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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings. I wish to thank our past officers for their hard work on the behalf of the society. Audrey Polenske, president, Charlene Kolterman, vice-president, and Ginger Howser, secretary. Our treasurer, Don Monson was graciously re-elected. Thank You. As president, I wish to thank all our members, especially those who live close enough to attend our meetings. Our society has a wonderful mix. We have veteran reseachers who are filling out their ancestor charts and family group sheets. They know that it's a process that takes time, it's more than web-sites or a few E-mails. Our newer people bring excitment and that anticipation that still pulls me back to the library. Different people in the group have different needs, different ideas, and different viewpoints. That's when we need to call to mind our purpose: To help with genealogical research and encourage the study of family history.

Fall is a time for rearranging, for cleaning and organizing. Ifinally got my garage in order, clearing off the work bench and sweeping the floor. I was reminded of my many piles of genealogy 'stuff'. I have copies of photos from my aunt, a page from the 1880 Illinois census, and many pages of notes. Now might be a good time to check your piles. You might have collected a document a year ago that contains a clue for that family. Take some time before winter hits and find a way to organize those notes, buy a book on evidence or documentation, or make a new friend. He or she may give you the next hint in your search. Now, just before the holiday season is an excellent time to get something organized.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



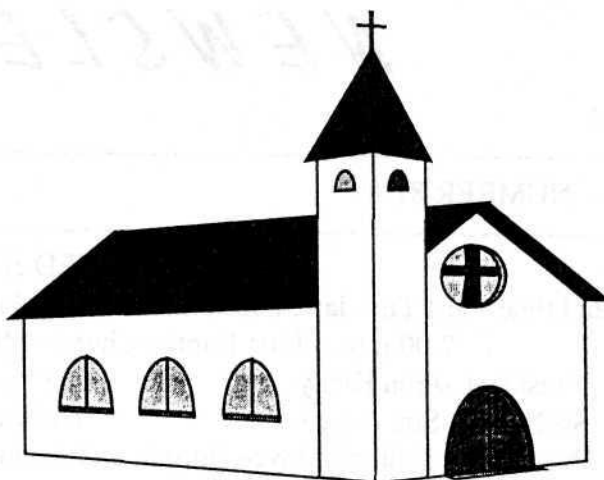
Sincerely,

John Kielty
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Cemetery Projects Underway



The Madison County Genealogical Society has begun a project of rewalking the cemeteries with a goal of publishing them as soon as each township's cemeteries are finished. The abandoned ones will be printed in the newsletter and larger, active cemeteries will be available for lookups for a fee and published for sale. All proceeds to be used for future projects or towards a permanent home for the society. Several society members have started on several different cemeteries, always working in pairs to double check each other. The assistance of Marjorie Fuhrmann has been invaluable in teaching society members the techniques and skills involved with reading worn markers and translating symbols and foreign words commonly found on grave-stones. See related story on page 2.



Preserving the past will allow us to remember, we are here only because of our ancestors.

Obituary Indexing Project Taking Shape



A project of indexing the obituaries in the Norfolk Daily News was started several years ago by the Norfolk Public Library. The original project was begun by copying the information on to notecards from the microfilm. Library staff then entered this information into the Dynix system computers at the Norfolk Public Library. The reading of the microfilm was done by AARP senior employees. After several years the employee doing the primary reading on this project was unable to continue. The cards she had done were entered into the system and the project then was put on hold. Several years of the current newspapers were sent home with society member's to be indexed at home. At the present time Jeanette Koehn is indexing the current daily paper onto sheets of paper and put in three ring binders. The library system is currently nearly full and so none can be entered there until the Library upgrades their system in 1-2 years. There are currently about 32,000 obits in the Library's computer system, and several thousand more in notebooks by date.

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Any help appreciated. Darline **PARKER**, 4510 W. Rio Grande, Kennewick, WA 99336

Jackson Cemetery

The Jackson Cemetery is a small abandoned cemetery located in Deer Creek township of Madison County. It is reachable only by driving one half mile through a pasture and a field that has gates. You should ask for permission to enter. This cemetery is in poor shape with several large broken cedar trees in the middle as well as several thickets of brush. The cemetery is fenced and has a gate. The surrounding country is wild and lonely being just north of the Elkhorn river near Yellowbanks Wildlife area. Since this cemetery is abandoned and not maintained anymore, the last burial in it is dated 1938.

The sign off the road says BUFFINGTON-JACKSON CEMETERY. This appears to be incorrect. All older records and obituaries refer to it as the Jackson Cemetery. It is located on the former Jackson family farm. If anyone has information as to why this was called Buffington-Jackson please send the information to us.

On September 19, 1999 3 members of the Society, went back to the Jackson cemetery and did some cleaning of the area. Using a weedeater and a chainsaw, some brush was cleared and some low hanging and broken limbs were removed as well as tall grass and weeds trimmed away. From the cemetery viewpoint on top of a hill the view to the south overlooking the Elkhorn River is beautiful.

It was interesting to find the funeral home markers were still there for two persons and that information will be followed up on for a future article. William Cloyd also has a Civil War Star at his grave which was labeled with Meadow Grove on the back. So that also will allow for further research this winter. Stay tuned...

Jackson Cemetery Grave Markers

CLOYD, William Feb. 22, 1833- Jan. 24, 1913 *C W*
FROST, Jemima 1842-1922
FROST, William Taylor 1846-1891
HARDENBROOK, George W. July 2, 1867-March 9, 1897
JACKSON, Joseph H. 1845-1917
JACKSON, Mary Ann 1843-1938
McKIRAHAN, John died August 21, 1908
NIES, Evan A. died June 18, 1894
NIES, LewEllen January 26, 1866-September 7, 1914
OEHRING, Rose May December 8, 1906-December 9, 1906
WALTERS, Barbara August 24, 1856-July 1, 1935
WALTERS, Calvin October 9, 1891-May 12, 1908
WALTERS, Martin January 14, 1849-March 17, 1932



There are also 3 other markers with the following:

R. M. O. possibly a foot marker for Rose May Oehring.

C. W. possibly a foot marker for Calvin Walters.

There is also a very large stone with NIES and BUFFINGTON on it. It is probably not an individual grave marker but a family plot marker.

Since this cemetery is abandoned and so small, the obituaries of the persons buried here were looked up and are printed on the next 2 pages. Some issues of the Battle Creek Enterprise were missing and the Norfolk and Meadow Grove papers did not have any notice so no obituary could be found for several of these people.

Obituaries of persons buried in the Jackson Cemetery

PIONEER WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95, Dies at Home of Son.—Among Oldest of Madison County's Pioneers

Mrs. J. H. Jackson, 95 years old and among the oldest of Madison county pioneers, died late Thursday night at the home of her son, William Jackson, northwest of Battle Creek, with whom she had made her home in recent years.

Though complications due to old age were evidenced for some time, it was only within the past two weeks that her condition gave cause for immediate alarm.

Funeral services will be held at the Jackson home and burial will be made in the Jackson cemetery near the old homestead, where the husband and father was laid at rest over twenty years ago.

The son and three grandchildren are the only immediate relatives living.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE June 23, 1938 page 1

Some issues of the Battle Creek Enterprise were missing for the dates when the other burials were made in the Jackson cemetery. I could find no notice in any of the Norfolk papers of these deaths either and Meadow Grove apparently did not have a newspaper at that time.



JOE JACKSON DEAD

Old Settler Passes Away at Home in Meadow Grove

Joseph H. Jackson was born at New Boston, Iowa on December 24, 1845, and passed away at his home in Meadow Grove on February 23, 1917, at the age of 71 years and 2 months. He was united in Marriage to Miss Mary Ann Hesmer June 12, 1864, at Green Bay, Iowa. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. The daughter, Mrs. Ella Nies, died at her home in Meadow Grove September 7, 1914. The son, Charles, died at the age of six years. A son, Will Jackson, with the wife and mother, a son-in-law, J. H. Nies, and the grand-children are left to mourn his loss.

Mr. Jackson moved from Decatur county, Iowa, in the year of 1867 to Dakota county, Nebraska, and resided there until the spring of 1877, moving thence to Madison county, Nebraska, and settling on the farm near the Yellow Banks owned by him at the time of his death. He was among the early settlers of Madison county, and by his honesty and integrity built up one of the best farms in the Elkhorn valley. He took a great interest in national, county and community affairs, and when in health he took active part and held numerous offices in the Madison County Farmers Mutual Insurance company of which he was a member. Mr. Jackson was known far and near for his kindness and hospitality to all with whom he came in contact throughout his life. He was a man of a big heart and always divided his substance to the poor and less fortunate. He was loved and respected by all who knew him for his uprightness of character and honesty in dealing with his fellow man, and gained for himself and family a character that will live on. Mr. Jackson was a kind and loving husband and father, ever watching over the welfare of those entrusted to his care. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and held the office of an elder in the church. All that kind and loving hands could do to preserve life was done—but he had finished his earth life and the Lord called him home. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

A host of friends throughout the sphere of his acquaintance offer sympathy to the bereaved family in this hour of their bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder F. S. Gatenby of Orchard at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery.

A. C. V.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 1, 1917 page 1

MRS. NIES DIES.

Mrs. J. H. Nies of Meadow Grove, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jackson, died Monday of heart trouble. Though Mrs. Nies had been in poor health for some time her condition did not become alarming until a few days before her death.

Mrs. Nies grew to womanhood in Madison county and has a great number of friends in this section of the state who received with regret the announcement of her demise. She is survived by the husband and one married son, the parents, and one brother, Will Jackson, all residing in or near Meadow Grove.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE September 10, 1914 page 1

West Point Progress: William T. Frost, formerly one of Cuming county's old settlers, died last week at Battle Creek, Madison county. Mr. Frost resided on Cuming creek in 1869 and 1870, afterwards removing to this place where he lived about three years finally removing to Madison county. He was a brother-in-law of John McKirahan, and our old residents who know him say he was excellent citizen.
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS
March 16, 1891 page 3

JEMIMA FROST

Grandma Jemima Frost, over 79 years old, died on January 5 at the home of her daughter in Meadow Grove. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and interment was made at the Jackson cemetery. Two children survive, Mrs. Aaron Higbee of Meadow Grove and Mrs. Eugene Crook of North Platte, Neb.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE
January 12, 1922 page 1

George Hardenbrook, who had run a farm six miles northwest of this place, and who was taken sick some two weeks ago with measles, which run into pneumonia, died Tuesday night at W. W. Cloyd's place, where he was taken sick. The funeral was conducted at Mr. Cloyd's home on Wednesday and the remains were interred in the J. H. Jackson cemetery. Mr. Hardenbrook was a hard working young man and while he had but few, if any, relatives living in this vicinity, he left a host of warm friends to mourn his demise.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE
March 12, 1897 page 2

Do you know of anyone that has the obituaries or any information on the other persons buried in the Jackson Cemetery? Please submit them to the newsletter committee. We will print the information in a future edition.

Another Old Veteran Dead

Meadow Grove, Neb., Jan. 27.—

Last Friday morning the community was shocked to learn that another of our old residents, W. W. Cloyd, had passed away. He had been in his usual health, but died suddenly of heart failure.

The funeral was held from his home at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. Ford of Meadow Grove conducting the services. Interment was made at the Jackson cemetery.

William W. Cloyd was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, February 22, 1833, and died Jan. 24, 1913, aged 79 years, 11 months and 2 days. On Nov. 24, 1863, he enlisted with Co. H 44th Indiana Volunteers and was discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 14, 1865. He moved to Iowa in 1865 and from there to Madison county, Nebraska, in 1868. Of his family surviving him are three sons and one daughter, James of Tilden, Wilson, Doan and Miss Olive all of Meadow Grove. He also leaves ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. ✓ CW

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE January 30, 1913 pg.1

CALVIN WALTERS DIES

Victim of a Fatal Disease. He Succumbs After a Short Illness.

Calvin Walters died Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Walters, northwest of Battle Creek, after a short illness.

Funeral services were held this (Thursday) afternoon at the Methodist church, Pastor R. J. Callow officiating.

The death of this young man was sudden, though unexpected. About four months ago what was supposed to be a slight ailment was diagnosed as a case of diabetes. The inevitable followed, despite efforts of the best physicians to check the disease. Energetic to the last, Calvin insisted upon lending a helping hand about the farm, and it is doubtful if he realized his condition until a few hours before the end. He was about nineteen years of age.

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE May 14, 1908 page 1

MARTIN WALTERS, 83, DIES

Martin Walters, who came to Nebraska in 1882 and homesteaded the farm northwest of Battle Creek where he has lived for fifty years, died Thursday morning, March 17.

Mrs. Walters was 83 years old and a native of France. He is survived by his widow, one son and four daughters. Funeral notice and obituary will follow. (But I could not find any further notice).

BATTLE CREEK ENTERPRISE March 17, 1932 page 1

Society Activities Many and Varied

The Madison County Genealogical Society has been busy, taking advantage of the warm weather this past summer. Our meeting programs have included both member contributions and formal programs with an outside speaker. Members discussed genealogy record keeping and what forms to use, stories about personal research and what to do when you encounter that brick wall. Scott Luken of Luken memorials presented a program on memorial design and symbolism. This was particularly interesting, Scott discussed the different materials that are used for memorials and the significance of the various designs carved on the stones.

Jeannie Rix compiled a special edition newsletter listing the surnames the members are researching. She created a form that was sent to each member asking for information to be included in the newsletter and members received a copy for their use.

Members are walking the area cemeteries this year, rechecking past information, adding recent grave sites to the maps and creating new databases for cemeteries that hadn't been checked in the past. The committee headed by Charlene Kolterman copied maps, information sheets and put together packets for the volunteers to use. This information will be compiled and used as a research reference.

Election of officers was held with John KIELTY to serve as President; Richard STRENGE, Vice President; Sue ASKEW, Secretary; and Don MUNSON, Treasurer. Their term of office will run from September 1 to August 31. The members voted to increase the newsletter issues from 4 to 6 times a year. It will be published on November, January, March, May, July and September.

The Everton Genealogical Workshop, sponsored by the society and held in Norfolk this fall, was a resounding success. There were sixty-one registrations and it was a very informational day. Everyone came away with new enthusiasm and ideas for further research.



Any person wishing a ride to and from any Madison County Genealogy Society Meeting may call a society member for a free ride. Please call Nancy Zaruba at 379-4654, Richard Strenge 371-9216, or Sue Askew at 371-2978.



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The 1889 Norfolk City Directory

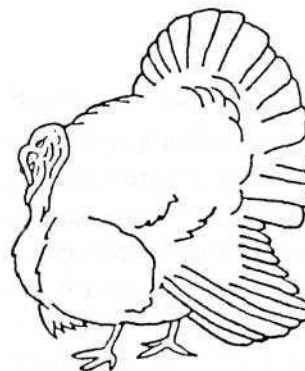
Nineteenth-century city directories are often excellent places to begin genealogical research. It is not uncommon for a researcher to discover additional family members while delving into an old city directory. Often, as is the case with the Norfolk, Nebraska city directory, occupations are frequently listed.

An entry for a woman, when immediately following that for a man with the same surname and accompanied by *res. the same*, usually is understood to be the man's wife, but the possibility of a daughter or other female relative should not be excluded. The notation *bds.* means boards.

Residence locations are abbreviated. For instance, the entry "Ayres, Benjamin, plasterer, 12th betw. Philip and Park aves., 2-h-e-side," may be interpreted as: Benjamin Ayres, a plasterer by trade, lives on 12th Street between Philip and Park Avenues, in the 2nd house on the east side of 12th Street.

The following list is extracted from the 1889 City of Norfolk Directory:

Ackley, Miss M.A., lives at W. L. Clark's.
Adant, August, Philip ave., betw. 5 and 6, 3-h-s.
Adant, Mrs. B. Res. the same.
Ahlmann, Herman, teamster, bds. F. H. Greenwald's.
Ahlmann, Wm., teamster, 1st opposite Verges'.
Ahlmann, Mrs. M., res. the same.
Ahlmann, W. F., res. Nw cor. 5 and Philip ave.
Ahlmann, Mrs. B., midwife, res. As above.
Algier, A., bds. D. Amarine's.
Allen, Mrs. C. Al, se cor. 3rd and Philip ave.
Allen, Miss Minnie, teacher, res. As above.
Allen, Miss Mabel, teacher, res. As above.
Allen, Robert Edgar, messenger, of W.U. Tel. Co., bds at Mrs. C. A. Allen's.
Allen, E. B., real estate, 428½ Norfolk ave; res. 3d betw. Park and Pasewalk
aves., 2-h-e.
Allen, Mrs. E. J., res. the same.
Alyea, I. G., eng. 3d betw. Park and Pasewalk aves., 7-h-w.
Alyea, Mrs. M., res. the same.
Amarine, Alex., plasterer, 3d betw. Park and Pasewalk aves.
Amarine, Mrs. M., res. the same.
Amarine, D., 4th betw. Park and Pasewalk aves., 4-h-e.
Amarine, Mrs. H.A., res. the same.
Amarine, Miss Dolly, bds. As above.
Amarine, E. L., laborer, bds. As above.
Ames, Walter, brickmaker, bds. At Wm. Starkey's.
Applebee, F., express driver, 3d betw. Philip and Park aves.
Applebee, Mrs. L., res. the same.



Arnold, Wm., land examiner, res. 10th, betw. Koenigstein and Nebraska aves., 1-h-e.
 Arnold, Mrs. E., res. the same.
 Asmus, Carl, grocer, ne cor 3d, and Norfolk ave; res. 5 betw. Park and Pasewalk aves.,
 w-side.
 Asmus, Mrs. L., res. the same.
 Austin, Miss Lilly, domestic, at Geo. Mason's.
 Austin, Miss Grace, lives at L. M. Gaylord's.
 Ayres, Benjamin, plasterer, 12th betw. Philip and Park aves., 2-h-e-side.
 Ayres, Mrs. A. A. Res the same.

The above list is the first in a series appearing in subsequent newsletters.

Written and transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.



Preece, Timothy F. From Iowa to the Sea: The Campaigns and Experiences of Two Iowa Boys Marching with Grant, Thomas and Sherman. Danville, CA: Essex-Overland, 1999.

Author Timothy F. Preece recently sent the Madison County Genealogical Society a copy of his new book, From Iowa to the Sea: The Campaigns and Experiences of Two Iowa Boys Marching with Grant, Thomas and Sherman. This appropriately titled book recounts the Civil War experiences of the author's great-grandfather, Douglas Preece, and the author's great-grandmother's brother, Daniel Ryan.

Preece's book, with care given for historical accuracy, makes interesting reading because the two privates, whose combined military service includes the 16th U.S. Army, the 14th Iowa, and 111th Illinois infantries, serve in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. Each young man, serving in a different unit, is engaged in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil War. Each eventually becomes a prisoner of war. Preece has taken care to provide the historical background for the events and experiences of the two privates.

Genealogists tracing the surnames Preece, Wade, Carrabine, and Montgomery in Madison County, Nebraska, will be especially interested in this new book. Douglas Preece is buried in Battle Creek, Madison County, Nebraska.

This 160-page book includes an appendix, bibliography, maps, illustrations, and photographs. The photo of the 1915 Civil War Veterans in Battle Creek which includes Douglas Preece is especially interesting.

Submitted by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.



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SOME GENEALOGY TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are paraphrased from the National Genealogical Society's "American Genealogy: A Basic Course". This information was sent across the Internet thru various List Servers.

In-Laws: terms like father-in-law, mother-in-law, etc had the same meaning as they do today, which is a kinship by marriage. However, they may also have had different meanings. Father-in-law could refer to a step-father, son-in-law to a stepchild, etc.

Cousin: The term "cousin" was once used generally to indicate almost ANY DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY. VERY EARLY IN AMERICAN HISTORY THE TERM WAS USED TO REFER TO NEPHEW OR NIECE. When you see the word cousin used in early records, you will need to do more research to clarify the relationship between the two people.

Nephew: The terms nephew and niece were not in common use in the colonies until before the mid-eighteenth century (i.e. 1750's). The term cousin was used to denote this relationship. In rare instances, the term "nephew" was used to mean grandson or granddaughter because the word comes from the Latin term for "grandson" or "nepos." During this early period, "nephew" was used for males and females.

Brother: This term was used very generally and in addition to its obvious meaning, could denote a brother-in-law, a husband of a sister-in-law, a half-brother, a stepbrother, or even a colleague within the church.

"My now wife." This term is sometimes found in a will and may, as is often assumed, indicate the testator had a former wife, but this is not necessarily so unless he is referring to children by a first wife and children by his current or "now" wife. When the term is used WITHOUT reference to children, it more usually means the testator intends the bequest for his current wife and not any subsequent he may have.

Senior and Junior: Terms to denote two men with the same in the same community, regardless of any relationship. This could be father and son, Uncle and nephew, or two men not related at all. Upon the death of the "Senior" the junior could be dropped or if another, younger person had the same name, Junior became Senior, etc.

Natural Son or Natural Daughter: indicates a blood relationship as distinguished from a relationship by marriage or adoption. Sometimes it could denote an illegitimate child, though it was more common to refer to such as "my base son" or "my bastard son". In some instances, "my natural child" may indicate children by a first wife as opposed to children by a current wife.

Given Names: Although you cannot count on it, it was common for the two eldest sons to be named for their grandfathers and two eldest daughters to be named for their grandmothers. Don't be confused by finding two children with the same given name in the same family. The name of a deceased child may have been given to a subsequent child. IN GERMAN ANCESTRY it was common for ALL sons to have the first name Johann and all daughters to have the first name Anna or Maria. The children were known by their second names.

Source: PPGS, September 1999

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS IN YOUR RESEARCH—

Locating ancestors when you have run out of ideas to locate them can be frustrating, to say the least. Using other means of searching for records, though they would not be classified as primary sources can give clues to continue for some means of clarification and proof for the accurate data. Alternative records can point to information in the quest for verification later in ones research.

You consider all you know about the ancestor before the search begins and where you will be able to find more information. Ask these leading questions—

- Where do you think the person was born?
- Who were the parents?
- Are there any brothers or sisters?
- Where was the person married and to whom?
- Where did the ancestor live? And when?
- Did the person belong to a religious organization?
- Were there any children involved?
- Where did the person die and when?
- What was the persons livelihood?



The documents left behind by the person you are trying to locate could provide evidence you just might be seeking. You need to be knowledgeable of that period.

A list of alternative methods which are considered non-traditional help verify information you are seeking.

Church membership record reveal-

- migration of ancestors when census records were of little aid
- records of ages of children enrolled in Sunday School

Obituaries

- death information when death certificates were not produced, were lost, or were destroyed

Military Service and Pension Records

- Provide parents names
- Birth date
- Rank
- Pay
- Places served
- Spouse name
- Children's names
- Other family information



School Records

- Any or all phases of education(primary, secondary and college)
- Birth date, parent's names
- Character and performance of persons being searched

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Social Security Records

- Application card provides applicant's name, age,
- Parent's names
- Place of birth, date of birth, current employment in some cases
- Death index tells of birth and death, place of residence, SS number, and place where number was issued and time issued

Employment Records

- Might be difficult to obtain or locate
- Can provide vital statistics
- Information about the person

Family Bibles

- Some good information
- Some biased information depending on the owner/author

Cemetery Inscriptions

- Provide pointers to newspaper obituaries
- Point to church records
- Point to undertakers
- Point to doctor's records

Funeral Home Records

- Detailed death information
- Doctor or coroner statements
- Notes on death notices and obituaries
- Family contract information
- Places of interment

City Directories

- Names and addresses
- Sometimes occupations
- Leads to land and property records

Records of Siblings and Children

- References to the ancestor you are researching

Deeds

- Points to a buyer or seller
- Confirm name of spouse
- Names of other owners of adjacent properties
- Reliable for verifying the location or persons at a particular point in time than census records

By tracing siblings' records one can get ahead using alternative paths to be able to forge ahead instead of being stymied to stop in the middle of the search of a person or family group. Many of the above article suggestions can lead to the putting together of many entire family units at one given time. One path may lead to another ancestor so that it puts the whole family unit together, toward an effort to reach a primary source in your research.

Source: PPGS, September 1999



From the Editors: The Madison County Genealogical Society voted at their September meeting to issue six newsletters each year. It took effect on September 1st since that is the beginning of the organizations calendar year. Therefore the first issue should have been done in September. On the old schedule it would have been done in October. We decided to skip the October issue and start on the new procedure in November. Therefore the number 81 and 82 issues will be combined into one and dated November, 1999. Pages 1-12 will not be printed this year. This issue starts with page 13.

Newsletter Editors resign Jeanne Rix and Joyce Borgelt have resigned as editors of the newsletter. Jeanne has been doing it since 1985 and Joyce since 1987. We hope that you have found some good articles and hints in the newsletter.

GENEALOGY TIPS

When requesting birth, death, or marriage records from town or city clerks, request that a photocopy of the original entry be included. In many cases, there is information shown in the original entry which is not asked for or provided on the certificate.

NEBRASKA VITAL RECORDS FEES

The State of Nebraska vital record fees were lowered to \$8.00 for birth, \$7.00 each for death, marriage and divorce on July 1, 1999.

Source: Plains Gen Soc., Kimbeall Co., NE Fall 1999

Delayed Births

Delayed birth certificates are those recorded for adults whose original births went unrecorded. Social Security cards were first issued to all citizens in 1940, many of whom did not have birth certificates issued when they were born.

In order to correct this oversight, they went to the office of the county clerk with documents and baptismal records to obtain Delayed Birth Certificates and to register their births. People born as early as 1858 registered their births in 1940.

Check the indexes for U.S. births you have not been able to find.

-from AntiqueWeek

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