of Pride committee to locate one of my kind to be erected in the park, and I was the lucky one. Now, this Richard is a grandson of the original well man in Battle Creek, Jacob Reimer Gardels. Who knows? Maybe this Richard was the helper when I was moved to my first home south of Battle Creek where I was found.

Jacob Reimer Gardels, well, I guess I can call him my "Grandpa" too, was born in Germany in 1846, and came to America in 1866. He built a blacksmith shop southwest of Battle Creek in 1870. Later he moved to town and set up shop where your post office is now located. He had one of the first businesses in town and built on the first homes. If it weren't for this man, I might not be standing here today.

Now, "Grandpa" and his wife, Wilhemina Edens, had three sons, Arthur H., Albert F. and Walter W., and one daughter, Ottillie C. After the death of J.R., the three sons remained in Battle Creek. Albert and Walter continued with the well business. Arthur H. was a barber and later owned and operated the Gardels "Pops" cafe. Ottillie married Paul Butler and also lived in Battle Creek, where they owned a grocery in the same building as the Curl Hut.

I realize this history is kind of lengthy, but how else are you gonna know how I came into "being".

"Grandpa" and his children and grandchildren kept the blacksmith shop equipped with McCormick reapers, Studebaker wagons, plows, sewing machines, AY McDonak,

Dempster, Aermotor, Challenges, Du-All, Fordson Tractors and other farm implements. "Grandpa" was active in the community and served as constable for many years, leading many of the Fourth of July parades. He was one of the founders of St. John's Lutheran Church in 1872.

Albert F. married Helena Bierman and they had 11 children. The third child, Arthur R., continued in the family business until his death in 1967. Richard, twin to Robert, their youngest child(ren) worked with his older brother Art from 1941 to 1945.

While sneaking a peek at a letter from Richard lately, I read some remarks from the days he assisted Arthur R. with the well business. "Good parts--was eating a farm cooked meal when on the site all day. Then hunting pheasants on the way back to town." "Bad parts--were sharing the well-pit with loads, mice, lizards and snakes." They had very strict rules, including wearing a safety belt.

Descendants of J.R. Gardels include 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Isn't that a bunch of people to be proud of one of the settlers of Battle Creek? Eugene L. Gardels, son of Albert F., was the last of the Gardels descendants to live in Battle Creek. When he and his wife, Ruth, moved to Norfolk in 1991, Battle Creek was without the Gardels name for the first time in 121 years.

In my picture are 4 of the 6 surviving grandchildren and three of the great-grandchildren of Jacob Reimer, recently in Battle Creek. Two grandchildren missing from the picture are Evelyn Gardels Ten-Brink of California, and Jerome of Colorado, children of Walter.

Now I have "fanned" this history by you, told you how proud I am to be standing on my four "legs", please come and visit me in the park. I will be "up in the air" for you.



# Book to tell about Madison history

By Diane Becker  
News Correspondent

MADISON — Whether you're a seventh generation or a first generation family member who has lived in Madison, the Madison 125th anniversary book committee wants to hear from you.

It is the first hard-cover book to be put together about the history of Madison, organizers said. The committee is finding a host of interesting material in addition to that of families who have lived in the community.

The book will include information on the Madison Allen Rifle Men militia in 1895, a former brickyard and the area's first residents, the Pawnee Indians.

According to committee member Helen Henry, the group has met almost every week since November, compiling family, business, church and school histories. Already, the history of 100 families has been written and the history of 11 businesses has been collected.

Mrs. Henry brought her own bit of family history to a recent meeting in the form of an 1892 Timber Act certificate written out to her grandfather, John A. Moore, and signed by President Benjamin Harrison.

Iola Neldig, another committee member, said the grandfather of her late husband, Don, came from Germany and was one of the first settlers in the region.

The other committee members all have roots in Madison. They are Morris Ochsner, Marcella Long, Rosemary Lubischer, Margaret Malone, Mary Jo Stephen, Lance Lafleur, Marilyn Moyer and Mary Ann Stueckrahn. Gene Trine is chairman of the group.

Photos of families, landmarks and important events in Madison's past will be included in the book, which will be available for sale later this year.

In it will be the history of the two

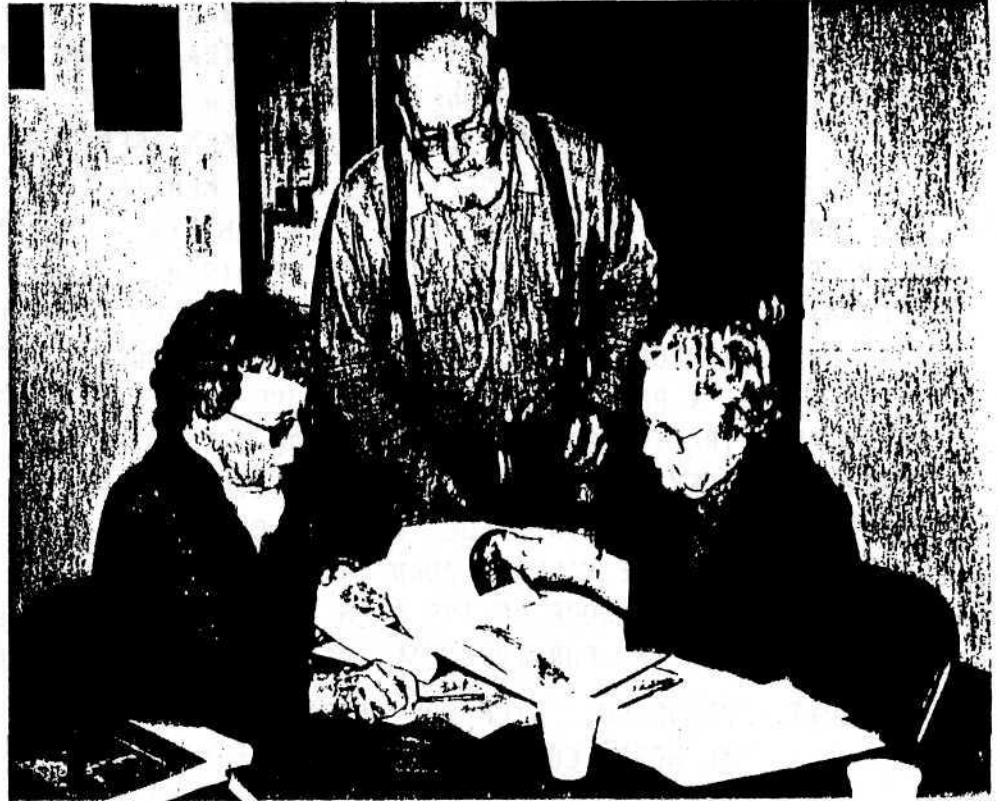


Photo by Diane Becker

Working on the 125th anniversary history book of Madison are (from left) Margaret Malone, Gene Trine and Rosemary Lubischer.

oldest buildings in Madison. One, the Heinz Opera House, was built in 1888 and now houses apartments and a bowling alley. The Brogan Law Office now is located in the Stuart Building, which was constructed in 1884 on the corner of Second and Main Streets.

Lafleur Seed Milling and Goods is the oldest continuous business in Madison, having been established in 1902 and now run by the third

generation of Lafleurs.

An 1897 Madison County business directory shows there were many businesses in Madison at the time, including 10 grocery stores, four doctors, three weekly newspapers, a cigar manufacturer and a broom manufacturer.

Natural disasters will also be among the historical events. One of those disasters was a grasshopper storm. Mrs. Neldig said she re-

members the generation before her telling how the grasshoppers "ate handles off pitchforks."

The history of Enola, rural schools, the chautauqua, Plall Island and a state cornhusking contest held in Madison will be part of the book, too.

Those who have materials for the book should contact members of the committee before the end of May.

Source Norfolk Daily News Apr 14, 1992

The Q125 History Book Committee of Madison, NE., is working on a Madison County book entitled IMAGES OF YESTERDAY - VISIONS OF TOMORROW. It includes 125 years of memories of Madison County. Publishing date has not been confirmed. Orders are needed before it can be published. The book is larger than expected and is taking more time to complete than was planned. The book will have a hard cover and be bound. The cost is \$45.00 plus tax of \$2.25 and shipping and handling of \$4.50. Please order through the Northside Community Center, 512 North Main, Madison, NE 68748. Make checks payable to Q125 Committee.

THE NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY now has telephone listings from across the nation on telephone disc - both Western and Eastern Region on CD-ROM. The Eastern Region disc includes everything east of the Mississippi River except Wisconsin and Illinois. The Western Region disc includes everything west of the Mississippi River plus Wisconsin and Illinois.

CIVIL WAR PHOTOS - If a revenue stamp is found on the back of a tintype or the words "carte de visite" on a picture, it means the picture was taken at the time of the Civil War when photographs were taxed. Source: BCGS-Bureau Co., ILL, Gen. Soc. Vol IV:I-Jan 1993.

DEAR SOCIETY,

I NOTICED THE WORLD WAR ONE DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS LISTED IN SALT LAKE CITIES MICROFICHE INDEX, UNDER UNITED STATES, MILITARY RECORDS, NUMBER 1046 FICHE NO. 13, PAGE 247.

THE CARD HEADING SAYS A DRAFT REGISTRATION WAS TAKEN THREE TIMES IN WWI.. FIRST ONE WAS JUNE 5, 1917 MEN AGES 21 TO 31 YEARS OLD.

SECOND ONE WAS JUNE 5, 1918 MEN AGES OF OVER 21. PLUS AUG. 24TH.

THIRD ONE WAS SEPT. 12, 1918 MEN 18 TO 45 YEARS OLD.

THE CARDS ARE BY COUNTY OR LARGE CITY NAME IN EACH STATE SECTION. THE CARDS GIVE FULL NAMES, DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH, RACE, CITIZENSHIP STATUS, OCCUPATION, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, & SIGNATURE. (IF THEY WERE NOT A CITIZEN THEY PROBABLY SOON APPLIED FOR CITIZENSHIP, SEE NATURALIZATION DECLARATIONS & PETITIONS AT COURT HOUSE ETC..) (MINNESOTA ETC. HAD A ALIEN REGISTRATION FORM FOR FOREIGN BORN CITIZENS WHO HAD NOT BECOME CITIZENS. THEY ARE VERY DETAILED REGISTRATION PAPERS. MINNESOTA ONES ARE AT MINN. STATE HIST. SOC. BLDG.. CAN NOT FIND ILLINOIS & WISCONSINS ETC.... THEY GIVE VILLAGE BORN IN AND SHIP THEY CAME ON ETC.....).

ENCLOSED ARE SOME OF THE FILM NUMBERS FOR A FEW LOCAL COUNTIES I WAS INTERESTED IN, FOR THE DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS MENTIONED ABOVE.

ILLINOIS, BOONE CO. FILM NO. 1452432

MC HENRY CO. END OF 1614210 & 1614319

DEKALB CO. END OF 1613195 & 1613180

KANE CO. NO.1, END OF 1613540 & 1613541

KANE CO. NO 2, END OF 1613541 & 1613542

OGLE CO. END OF 1614436 & 1614437

STEPHENSON CO. END OF 16142742 & 1642743 & 1642744

WINNEBAGO CO. 1642844

WISCONSIN, DODGE CO. FILM NO. END OF 1674594 & 1674595 & 1674596

JEFFERSON CO. END OF 167437 & 167438

OZAUKEE CO. END OF 1674882 & 1674883

WASHINGTON CO. END OF 1674998 & 1675077

WALWORTH CO. END OF 1674997 & 1674998

ROCK CO. NO. 1 END OF 1674977 & 1674978

ROCK CO. NO. 2 END OF 1674978 & 1647979

MINNESOTA, MC LEOD CO. END OF 1675517 & 1675518

SIBLEY CO. 1682642

NEW YORK, NIAGARA FALLS CITY END OF 1818494 & 1818599 & 1818600

NIAGARA COUNTY NO.1 END OF 1818600 & 1818601 & 1818602

NIAGARA COUNTY NO.2 END OF 1818602 & 1818603

NEBRASKA, MADISON CO. 1711705

PIERCE CO. END OF 1711765 & 1711766

Source: Martin Wm. Johnson, 514 West Menominee St. Belvidere, ILL 61008

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INFORMATION



NEBRASKA STATE ARCHIVES are located at 1500 R Street, Lincoln, & are open 10-5 Mon-Fri, 8-5 Sat., & 1:30-5:00 Sun. The Archives collects, preserves, & makes available research records relating to Nebraska. These records include federal census of Nebr. 1860-1920, except 1890; 1885 state census; 1890 federal census of Civil War veterans & widows, all on microfilm. Other records include land records, naturalization records, military records, & many state & local public records such as church & school records, tax lists, cemetery records, letters, diaries, business records. There are many state, local, & family histories & an extensive photograph collection. Many records are on microfiche for easy viewing & to save handling the originals. Archives patrons are encouraged to contribute family group sheets to the Archives' Nebraska Family Notebooks.

--Buffalo Chip, v.15#1-2, 1992

NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S NON-NEBR. MATERIALS are gradually being moved to the Union College Library in Lincoln. It is open to the public daily except Sat., & Sun-Thu evenings to 10pm. There is handy, free parking, & photocopies are only 5¢ each. The Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen. Soc.'s library is also housed there. -- ibid.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN OF NEBRASKA NEWSPAPERS is a new service from the Nebr. State Hist. Soc. which has been microfilming all Nebr. newspapers from the territorial period to the present. Viewing was only possible at the State Archives. Now researchers across the state & out-of-state can use the collection through their local libraries. Contact NSHS at 15th & R Streets, Lincoln, NE 68509.

NEBR. STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY is moving its library to the new Beatrice Public Library which is open 7 days a week, has a genealogist on the staff, climate-controlled areas for rare books, microfilm & microfiche machines, & more.

--NSGS New Brass Key, Apr-May 1992

Information on this page from Leafy Branches 29:4 1992

WHERE TO LOOK FOR YOUR VIRGINIA ANCESTOR'S BIRTH -- If your information tells you that your ancestor was born in Va. between 1728 & 1863, you may need to look somewhere else for his or her birth, namely, any part of:

Illinois, from 1781 to 1818;  
Indiana, from 1787 to 1816;  
Kentucky, from 1775 to 1792;  
Maryland, from 1775 to 1792;  
North Carolina, from 1778 to 1803;  
Ohio, from 1778 to 1803;  
Pennsylvania, from 1752 to 1786;  
Tennessee, from 1760 to 1863;  
West Virginia, from 1769 to 1863.

-- So.Ky.Gen.Soc. Newsl., then PPGS Newsl. 9/92, & every other newsletter I've ever seen.

READY FOR OVERSEAS RESEARCH? Maybe not. Just because family tradition or a census report says your ancestor was born, for instance, in Germany doesn't mean your next step is research in German records. It is premature to try overseas records before exhausting the possibilities here. Research pertaining to an immigrant to the U.S. begins with passenger lists, expands to customs & immigration lists & book indexes, progresses to the "Declaration of Intention" & finally to the naturalization records themselves. It is these various records that will provide a point of departure for overseas research. Usually they yield enough information to give you a clue about where to look in your ancestor's country & until you can narrow your search to a town or region there, you aren't ready to go overseas.

-- Heritage Quest, then PPGS, 9/92

NEW ZEALAND MARRIAGES after 1855 are available from: Mrs. Beth Colwell, Project Coordinator, New Zealand Society of Genealogists, 40 Franklin St., Christ Church 2, New Zealand.

--PPGS Newsl., May 1992

## ORDERING GENEALOGICAL MATERIALS

Many genealogists browse through old copies of periodicals and find an item that is of interest to them. They immediately send an order for a book, magazine or pamphlet, enclosing a check for the amount the item cost at that time.

Researchers must realize that much of this material is either no longer being published, out of print, or has increased in price.

Anyone considering ordering any type of data advertised in old periodicals should send a letter to the advertiser asking if the items they wish to purchase are still available. Always enclose a SASE with your request. This simple procedure will save time consuming work for the publisher; avoid disappointment when the wanted material is unavailable; and eliminate the process of correcting checkbooks by voiding the returned checks. Your thoughtfulness in this matter will be appreciated by many publishers.

National Gene. Inquirer, Vol. 4, No. 4, Winter 1980

Did you know that statistics prove that many people die within three months after their birthday. Check your own family records, books containing cemetery inscriptions, newspaper death notices and you will find this to be true. Interesting. Source PVKS Mar-Apr 1993

O.B.S. - on a tombstone? If you find O.B.S. or Orbin Sine Prole on your ancestor's tombstone, you have a real problem, as it is latin for "died without issue!" Source PVKS Mar-Apr 1993

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### MESSAGE OF THE ROBIN

I have one preacher that I love better than any other on earth. It is my little tame robin which preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs on the window sill. He hops on the sill and takes as much as he needs. From there he always flies to a little tree close by, lifts up his voice to God, sings his song of praise and gratitude, tucks his head under his wing and goes to sleep, leaving tomorrow to look after itself. He is the best preacher I have on earth.

-----Martin Luther

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