

Madison County Remembers...

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From the President,

One of the pleasurable duties I have as President is checking the society's post office box. I look forward to the little chore. I never know what I'll find, a variety of newsletters and various correspondence, and queries. A query is a question. Our society receives its share of questions so, I'd like to share some of my experiences with queries.

First, I have to know to whom I am writing. And this includes why I am writing to them in particular. I once made a form letter for one of my surnames and sent it off to everyone of that surname in Louisville, KY. I received no replies, which is probably a good thing. But now I know I have to do my research first, starting with what I know then working backwards.

Second, I need to know what information I am looking for. I wrote a historical society in Napa, CA, looking for an obituary for a gg grandmother who, according to family lore, died there in Aug. 1906. I couldn't be sure an obituary existed for this grandmother or that the Historical Society would have copies on microfilm or otherwise. The researcher who took my query misread my family group sheets, but I still got my obituary.

Third, I need to organize my existing information and review the research I have already done. This process will help me to know what information I am looking for. The organizing of my thoughts is critical to how I frame the question I will ask. The trick in writing queries is for me to give the right amount of information. Our society has received letters that provided too many names and dates. We've also received letters asking about a pioneer in Madison County in the late 1880s. The letters were not specific enough.

In answering queries, there are many bits of information about families that may elude us. These bits of information turn out to be the fun details of research. For examples, my grandmother was born in Tilden, Madison County, but her baptism is recorded in Norfolk, Madison Co. At that time the Catholic priest only came to Tilden monthly for services. Or a couple could marry in Norfolk but move north 10 miles to Pierce Co. or east 5 miles to Stanton Co. If they were church going, their records could

be in their new location, or they could have traveled back and forth to Norfolk for their old pastor. This could result in their church and land records being stored in different counties. Our ancestors lives were complicated by the promise of inexpensive land, which gave them a ready reason to travel to new areas.

We all do research as volunteers, to help our fellow researchers and to make a little money for our society. The hardest query to answer is from someone with muddled thoughts. The person either asks too many questions to be answered at once, or goes on and on and never gets around to articulating a specific question. The most important thing I've learned by answering queries for other people is to ask one or two simple questions. We need to write good queries to receive the information we need.

September is the beginning of our fiscal year. I want to thank our outgoing Vice-President Richard Streng for arranging some excellent programs for our society this past year. I give Sue Askew many thanks for her minute-keeping and for sending news releases to the county media, keeping people informed about our society activities.

John Kielty

MEETING HAPPENINGS

The Society meetings have been varied and interesting. The July meeting featured input from the members describing documents they have discovered, telling how they found them, what information they received and what information they hoped to get and didn't. It was reassuring to hear that others had the same problems we did, that our experiences aren't unique. It helps to know that we are on the right track, even with the setbacks.

In July we had our election of officers. Serving for the year 2000-2001 will be: President, John Kielty; Vice-President, Mickie Ryan; Secretary, Diane Ramaekers; and Treasurer, Don Monson. Their term of office begins September 1. We will give them all the support that is needed.

In August, we went brown-bag touring. We visited the Barnes Reserve Cemetery in Madison and had our evening meal at the Madison County Historical Society Museum. Marge Fuhrmann gave a very interesting report about the cemetery. She was very involved in preserving it and protecting it from becoming a city swimming pool. Marge displayed early records, pictures, and news articles about the landmark.

The Madison County Historical Society Museum has many interesting exhibits. The Nebraska county quilt exhibit was interesting to see. Each county in the state created a block to be included, showing their unique features. The quilt was created for the 1994 State Fair, which was the 125th anniversary of the fair.

Another exhibit was memorabilia about Richie Ashburn, a Tilden native who was a famous big league baseball player. He played for the Philadelphia Phillies and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

We recommend a visit to the museum for an interesting hour or two.

And at the July Meeting . . .

Members brought documents or materials which have been of interest to them while doing their own genealogy. **Karen Rogat** brought a Bible of Max Rogat from Lauken, Germany, which included birth dates to 1822. **Jeanne Rix** brought census records showing that an Isaac Endus apparently had two wives. **Nylotis and Mike Moats** showed 1877 and 1881 diaries kept by A. W. Moats. **Marge Fuhrmann** showed us pictures of Gross Mill and St. John's Lutheran Church in Corning, MO, and a chart of the Gross family in Nanz-dietschweiler (Rhineland Pfalz). **Diane Ramaekers** brought pictures of her ancestors and told about the Otis side of her family which can be traced back to 1791. **Harold Lyon** told us about two Lyon families in the 1850s in Wisconsin who lived side by side for 20 years until some moved to Nebraska and some to Iowa. **Joan Moody** related that she had found some family information in unusual places: a listing of cuts on sheep's ears which also listed their owners' names and a Canadian apothecary's notebook which listed birth dates for family members. **Bernice Dewey** brought photocopies of the St. John Lutheran Church baptismal record from Dubuque, IA, for the Eckhoff and Gatena families. **Nancy and Dave Zaruba** brought a copy of a marriage record showing that a relative was born in Julienhain, Bohemia, Austrian Empire. After much searching, they found it to be a German name for a Czech town, but they could not find a map which showed its location—even at a Czech library. Eventually, they were shocked to find a map hanging on the wall of the public library in Wilbur, NE, which had Julienhain on it. **Tommie Tracy** said she found the documents she wanted at a state archives, had them copied, put them away until she could work with them, only to discover that the person who copied them had not copied them all. Tommie reminded us to always check our copies before we leave—especially when “they” do the copying. **Mickie Ryan** brought letters written during the Civil War and a photograph of Finley Ryan, the soldier who wrote them. **Richard Streng** brought an obituary that showed his great grandfather having lived in Kansas and then in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Recent Queries to the Madison County Genealogical Society

Diane **Bursting** of Belle Mead, NJ is looking for information on Max **ROSENTHAL** (born July 1865 Russia/Poland) and his wife Hannah (born April 1865 in Russia/Poland). Also for their children, Lizzie (born 1886 in Russia/Poland), William (born 1888 in Russia/Poland) and Sarah (born 1899 in Madison County, NE).

Janet **Evertsen** of Muskegon, MI is searching for a Lena **SWANSON** of Newman Grove, NE. She would like census between 1880 and 1930, particularly the 1920, church records, and/or cemetery records for Lena and any family members.

Ken **Rulf** of Grand Junction, CO. is searching for information on:
Peter J. **RULF** and his wife Elizabeth who came to Madison County in 1883.
Emilie **SCHUMACHER** who married Julius **HUEBNER** in 1880 in Watertown, WI.
Elizabeth **RULF** and her brother Jacob about first papers in Madison County.
Peter **RULF'S** sister Karoline **RULF** who married Adam **EMRICH**. They came from Germany in 1884 to Stanton, NE., and to Madison County.

Excerpts from the
1889 Norfolk City Directory (Cont.)

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Coyle, Mrs. L., res. The same.
Crabtree, M. W., contractor, res. Park Ave. betw. 6th and 7th, 1-h-s.
Crabtree, Mrs. L., res. The same.
Croley, Jno., drayman, bds. At J. P. Book's.
Collins, D. M., agent U.P. and C. St. P. M. & O.R.R.; res. 9th betw. Nebraska and Prospect Aves. 1-h-w.
Collins, Mrs. K. Residence the same.
Cross, L. O., plumber, res. 12th north of Prospect Ave.
Cross, Mrs. M. G., res. The same.
Cotton, S. S., res. Nw cor. Norfolk Ave. and 11th.

D

Daniel, Dr. D. R., druggist, 108 Norfolk Ave; res. Sw cor. 1st and Norfolk Ave.
Daniel, Mrs. N. A., res. The same.
Daniel, J. L., bds. As above.
Dart, J. S., loan agent, res. Se cor Park and 6th.
Dart, Mrs. _____, res. The same.
Datlof, Carl, res. 1st, opposite Verges.
Datlof, Mrs. H., res. The same.
Davenport, Geo., traveling salesman, res. Sw cor. Madison Ave. and 12th.
Davenport, Mrs. M. E., res. The same.
Davenport, Jno., bds. As above.
Davenport, Miss Ella, bds. As above.
Davenport, Frank, bds. as above.
Davey, James, engineer, 4th, betw. Bluff and Grove Aves., 3-h-w.
Davey, Mrs. M., res. The same.
Davey, Wm., bds. As above.
Davis, G. R., salesman, 12th, betw. Koenigstein and Norfolk Aves., 1-h-w.
Davis, Mrs. I., res. The same.
Davis, Frank, laborer, res. Ne cor. 15th and Koenigstein Ave.
Davis, Mrs. J., res. The same.
Davis, Miss Mary, domestic, bds. As above.
Dayton, E. E., barber, nw cor of Madison Ave. and 16th.
Dayton, Mrs. F. A., res. The same.
Dean, S. G., painter, se cor 8th and Taylor Ave.
Dean, Mrs. M., res. The same.
Degner, Miss Emelia, domestic, at Rev. J. P. Mueller's
Degner, Julius, res. Sw. Cor. Pasewalk ave. And 4th.
Degner, Mrs. W., res. The same.
Degner, Albert, hardware, 222 Norfolk ave.; res. 4th, betw. Pasewalk and Bluff aves.,
1-h-w.
Degner, Mrs. K., res. The same.
Deraad, Albert, res. Braasch ave. Betw. 1st and 2d, 2-h-n.
Deraad, Mrs. S., res. The same.
Deraad, Dirk, mason, bds. As above.
Deraad, Mrs. Alice, bds. As above.
Desmond, Daniel, ne cor. 10 and Nebraska ave.
Desmond, Mrs. E., res. The same.
✓ Dewey, S. J., yard master, res. Madison st. Betw. 1st and 2d aves. 2-h-e.
✓ Dewey, Mrs. E. M., res. The same.
Dexter, W. H., (Gillett & Dexter); res. Nw cor. Elm and 11th.
Dexter, Mrs. A. M., res. The same.
Dickerson, Edward, fireman, rooms at Thos. Ferguson's.
Dickey, Mrs. Barbara, lives at R. V. Hunter's.
Dodge, C. O., printer, bds. 17th, south of Madison Ave., west side.

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

Our Newsletter is expanding a little to put information from a different township of Madison County into each issue. When information from a township is scarce, as some were barely populated, we will stick in additional information from townships we have already featured. In this particular issue we are focusing upon Madison Township.

Some insight into the feel of its major community, Madison, back in 1882 can be obtained by a brief look at what the little town had to offer its 600 residents:

5 General Stores	2 Hardware Stores	2 Harness Shops
2 Blacksmiths	2 Shoe Dealers	1 Flouring Mill
2 Banks	3 Law Firms	1 Doctor
2 Lumber Yards	1 Brick Yard	5 Stock Breeders
2 Hotels	2 Public Schools	1 Private School
1 Newspaper		

churches?

(Facts from History of the State of Nebraska. II. (Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1882) 1108.

Looking at a list of some of Madison's leading citizens shows us they were primarily from northeastern states and German-speaking countries:

W. J. Barnes (Proprietor of Madison Hotel)	Dutchess County, New York
F. W. Barnes (Banker)	Dutchess County, New York
Phil Bauch (<u>Chronicle</u> Editor)	Kankakee, Illinois
H. E. Becker (Furniture Dealer and Undertaker)	Germany
Dr. S. J. Bridenstine (Physician and Surgeon)	Pennsylvania
P. A. Clark (Coal and Farm Machinery)	Otsego County, New York
L. W. Findeisen (Hardware)	New Francken, Wisconsin
Herman Fricke (Liquor)	Hanover
F. W. Fritz (County Treasurer)	Prussia
William Gerecke (County Clerk)	Germany
F. Hoffman (Jeweler, Watchmaker)	France
H. D. Kelly (Attorney)	[Ohio?]
Rev. William E. Kimball (Presbyterian Pastor)	Frankfort, New York
C. Neidig (General Merchandise)	Germany
E. F. Prince (Hotel Proprietor)	Berkshire County, Mass.
W. M. Robertson (Attorney)	Delaware County, New York
William T. Searles (County Judge)	Jefferson County, New York
H. G. Seidel (Lumber and Lime)	Germany
M. C. Scott (Postmaster)	Jefferson County, New York
A. H. Steele (Druggist)	Huron County, Ohio
James Stuart (Banker)	Kent, Connecticut
J. J. Sherlock (UP Railway Agent)	Newport, Kentucky
F. W. Wolf (A Proprietor of Madison Mills)	Germany
A. C. Tyrrel (Banker)	Berkshire County, Mass.

(Facts from History of the State of Nebraska. II. (Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1882) 1108-9.

Madison County, Nebraska Townships

Jefferson	Deer Creek	Valley	Norfolk	T 24 N
Grove	Highland	Battle Creek	Warnerville	T 23 N
Emerick	Schoolcraft	Fairview	Union	T 22 N
Shell Creek	Kalamazoo	Green Garden	Madison	T 21 N
R 4 W	R 3 W	R 2 W	R 1 W	

In the above R = Range, W = West, T = Township, and N = North.

Madison Township is thus T 21 N, R 1 W in Madison County, Nebraska.

Each township in Madison County is in the shape of a square.

Each township is 6 miles east to west and 6 miles north to south.

Each township contains 36 sections.

This is how the sections are numbered within each township:

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

Each section is one square mile in size.

Each section contains 640 acres.

Each section can be divided into one-fourths (quarters). This would be shown as NW 1/4 or NE 1/4 or SW 1/4 or SE 1/4.

This makes each quarter section of land 160 acres in size.

You can further breakdown the size by 1/4's to obtain 40 acres.

This can be broken down further by 1/4's to obtain 10 acres of land.

Keep this table as a reference tool, as future issues will cover each township in sequence. Each issue will cover a specific township and the towns, churches, cemeteries, families, and other interesting information found in each.

First Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church was organized in 1870 under the guidance of two ministers from Columbus: Rev. Sheldon Jackson, who preached the first sermon, and Rev. J. M. Wilson, who became the first minister.

The first Presbyterian church was built in 1871 and dedicated in 1872. It was on Madison's Main Street, but a tornado destroyed it on Sept. 28, 1881. The second Presbyterian Church was dedicated August 6, 1882 (Images 65), during the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Kimball, who served it for 17 years until August 31, 1896. In December of that year, Rev. W. J. Oliver came until the summer of 1897. It was Rev. Fredrick Tonge, however, who was credited with bringing the church into self support, because "prior to this, the church had regularly received funds from the Board of National Missions." Pastor Tonge served until late in 1898. Then Dr. G. L. Little and his wife came, but he was not installed as the pastor. In 1900, Rev. C. W. Lorrie arrived. Later, Rev. Theodore Morning was installed. In 1894, the church was rededicated and added a bell tower. Then in 1914, a new church was dedicated when Dr. J. E. Farmer was pastor (66).

St. Leonard's Catholic Church

When Madison County was organized in 1868, few Catholics lived in the area. John Dieter's home became the location for the first Mass said by Rev. J. P. Bedard. Then Patrick O'Shea and Thomas Lindner offered their homes for Masses conducted by either Rev. Fred Uhing or Rev. Anselm Peutz twice yearly.

By 1879, the railroad had brought in more settlers, and a church was needed. So a meeting was held at William Abts house over in Stanton County. Among those present were Rev. Cyprian Bansheid, "Michael Adelman, Anton Ganser, Joseph Lindner Sr., Thomas Lindner, George Malin Sr., Patrick O'Shea, John Reisinger and Joseph Rief Sr." By November of 1881, the church was built—its measurements were 40' x 30', and it could hold 100 people. But it was on a hill out of town. In 1898, the parishioners split the building in two and hauled the two sections into Madison where they also enlarged it (68). A cemetery was purchased in 1882. In 1989, St. Leonard's was listed on the National Registry of historic places (69).

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Originally known as the Evangelisch Lutherische Immanuels Gemeinde, it was organized in 1901. Pastor G. F. F. Mueller served until Ernest Pfeifer was called later in the year. There were 47 charter members, 24 men and 23 wives, along with their 73 children. "Dick Boe, Gotthelf Polenske, Paul Renner, Jacob Long, Charles Gross, Charles Mavis, Fran Schmidt, Jens Jacobson, Carl Polenske, August Buettner, Fritz Buettner, Frank Buettner, Paul Fischer, Claus Schmidt, August Peterson, August Wendt, Peter Juergensen, Juergen Leu, Gustav Klitzke, Henry Juergensen, Willhelm Buettner, Gottlieb Buettner, Jens Jensen and Thomas Peterson" were among those first members (64).

The congregation held services in homes until they could purchase a building at 403 South Main Street (63) from the First Baptist Church in 1902. A bell tower and sacristy were added later. Then in 1909 a parsonage at 407 West 5th Street was bought from "Wilhelmina Hickstein but sold when the church became part of a dual parish and the pastor resided in another town." In 1977, the church again had a full time pastor (64).

The church joined the Midwest Lutheran Synod; and in 1954, several synod mergers began, and its name is now The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (64). An organist for the church, Martha Zessin, the daughter of Pastor Fricke, played for services for 50 years, retiring in 1958 (65).

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church originally met in the home of D. I. Nimmert. "The first Communion Service of record for Trinity Lutheran "was held on the fourth Sunday of Advent, 1882, three years before the congregation was organized." Formal organization was 8 November 1885 under Pastor Hoffman with about 17 charter members. The first church was dedicated before 7 September 1887 (70).

A second church, dedicated November 7, 1909, had sermons given in both English and German from 1918 up until the 1940s (70).

Trinity Methodist

In spite of the fact that a church had not yet been built, the Methodists of Madison had a parsonage for Rev. Charles Wesley Wells ca. 1875. The members met in another denomination's church for awhile (70), but on December 9, 1877, they laid the cornerstone for their new church. A second church was built in 1891. It was the one destroyed by fire in 1949 (71).

Source: Q-125 Book Committee. Images of Yesterday . . . Visions of Tomorrow: 1867-1992, Madison, Nebraska. (1993).

In *The Madison Star*, June 19, 1896, I found the following entry:

"Dr. Hutchinson has decided to place his eight-legged calf on exhibition July 4th in our city."

It wasn't exactly what I was looking for, but that issue of the paper did contain two good sources for Madison Township surnames. The first was a group of teachers from Madison, NE, who were in attendance at the Two-Week Teachers Institute. These teachers were: Jacob Lang, Ed Sachtjen, Emolyn Smith, Minnie Pyrrel, Grace Rummans, Maud Steen, Howard Little, Edith Richardson, Nellie Wakely, Myron Hodges, Alice Elrod, Bessie Emry, Gilbert Emry, Orel Jones, Grace Thomas, Clara Miller, Minnie Webb, Della Morrison, Eva Campbell, Grace Campbell, Ella Bickley, S. J. McElhoes, Tillie Fricke, Eva Davis, Emma McElhoes, Cecelia Abts, Ida Bryant, Lois Purdue, Mattie Caraher, Jno. Wehling, Verna Seely, Cora Snure, Josie Heilman, Eunice Coleman, Mary Glenn, Phebe Wills, Minnie Vail, and Mrs. Maggie Mahood.

The second source was a group of names which appeared in the ads. I have listed them according to the occupations with which they were associated:

✓ Attorneys	Allen, Reed, and Ellis; M.J. and I. E. Moyer
Watchmaker	H. B. Hobbs
Physician	E. N. Smart
Tubular Wells*	Andrew Hagglund
Barber	John Conway
Justice of Peace	F. W. Wolfe
Tailor	Otto Koberlin
Livery Barn Proprietor	W. C. Elley
Furniture Store	H. E. Becker
Auctioneer	Ben Davis
Saloon Owner	Joe Vlazny
Saloon Keeper	J. H. Murphy

*I know this isn't an occupation, but Andrew Hagglund was responsible for filling orders for them. What IS a tubular well, anyway?

1899 Madison Township, Madison County, Nebraska

The following is a selection from the Plat Book of Madison County, Nebraska 1899. The heading inside is *Patrons' Directory of Madison County, Nebraska*.

Madison

Name	Business	Post Office	Sec.
Adelman , Joseph A., ...	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	28
Harris , C. H.,	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	8
Jefferson , J. H.,	Farmer and Breeder of Improved Livestock	Madison	17
Makelin , Wm.,	Farmer and Breeder of Hereford Cattle, Poland-China Hogs and Fine Poultry	Madison	28
Mavis , Chas.,	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	14
McGehee , E. T.,	Farmer, Stock Raiser, Feeder and Shipper	Madison	6
Nichols , Joseph,	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Creston	35
Peterson , Aug.,	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	30
Richardson , M.,	Proprietor of Pleasant View Stock Farm; Breeder of Jersey Cattle and Poland-China Hogs ...	Madison	21

City of Madison

Name	Business
Becker , H. E.,	Dealer in Furniture, Glass and Carpets, Undertaker and Embalmer.
Bley & Herbison	Proprietors of Union Valley Rolling Mills.
Büttner & Zessin	Dealers in Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods.
Campbell , S. O.,	Attorney-at-Law.
Childs , Arthur P.,	Publisher of the <i>Madison Reporter</i> .
Crum , C. W.,	Superintendent Public Instruction.
Donavan , J. B.,	Editor <i>Madison Star</i> .
Elley , Walter C.,	Proprietor of Diamond Front Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.
First National Bank	General Banking Business. Interest Paid on Deposits.
Fricke , Herman	Dealer in Agricultural Implements. Machinery Repairs always on Hand.
Grabel , Frank	Physician and Surgeon.
Hagglund , O. F.,	Thresher and Laborer.
Heilman , E. G.,	County Clerk.
Horst , Frank	Dealer in Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Stoves and Tinware.
Horst , E. H. & Co.,	Proprietors of Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.
Johnson , W. D. & Co., ...	Proprietors of the Madison Cash Store. The Lowest Priced House in the city. Call and be convinced.
Jones , Stephen & Son	Dealers in Lumber, Coal and Live Stock.

Kaul, Chas. F.,	Brick manufacturer, Contractor and Builder. Patentee of the only Automatic Draft Regulator Continuous Down-draft Kilns, Continuous Up-draft Kilns, Fired Furnaces.
Korst Bros.,	Dealers in hardware, Stoves and Implements.
Long, F. A.,	Physician and Surgeon.
Madison State Bank	Do a General Banking Business, Loans and Collections.
Malone, Thos. J.,	Real Estate loans and Insurance.
Malony, R. A.,	Official Abstracter, Notary Public and Conveyancer, Farm Loans and Real Estate.
Moyer & Foster	Attorneys-at-Law.
Murphy, J. H.,	Proprietor of Senate Saloon. Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Wines, Liquors and Cigars. Choicest Brands of Beer.
Nichols, James	Attorney-at-Law.
Nicholson, D. Q.,	Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing and Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Notions. Largest Stock in the City. Call, Examine and get Prices.
O'Shea, Thos.,	Real Estate and Loan Agent.
Parkinson, Wm.,	Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Tinware, Queensware, Glassware, Lamps and Furnishing Goods.
Prince, F. P.,	Proprietor of Prince Hotel.
Richardson, Geo. E., ...	Real Estate, Loans, Abstracts, Collections, etc.
Rubendall, A.,	Pharmacist.
Schavland, Chr.,	Clerk of the District Court.
Schwank, Andreas	Dealer in Windmills, Pumps and Scales. Tubular Wells and Tanks made to order.
Smith, C. S.,	Real Estate Broker, Loan and Insurance Agent.
Sprout, G. W.,	Farmer, Feeder and Shipper.
Thatch, A. J.,	County Surveyor, also Dealer in Real Estate.
Thomas, M. F.,	Dealer in General Merchandise.
Wilde, Carl	Treasurer of Madison County.

Crown Hill Cemetery --- Clausen Cemetery

In Crown Hill Cemetery are the burial sites for Henry and Mary J. D. **Clausen** along with two children. On the large upright family monument the following was found:

"In 1890 seven acres of this cemetery was laid out and plotted by Henry **Clausen** and named Clausen Cemetery, in 1910 it was transferred to Madison Cemetery Assn. and is still known as Clausen Cemetery."

The burials are near the main entrance just north of the circle driveway. The following information was found on the individual markers for this family:

Henry **Clausen** Apr. 23, 1838 --- June 11, 1917
 Mary J. D. **Clausen** May 2, 1843 --- Dec. 8, 1924
 Adelia S. **Clausen** Mar. 14, 1879 --- Dec. 11, 1882
 Peter H. **Clausen** June 26, 1875 --- Sept. 3, 1875

Barnes Reserve Cemetery

This cemetery is located in south Madison on a hilltop just north of the swimming pool. It has had several names – Hill Cemetery, Founders Field, Prospect Hill and today is known as Barnes Reserve Cemetery. The land was donated by Henry Mitchell Barnes, the founder of Madison. It replaced Madison's first cemetery located in a small lot behind the Presbyterian church. (Location today---3rd and Main) There had been 7 to 10 burials there. The bodies were removed to the new cemetery. The year was 1874. It is ironic that the first burials in the new cemetery were twin grandsons of Mr. Barnes in July of that year. Mr. Barnes died on November 3, 1876. He had just returned from a visit to his native New York where friends and relatives had donated a bell for his church. The bell tolled for the first time at his burial service. He was buried on his windswept "prettiest" hill.

In 1910 a new cemetery was established called Crown Hill. Barnes cemetery was little used, and there were many removals to the new cemetery. By 1930, vandals had broken stones and cattle were grazing therein. Mary Bickley Robinson, a pioneer, and Alice Hall, County Superintendent, called on the townspeople for help. An effective restoration was done.

Years later, and again forgotten, the cemetery was offered for sale. It wasn't until the spring of 1979 when the area was proposed for a swimming pool that concerned citizens became alarmed at the possibility of desecrating sacred ground. Percy Upton and Stuart Trine proved to be master craftsmen as they repaired, cleaned, polished various sizes of stones, mostly broken and difficult to move. An unusual monument was designed---a 5' by 28' concrete cross as the base for 53 tombstones which were incorporated into wet concrete. All the workers involved donated their labor from start to finish.

Note: Identification on almost 100 burials in the cemetery is on file due to research by a Madison County Genealogical Society member, Marge Fuhrmann of Norfolk.

Source: Images of Yesterday...Visions of Tomorrow: 125 Years, Madison, Nebraska, 1867-1992.

Crown Hill Cemetery

Crown Hill is south and east from Madison, across the [road] from St. Leonard Cemetery. It had its beginning in 1890 when Henry Clausen, a Madison resident platted seven acres of his homestead for a cemetery. A cemetery was needed because Barnes no longer had available lots.

In 1910, the Madison Cemetery Association was formed and agreed to acquire the Clausen Cemetery and 10 acres contiguous to it. There is an arched gateway at the entrance where visitors find a impressive group of monuments—Spanish-American War, Grand Army of the Republic, and Firemen. The latter honors also the Auxiliary Firemen members. The area is attractively landscaped and there are many walks and drives.

Source: Images of Yesterday...Visions of Tomorrow: 125 Years, Madison, Nebraska, 1867-1992.

St. Leonard Catholic Cemetery

St. Leonard Catholic Cemetery is located a short distance south and east of Madison. In 1881 land on the hill had been purchased for a parish church. [The first Trustees of the church, Patrick O'Shea and Thomas Linder, purchased five acres of land upon a hill north and west of the present Catholic cemetery. The first church was built at a cost of \$957.61]. The church was completed in November of that year. At the urging of one of the Franciscan priests who came each weekend for services, more land was purchased for a cemetery. The first burial was in September 1882, that of Anna Gertrude Brand, age 1. An Association was formed in 1939. The board of directors set prices for the lots and arranged that a percentage be set aside for perpetual care of each grave. A Crucifixion group consisting of a steel cross and 4 granite stone figures was erected in 1947.

Source: Images of Yesterday...Visions of Tomorrow: 125 Years, Madison, Nebraska, 1867-1992.

The Madison County Genealogical Society was established in June 1973.

Meetings: The Madison County Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except in 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: Dr. Charlton Ryan; Secretary: Diane Ramaekers; Treasurer: Don and Dorothy Monson ✓

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