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# *Madison County Remembers...*

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## **From the President,**

I'm always impressed with the people we have in our society. I'm astounded by the variety of family stories I hear, and the phenomenal number of surnames. We get queries from pioneer families long moved away. And yet it seems strange that few of the names seem to overlap in our own personal research. Recently, I have kept my eyes open, for a member who is looking for old German maps. I don't have any German roots, so far, but doing research for others has advantages for the researcher.

First, it forces us out of our own ruts. We go the same way to work, the same way to the store, and use the same books and microfilms. If we are familiar with the records in our area, doing research for others lets us see the other migration patterns, the other time periods, and the other ethnic groups.

The second advantage for doing research for others is the increased knowledge about our area records. I've found books and parts of microfilm records that I've never used. This knowledge may help me in the future, in my own research.

The third advantage is contact with other people. While I was looking for old German maps, this researcher shared with me his find, an 1895 Nebraska County map, on-line. So while I was helping someone, I was helped. Our contacts with other people give us an increased ability to scan the profusion of lists, maps, county and family histories available on-line and in many genealogical publications. For a part-time, or even a full-time genealogist there is just too much information out there.

These are some of the reasons we should all be doing research. Help a newcomer, a friend, or answer a query to your society. Doing research work will keep your wits sharp and your brain cells from shutting off. Then you won't get that strange disease which is a combination of *deja vu* and *amnesia*. You won't hear yourself saying, "I think I've forgotten this before!!?"

Keep up the good work.

John Kielty

## ACTIVITIES/MEETING REPORT

At a recent meeting, Dan Mauk of Camera Concepts talked about one of the most important inclusions in our family history--photographs of our ancestors. We should care for them with respect. The greatest enemies of our cherished family photographs are light and humidity. These do the most damage to any photograph, especially those on colored film. Black and white pictures have the greatest lasting power, the type of film used for almost 100 years. We should seriously consider having a copy made of the pictures we want to display, and storing the original in a safe place. Copying a colored photo using black and white film will also help keep a record of someone important.

Damaged photos can be repaired using a computer and scanner. There are several software programs that work well for this. Dan displayed several photos that had been repaired, and the results were impressive.

Long-term storage of family pictures and memorabilia should be carefully done. The storage containers should be acid free and the environmental humidity low. Separate each print with acid free paper if storing several together. Don't store them in the basement, since the humidity is usually higher there. If those photographs are in a plastic or magnetic album, they should be removed, as the plastic will distort the image. Polyurethane sleeves will not harm the pictures. Read the sleeve label for information when purchasing. Negatives, too, should be preserved properly. Most camera stores carry negative protectors.

Old black and white pictures are very stable, but the elements can still get to them. They need to be stored carefully. It is interesting that silver was used in photos early in their development, and it is still used today. Light acting against silver in both negatives and prints creates the picture.

Computer printouts have been completed for three cemeteries in Madison County. These were displayed at our last meeting. The committee has set a price of \$2 per set for copies. The members also voted on a name for our newsletter: Madison County Remembers. It is now published bi-monthly. Our library has a new book. It is *Migration, Immigration and Emigration* published by Everton. The members also decided that the Society should issue membership cards as many research locations ask for some identification.

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The March 21, 2000 program will be hosted by Don and Dorothy Munson. They will share information about their trip to Sweden. Refreshments will be served by John Kielty and Jean Masters.

The April 18, 2000 program will be a presentation by Betty Bohac on her search for the Mayors of Norfolk. Refreshments will be served by Bernice Dewey and Sue Askew.

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Genealogy is like Hide & Seek: they hide and I seek!!!

Since the last printing, we have had only one query. Lynda Elais is searching for a Thomas W. EVANS and his wife Sarah Ann.

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I am on a personal quest. I am looking for anyone who has information on the miniature railroad and the zoo that were at the TA-HA-ZOOKA PARK in Norfolk, Nebraska during the 1950's. I am interested in why that area was started, who started it, when did it disband, and what happened to the railroad when it left Norfolk. If anyone could help with this project, please contact Karen Rogat, 905 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701 or e-mail me at [krogat@conpoint.com](mailto:krogat@conpoint.com).

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JUST A THOUGHT. The year 2000 is a census year and most of the census will be taken by mail. After you have filled out your census form, why not make a copy of it and file with your important (genealogy) papers. Then your family will not have to wait 70 years to learn about you.

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In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here are a few Irish links found on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlwgw/>  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlker/>  
<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>  
[http://www.bess.tcd.ie/roots\\_ie.html](http://www.bess.tcd.ie/roots_ie.html)  
<http://www.irishroots.net/>  
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>  
<http://www.iol.ie/~tipplibs/Welcome.htm>  
<http://tiara.ie/>  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/index.html>  
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Prairie/8088/ire.html>  
<http://www.fortunecity.com/bally/kilkenny/2/iremaps.htm>  
<http://www.standard.net.au/~jwilliams/irelinks.htm>  
<http://www.iol.ie/~thu/>

And in honor of Easter and Passover, here are a few sites on the Middle East:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdeastgw/israel/>  
<http://www.research.co.il/990323.html>  
<http://www.genhomepage.com/jewish.html>  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdeastgw/>

**NEWS AND NOTES FROM ROOTSWEB.... SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX (SSDI).** The January 2000 update of the SSDI is in place with a total of 62,917,259 entries. This version reflects 205,468 additions since the last update, 40,756 changes, and 1,537 deletions. The URL for the SSDI is:  
<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>  
Source: RootsWeb's Genealogy News, Vol. 3, No. 8, 23 February 2000. RootsWeb:  
<<http://www.rootsweb.com/>>

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EXCHANGES  
MARCH 2000

Adams County Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 424, Hastings, NE 68902-0424  
Battle Creek Public Library - P.O. Box D, Battle Creek, NE 68715  
Boone-Nance County Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 231, Belgrade, NE 68623  
Dodge/Jefferson County Gen. Society - P.O. Box 91, Watertown, WI 53094-0091  
Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 541, Fremont, NE 68026-0541  
Elkhorn Valley Historical Society - P.O. Box 1114, Norfolk, NE 68702-1114  
Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library - P.O. Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828  
Franklin County Gen. Soc. C/O Helen Brandt - P.O. Box 413, Latimer, IA 50452-0413  
Holdrege Area Genealogical Club - P.O. Box 164, Holdrege, NE 68949-0164  
LaSalle County Genealogical Society - 115 West Glover St., Ottawa, IL 61350  
Leila Stahl Buffett Genealogical Center - P.O. Box 258, West Point, NE 68788-0258  
Library of Congress Exchange and Gift Division - Washington, D.C. 20540  
Lincoln-Lancaster County Gen. Society - P.O. Box 30055, Lincoln, NE 68503-0055  
National Gen. Society - 4527 Seventeenth St. North, Arlington, VA 22207-2363  
NE History Network, Inc. - 1997 280th St., Seward, NE 68434-7823  
Nebraska State Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 5608, Lincoln, NE 68508-5608  
NISIAN - P.O. Box 5049, Lincoln, NE 68505-5049  
Norfolk Public Library - 308 West Prospect Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701  
*Box 271* ✓ Northeastern Nebraska Genealogical Society - P.O. Box ~~169~~<sup>271</sup>, Lyons, NE 68038-~~0169~~ *0271*  
Northwest Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 6, Alliance, NE 69301-0006  
Plains Genealogical Society - 208 South Walnut Street, Kimball, NE 69145  
Platte Valley Kinseekers - P.O. Box 153, Columbus, NE 68602-0153  
Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 1122, Grand Island, NE 68802-1122  
Rebecca Winters Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 323, Scottsbluff, NE 69362-0323  
SENGS C/O Heritage Room - 100 North 16th St., Beatrice, NE 68310  
Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 176, McCook, NE 69001-0176  
Tri-State Corners Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 524, Humboldt, NE 68376-0524  
Wayne County Genealogical Society - 508 N. Douglas Street., Wayne, NE 68787  
Western Reserve Historical Society - 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106  
Woodbury County Genealogical Society - P.O. Box 624, Sioux City, IA 51102-0624

This list is organizations that receive our newsletter. If they publish a newsletter, they send it to us. They are available in our Society library for use by members. We are now sending our newsletter to these libraries.

Allen Co. Public Library	P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270
Madison Public Library	P.O. Box 387, Madison, NE 68748
Meadow Grove Public Library	P.O. Box 198, Meadow Grove, NE 68752
Newman Grove Public Library	615 Hale Avenue, Newman Grove, NE 68758
Tilden Public Library	P.O. Box 457, Tilden, NE 68781

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## MEMBERSHIP

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Please send any corrections of name, address, phone number, or Email to NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE, Madison County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.

Please note: the zip code for the Post Office Boxes in Norfolk is 68702.  
The Madison County Genealogical Society zip code is 68702-1031.

This issue of **Madison County Remembers** is being sent to many new people who have not received our publication in the past. If you are not a current member of the Madison County Genealogical Society this March - April issue is free to you. If you would like to join and receive our new publication, a form is provided on page 47. There will be many interesting things in the future issues.

## NEWS FLASH!!!!

**Coming soon to a computer near you !!!**

The **Madison Co. Genealogical Society** will have a website hosted by Rootsweb.

The address will be <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nemcgs/>

We hope to be on-line shortly. Keep checking as there will be lots of additions and changes.

Excerpts from the  
**1889 Norfolk City Directory** (Cont.)

Bickford, J. C., tinner, at Wiley Hardware Co.  
Birchard, A. T., (Birchard, Bridge & Co.), bds. at Mrs. B. C. McKee's.  
Birchard, P. T., res. sw cor. 9th and Pasewalk Ave.  
Birchard, Mrs. - - res. same.  
Blair, R. N., (R. N. Blair & Co.), 312 Norfolk ave; bds. at the Pacific House.  
Blair, Mrs. - -, res. same.  
Blanchard, - - sewing machine agent, res. 10th betw. Nebraska and Koenigstein ave., 1-h-e.  
Blanchard, Mrs. - - res. same.  
Blank, G., 1st betw. Philip and Park aves.; 2-h-e.  
Blank, Mrs. W., res. same.  
Blatt, Wm., clerk, bds. At E. J. Schoregge's.  
Blend, Wm., driver, nw cor. 5th and street rear of Park ave.  
Blend, Mrs. S., res. The same.  
Boeche, Wm., res. Pierce betw. 2d and 3d aves., 2-h-w.  
Boeche, Mrs. B., res. The same.  
Boeck, Miss Hulda, domestic, at F.P. Stone's.  
Boeck, Miss Emma, domestic, at J. W. Gibson's.  
Boeck, Jno., laborer, res. Madison ave. East of 1st, 2-h-n.  
Boeck, Mrs. B., res. The same.  
Boeck, Miss Augusta, bds. As above.  
Bogle, Mrs. A. widow of Wm., lives at R. A. Stewart's.  
Boller, Ernst, res. Braasch ave. Betw. 1st and 2nd, 2-h-s.  
Boller, Mrs. E., res. The same.  
Bolton, Mrs. M. widow of Samuel, 12th north of Prospect ave.  
Book, J. P., 4th betw. Park and Pasewalk aves. 8-h-e.  
Book, Mrs. K., res. The same.  
Box, G. W., se cor. 5th and Braasch Ave.; res. Madison Ave. Betw. 5th and 4th 1-h-s.  
Box, Mrs. L. E., res. same.  
Boyles, Jno., drayman, nw cor 9 and Hayes ave.  
Boyles, Mrs. J., res. The same.  
Braasch, W. R., clerk at D. R. Daniel's, bds with same.  
Braasch, - -, sw cor. Philip Ave. and 5th.  
Braasch, Mrs. - -, res. same.  
Brady, James R., janitor, ne cor. 4th and Park ave.  
Brady, Mrs. L. A., res. same.  
Bridge, Chas. S., (Birchard, Bridge & Co.), res. Norfolk Ave. betw. 11th and 12th.  
Bridge, Mrs. M. B., res. same.  
Brier, Henry H., carpenter, res. Taylor ave. betw. 11th and 12th 1-h-n.  
Brier, Mrs. M. M., res. The same.  
Briggs, Chas., brakeman, bds. At H C. Matrau's.  
Briggs, P. H. cashier at Creighton depot, bds at L. M. Gaylord's.  
Brockner, John, 3d betw. Park and Pasewalk aves., 1-h-e.  
Brockner, Mrs. F., res. The same.  
Brome, L., 13th betw. Philip and Park ave. w-s.  
Brome, Mrs. M. E., res. The same.  
Brome, Miss Laura P., res. As above.  
Brome, Miss Fannie, res. As above.  
Brooks, H. W., milkman, 2nd betw. Bluff and Pasewalk aves., 2-h-w.  
Brooks, Mrs. J., res. The same.  
Brooks, Frank, milkman, bds. As above.

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

## GLEANINGS

**INSTANT DATES** - Have you ever heard of "instant dates"? There are some archaic terms referring to dates that will make you stop and blink if you run across them in your genealogical research. For example: *Monday instant*--if used, usually means "today". *The 10th instant*--usually means the 10th of the present month. *The 20th ultimo*--the 20th of last month. *Monday last*--the most recent Monday. *Tuesday next*-- the nearest Tuesday to follow. *December last*--the most recent December. While the terms "next" and "last" are usually written out, the term "ultimo" is sometimes written "ULT" and "instant" is "INST". It is important to note the date on the document being studied as that is the key to dates the writer refers to.

Source: *Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society, Inc. Grand Island, NE. October 1999*

**PONY EXPRESS** - If you find a letter that had been delivered with no stamps in your family documents, this means the letter was written before 1847. In 1711, fourpence was the charge to carry a letter any distance up to 60 miles, sixpence was the charge for 60 - 100 miles. Fourpence in English money was about 8 cents in American money. These rates applied to letters on a single sheet of paper. If two or three sheets were used, the rates were doubled or tripled. Postage was not paid in advance because of the uncertainty of delivery but was collected from the person to whom the letter was addressed.

The mailmen were called postriders. About the time of the American Revolution, stagecoaches were used to carry mail because they could carry a heavy load, and mailing became cheaper. With the rapid settlement of California, the Pony Express began weekly service between St. Joseph, MO and Sacramento, CA. Later, two trips a week were made. California was helped to stay in the Union during the 17 months that the Pony Express existed. The Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express was the actual name of the Pony Express. In 1847, our present system of prepaid postage by means of stamps became the norm.

Source: *Ancestors Unlimited. Southwest Nebraska Genealogy Society. McCook, NE. Summer 1999.*

**DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS** - An excellent clue for dating your old photographs is an automobile in the picture. If you have such a photo in your collection, send a copy of it with a request for assistance to: Research Center, Henry Ford Museum, P. O. Box 1970, Dearborn, MI 48121-1970. The Museum has an immense collection of all kinds of vehicles from the earliest days. Be sure to include a SASE with the request.

Source: *Ancestors Unlimited. Summer 1999.*

**INFORMATION ON COAL MINERS** - If you have an ancestor who was a coal miner, you may want to research records at the Eastern Regional Coal Archives, Craft Memorial Library, 800 Commerce Street, Bluefield, West Virginia 24701. This library welcomes materials as well.

Source: *Ancestors Unlimited. Fall 1999.*

## Regional Center Cemeteries

There are two known cemeteries on the grounds of the Norfolk Regional Center. The oldest is located east of the power plant nearly in the middle of the section. Entrance is through a pasture and several locked or chained gates. You must get permission from the power plant personnel to enter. This cemetery has 3 markers, 2 are veterans. There is no listing of persons buried here as it was lost in the fire in 1901. The cemetery is fenced and well maintained. It is a very peaceful and quiet location. Since this is a State Hospital cemetery, information will not be released except to immediate relatives or by a court order. There are at least 75-100 graves here and possibly many more.

Markers in this cemetery are:

Lewis, John Co. E. 4 IA Inf. There are no dates on this stone. This is a military marker believed to be Civil War, and located in the eastern part of the cemetery.

Zink, Marion E. Born 7 Mar 1874, Died 7 Mar 1910 This is a nice upright granite monument located in the northeastern part of the cemetery.

Carey, Calvin L. Born 1845 Died 1895 Pvt. Co. G 54 NY Inf. This is a military marker believed to be Civil War. It is located in the southeastern part of the cemetery.

The newer cemetery for the Regional Center is located at the intersection of Benjamin Ave. East and State Highway 35. It is on the north side of the road and surrounded by trees and shrubbery. There were 6 markers in this cemetery when it was walked in 1975. Since then, Allen Bigfire's marker is missing, and two graves have markers now that did not have markers then. It was walked again in September 1999. There are approximately 450 graves. There are 7 markers existing today. Since most persons buried here were unclaimed by relatives at the time of death, only a very few have obituaries in the local newspapers. Burials ceased here in the 1950's.

Twiford, Martha Ann Born 31 Jul 1867 Died 3 Oct 1917, Wife of John Twiford. This is a pretty little light colored stone in the Northwest corner. The verse says "At rest".

Bigfire, Allen Died 20 Jul 1919 aged 22 years This marker has been stolen. It was a pretty white stone, heart shaped on top.

Stepan, Leopold Born 1879 Died 1920 This is a low rounded off stone, white to gray color.

Blele, Caroline Born 23 Sep 1880 Died 1 Oct 1921 This is a heart shaped stone like Allen Bigfire's was.

Carlyle, Walter Born 10 Mar 1859 Died 27 Nov 1941 This is possibly a military stone as it has a shield design on the front.

✓ Sandoz, Elsie Raymond Born 1879 Died 1946 "Mother" This is a sister to Mari Sandoz, the Nebraska author, and the daughter of Old Jules Sandoz.

Sander, Elizabeth Born May 1871 Died 26 Mar 1938 Her maiden name was HARNAPP.

Lyonette, Henriette Born 1853 Died 1924.



# PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The following cemetery publications are available for sale. The following is a list of last names of persons buried in each of these cemeteries. A completed copy of each cemetery list including inscriptions, verses, and all known relationships is now available. Also included is a map of the county with the cemetery highlighted and driving directions.

**Madison County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.**

**Zion Evangelical Cemetery** commonly called **Schmitt/Rottler** **\$2.00 and a SASE, Business Size with \$.33 postage**

Bender (4 graves)	Miller (4 graves)
Blank (4 graves)	Rottler (2 graves)
Crozier	Schmitt (7 graves)
Frey (2 graves)	Treinius (4 graves)
Herden	Unknowns (at least 2 graves)
Messerschmidt	Ziehmer (2 graves)

**Kohl Cemetery** **\$2.00 and a SASE, Business Size with \$.33 postage**

Blank (2 graves)	Rudat (3 graves)
Ganskow (2 graves)	Seip (2 graves)
Hoene	Sump (2 graves)
Kohl (20 graves)	Unknowns (2 graves)

**Warren Cemetery** also called the **Howard Cemetery** and the **Terry Cemetery** **\$2.00 and a SASE Business Size with \$.55 postage**

Baker	Higbee (3 graves)
Colegrove	Holbrook
Colgrove	Ives (3 graves)
Danes (4 graves)	Lea
Downey (3 graves)	Lewis (2 graves)
Duncan (3 graves)	Terry (6 graves)
Erskine (3 graves)	Unknowns (2 graves)
Hayes	Warwick

## **The following items are also available for sale:**

Cost is \$.05 each picked up at the monthly meeting or from the library.

They can also be shipped in the United States.

**Postage paid: \$3.00 for up to 25 sheets (mix n match items below)**  
**\$5.00 for 26-49 sheets (mix n match items below)**

**5 generation ancestor charts** on permanent non-yellowing paper (archival)  
**Family Group sheets (10 child)** on permanent non-yellowing paper (archival)  
**Data work sheets for recording information as it is gathered from various sources**  
**Genealogy letter-pedigree (for requesting information from possible relatives)**

## TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN A GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY THIS YEAR

(From Juliana Smith, Editor, Ancestry)

1. Many Genealogical Societies have preserved records that may have otherwise been lost and made them more accessible by recording them in their publications. Your support is needed to continue this work.
2. "Genealogical Societies are the first line of defense in the battle to preserve our historical documents in a format that will ensure accessibility for generations of researchers. Their members are the daily users of the records and will feel the first effects of restricted access. It is a tremendous responsibility to keep a watchful eye on what is happening at the local, state, and national levels." This quote by Curt B. Witcher, FUGA, FGS Past President and Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library (Fort Wayne, IN), sums up the important responsibility that societies undertake to help ensure that your ancestors' records are available to you when you need them.
3. Through newsletters, societies keep you abreast of all the latest news in the genealogical community, including upcoming conferences and events sponsored by your organization as well as others.
4. Many societies also produce quarterlies for members that may contain indexes, transcriptions, lists of hard to find records or addresses, and other valuable forms of information specific to your research.
5. Societies are a great place to learn new techniques to help further your research. They can also help you hone research skills and remind you of the fundamentals that are so important to your work.
6. Societies often maintain collections that can be helpful with research and may include hard-to-find items specific to the society's area of interest.
7. Genealogical societies afford researchers a forum in which to exchange information with others that have similar research interests. Many societies can help you learn to use the internet mailing lists and newsgroups to exchange information on-line. Societies however are open to all genealogists with or without a computer.
8. Local or ethnic societies are a great place to get information on regional records and their availability. This is information that may be hard to come by otherwise.
9. Societies help set priorities and seek public and private investment to keep records available to genealogists everywhere. Organizations with many members carry more weight and can often accomplish what individual researchers cannot.
10. In order to get legislators, and custodians of the records we need, to take notice and respect the needs of the genealogical community, they need to know we are out here and that there are millions of us. In the Editor's Note of the Jan/Feb. 1999 issue of Ancestry Magazine, Loretto D. Szucs says, "If we want to have access to the records we need, we have to be counted. And when you are on a membership or subscriber list, you are countable!"

Genealogical societies form a solid foundation upon which the genealogical community rests. But in many cases, this foundation is crumbling. Many societies are suffering from declining memberships and a crippling lack of volunteers. If these institutions that have given us so much are to survive, they need your support on both a local and national level. By helping societies, you are in essence, helping yourself.

Source: Juliana Smith, Editor, Ancestry.

Discover  
the  
*Madison County Genealogical Society*  
and your family roots.

- ◆ Monthly meetings (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- ◆ Assistance with your family research.
- ◆ Sharing the joys and frustrations of research with other interested members.
- ◆ Working on society projects--currently walking cemeteries, indexing obituaries, etc.
- ◆ Membership includes use of the society library.
- ◆ Learning new techniques and valuable tips.
- ◆ Discounted forms.
- ◆ Special programs, workshops, and speakers.
- ◆ Newsletters now 6 issues per year (was quarterly).

Membership costs  
\$10 per person, \$15 per family  
September through August  
Many other societies charge twice this amount.

Come, join the  
Madison County Genealogical Society  
and get addicted to one of the fastest growing hobbies in the USA.

YES! I wish to join the Madison County Genealogical Society  
Enclosed is my check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is \$10 per person or \$15 per family per year September through August.

PLEASE— ONLY ONE NAME PER FORM

Mail to: Madison County Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 1031  
Norfolk, NE 68702-1031

The Madison County Genealogical Society was established in June 1973.

**Meetings:** The Madison County Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month except December at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 404 W. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE.

**Officers for 1999-2000:** President: John Kielty; Vice-President: Richard Streng; Secretary: Sue Askew; Treasurer: Don and Dorothy Monson

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