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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Spring is busting out all over but we will still have some cold days that will be perfect for working on our Genealogy and now we have 12 more sources at the Norfolk Public Library - see book list elsewhere in the newsletter. We helped pay for these books and we hope you will make good use of them.

We also received several books for our Society Library. Have you checked out the Society Library lately? We now have a subscription to the Genealogical Helper that you can check out to work with at home. We also have quite a few back issues - please make use of them.

We were saddened at the death of Elvira Geske, one of our charter members. Her family donated her genealogy to Joyce Barlow who in turn donated it to our Society Library and it will be available to use soon. Elvira was a decendent of the original settlers of Norfolk. Her genealogy should be a great help for anyone working on those lines.

We have been pleased the last two meetings to have Elder Cragun of the Norfolk Family History Center. He gave us a list of the books and fiche available at the center and a list of the indefinite loans that are available at the Omaha Center. This information will be be put in the Society Library along with the listing from our own Library, the Public Library and the College Library. We are fortunate to have the History Center in our area.

Dee Sewell, President

HAPPY EASTER

RESEARCH BOOKS AT THE NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY (that we helped pay for): 1994

R929.1072 CHO Polish Roots by Rosemary A Charzempa

R929.3 SCH V.1. The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index, compiled by Trudy Schenk, Ruth Froelke & Inge Bork

R929.3 NEA U.S. Military Records by James C. Neagles

The above three can not be checked out but the following can.

929.1 SCH German Genealogical Research by George K. Schweitzer

929.3 SCH Revolutionary War Genealogy by George K. Schweitzer

929.3 SCH Civil WAr Genealogiy by George K. Schweitzer

929.1072 FRI Unlocking the Secrets in Old Photographs by Karen Frisch Ripley

929.1 CRO The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook by Emily Croom

929.1 BAX In Search of your European Roots by Angus Baxter

929.1 SME Finding your German Ancestors by Dr. Ronals M. Smelser

929.3 MOU Genealogical Resources in English Repositories by Joy Wade Moulton

929.3 MOU Supplement to Genealogical Resources in English Repositories by Joy WAde Moulton

NEW FILE GIVES OBITUARY NOTICES - A new unique history computer file is now available at the Norfolk Public Library. This file, still under construction, allows users to locate funeral and obituary notices published in the Norfolk Daily News, then view (and for a fee, photocopy) the actual notices on Microfilm.

Notices published in 1888-1892, 1906, 1907, 1962 and 1963 are currently searchable, with more notices added daily.

Plans are to eventually make this a comprehensive database from 1888 to the present. Source: Norfolk Daily News 3/29/95

PHOTO/FAX ALERT!

Magnetic photo albums will eventually destroy your prints. If pictures are stuck to these sheets, loosen a corner and use a hair dryer to loosen them. If this doesn't work, try putting them in the refrigerator overnight, and then try to loosen them. NEVER put old pictures in this kind of album.

Photocopy any documents you receive by FAX because the image fades and may be illegible in a few weeks!

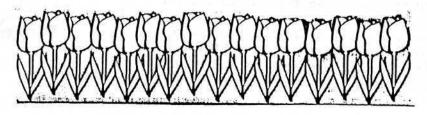
--from The Family Tree Apr/May 1994, via the Geneagram of the Charlotte Co. (FL) Gen. Soc., Bureau Co., Ill. Genealogical Society

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MAKING YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH A FAMILY AFFAIR

I was looking through various genealogical publications and I came across an interesting article from Heritage Ouest Vol. 12 No. 38, which addresses this very issue. It was written by Mikki Morrissette Neff and gives some helpful ideas on what to do with your research to make sure it is not lost. She provides a list of ten suggestions for us to consider.

- 1. Involve young people in your research. It might encourage them to become the next "family historian" as well make history more interesting.
- 2. Give young people a family history chart filled in with the names and dates of the generations you know about. You could fill them in on stories about their relatives if they are interested.
- 3. A special gift idea for older relatives is to make up a Memory Book of special family stories. This might spark new revelations or provide some happy moments.
- 4. Start a family newsletter. You can include not only research that you have compiled but also news and contributions of other family members. A good way to not "lose" contact with people.
- 5. Organize your material so that it is easy to use. A computer can be a great help but if you do not have one make sure your files are well arranged.
- 6. Videotape older relatives' memories. Be sure to use a list of questions to keep everything moving along.
- 7. Identify all family photographs! Enough said.
- 8. Also on photographs, make negatives of some of the most priceless ones and circulate copies to other family members.
- 9. Handpick a younger relative who has shown interest in your research and let everyone know that he/she will have your materials.
- 10. Prepare family biographies of yourself and the others in your generation. None of us want to become an "Unknown Relative." The Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen. Society, June, 1993

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT ...?

Now and again, even the most experienced researcher gets stumped in wondering where to look next. Listed below are the most often used records and suggestions of which ones to check when you need specific information.

MOST OFTEN USED RECORDS

- A. Census and Indexes
- B. Vital Statistics: Birth, Marriage, and Death
- C. Newspapers
- D. County Histories/Biographies
- E. Cemeteries and Tombstone Registries
- F. Atlas/Maps and City Directories
- G. Libraries: Local, Genealogical, Historical and Public
- H. Church Records
- I. Adjutant General: Grave Registrations and Military Records
- J. Wills and other Probate Records; Guardianships
- K. Deeds: Grantor & Grantee Indexes; Land Grants
- L. Pensions
- M. National Archives

IF YOU WANT TO FIND:

Birth dates or ages......search....A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J,L

Marriage dates.....search....B,C,D,E,G,H,I,L

Death dates.....search....B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J,K,L

Parents of a person...search....A,B,C,D,E,G,H

Wife's maiden name...search...B,C,D,E,G,H,I

Nativity...search...A,B,C,D,F,G,I,J,K,L

Locale...search...B,D,F,G,J,K

Children's names...search...A,C,D,G,J,L

Military records...search...C,D,E,G,I,L,M

--Carroll Co. IL GS Jan 1993; via Prairie Pioneer 14:1 1994



Writings reflect on life as public servant, U.S. flag

ormer state Sen. Richard Peterson of rural Norfolk, while not still in office, remembers well his days of being a public servant.

In that vein, he shared a humorous poem called "The Public Servant's Lament" that puts into perspective the challenges facing any elected official. The poems reads:

"If I express myself on a subject, I'm trying to run things. If I'm silent, I'm dumb or have lost inter-

"If I'm always at the office, why don't I get out and learn what's going on. If I'm out when they call, why am I not tending to business?

"If I'm not home at night, I'm out carousing. If I'm home, I'm neglecting important outside contacts and activities.

"If I don't agree with persons, I'm bullheaded. If I do agree, I don't have any ideas of my own.

"If I don't do what I'm requested, I'm a darn poor official. If I do agree, well, that's what I'm paid

"If I give someone a short answer, I'm 'too big for my britches.' If I attempt to explain the pros and cons of an issue, I'm a know-it-all and long-winded.

"If I'm well dressed, I think I'm a big shot. If I'm not, I'm a poor representative of my office.

"If I'm on the job a short time, I'm inexperienced. If I've been there a long time, it's time for a change."

eterson also shared a short essay on the American llag that his wife has used in previous presentations on



the subject.

The essay - titled "Remember me?" - is written as if the American flag is doing the writing and poses some questions worth asking to Americans today. It reads:

"Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

"I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart . . . remember? And you, I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart . . . remember?

"What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

"But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance, then you look away. I see the children running around and shouting . . . they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with their's off, so he quickly put his hat back on.

"Is it a sin to be patriolic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime, of those who never came back, to keep this Republic free . . . one nation, under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

"Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So. when you see me stand straight.

place your right hand over your heart . . . and I'll salute you, by waving back and I'll know that . . . you remembered."



Norfolk Daily News Feb 21, 1995

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

The NEBRASKA STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will hold its 18th Annual Conference, May 5-6 in York, NE. The host society is the Greater York Area Genealogical Society.

The Conference will be held in the York City Auditorium, 612 Nebraska.

Nancy Keeler Kepley, a public school teacher, author of three genealogical publications, and a former vice president of the California State Genealogical Alliance, will be the featured speaker.

The Topeka (KS) Genealogical Societies Annual Conference will be May 12-22 at the Maner Conference Center, Topeka, KS. The St. Louis Genealogical

Society will hold its 26th Annual Fair on June 17.

Cemetery Study Unveils Strong Civil War Ties

Marion, Iowa (AP) — Marion native David Wendell said he had to leave home to find out what he was missing.

"I had to move 250 miles east of my hometown to Chicago to discover, quite literally, all that's buried in my back yard. It's hidden history that few people know about."

Wendell, 28, a history buff by both vocation and avocation, is talking about the souls at rest in Marion's Oak Shade Cemetery, the 152-year-old city-owned burial grounds that are among the oldest in eastern Iowa.

"These," he said while surveying the cemetery's headstones, "are the names of people who built this community. Learn about them, and you learn how the community came to be. You learn of their successes and triumphs."

It's something he has come to study only recently, thanks to his work in Chicago.

For the past two years, Wendell has worked as historian and archivist at the sprawling 350-acre Rosehill Cemetery, the oldest and largest in Chicago.

Its 200,000 graves — the cemetery is along Lake Michigan in the heart of the city — hold the remains of movers and shakers in Chicago history, from mobsters to business tycoons.

Wendell, who describes himself as a self-educated historian, said he created a job there for himself. He had been a historian at a prairie pioneer museum in Nebraska but landed in Chicago after the position was eliminated.

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"I'd gathered a list of some 1,500 of the most prominent names in Chicago history to research where they were buried. I found many had opulent monuments to themselves. And of those on my list, 400 of them were at Roschill. I ended up doing a history of the cemetery."

From that project, he dove into the rich history of Civil War soldiers interred at the Chicago cemetery. Some 500 Union troops are buried there, more than at any other private cemetery in Illinois. Among them are 14 generals, two Medal of Honor winners and six drummer boys.

It's also the final resting place for members of the 8th Illinois Cavalry, which fired the first shots at the Battle of Gettysburg, and soldiers who helped Ulysses S. Grant avoid surrender in his first major battle at Shiloh. The sister-inlaw of John Wilkes Booth is buried there.

Omaha World Herald 3/26/95

'Out of a population of just a few thousand, 408 men from Marion Township joined the cause. Linn County was anointed with the most patriotic county in lowa.'

— David Wendell Cemetery historian

It was while he was researching key Civil War figures that his interest in his hometown cemetery took shape.

"Imagine my surprise when I discovered that John Stibbs, one of the Union generals buried at Rosehill and a wealthy Chicago businessman, was from Marion. And then I found out that another general, Thomas McKean, is buried at Oak Shade. I had no idea."

The more he learned, the more Wendell came to appreciate the strong Civil War heritage in Marion and throughout Linn County.

Some 50 soldiers from the conflict, he said, are buried at Oak Shade. Included is Mancil Root, a Wisconsin boy who joined the Union cause as a drummer boy at age 10. He was the youngest recruit of the Civil War.

"Marion maintained a strong Civil War heritage," Wendell said. "Out of a population of just a few thousand, 408 men from Marion Township joined the cause. Linn County was anointed with the most patriotic county in Iowa."

Many of those patriots a century ago were laid to rest at the historic hillside cemetery overlooking Indian Creek.

"These are heroes who forged the future of our country," Wendell said. "They made a difference."

Wendell said there's no better place to learn the history of the community than a cemetery.

"Take a stroll through what is the most peaceful and quiet area in town. It's not scary or something you visit only on Halloween or Decoration Day. Cemeteries are our largest outdoor museums."

Mormon genealogy center open

The Family History Center located in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has re-opened in the church building at 100 El Camino Drive in Suburban Acres, Norfolk.

Elder W. Don Cragun and Mrs. Cragun, full-time missionaries from Bartlesville, Okla., have been assigned to run the center.

Availabe in the center is access to the Mormons' vast library of genealogy information.

The Ancestral File is a computeraccessed program of 10 million names, linked into families and pedigrees. The International Genealogical Index is a worldwide index of 147 million deceased persons.

Many other books and indexes are available at the center, and information that is equivalent to nine million printed volumes is available on rental microfilm from the Salt Lake City Center.

Other than the rental fees and a charge for forms, the library is free and open to the public.

Hours are Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call the center at (402) 371-7441 during the above hours.

Norfolk Daily News 2/1/95



Do not follow where the path leads. Rather go where there is no path and leave a trail.

Refusing to ask for help when you need it is refusing someone the chance to be helpful.

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Code Number same discounted advance-purchase the next flight to Guatemala - at the new passports he would get them on that as soon as they came back with equally understanding, assuring them A United Airlines supervisor was

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rental car en route to the airport. into a Miami gas station to fill up their New Yorkers Janet and Dana pulled before Hurricane Andrew blew in, At the start of the summer, long

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Guatemala, where they were going to worried they would miss their plane to pump — windows rolled up tight to keep out the ylut aft — they As they waited their turn at the

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travel documents. bag, taking credit cards and important when a fist crashed through the glass and wrenched off Janet's shoulder finuing their trip seemed shattered Then suddenly any chance of con-

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Alamo Rent-a-Car not only didn't were heartened by help from com-But with nowhere to turn, they

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