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Dues are due in September of each year. If you have not paid your dues for 1999-2000 then this will be your last issue. Dues are \$10.00 for individual or \$15.00 per couple.

From the President,

January - the new year - but not just that . . . a new century--unless you see the new century starting in 2001. How should we look at this time, as another year or as a call to something else?

Some people have very narrow views of genealogy. Those views concern their family, their county, their state, their religious or ethnic heritage. Although we all start with our own views, good research techniques should urge us to broaden our horizons.

This is an important time for genealogy. With computers and the digital age our counties and states are on-line and digitalized. We could begin to lose the 'hard copy,' the book with writing of a hundred years ago. We could lose valuable information when there is only a limited number of bytes in the hard drive. The old papers had room for extra information, something the clerk or registrar happened to put down, like the birthplace of your great-grandparents. Computer programs have room for just the information asked for and no more. We seem to be developing an inherent problem with upgrades also. The hard drive, the system, the programs have continual upgrades. At first we asked for upgrades, but now they tell us when they are arriving. But these upgrades many times make the former program data inaccessible. Suddenly, the information used everyday cannot be retrieved. I'm sad to think of the time spent and the information lost. If I lose a family group sheet to a power bump, it's my loss. But if we lose our county records, then what? It would be worse than any courthouse fire of long ago.

I envision genealogy groups as having a vital role in preserving the history of the area. Nebraska has lost many family farms in the last 50 years. Our rural areas are almost depopulated. With larger farms, the fences are taken down, the shelterbelts are out, the old farmsteads are razed. When no one uses the old cemeteries, they become overgrown, vandalized, or lost. Our group can help keep our heritage alive. We should record what we 'know,' our history, our time. My grandmother didn't write about her

female relatives. I have some pictures, but where they came from or where they moved to are gaps I may never fill in. Each of us has a story to tell, important because it's our own. Our story is part of the bigger story. We need to record the facts, share the stories, find someone or someplace where your story, your work can be protected, can be shared. As our society records, protects, and shares the information from our area, we contribute to the larger good. We keep the stories alive in our area until the grandson or the cousin can come looking. Other groups around the country are recording, preserving, and sharing information. One goal for the new year could be a renewed zeal to find and record the information so it isn't lost, and to make it a research tool. The DAR and the Latter Day Saints have been doing it for years. It's our turn to work in our towns, and in our counties to preserve the history of our land.

John Kielty

CEMETERY NEWS

A computer program published by the Association for Gravestone Studies was purchased for the specific purpose of recording and publishing cemetery records. This program appears quite suitable to do the job and so data entry has been started. Cemeteries must be walked once, the data entered into the program and printed out, and then the cemetery must be walked a second time to verify the accuracy of the first walking and the data entry.

These cemeteries are finished and ready to publish: Jackson Cemetery, Zion Evangelical (Schmitt-Rottler), Kohl Cemetery, Williams Family and Warren (Howard) Cemetery. The following cemeteries have been walked once and are in the data entering stage: Barnes Reserve, Zion Lutheran (Wedekind), Pleasant Valley, Morgan, Alberry, Hutchins Family, Regional Center Old, and Regional Center New.

Fairview Cemetery has been walked once, data entered and partially checked. One more warm day will be needed to finish final checking, and then it will be ready to be published. While walking Pleasant Valley, people came up to visit with us and find out what we were doing. As we explained our goal, they let it be known that they had the cemetery plat and so kindly allowed us to copy it. What a bonus!

Several more cemeteries have been given to volunteers, and there are several cemeteries that have no volunteers yet. The next issue will have more information on the cemetery project with sale prices and indexing discussion.

MEETING, PROGRAM & SOCIETY NEWS

The November meeting program was presented by Delayne Deitloff of the Home for Funerals in Norfolk. His topic was funeral home records and recordkeeping practices, what records are available to genealogists and the history of funeral and burial practices. This was a very interesting session. Home for Funerals has bought out or owns the records for several funeral homes in the Norfolk area including: Session & Bell, est. 1887; Johnson & Tenhouse; Woldt-Bergey; Resseguie (Madison); and Steffens (Battle Creek).

Since Home for Funerals has so many records and they understand the importance of this information to the genealogical researcher, they have agreed to allow 2 members at a time to come in with a laptop computer to index and compile data.

Volunteers are needed to continue this important work. The same response was obtained from the funeral home in Newman Grove. Much exciting research is on the horizon.

Other Society members have started indexing previous issues of the newsletter with a goal of printing indexes and reprinting prior issues for sale. Three Society members also took a class in Web Page Design and are working on preparing a web page for the Society. Rootsweb will give genealogical and historical societies free web space.

The January meeting will be held at the Country Kitchen at 6 pm. The program will be presented by Dan Mauk of Camera Concepts on photo preservation and restoration. The February meeting will be a sharing and catching up on projects night. The March program will be presented by Don and Dorothy Monson on their Sweden trip.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY RESEARCH

Dial-in Procedures to the Norfolk Public Library

The Norfolk Public Library has dial-in access to the On-line Public Access Catalog (O.P.A.C.). To dial in, you must have a modem and communications software. Use the following settings to successfully dial into the Library's computer: Baud Rate: set for the highest your modem is capable of using. The library presently uses 2400 baud modems. Parity: None Bits: 8 bits with 1 stop bit Duplex: Full

The dial-in phone number is **(402) 644-8752**.

Once you have dialed in and connected with the Library's computer, press <Return> or <Enter> until you see a "Log in:" message on the screen.

Next type in "public" (do not use the quotation marks and make certain to type in lower case) and press <Return> or <Enter> once. You will then see a message "Using current terminal emulation: followed by the listed emulation (currently set for "VT100"). If your communications software is set up for "VT100", press <Return> or <Enter> to accept that emulation. Otherwise, press "n" and <Return> or <Enter> to choose from a list of available emulations. You will then be prompted, "Do you want to test the terminal emulation? (Y/N)". Type "y" or "n" and <Enter> or <Return>.

Next you will see the graphical "Directory of On-line Resources" welcome screen, then press <Return> or <Enter> to view the opening search menu. The obituary index is under COMMUNITY RESOURCE SEARCHES, (#8) on the search menu.

When you are finished searching, press "b" and press <Return>. Repeat this process until you are back to the search menu. When doing TITLE, SUBJECT, or SERIES or CALL NUMBER searches, you will be returned to the submenu; you will then need to press "3" and <Return> to "Return to the Main Menu".

Finally, when you are finished with searching for the day, type the number beside the "Logoff" menu option (the last on the list) and press <Return> or <Enter> to log off.

DO NOT type "q" and press return at either the submenus or the Main Menu. This will immediately log you off of the system, and you will have to dial in again. If you leave your computer unattended for several minutes, the Library computer will automatically disconnect you. This is not available through the internet yet.

The obituaries that were indexed off of the Norfolk Daily News microfilm have been entered into the Norfolk Public Library's Dynix computer system. Those obituaries and death notices cover the time period of 1888-1918 (1918 not complete) and most of the 1950's and all of the 1960's, totaling over 32,000. These entries are searchable through the library's online catalog system. That means it is not on the internet but it is available through a local dial-in number. If you have access to a computer with a modem, you can search these records any time of the day or night. The library has a handout available with the dialing instructions available at the Reference Desk. Once you are on-line, you can search the obituary index or the library's card catalog.

The first screen you will see is:

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X                               Norfolk Public Library
X                               Public Access Catalog
X                               You can search by any of the methods listed here.
X                               Enter the number of the search you want.
X                               1. Search by TITLE
X                               2. Search by AUTHOR
X                               3. Search by SUBJECT
X                               4. Search by SERIES or CALL NUMBER
X                               5. Review your PATRON RECORD
X                               6. Print Saved Bibliography
X                               7. Best Seller Lists
X                               8. Community Resources Searches
X                               9. Quit Searching
X                               Enter you selection(s) and press <Enter>:
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To search the Obituary Index, at this screen push 8, then hit the Enter key.

The next screen you will see is:

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X                               Welcome to the online catalog.
X                               Please select one of the following search methods.
X
X                               1. Death/Obituary Notice KEYWORD
X                               2. Death/Obituary Notice SUBJECT
X                               3. Search by NAME of Organization
X                               4. Search by Organization KEYWORD
X                               5. Search by Organization SUBJECT
X                               6. Return to Main Menu
X                               7. Quit Searching
X
X                               Enter your selection(s) and press <Enter>:
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Now select either 1 or 2 and press Enter.

If you select 1 you will see the following:

Public Access Catalog

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Keyword(s) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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x To search, you can enter the person's name.

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Examples:

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JOHNSON PAUL

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PAUL JOHNSON

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JOHNSON

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x You can also search by other KEYWORDS, such as a location,

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year of death or a combination of two or more KEYWORDS.

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Enter Keyword(s):

SO=Start Over, B=Back, ?=Help

Here you should type in the last name of the person you are looking for. If it is a common name, also put in the first name. Remember that the information in this file is abstracted and therefore includes titles, maiden names, cause of death if unusual, and that it is possible the name may be misspelled or only initials for the first name may have been used. Whichever way it was in the newspaper is the way it is here. Keep in mind also that it is not case sensitive.

If you type in paul johnson you will get the following screen:

Public Access Catalog

Your Search: PAUL JOHNSON

#	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLICATION
1.	Paul Johnson.	Norfolk Daily News
2.	Mrs. Paul Johnson.	Norfolk Daily News
3.	Paul Johnson.	Norfolk Daily News

***** 3 Items UNSORTED - Page 1 of 1 - End of list****

Enter an item number for more detail:

SO=Start Over, B=Back, SL=Sort List, ?=Help, SB=Save Bib, L==Limit Search

Now you may select any number and press Return. The information given on the next screen will show you: the name of the person, the date of death, date of funeral, towns associated with this person, any titles or other items of notable interest, the date of the newspaper issues and the page numbers of each time some notice was printed.

Public Access Catalog

NEWS KEY 25082

TITLE Paul Johnson .

SUBJECTS Johnson, Paul - Obituary.

ABSTRACT D.O.D. Apr. 3, 1917, D. of funeral Apr. 5, 1917.
Creighton, NE

PUB Norfolk Daily News
EDITION Evening Edition
DATE 07 APR 1917

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Press <Enter> to see next screen :

Read the information closely on this page then hit Enter to go to the second page of this record. The date of the obituary notice is on page one, but the page number is on page two. After noting the information on the second page of this record (see below) press the letter B to go Back to the last function.

Public Access Catalog

NEWS KEY 25082

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Choose a command :

SO=Start Over, B=Back, ?=Help, F=First Screen

If you search by keyword, it will bring up any words located anywhere in the information that was entered into the computer. That means you can find information such as: suicide, maiden names, town names, date or year, etc., i.e., all of the persons that committed suicide in 1961, all persons that had the title of Priest, all persons named Johnson from Madison, etc.

Also remember that most of these computer records are on two pages so if the page number is not showing, hit enter to go to the second screen for the rest of the information. Other commands are on the bottom of each screen.

If you are unsure of the spelling of a name or think that it could possibly be misspelled, then choose search by SUBJECT instead of keyword. That will let you browse a list of all persons in the database in alphabetical order, so that you can see similar spelled names, initials instead of first names, etc. See the example on the next page:

Public Access Catalog

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Subject (Name of Deceased) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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You can browse by SUBJECT (the name of the deceased).

Example:

WILLIAMS, WALTER (comma optional)

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Enter Subject (Name of Deceased) :
SO=Start Over, B=Back, ?=Help

Enter the person's last name and hit Enter. Then you will see the following:

Norfolk Public Library
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X	Your Search: WILLIAMS, WALTER	
X	Selected (May be truncated)	Titles
X		
X	1. Williams, U. D. - Obituary	1
X	2. Williams, V. W. - Obituary	1
X	> 3. Williams, Walter J. - Obituary	1
X	4. Williams, Warren - Obituary	1
X	5. Williams, Wayne - Obituary	1
X	6. Williams, Williams - Obituary	2
X	7. Williams, William V., Mrs. (Cora Myrtle Boyles)- Obituary	1

X
X

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Some entries will have been in the newspaper more than once. An example of that type of entry is below. Note the additional date and page in the Abstract field. This is the place where all other information is placed such as military, religious, cause of death, additional places or dates, etc.

TITLE Warren Williams
SUBJECTS Williams, Warren - Obituary.
ABSTRACT D.O.D. May 5, 1954, D. of funeral May 8, 1954.
Oakdale, NE
Also in 10 MAY 1954 on page 9.
PUB Norfolk Daily News
EDITION Evening Edition

---- More on Next Screen ----

Press <Enter> to see next screen :
SO=Start Over, B=Back, ?=Help

Don't forget to go to the 2nd page to find the date and page number of the first time it was in the paper. Do this by pressing the Enter key.

Public Access Catalog

NEWS KEY 30725

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DATE 07 MAY 1954

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---- End of Record Detail ----

Choose a command:
SO=Start Over, B=Back, ?=Help, F=First Screen

Continue to search new records by either SO (Starting Over) or B (Back). When you are finished searching, return to the main menu. Type the number beside the "Logoff" menu option (the last on the list) and press <Return> or <Enter> to log off. Hang up and disconnect from your modem.

Excerpts from the
1889 Norfolk City Directory

Bailey, Mrs. L., dressmaker, 3d betw. Park and Pasewalk aves. 8-h-w.
Baker, W. H., student, lives at Dr. A. L. Macomber's.
Barnes, J. B. attorney-at-law, Mast's building; res. Se cor. 17th and Norfolk ave.
Barnes, Dell, mason, bds. At Mrs. M. Bolton's.
Barnes, Mrs. I. F., res. The same.
Barnett, J. E., barber, bds. Morey house.
Barnett, Mrs. M. J., widow of J. Barnett.
Barright, A., freight agent.
Barright, Mrs. M. A., res. The same.
Barris, Lewis, mason, bds. At E. J. Schoregge's.
Bartz, Carl, res. Philip ave. Betw. 11th and 12th.
Bartz, Mrs. M., res. Same.
Bates, Edward, engineer, rooms at O.P. Master's.
Bathke, Miss Martha, domestic at Mrs. H. Goodrich's.
Batte, T. H. stable, 3d betw. Madison and Norfolk aves.; res. 3d and Madison ave.
Batte, Mrs. M., res. The same.
Batte, R. A., (Batte & Dellinger) 9th betw. Taylor and Pasewalk aves.
Batte, Mrs. E., res. The same.
Baum Bros. (D. & J. Baum), dry goods, 322 Norfolk ave.
Baum, D., (Baum Bros.), 10th betw. Nebraska and Koenigstein ave.
Baum, Mrs. E., res. Same.
Baum, J., (Baum Bros.), bds. As above.
Bauridel, Jno. Laborer, res. Madison ave. East of first 3-h-n.
Bauridel, Mrs. C., res. The same.
Bauridel, Comrad, bds. As above.
Beach, Miss Clara, lives at H. J. Mallory's [sic].
Beach, Miss Elma, lives at James Davey's.
Beach, Mrs. A., lives at J J. Mallory's.
Bear, Dr. A., physician, 321 Norfolk ave.; res. Sw cor. Norfolk ave. and 9th.
Bear, Mrs. A., res. Same.
Beck, Miss Sophia, laundress, lives at G. Miller's.
Beck, F. W., foreman at plaining [sic] mill, res. Se cor. Madison ave. and 1st.
Beck, Mrs. C., res. Same.
Bell, P. F., undertaker, bds. at E. M. Norton's.
Benson, Geo. J., mason, Philip ave., betw. 12th and 13th, 2-h-s.
Benson, Mrs. L., res. Same.
Berner, W. G., 209 Norfolk ave.; res. Rear of store.
Berner, Mrs. Julia, res. The same.
Best, M. J., drayman, res. 4th betw. Grove and Michigan aves., 3-h-e.
Best, Miss Alice., bds. As above.
Beymer, G. W., grocer, Main betw. 1st and 2nd aves., 6-h-w res. The same.
Beymer, Mrs. S. M., res. The same.

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Newsletter



Recent queries to the Madison County Genealogical Society

Diana K. Colburn inquires about Daniel & Delia VAUGHN, and their daughter, Lizzie Vaughn COLBURN

Ronald K. Johnson asks about Burt & Mary BARRETT and their daughter, Florence KELEHER

James Marsters is seeking information on George MASTERS

Rhonda Olsen is looking for John BARNETT

A New Name for Newsletter?

Voting to change or not to change the newsletter's name will be a part of the business conducted at our next meeting. As a member, your suggestions will be considered. Some members who hope for a change have submitted the following names:

The Elkhorn Echo
County Lines
Madison County Record
Madison County Connection
Valley Voices
Madison County Searchlight
Madison County Ripples
Madison County Lantern

Elkhorn Echoes
Madison County Lines
Madison County Echoes
Elkhorn Valley Views
Elkhorn Valley Voices
Madison County Compass
Madison County Keeper
Elkhorn Valley Voice

Madison County Heritage
Ripples
The Compass
The Beacon
The Circuit Rider
The Clarion
The Messenger
Valley Views

If you have a name you believe would be a good one for the newsletter, please bring it with you to the next meeting—just in case.

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Lunch serving committee for February: Tommie Tracy and Mickie Ryan.
Lunch serving committee for March: John Kielty and ~~Bernice Dewey~~

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