

Madison County Remembers...

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From the President,

This time of year puts me in a thoughtful frame of mind. Once Halloween is here, I know I have to get ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our family life is bound up with traditions and fond memories that we wish would become traditions.

Traditions are like family stories, both need to be kept alive. The telling of family stories can become as big a tradition as Mom's special pie. It will take time. You will have to find someone to show. You can't pass on a recipe without "showing the person how." In the same way, family stories need to be shared, and the fruits of our research need to be explained. The next two months are a perfect time to share the story of that piece of china, that bed, that picture. Now is the time to get out your old photos and show someone what you looked like back in the old days.

A photo from 1962 can be just as strange as a photo from 1922. What could you explain about the photo? Where were you and what were you wearing? Photos are an easy way to pass on family stories. Other people have a visual aid to help them remember the story.

Over time we all become research centers for our families. If you want people to know how to make cornbread stuffing, or how the folks came over from Poland, you have to teach someone these things. Take time to pass on Grandma's chocolate cake recipe, but also pass on what kind of woman Grandma was.

Have a good holiday season, make opportunities for sharing.

John Kielty

September Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held on September 19, 2000, at the First Baptist Church, Norfolk.

President John Kiely called the meeting to order with 17 members present. The following members were in attendance: Joan Moody, Harold Lyon, Karen Rogat, Nancy Zaruba, Dave Zaruba, Jean Masters, Dale Masters, Tommie Tracy, Danny Hergert, Jeanne Rix, Margerie Fuhrmann, Doug Harbottle, Vice-President Mickie Ryan, Secretary Diane Ramaekers, Treasurer Don Monson and Dorothy Monson.

Mickie Ryan presented a program on "Homesteading." She described events surrounding the beginning of homesteading and the events leading to the Homestead Act of 1862.

During the business meeting, various committees discussed their progress. They are as follows:

Cemetery Committee: Jim Curry of WJAG/KEXL will be walking with them through St. John's Green Garden Cemetery on Wednesday, September 20, 2000.

Resource Membership: This is still being worked on. More information will be available next month.

Library Committee: They have met twice with the Elkhorn Valley Museum to see about moving our library to their building. There would be some sacrifices made, and limited space is available there for it, but the Museum seems generally favorable towards the idea. There were a lot of questions dealing with this move. Some items of interest that were brought up were:

- who would have ownership of the books, and should the museum get rid of anything would we have first options on it?
- we need to get legal ownership of our library contents (have to contact those who donated the material.)
- furnishings of the room, i.e., copy machine, furniture, etc.
- when we do research, do they get a percent of the fees?

Our members present at the September Society meeting voted on the issue of whether or not they favored moving our library. The majority was in favor of the proposed move. Further discussion was tabled for the next meeting. Marge Fuhrmann reported that the Madison County Historical Society does not want our library.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved with the following correction: "in reference to new business of membership, that should be old business." The treasurer's report was read. Don Monson approved it and Nancy Zaruba seconded the motion. We have \$1092.61 in checking and \$1057.14 in savings. Various newsletters were displayed.

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2000. The speaker will be Amy Mancini-Marshall of the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. She will present the program on "Little Known and Unknown Facts about Norfolk."

Don Monson moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Marge Fuhrmann seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

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Did you know the **Omaha Public Library** has an excellent genealogy collection? They have most of the census microfilm (nationwide) and are adding more steadily. They also have Soundex, Mortality Indexes and Census Indexes.

Homesteading

By Charlton Ryan

After President Lincoln was elected President, Congress passed the Homestead Bill on May 20, 1862. This bill made it possible for a person who met three conditions to file a claim for free land. The conditions were:

1. Be 21 years of age or older
2. Be a citizen of the U.S. or intend to become a citizen
3. Be a person who never bore arms against the U.S.

Those who met the conditions were entitled to 160 acres of land. Those who staked out their future property on railroad grant land, however, could only choose 80 acres.

The future landowner had to go to the nearest federal land office with a property description and file an application for the land. After filing, the applicant was allowed six months to move onto the land and begin making improvements. Then the applicant had to maintain "continuous residence" on the property from the time of filing until a five-year period was up.

After five years, but not more than seven and a half years, the applicant could appear with two witnesses who were to testify that the applicant had met the terms of his land claim, which included making improvements. The settlers referred to this process as "proving up." Once the claimant proved that he had met the requirements, the federal government issued him (or her) a land patent, which was essentially a deed to the homesteader's land issued by the government.

Fewer than half the land claims made in Nebraska were ever proven, or completed. For various reasons, the claimants failed to prove up. Many claimants found the stipulation requiring five years of continuous residence too difficult, some found the conditions too harsh, some had problems with claim jumpers and/or Indians, some lost their lives, and others returned to families back home. Homesteaders earned their land, even if it was free.

Homesteading Terms

Entryman Person filing the claim at the Land Office

Agent Or land agent. Helped people who were new to the area find a suitable claim. Sometimes an agent could help the homesteader describe the property in order to file the homestead application. Unfortunately, some land agents were unscrupulous and charged big prices.

Speculator A person who either bought land from a settler with the intention of selling it at a higher price or a person who filed a claim with the intention of selling the land rather than living on it for five years. The land speculator might hire people to make fraudulent claims.

Commutation To pay the declared federal price of the land in order to get a patent.

Preemption Right A person who was already living on land before the government surveyors arrived frequently felt that because he lived there, he had the right to have that particular piece of property as his homestead. He felt he had a preemption right to the land.

Land Clubs Were formed by groups of settlers in particular locations. They worked together to keep outsiders from their land club area. Forming a land club made it possible for settlers to live on unsurveyed land. After a survey, and after the government put the land up for sale, the land club members worked together to control land prices.

Jumper Someone settling in on a previously occupied homestead, a claim jumper. If a homesteader ever left his land for a period of time, he left himself and his land open to the jumper. If the jumper could get to the land office and prove that the homestead was unoccupied, the jumper could take out a homestead application on the property.

Filing The process of making an application for homestead land.

Patent When the homesteader had fulfilled all requirements for property ownership, the government issued him or her a patent—similar to a deed proving ownership. Copies of patents issued to homesteaders may be obtained from the Government Land Office

Relinquishment Throwing in the towel. Giving up the homesteading process. Leaving. Or selling out to a jumper.

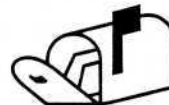
Proving Up Proving to the land office that the terms of making a homestead were completed.

Squatter A person illegally living on government land.

Saline Land Grant Government land around salt springs which was turned over to the state. Nebraska got 72 sections of land this way.

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Welcome New Members



Nylotis and ^{Myron}Mike Moats - 401 Emerald Drive, Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 371-3261
Clark Young - 1103 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 644-8143
Karen Kallhoff - 1803 Sunset Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701 (402) 379-2839

Change of Address:

Marilyn McQuarrie - 1118 W. Placita Inspirada, Green Valley, AZ 85614-4732 ✓

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Query

A query was received from: John L. Weiler, P.O. Box 557, Hunt, TX 78024
He is seeking information on his grandfather John W. Wray. Louise Wray was married to John Looker and lived in Norfolk, Madison Co., NE around 1930-1950. Is Louise Wray a daughter to John W. Wray? Any information would be appreciated.

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Don't trust everything you see in print. Authors of genealogy books make mistakes, and people who transcribe and abstract courthouse records make assumptions that you might not make. Always double check the information in books with the primary source any time you can. Source: RWGS Trail Seekers, (Rebecca Winters Genealogical Society, Scottsbluff, NE) Mar/Apr/May 2000 issue.

October Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held on October 17, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Norfolk. President John Kielty called the meeting to order with 20 members present. Those in attendance were: Dave Zaruba, Nancy Zaruba, Karen Reed, Karen Rogat, Joan Moody, Joyce Barlow, Nylotis Moats, Jeanne Rix, Mike Moats, Sue Askew, Richard Streng, Tommie Tracy, Vice-President Mickie Ryan, Secretary Diane Ramaekers, Treasurer Don Monson, Dorothy Monson, Margerie Fuhrmann, Dale Masters, Doug Harbottle. Casey Hilbers and Clark Young were guests in attendance and Mr. Young joined.

The guest speaker was Amy Mancini-Marshall, Director of the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. She presented a program on "How History Gets Written."

After a short break of refreshments and visiting, the business meeting began. The secretary's report was read and approved by John Kielty and seconded by Karen Rogat. The treasurer's report was read and approved. We have a checking balance of \$1354.18 and a savings balance of \$1058.66.

Under old business, several committees reported on their progress:

RESOURCE MEMBERSHIP: John Kielty is still working on the information/resource packet. He is narrowing down the information to be included. It was suggested that, once finished, it could be available on the web site.

WEB SITE: Nancy Zaruba reported that Walt Pinnt would be helping with this. Help is needed on establishing links, setting up graphics and also layout.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: A letter has been drafted and will be sent out to all members within the next couple of days. This letter will allow all members to either retrieve previously donated materials or relinquish their rights to donated materials. Amy Mancini-Marshall also suggested that a notice should be put in the paper. That would allow non-current members to also be notified. A few adjustments were made to the letter. Don Monson approved the letter and Sue Askew seconded it. The motion carried.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: They will be walking the Iowa Valley Cemetery on October 21, 2000. Help is needed to enter data into the computer or to proofread. It was reported that Jim Curry of WJAG/KEXL enjoyed the walk through with the members and has expressed interest in walking with them again.

Membership cards were passed out. Various newsletters were displayed. No new queries were received since last month.

Under new business, the Newsletter Committee reported that they would like to expand the newsletter from 12 to 22 pages as needed to include more of the vast amount of information available. Jeanne Rix made a motion to approve the change, Karen Rogat seconded it, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Richard Streng will present a program on "How to Get the Most out of Grandma's Tombstone."

There being no further business, Karen Rogat moved we adjourn. John Kielty seconded; motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Diane Ramaekers

Genealogy – a search for the greatest treasures, our ancestors.

How History Gets Written

By Amy Mancini-Marshall

It is said, "The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there." If the past is indeed a foreign country, then the documents, photographs, and objects left from the past are our passport. However, this passport does not gain us full access. We are given a moment in someone's life—an isolated event. From this we are to determine the story of their life. As genealogists, you realize how this works. A worker in the archive room hands you a small folder. Inside this folder is a letter from an old neighbor in the old country to your great-grandmother. In it there are at least 3 words that are illegible and 2 sentences just do not make any sense at all and there are at least 2 or 3 "facts" that contradict what you thought you knew before.

This is the stuff history books are made of. Historians take letters, diaries, accounts, journals, documents, newspapers, and other sources and from that sort out what the real story is. Unfortunately, historians have to make conclusions based on inferences from the documents. The problem arises when these half-truths and inferences are woven into the blanket of history—once in print, it becomes "True". For some people, we cannot change our account of history—it is after all the record of things that have already occurred. When, history is the record of what people *said* occurred, so the past remains foreign to us. We only travel to the parts that are saved and recorded, and we do it with the eyes of another. How do historians decide what to save and include in history? How do genealogists and family historians decide what to include? Much of the time the decision has already been made for them.

First, we can only discuss in our histories what has been written down and saved from the past. We all know people who saved receipts from 1968, first grade papers, and newspaper clippings from generations ago. They write the name of every person on each photograph. Most of us leave our pictures for months before we even put them in albums. We think—I need more space, no one will ever be interested in all of this—and we throw it away. Most of us do not keep journals or diaries of our lives. Most of us don't write letters anymore either. The rich resources historians have to work with now, like diaries from the Civil War and letters home will not exist for the historians of the future. In this day of e-mail and delete, our written record of business and personal correspondence is being erased.

Next, those written records that are not thrown away are usually given to a museum or archive at some point. Then people like me decide if we want to keep it in our building. Our decisions are based on several considerations. Does it apply to us? Is it original? Is it a copy of a newspaper that you could find in any library or is it an original document—a one of a kind? Would someone come looking for that here, or would it just sit? Would it be better suited for another museum or library? Do we have space for it? The result is that what you find in a library or research center is what an administrator thought was important enough to save from the items offered for donation.

Finally, people go through the sources in research centers, and they select "important" facts. They combine this information with information gleaned from other books and histories. Out of that they publish a book. You take their book and copy information from it into your history. Now, we are often several steps removed from the actual source of information—a very dangerous practice for those doing research.

I was never more aware of this as when Bernice Dewey, Nancy Zaruba, Joan Moody, Fred Stafford, Sheryl Schmeckpeper and I wrote our new Norfolk history book. Many people will use this book to determine how Norfolk grew. If we didn't include something, then it did not become a part of public memory. If we left out a business or a building or an event then it didn't become part of history. Only the things that are written down are remembered. What an awesome responsibility for us, and what a burden to bear. You cannot include it all, and you cannot remember everything. The best you can hope for is accurate information and thorough research. These things do not come without sacrifice; they only come with hard work—long hard work. But in the end we are left with History—the kind with the capital H. Whether that is community history, family history, or "other" it is important work. It is made out of past lives to enrich lives and to make us better prepared to live in the present.

FEATURE OF THE MONTH

GREEN GARDEN TOWNSHIP

Green Garden Township in Madison County, Nebraska 1899

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

Name	Business	Post Office	Sec.
Brand, Geo. ,	Farmer and Breeder of Improved Livestock	Madison	8
Büttner, August	Farmer, Breeder, Feeder and Shipper of Stock. Poland China Hogs a Specialty.....	Madison	25
Büttner, Martin	Farmer, Breeder, Feeder and Shipper of Stock. Poland China Hogs a Specialty	Madison	36
Demmel, P. H.	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Humphrey	34
Denninger, Rev. E. ,	Pastor German Lutheran Church..	Madison	8
Dieter, John	Farmer, Feeder and Shipper	Madison	17
Maurer, John	Farmer, Feeder and Shipper. Poland China Hogs a Specialty...	Humphrey	26
Maurer, Jacob	Farmer, Feeder and Shipper. Poland China Hogs a Specialty ..	Humphrey	35
Schmitt, Christ	Farmer and Breeder of Improved Livestock	Madison	8
Wehenkel, Henry	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	5
Weinberger, Joseph	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Madison	2

Sittler's Index of Nebraska Newspapers

The State of Nebraska did not keep vital records until after 1904, so the best and often only [way] to obtain vital record information before that date is with Sittler's Index of Surnames. Melvin E. Sittler went through all the NE newspapers from 1873-1900, indexing all surnames associated with significant events. His Index is available on a set of microfiche at your nearest LDS Family History Center, filed under Nebraska State Vital Records. The call number is Salt Lake Book Area US/CAN 978.2293 D22si. If it is not there, it can be acquired on permanent loan at no cost to you.

The first 16 microfiche cover 1873-1899, and 1 fiche covers the year 1900: v.1 (4 fiches), #6093604; v.2 (4 fiches), #6093605; v.3 (4 fiches), #6093606; v.4 (4 fiches), #6093607; v. 5 (1 fiche), #6117319.

With the information from Sittler's, you can send \$1 per article to the Nebraska State Historical Society (include a SASE), refer to Sittler's as your source, provide names, date, volume, page, and in 1-2 weeks you will have a photocopy of the original item.

---by Catherine Harper & Arlis Renfro, Nov 1998, via *Leafy Branches*, Hastings, NE.

Source: Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society [Grand Island, Nebraska] August 2000 newsletter.

1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska

The following is a selection of business and people found in the book 1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska. The abbreviations are as follows: S. for Section; P. for Precinct [or township]; P.O. for Post-office address. The date following a name indicates the length of time the party has been a resident in the county.

Green Garden Township

- Blank**, Herman Jr., Farmer, S. 12, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1888.
- Boysen**, August, Farmer and Breeder of Poland China Hogs, Shorthorn Cattle, Percheron Horses and White Rock Chickens, S. 1, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1881.
- Buettner**, Herbert, Farmer and Director of School District No. 7, S. 25, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1883.
- Claus**, J. H., Farmer, S. 30, P. Green Garden, P.O. Humphrey. 1885.
- Dieter**, Jos., Farmer, S. 16, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1874.
- Dittberner**, Otto, Farmer and Breeder of Graded Stock, S. 14, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1873.
- Dittberner**, Theo., Farmer, S. 15, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1874.
- Feiling**, Frank, Farmer, S. 3, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1876.
- Feiling**, S., Farmer and School Director for fifteen years. S. 2, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1885. Has served as Assessor.
- Hahn**, Chris., Farmer, S. 12, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1912.
- Kurpogweit**, Samuel, Farmer, S. 10, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1873.
- Maurer**, Frank C., Farmer, S. 27, P. Green Garden, P.O. Humphrey. 1888.
- Maurer**, J. F., Pleasant Dale Farm, S. 26, P. Green Garden, P.O. Humphrey. 1881.
- Maurer**, Wm. P., Farmer, S. 35, P. Green Garden, P.O. Humphrey. 1885.
- Mueller**, August, Farmer and Breeder of Graded Stock, S. 14, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. Mr. Mueller has served as Director of School District No. 40 for twenty-six years.
- Preuss**, Fred A., Farmer, S. 32, P. Green Garden, P.O. Humphrey. 1872.
- Raguse**, Kate, Farming and Breeding of Graded Stock, S. 10, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1872.
- Schwank**, Edward, Farmer, S. 11, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1887.
- Schwank**, Fred, Farmer, S. 12, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1879.
- Weltz**, Charles, Farmer, S. 23, P. Green Garden, P.O. Madison. 1876.

Railroad Worker Ancestors?

Write to: US Railroad Retirement Board
844 N. Rush
Chicago, IL 60611-2031

For employment information.

Source: Kin Seekers. Platte Valley Kin Seekers, Columbus, NE. Vol. 20, Issue 3, Fall 2000.

Churches in Green Garden Township

Submitted by Charlton Ryan and Tommie Ann Tracy

The **Zion Evangelical Church** was also known as the **Evangelical United Brethren Church**, and also as the **Schmitt Evangelical Church in Green Garden**. It no longer exists. Its cemetery is located 6 ½ miles west of Madison, then 2 miles south, then .1 mile east. It is frequently referred to as the **Schmitt/Rottler Cemetery** and today as the **Zion Evangelical Cemetery**. The church was located across the road to the south of the cemetery. One of the early ministers was Rev. William C. Frey whose son William H. Frey married Johanna "Anna" Schmitt. She was the daughter of Christian Schmitt and Philippina Gabelman who gave the land for the cemetery. The land for the church was sold for a minimal amount by the Daniel Knapp family and reverted back to the family when the church disbanded.

St. John's Lutheran Church, founded in 1874, can be seen today in a lovely location with an expansive view of fields on gently rolling hills as its backdrop. Their first pastor was Rev. J. Rupprecht of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. The homes of its earliest members, Philip Scheer, Philip Knapp, Jacob Gabelman, and Mrs. Catherine Knapp, served for meeting places until a church could be constructed. In 1877, with the arrival of Rev. Jacob Hoffman from Kansas and construction of the new building, they held the church's dedication service.

Almost a decade later, the congregation was ready for a new church. They built it and dedicated the second church in 1891, using the older building as a school. About 1909, a choir was organized under the direction of Mr. O. A. Sunderman. A newer school was built in 1916, and the St. John's Lutheran Church we see today is the third church, dedicated 21 October 1924.

The earliest pastors who have served here were: Rev. J. Hoffman (1877-1887); Rev. E. Denninger (1888-1906); Rev. E. Just (1906-1928); and Rev. O. Wehrman (1928-1938).

The St. John's Lutheran Cemetery is located just behind the church, which is 6.5 miles west and 1 ½ miles south of Madison. It is in fine condition and well maintained. Our Society is currently engaged in listing all the graves located there.

Sources: Q-125 Book Committee. Images of Yesterday . . . Visions of Tomorrow: 1867-1992. Madison, NE. (1993). 67-68.

Fuhrmann, Marge. Interview. 9 November 2000.

Madison County Genealogical Society. "Cemeteries in Madison County, Nebraska."
Unpublished Manuscript/book.

A visit last week to the Omaha Public Library made an impression on this author. OPL has the entire set of Filby's Passengers and Immigration Lists Index and also the entire set of Filby's Germans to America. They have a fabulous collection and are building rapidly. Their collection includes Nebraska Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I service records, naturalizations index, and lots of materials for counties and cities in Nebraska outside of Omaha. They also have lots of materials for other states and foreign countries. Their microfilm collection is fabulous. **How about a one day bus trip to the Omaha Public Library in, perhaps, January or February?** This could be done for about \$20 a person if we get 25-55 people to go. For more information contact Nancy Zaruba at 379-4654 or nzaruba@kdsi.net. Omaha Public Library's website is: <http://www.omaha.lib.ne.us/> Browse their catalog.

Christian Schmitt, Early Settler

The Christ Schmitt home was located six miles west, two south, and one-half mile east of Madison. The home was built around 1884 by Christ Schmitt for his wife, Philippina, and their 13 children. When it was built, the home had 18 rooms. In addition to his family, the home was a residence for the hired men and the minister from the Evangelical United Brethren Church which stood a short distance to the west. Mrs. Beth Rottler, at one time, lived in the home and said that the dining room of the house was 16 feet by 24 feet and that the table would seat 40 people. [Mrs. Beth Rottler's husband was Frederick A. Rottler. He was the son of William and Clara Elizabeth (Schmitt) Rottler]. The house was the first in the area to have a gas lighting system and also the first to have water in the house with an inside bathroom.

Christ Schmitt was a county commissioner at one time. He donated the land for the first District 19 school house and also the land for the cemetery that still is in existence on the north side of the road across from where the church stood. Christ Schmitt was a native of Germany. He was born May 17, 1844, at Machenback, Reinfals, in the Province of Bavaria on the Rhine. He died at his home, south of Madison, Nebraska on April 17, 1914 [or April 7, 1914]. Mr. Schmitt left his native land, embarking on the steamship "FERKRUTZ", coming by way of Havre, France, to Liverpool, and from there to New York. After landing in the new world he started for the west, and settled in Will County, Illinois, where he remained five years. He married Philippina [or Philipina] Gabelman on January 19, 1869. [She was born Sept. 22 1848 and died Aug. 20, 1901.] Philippina was a sister of Jacob "J. D." Gabelman. After her marriage to Christ, they moved to Nebraska in 1871. He liked the country so much that Jacob and his parents moved to Nebraska in 1872, and also homesteaded in Green Garden Precinct. Philippina's parents lived on the homestead until they retired in 1875.

Their 13 children are:

- Katharina was born in Dec. 1869. She married Fred Bender. She died in Feb. 1916, at the age of 47 years. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery
- Caroline was born in Apr. 1871. She married William Kohl. She died in Jan. 1922, at the age of 51 years. Buried in Kohl Cemetery.
- Phoebe was born in Aug. 1873. She married Gustav Miller. She died in May 1930, at the age of 57 years. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- Johanna "Anna" was born in Jan. 1875. She married William Frey. She died in Sept. 1927, at the age of 52 years. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- Christian D. was born in May 1876 and died in May 1922, at the age of 46 years.
- Jacob R. was born Feb. 9, 1878, and died Aug. 10, 1955, at the age of 77 years. He married Martha Kallweit.
- George O. was born in Aug. 1880 and died in June 1959, at the age of 79 years. He married Amelia Rottler [1879-1906]. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- William was born July 2, 1882, and died Jan 30, 1952. He married Esther Emilie Wegner.
- Fred P. was born in Aug. 1884 and died in Apr. 1919, at the age of 35 years. He married Gladys Jenkins [1886-1957].
- Margaretha, born May 27, 1886, and died on Aug. 20, 1887, at age of one. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- Clara Elizabeth "Lizzie" was born Sept. 2, 1888, and died Feb. 6, 1922, at the age of 34 years. She married William Rottler. He was born Dec. 16, 1875, and died Jan. 5, 1967. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- Martha was born in May 1892. She married Herman Blank. She died in Nov. 1954, at the age of 62 years. Buried in Zion Evangelical Cemetery.
- William A. was born on July 2, 1882, and died on Jan. 30, 1952, at the age of 70 years. He married Esther Emilie Wegner. Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

More information on these families can be found in the sources listed below.

Sources: "125 Years of Memories" 1867 - 1992 Madison, Nebraska. Published in 1993.

Madison County Genealogical Society, Schmitt/Rottler Cemetery, Published in 2000.

Madison County Genealogical Society, Kohl Cemetery, Published in 2000.

Information extracted and compiled by Richard Strenge.

Green Garden Cemetery (St. John's Lutheran)

Green Garden Cemetery is located next to St. John's Lutheran Church in Green Garden Township. It is a large cemetery with a chain link fence. There are many interesting markers and many persons with the same last names. The earliest marked graves are from 1878 and 1879. Many of these graves are of early settlers of the township and are of German ancestry. Many of the markers are large and ornate with verses written in German. This is an active cemetery with room for future expansion. It is very nicely maintained. There are also a fair number of unmarked graves in the two oldest south sections.

These are the last names of persons buried in the cemetery in marked graves.

Ainsworth	Gross	Meisinger	Schlender
Ballard	Harms	Moening	Schmidt
Barnhard	Henseleit	Mueller	Schwartz
Batty	Hoene	Muller	Schweitzer
Beltz	Hone	Nathan	Sunderman
Blank	Jung	Niewedde	Sundermann
Blugel	Just	Polenske	Tetzloff
Boysen	Kalmer	Preuss	Thomsen
Calmer	Kaul	Proplesh	Unknowns
Christiansen	Knapp	Raguse	Vetter
Claus	Krueger	Rakowsky	Wacker
Demmel	Kurpgeweit	Reeg	Weiler
Dittberner	Linstadt	Renner	Zessin
Eeucker	Love	Sattler	
Freudenburg	Maurer	Scheer	
Gabelman	McChesney	Schilling	

Outdated Medical Terminology

Outdated Term	Current Term	Outdated Term	Current Term
Apoplexy	Stroke	Lung fever	Pneumonia
Bad blood	Syphilis	Lung sickness	Tuberculosis
Bright's disease	Glomerulonephritis	Blood poisoning	Septicemia
Consumption	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Podagra	Gout
Cretinism	Congenital hypothyroidism	Pott's disease	Tuberculosis of the spinal vertebrae
Dropsy	Congestive heart failure	Quinsy	Streptococcal tonsillitis
Fatty liver	Cirrhosis	Scrofula	Tuberculosis of the neck lymph nodes
Glandular fever	Mononucleosis		
Grippe	Influenza		
Jail Fever	Typhus		
Lock jaw	Tetanus		

Source: Franklin Record [Franklin County Genealogical Society, Hampton, Iowa] July 2000.

Some Early Day Madison County Physicians

by F. A. Long, M. D.

This article deals only with physicians who came to Madison County before 1900.

The first medical practice act passed in Nebraska took effect in 1881. It provided that graduates of reputable medical schools shall register with the county clerk of the county in which they desired to practice and also provided that non-graduates who had been engaged in the practice of medicine in Nebraska for two years prior to the taking effect of the statute be allowed to continue to practice medicine upon registration. All physicians of the county were supposed to have registered under this act up to 1891. In 1891, an act creating the State Board of Health was passed, and this act provided for the registration of all physicians with the state board which granted licenses. The licenses so granted were registered with the county clerk. Licenses, however, did not contain the name of the college of graduation, and this proved a handicap in our search for facts.

Part 1: Madison

The permanent settlers came to Madison County primarily in the early 1870s. Among them were three men who were known as "doctors," although none of them was a graduate, and all three lived on claims. One was A. A. "DOC" WEBSTER. He lived on a homestead in Fairview. He registered in 1882 as 48 years old and as having practiced in Indiana sixteen years and Madison county two years. He had no medical education. He also posed as versed in the law. It appears that he dispensed some homeopathic remedies, but he never pretended to do a regular practice. He moved to Keyapaha County and died near Mills at an advanced age.

"Dr." JOHN QUINCY ADAMS HARVEY lived on a claim on Taylor creek, three miles from Madison, on a farm later owned by Alex Graves. He seems to have accommodated his neighbors when they needed medical care, by use of "roots and yarbs" and by giving calomel and quinine. He was an eccentric character, lived by himself and was the first coroner of Madison County. One early-day story was that when called to the cabin of a settler found dead down Union Creek, he opened the door, looked in, and in his high pitched voice pronounced the verdict--"Deader'n hell!" He left Madison County in the late 1880s.

DR. JOHN L. WILBERGER settled on Union Creek about three miles south of the Green Garden Lutheran Church in the early 1870s. He had been a practitioner in eastern Iowa but not a graduate. He was a rather shrewd man and appears to have done considerable practice before the advent of the regular physician. In the early 1880s, he located in Omaha for several years catering to the business of the slums, but he later returned to Madison, where he died, in the late 1880s.

A DOCTOR MERRIAM was the first regular physician at Madison. Just when he located here, how long he remained, when he left, and what his full name was, is not known. He moved to Wisner, where he died about 1890.

DR. S. J. BRIDENSTINE was a graduate of the Medical Department of Iowa State University. He located at Madison in 1875 and remained there until 1889 when he moved to the Puget Sound country. He went first to Port Orchard and later to Ballard, a suburb of Seattle, where he died Nov. 25, 1928. He was the best liked of all Madison's physicians. He early took up the study of electricity in medicine and had some very fine apparatus.

A DOCTOR FLEISCHMAN came to Madison in the latter part of 1880 and remained until early 1882 when he left somewhat surreptitiously. He left a board bill at the hotel and all his equipment. Reports seemed to indicate that he was either discouraged or lazy. He never acquired any considerable business.

DR. F. A. LONG, (the original writer of this article), located at Madison, June 27, 1882, with a diploma under his arm from the Iowa University College of Medicine, but with very little knowledge of the world and its ways and without money. He secured very little business the first few years. It took about five years to get on a living basis, after which the fates were kinder to him. With Dr. F. L. Frink, (of Newman Grove), he did an appendectomy in December 1892, perhaps the first one in all north Nebraska. He was always interested in surgery and did various operations of considerable magnitude in pioneer days. He early became interested in medical society work and, with Dr. P. H. Salter, organized the Elkhorn Valley Medical Society, Dec. 26, 1896, at Norfolk and became its first secretary and third president. He was president of the Nebraska State Medical Association in 1906 and was delegate to the American Medical Association at Atlantic City in 1907; Chicago, 1908; and Los Angeles, 1911. He was the delegate representing the Nebraska State Medical Association at the Second Conservation Congress at St. Paul. He was the Nebraska member of the Council on Medical Education and Medical Legislation in Chicago for two successive years and has been editor of The Nebraska State Medical Journal since 1920 and has been chairman of the publication board since the inception of the Journal in 1916. He has been vice-president of the International Meridian Highway Association since 1923, and has for many years been actively interested in the Good Roads movement.

DR. A. B. COX came to Madison from North Carolina in 1882. He was a minister-doctor, an elderly man of 66, who had ridden the bridle paths of the Southland for thirty-eight years and had ministered to soul and body. He was neither an educated minister nor an educated doctor, but he was faithful to his patients and had a large following among Virginians in this county. After a few years he moved to Blaine County, then just being settled, and died there.

DR. W. F. COLLINS came to Madison from southwestern Iowa, perhaps Shenandoah, in 1883. He had practiced in Indiana thirteen years. He was not a graduate, but, I believe was a veteran of the Civil War. He never acquired any considerable practice and after a few years moved back to Iowa. For a time he lived on and owned a farm east of town, known as the Weiland place.

DR. J. H. MACKAY came to Madison in 1883 or 1884. He was a recent graduate of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical School. He was in some respects a brilliant man but also an erratic character. He married a Madison girl, a Miss Sylvia Johnson, from whom he was afterward divorced. At one time he was editor of the Madison Reporter, a Democratic organ. Through the influence of Senator Allen, he was appointed superintendent of the Norfolk State Hospital in 1896, a position which he resigned under some pressure, a year later. He later practiced in Norfolk and finally went to Texas where, in Houston, he died in January, 1922. At one time, he was the editor of a homeopathic medical journal published in Omaha.

DR. J. B. HAWK went to Madison from Emerson, Iowa in 1884. He was a graduate of a homeopathic medical school. He remained only about six months and then moved to Grand Island. He died many years ago.

DR. W. F. HUTCHINSON came to Madison from Bridgeport, Conn., about 1886 or 1887. Prior to coming to Madison, he had been a fulminate mixer in the Union Metallic Cartridge Company works at Bridgeport. He had a diploma from a college at Keokuk which was afterward found to be bogus. He also claimed to be a Fellow of the Royal College of London. He claimed to be a specialist in diseases of women. He became associated with Dr. Bridenstine and later purchased Dr. Bridenstine's equipment and good will. He left Madison about 1891 and moved to Minneapolis where he died.

DR. CHARLES E. GOSSARD, a half brother of the Senator Allen, came to Madison to succeed Dr. Mackay when the latter was appointed to the Norfolk State Hospital in 1896. He practiced here a number of years before relocating at Topeka, Kansas. He was a graduate of the General Medical College of Chicago, 1883.

DR. E. N. SMART came to Madison from Humphrey in 1894. He graduated from Drake University College of Medicine in 1884. He had been instructor of anatomy at his alma mater. For many years he enjoyed a large practice in the community. He remained active until his death which occurred suddenly April 17, 1927, aged 71 years. He had taken much interest in the collection of antiques of which he left a large and valuable collection.

DR. G. C. WEBER located in Madison and registered in 1890 as a graduate of the Medical College of Heidelberg, 1856, which was probably not true, since he did not display common knowledge of medicine. He came to Madison from Humphrey where he had been for a short time. After a few years' residence he moved to Blair.

Dr. F. A. Long, Editor, The Nebraska State Medical Journal, Madison, Nebr. Volume XV, Number 4, April 1930--pp. 159-163. Rewritten and excerpted by Nancy Zaruba.

NY State Archives discontinues service

The New York State Archives and Records Administration will be discontinuing its service of answering mail-in requests for searches of its vital records index. Citing "loss of the staff who performed the searches" as the reason for the cutback. Effective February 15, 2000, researchers will have to visit the State Archives or the National Archives regional branch in New York City to view the indexes. Source: The Family Tree, [The Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, Moultrie, Georgia] Vol.X No. 4 August/September 2000.

1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska

The following is a selection of business and people found in the book 1918 Patron's Reference Directory of Madison County, Nebraska. The abbreviations are as follows: S. for Section; P. for Precinct [or township]; P.O. for Post-office address. The date following a name indicates the length of time the party has been a resident in the county.

Madison Township

- Dickey**, J. W., School Director, Farmer, ex-Assessor, S. 8, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1888.
- Field**, William H., Clerk of District Court, Madison. 1892. Mr. Field is now serving his fourth term as Clerk of the Court.
- Fuerst**, Otto, Mgr. Madison County Farmers Telephone Co., Breeder of full Blood Silver Laced Wyandotte Chickens, Belgian Hares and Flemish Giant Rabbits. Madison. 1882.
- Kamrath**, Fritz, Farmer, Landowner, and Breeder of Hampshire Hogs, Madison. 1874.
- Kamrath**, Otto, Feed and Produce, Madison. 1875.
- Nichols**, James, Lawyer and Bonded Abstractor. Madison. 1890.
- Nichols**, R. E., Farmer, Stockraiser and Moderator School District No. 60, Orchard Grove Farm, S. 35, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1881.
- Rief**, Frank C., Proprietor Clay Hill Stock Farm, S. 24, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1875.
- Rowlett**, Edwin, Farmer and Breeder of Holstein Cattle and Chester White Hogs, S. 5, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1883.
- Sachtjen**, William F., Farmer and Stockraiser, S. 27, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1878.
- Schmidt**, Henry, Farmer and Stockraiser, Proprietor Meridan Valley Farm, S. 12, P. Madison, P.O. Madison. 1894.

Ships Passenger Lists

From Delores Benning

I've heard about the ships passenger lists at Toledo, Iowa, and had a chance to stop by a while ago. They are at the Tama Co. Historical and Tama County Tracers Genealogical Society at 200 North Broadway, Toledo, Iowa. Hours are 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. They are north of the courthouse. The museum part is in their old jail. The Genealogical part is an addition to the east of the jail. They have lots of passenger lists on microfilm and lots of other helpful books and records. Should you want to research, bring dates you think the person you are researching arrived if you know. Their Ships Passenger lists are --- to New York 1820 – 1897, to Baltimore 1820 – 1897, to New Orleans prior to 1900, [and] Philadelphia index 1800 - 1906.

Source: *Franklin Record*, Franklin County Genealogical Society, Hampton, Iowa, July 2000.

A Bit of Nebraska--The Sargent, NE County Courthouse burned down in the 1800's. The Custer Co. Historical Society has possession of the old marriage records. Those records were found in a vault in the remains of the courthouse and were saved. Thanks to Wanda Henkle for this tidbit of NE.

Source: *RWGS Trail Seekers*, Mar/Apr/May 2000 issue.

The 1889 Norfolk City Directory (cont.)

Dorsey, M., conductor, se cor 2d ave. And Pierce.
Dorsey, Mrs. A., res. The same.
Doughty, C. E., (Macy & Doughty), 4th, between Park and Pasewalk, 2-h-w.
Doughty, Mrs. C. M., res. The same.
Downey, C., res. Blaine betw. 3d and Indiana aves.
Downey, Mrs. E. A., res. The same.
Dracher, August, works at H. Gerecke's; res. Se cor. Madison ave. And 5th.
Dracher, Mrs. Bertha, res. The same.
Dudley, Geo., livery stable, 3d, betw. Norfolk and Braasch ave.; res. Braasch ave. Betw. 2d and 3d, 3-h-s.
Dudley, Mrs. M., res. The same.
Dunn, S. F., carpenter, res. Nw cor 1st and Walnut ave.
Dunn, Mrs. Cora, res. The same.
Durham, J., brakeman, bds. At Wm. Killen's.
During, August, res. At foot of Madison ave. E of 1st 2-h-s.
During, Mrs. M., res. The same.
Durland, Miss Elvira, (Durland J. & E.), 324 Norfolk ave.; res. 9th betw. Norfolk and Koenigstein aves.,
1-h-e.
Durland, Miss Josie, (J. & E. Durland); bds. As above.
Durland, Miss Etta, bds. As above.
Durland, A. J., real estate and loans, Richards block, rm 1, 2; res. 9th, betw. Taylor and Pasewalk aves.,
east side.
Durland, Mrs. W. R., res. The same.
Durland, C. B., Richards block, rm. 1,2; res. 9th betw. Norfolk and Koenigstein ave., 1-h-w.
Durland, Mrs. L. M., res. The same.
Durland, Ezra T., res. Norfolk ave. Betw. 9th and 10th.
Durland, Mrs. E. C., res. The same.
Duster, C. L., bds. Norfolk House.
Dwyer, Miss Mary, lives at M. Dorsey's.
Dwyer, W. H., sign writer, res. Se cor. 4th and Philip ave.
Dwyer, Mrs. R. T., res. The same.

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Earl, A. E., traveling salesman, rooms at H. Gerecke's.
Edinger, Jerry, bds. at Morey House.
Edinger, Jno., bds. at Morey House.
Eddy, I. S., carpenter, res. 2d, betw. Pasewalk and Bluff east side.
Eddy, Mrs. M. M., res. the same.
Eddy, H., livery stable, 1st ave. betw. Pierce and Blaine; res. ne cor 1st ave. and Pierce.
Eddy, Mrs. M, res. the same.
Edwards, Edward, res. Philip ave., betw.. 2d and 3d, north side.
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Egbert, Mrs. J. Widow of Jno. P.; res. Madison ave. betw. 5th and 4th 4-h-s.
Eiseley, C. F., nw cor. 2d and Norfolk ave.; res. ne cor. Norfolk ave. and 11th.
Eiseley, Mrs. J. B., res. the same.
Eiseley, Clyde, clerk, bds. as above.
Eiseley, Francis, clerk, bds. as above.
Ellerbrock, Edward, fireman, rms. Thos. Ferguson's, prop. Union House.
Emmons, James, confectionery and fruits, 205 Norfolk ave.; res. at rear of store.
Ertzner, Henry, 4th, betw. Park and Pasewalk aves., 9-h-e.
Ertzner, Mrs. L., res. the same.

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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If you find an article you are interested in and do not have the issue, send \$1.00 per page and a SASE, (self addressed, stamped envelope) to:

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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,
Bender (4 graves)	Miller (4 graves)	Business Size with
Blank (4 graves)	Rottler (2 graves)	\$.33 postage
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		
Baker	Higbee (3 graves)	\$2.00 and a SASE
Colegrove	Holbrook	Business Size with
Colgrove	Ives (3 graves)	\$.55 postage
Danes (4 graves)	Lea	
Downey (3 graves)	Lewis (2 graves)	
Duncan (3 graves)	Terry (6 graves)	
Erskine (3 graves)	Unknowns (2 graves)	
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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 or match any items below)
\$5.00 for 26-49 sheets (mix or match any 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's gathered from various sources
Genealogy Letter-Pedigree (for requesting information from possible relatives)

Images of America: Norfolk, Nebraska

This is the title of the new book on Norfolk history that just arrived from the publisher. It is one of over 1000 communities featured in this series published by Arcadia Press. It has 201 photographs featuring people, places and events in Norfolk and nearby locations. The time covered in this book is the entire history of this area, beginning with the Indians, the coming of the first settlers, the early businesses, the wars, progress, and following up to the events of 2000 and the expected opening of the new Veteran's Home in 2001.

This book was written by Sheryl Schmeckpeper, a reporter for the Norfolk Daily News. Sheryl is also on the Board of Directors of the Elkhorn Valley Museum. Assisting her were Amy Mancini-Marshall, Director of the Elkhorn Valley Museum, and the Library Committee of the Elkhorn Valley Museum, which consists of Bernice Dewey, Joan Moody, Fred Stafford and Nancy Zaruba. Three of the library committee members are also members of the Madison County Genealogical Society.

A strong emphasis was placed on including people rather than just buildings in the book. The book is also indexed, which members felt was extremely important for a history book.

The Elkhorn Valley Museum is selling this book and will receive a portion of the proceeds from all sales. The book is also available at many area businesses, but the museum will get a higher portion of the sales if the book is actually purchased through the museum.

Norfolk's other history books are all out of print and unavailable except on rare occasions when one surfaces for sale. The most recent of these was Norfolk's centennial book published in 1966. It is still used as Norfolk's primary history book even though it is not indexed. The new book will be a great addition providing many never before seen photographs and bringing Norfolk's history up to the present day.

Hurry and order your copy today for yourself or a Christmas gift. With orders of 10 or more for a community, delivery can be arranged, or they can be shipped for a small fee. So discuss this with your friends and place an order today.

Call the Museum with questions at (402) 371-3886.

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■ **Enclosed is my check or money order for _____.**

■ **Name _____**

■ **Address _____**

■ **City _____ State _____ Zip _____**

■ **Phone _____**

■ **Send to: Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center
515 Queen City Boulevard
Norfolk, NE 68701**

■ **An additional tax-deductible gift to the Museum would be welcomed.**

■ **Enclosed is my gift for \$ _____.**

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.

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