

# *Madison County Remembers...*

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## **From your President, John Kielty**

March is that in-between month, neither here nor there. Spring is not here, but we know that winter is not quite over. So where are you in your life? Not young, but you don't feel old. Not poor but not as rich as you were before the stock market took a tumble. Are you satisfied or are you stuck?

How's your research? Have you gotten started on most of your family names but you're not at the place where you want to stop? Now is the time to evaluate. Maybe it's time to switch family names. Pick up one of the other 16 great-grandparents. There should be a new trail out there. It may only take a letter to a genealogical society, or a contact with a new internet researcher. There are new genealogists born every day, and someday you'll see that family Bible, or find out what happened to Uncle George. We have a hobby that is full of hope. I don't know about you but I need hope right now. Our world is in a sorry state, and I said a special prayer for peace this day (03-03-03). Doing family history gives me hope. Our ancestors survived wars, depressions, and persecutions, the family's lived on. I hope my family will live on. I hope that all our family histories will live on.

I wanted to share a couple of thoughts about research from queries that I've worked on. Sometimes we have to take our best guess when planning research. A researcher wrote us about his family. They moved from Wisconsin to Minnesota, he found them in the census. The daughter married and moved to Nebraska. He assumed that they married in Minnesota, even though he couldn't find them in the census. When I found her obit, it showed a whole different picture. She moved with her parents from Wisconsin to Minnesota. Then she moved back to Wisconsin and was married. The couple then moved back to Minnesota a couple of years, before moving to Wahoo, Saunders Co., NE. and later to Madison, Madison Co., NE. I hope this obit will help this man find the marriage and census records he needs. My next thought is about keeping an open mind. I was recently to our county clerk's office, and I realized that there was more than one index book for marriages. I should have known that. But it came to me as a mild surprise. I guess I still don't know everything about anything.

My last thought is about my 12 year old son doing research at the library, to answer questions for black history month. He was there an hour and didn't find anything. He didn't get his turn on the internet. I asked him if he looked for any books about black history, and he said no. We have to remember to go to the original sources, don't totally rely on indexes. Somebody could have made a mistake, a mistake you would notice if you went and looked yourself. And remember that if you ask someone, or even pay someone, they could make a mistake and overlook a record, or a line in a census. You can always go back and recheck the research.

I hope your spring comes quickly, there are many answers we have yet to find. Get yourself unstuck, or at least choose a new rut to live in.

## **January Meeting Notes** by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brass Lantern. We had our annual Christmas supper and a short meeting. We had 14 members and 1 guest in attendance.

We discussed the upcoming trip to the Madison Courthouse. Nancy Scheer has offered to lend the key to her office to Nancy Gross so that we may come down and do research on marriage licenses. It was decided to wait until the February meeting to set the date to visit.

The subscription to Ancestry.com is due for renewal. It was decided to renew the current subscription and after some discussion, to table until later, whether or not to add the Historical Newspapers module. Melanie Hogendorn reported that there is currently no Pierce County Cemetery book available for purchase.

Marlyn Low, a member, is in the hospital and those members who attended the January meeting signed a get-well card for him.

### **January Program**

Displayed at the January meeting were two wall hangings made by Karen Rogat that reflected her family and her husbands family complete with scanned and printed photos and dates.

Also presented were several humorous short readings about Christmas for genealogists.

### **Nebraska Orphan Train Riders' Reunion and Conference**

The Madison County Historical Society invites you to the Nebraska Orphan Train Riders Conference and Reunion for 2003 to be held Saturday, April 26, at the Madison City Auditorium located at 209 S. Lincoln, in Madison, Nebraska.

Registration begins at 9:00 am with the program following at 9:30 presenting a historical timeline of the Orphan Train Riders as the day progresses. A railroad presentation will be a featured background of the day with displays and presentations by riders and descendants. A noon meal is included with the registration fee of \$10. Please register by April 12.

Visitors will have an opportunity to visit the permanent Orphan Train Riders Exhibit at the Madison County Historical Society Museum at 210 West 3rd Street in Madison just south of the Madison City Auditorium.

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This is your opportunity to share in the unique story of the Orphan Train Riders. 2003 is the 150th anniversary of the Children's Aid Society in New York City.

The program will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be ample time for the actual riders and descendants to share their stories during the program. The Northeast Nebraska Model Railroad Association will present a modular working display of HO scale railroads, museum tours will be available as will the opportunity to visit with actual riders and descendants. Space will be provided for table-top displays.

The last Orphan Train arrived in Nebraska in 1926. Many actual riders are deceased or quite elderly. Don't miss this opportunity. Please pass the word.

## February Meeting Notes

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on February 18, 2003 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. We had 15 members in attendance.

We viewed the videos "Genealogy by Genetics" and "Thanks, Johnny," a special video prepared locally to thank Johnny Carson for his many donations to the Norfolk Area.

Ancestry.com has increased their price for the upcoming year and the increase was okayed. This database is available at the Society's library at the Museum. Nancy or other volunteers are available to help those who are not comfortable using a computer.

Marge Fuhrmann told us about the upcoming conference on the Orphan Train Riders to be held on April 26, 2003 at the Madison Auditorium in Madison, Nebraska. This will be a day long affair and lunch will be available. The Madison Museum will be one of the headquarters on the memorabilia from the Orphan Train. See the article elsewhere in this issue for further details.

The newsletter committee invited any and all who wish to contribute any articles or ideas for articles to please submit them. The newsletters have been featuring all the townships in Madison County. There is so much information to be shared that we are going to start over again with new articles featuring each township.

It was suggested that the Society take a field trip to the Nebraska State Museum in Lincoln. The German-Russian Museum in Lincoln & the State Historical Library in Beatrice were also suggested. If anyone has other ideas on a field trip for the society, please feel free to bring these ideas forward.

Ruby Coleman is a professional genealogist from Valentine, NE and she sent us some information on her lectures, fees, programs, etc. We will check into using her this fall.

The upcoming visit to the Madison County Courthouse to do marriage license lookups will be on February 25, 2003. We are to either meet at the Museum by 6:30 or at the courthouse by 7:00 p.m. This is courtesy of Nancy Scheer and Nancy Gross.

Our membership to the Elkhorn Valley Museum is due for renewal. It was suggested we increase our membership level. This will be further discussed at the next meeting. Queries and recent newsletters were presented. All of these newsletters and completed queries are available at our library for further research.

### February Program

The program was a video titled **Genealogy by Genetics** presented by Family Tree DNA. It was an intriguing idea about using DNA tests to verify whether certain individuals are related or not. They have a web site that explains in more detail about the different types of DNA tests available and the different costs involved as well as the procedures used. That website address is: [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) The video is available at the society library and can be borrowed if you are interested.

Also shown was a video produced locally to thank Johnny Carson for his many donations to the Norfolk area community. Some of our Society members were shown in the video. It was very moving.

**"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton,  
you may as well make it dance." --- George Bernard Shaw**

## Upcoming workshops

**Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, May 2-3, 2003.** The featured speaker will be Cyndi Howell, (Cyndi's List). Topics include: Email: How to communicate easily, and effectively with the world. ; Researching with friends, cousins, and experts on Genealogy Mailing Lists, ; The World Wide Web—Quit Surfing start researching ; United Kingdom research without ever leaving the Colonies. Location: The Holiday Inn in Hastings, Nebr. Booking deadline is April 2, 2003. For more information contact: The Nebraska State Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5608, Lincoln, NE 68505-0608.

**Genealogy and Land Records Symposium, Wednesday June 11, and Thursday June 12, 2003, Beatrice, NE.** Renowned researchers and authors from throughout the United States will make presentations on how to do proper research in Homestead case files. Genealogists will address the volumes of family information in Homestead records. For more information contact: Kelly Schwisow, 402-228-8244, or 800-233-5027, ext. 244 or [kschwisow@southeast.edu](mailto:kschwisow@southeast.edu)

**Federation of Genealogical Societies 2003 Conference, September 3-6, 2003 at Orlando, Florida** at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World. The conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping. For more information contact: Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940 or [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or [fgs-office@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-office@fgs.org)

### **Typing Every Word** – Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG **Ancestry Daily News** 2/27/2003 -

In my lectures and writing I often advise that you should "read every word" or "transcribe the document." Recently, however, I realized that those phrases don't fully convey the message. Several months ago an Internet cousin advised me of a will that (I am embarrassed to admit) I had missed finding in a sweep searching for information about a migrating ancestor.

The will was that of the father-in-law of our known ancestor, which named the daughter and her spouse. We had had no prior clue of her identity. Thus, I now have a new surname to research in depth. A survey of published abstracts pointed to several additional documents in the county, primarily wills, giving a number of relationships.

I hired a researcher to obtain a copy of the original will and told my Internet cousin that I would send her a copy. I also requested copies of all papers in the probate, plus files for the other individuals of the same surname.

When the copies arrived, I quickly read every word. They had several interesting details, but no genealogical breakthroughs. I prepared an envelope to mail the copies to my Internet cousin, but in the crunch of work and everything else I'm behind on, the copying was always on the "to do tomorrow" list.

As penance for my tardiness, I made a transcription of the will to include with the photocopies. It was as I was typing each word into my word processing program that I realized something fundamental.

Typing is slow, very slow. It takes a lot of time. Thus, we normally might not do it unless we felt the need. However, as I typed, I discovered something else. Because typing is slow and by nature sequential, you can't skip ahead as you do when reading. When you type every word, you must read every word, and the slow pace provides plenty of opportunity to think about each word. I realized that there were lots of words to think about in that will.

The will began with the typical "In the name of God Amen" and contained several other phrases relative to the testator's belief in the Almighty. However, having typed a number of wills with exactly the same wording, I've learned not to form any conclusions about personal devoutness.

It continued, providing me with a township and county of residence. I knew that the township named is not in that county, so I stopped typing to get a reference book on the state. I learned that nine years later, part of the township would become part of another county, and that twenty years later, it would become a county of its own.

This prompted me to retrieve the statewide topographical atlas to learn more about this area. I knew the area I was most interested in, based on the other documents I had skimmed. I looked for towns, rivers, roads, and mountains. I also looked for political boundaries. Imagine my interest when I realized that the adjoining county and townships were ones in which I had also noted the surname, but dismissed as "probably not my family" because it was a different county. I immediately began pulling out books, papers, and CDs, collecting information.

I finally remembered that my purpose was to type the will, and I had a grand total of 17 words typed. Word 18 got me out of my chair again. The testator's occupation is given as yeoman. Of course, what first pops into mind is "yeoman of the guard." I know that doesn't apply here, but to refresh my memory I retrieved my trusty college dictionary. The first definition is "an attendant or officer in a royal or noble household." Not my ancestor. The second definition is "a small farmer who cultivates his own land." Yep, that sounds like my ancestor.

I returned to typing "being at present sick and weak in body." This gave me a mental image. He wasn't injured in an accident, and he didn't write the will solely because he planned ahead. (I didn't need to get up for this insight.) The will continued with the usual provisions for burial (no location named), debts, and funeral expenses.

Then he got into the bequests. His "eldest" son got land. This word is not in the abstract. Of course, often it was the eldest son who got the land, but not if the older sons were already provided for. Important information. The land is in the same township, but the will names the adjoining landowners. More important information. I will want to research them. I once again leave the keyboard, to get a pad of sticky notes and paper to start a "to do" list. The acreage is given and I want to be certain I've learned everything I can about this land. I have copies of several deeds for the family. Maybe I should check this now. I look at the stack of books and papers surrounding my computer and decide to be content with a sticky note instead.

He also gave this son "all my grain now in the ground in the house and in the barn either thrashed or in the straw whatsoever." Imagine, grain kept in the house. It makes sense, especially for grain in sacks to reduce the risk of rodents, but I hadn't thought of that before.

To a daughter he gave "my new fustian bed and a pillow thereto." I know this means she is unmarried. I vaguely think fustian is some kind of fabric. Reference to the dictionary tells me it is "a strong cotton and linen fabric." Another definition says "a class of cotton fabrics usually having a pile face and twill weave." I hadn't thought of it being like corduroy or velour.

I added to my mental image of the family, which had a new spinning wheel and bee hives (bees both provided sweetener and helped pollinate plants). They apparently grew flax. This sent me to a reference book on everyday life in the time period to learn more about flax growing and processing. There are several books or series like this; look in the youth section at the library (I bought mine at a library deaccessioning sale). Now you can find much information like this on the Internet.

As my typing neared the end of the will, I learned that one of the sons was under fourteen (again, not in the abstract). Another son (by inference, an adult) was to "give him schooling and allow him to be educated and receive the Holy Sacrament." Maybe my ancestor was devout, after all.

Perhaps the best advice I can give you if you want to get to know your ancestor better is "Type every word." But be forewarned: typing can be a messy proposition! It took me quite some time to replace all of the reference materials, folders, and documents I had pulled out.

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## Research Center News

### Recent Donations to the Research Center

**Research Files and/or Special Collections:** Otto D. Schmidt Collection: Otto Schmidt was a Medal of Honor winner who lived most of his later life in Norfolk and is buried here. He won the Medal of Honor in 1905 for rescuing sailors from the USS Bennington after a boiler explosion. We have his Medal of Honor and many photos, newspaper clippings and other documents ; Research File on Hutchinson Store ; Research File on Bauman Family and Norfolk Butter Co. ; Research File on Bishop Block ; Small file on Malm, Burke & Co., (The Fair Store) ; and Pollak, Oliver B. (McMill Building) ; Certificates and Awards given to Robert Carlisle.

**Photos:** Jitney Bus Station at 4th & Norfolk Ave.; Flood Control southeast of Norfolk ; Flood Control around Norfolk on the North ; Flood of 1944, Fullerton Lumber on north 4th St. ; oval portrait of an unidentified man purchased at a local estate sale ; Unidentified photo of 11 adults, boy, girl and dog in front of an automobile ; Fred Richensen and ponies ; Dick Penney ; Warren and Ray Penney ; John Penney family ; Unidentified photo shows 3 men in an office ; Unidentified photo shows man holding 2 horses ; Great Grandmother Brown's Home on So. 3rd St. ; Chicago and North Western Steam Engine with Al Dodder ; Postcard from the Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas when Johnny Carson was there ; "Live From the Mill" at the Norfolk Arts Center ; Moving the Dederman Cabin (series of 8 photos) ; Unidentified building fire in Norfolk ; Norfolk High School before and after fire ; Norfolk Ave, (Dr. Bear's home) ; Richie Ashburn (2) ; Aerial view of Skyview Lake taken in 1981 ; 2 photos of Andy's Tire Service with newspaper clippings ; Harry Behmer and his harp.

**Negatives:** Large box of glass plate negatives from Bill Fenske. Mostly unidentified but believed to be from the Hoskins area, circa 1900s ; Several thousand from the Norfolk Daily News from 1950s to 1980s.

**Newsletters and Newspapers:** Henningsen Cackler, September 1970 issue ; Lynch Alumni News 1952-1961 ; Several issues of Verdigre Eagle: 1959-1962, Omaha World Herald, Norfolk Daily News, Nebraska Softball News, Balls & Strikes (Amateur Softball Association, and Lynch Herald-Enterprise.

**Maps:** Map of Marked Auto Trails in Nebraska, 1922 ; Map of Marked Auto Trails in Nebraska, 1924 ; Highway Map and Guide of Nebraska, no date, assumed 1920s ; Clason's Guide Map of Nebraska, c. 1914 ; Map of Nebraska, (Railroads) 1898 by Rand McNally ; Central States West of the Mississippi River ; Map of Nebraska, 1905, George F. Cram Co. ; Map of Nebraska from an atlas (no date) ; Road maps of Northern Germany and Southern Germany ; Road atlas of Germany and Europe, 1990 ; Standard Atlas of Antelope County, 1904.

**Books:** Unlocking the Secrets in Old Photographs ; Potpourri of Yesteryear, old recipes, cures, remedies and little known hints ; Primary Handwork and Poster Pattern Book for Primary Classes c. 1935 ; Junior Handwork and Poster Pattern Book for Junior Classes, c. 1937 ; Henningsen Celebrates 100 Years ; Deutscher Hausschatz: German Home Treasury ; When You Care Enough, written by Joyce C. Hall ; Paste-up for Graphic Arts Production ; The Lithographers Manual ; Images of America: Rock Island ; Christ Lutheran Church Directories: 1995, [1968?], [198?], [1972?], 2000, 1981-1982, 1976, 1989, Christ Lutheran Centennial 1871-1971 ; The Blackhawk, 1947, Norfolk Junior College yearbook.

**Clippings:** Newspaper clipping of residence of Burt Mapes, c. 1913 ; Clipping about first TV show televised in Norfolk ; Scrapbook of Battle Creek Clippings, 2 volumes.

**Booklets:** Tales and Legends of the Dells, a booklet about the Winnebago Indians ; The Jewel Box on Bordeaux Creek: the Museum of the Fur Trade Story.

**Videocassettes:** Community Service for the victims of the US Bank shooting ; American Legion/VFW Ceremony for 9/11.

**Miscellaneous:** Emerson High School Class of 1915 Commencement program ; 1897 Norfolk Telephone Directory ; Scrapbook—Rails Across Nebraska by Sr. Jania Keogh ; Program from Norfolk High School Class of 1942 Reunion ; Advertising card for Norfolk College of Business ; Program—Fiftieth Anniversary of the Zion Congregational Church of Norfolk ; Program—Granada Theatre formal opening program April 16, 1927 ; Program—Commencement-UNL, Dec. 20, 1997 ; Air Mail envelope from Norfolk dated May 16, 1938 ; 50th Anniversary Reunion of First Class of Concordia Teachers College, 1957 ; Constitution and By-Laws of Mt. Olive Church, 1974.

**Magazines:** Home & Away, People, AARP-Modern Maturity, and Esquire: issues with Johnny Carson articles ; and several other articles about Johnny Carson.

Other recent donations were an oak flat map file and a blueprint rack for holding large maps, etc. These are awesome!

**On the top of our want list this month is a 4 or 5 drawer filing cabinet and money for archival supplies. As always, donations are tax deductible.**

**Some recent databases** added to Ancestry.com are listed below. Ancestry may be viewed at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center in the library. Your genealogy society pays for this database for all to use. If you need assistance operating a computer, someone is there most afternoons. Call ahead. There are literally thousands of databases available to search at this website and more are added every week.

Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, and Seymour Connecticut City Directory, 1909 (Images online)  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6851>

Connecticut Historical Society Collections, Volumes VIII-IX, XI, XIII, and XV-XVII (Update adding Volume XVII--Images online) <http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6727>

Idaho Death Index, 1911-15  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6856>

Springfield, Massachusetts City Directory, 1864-65 (Images online)  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6855>

Wuerttemberg Emigration Index (Update adding Volume VIII)  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D3141>

Colorado State Census, 1885  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6837>

Iowa State Census, 1885  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6812>

Minnesota Naturalization Records Index, 1854-1957  
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D3826>

**1889 Norfolk City Directory**

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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Peterson, W., res. Blaine, east side, foot of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
 Peterson, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Peterson, — — tailor at Wide Awake; res. Madison Ave., betw. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, north side.  
 Pfeiffer, O., bds. Carl Laubsch's.  
 Pheasant, Mrs. B. C., res. Philip Ave., betw. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2-h-n.  
 Phillips, Morrell, carpenter, res. 2<sup>nd</sup>, betw. Norfolk and Braasch Aves., 2-h-e.  
 Phillips, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Pierce, J. L., manager of the Western Loan and Trust Co., Norfolk State Bank building; res. sw cor. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Philip Ave.  
 Pierce, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Piller, Henry, carpenter, res. Braasch Ave., betw. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 3-h-s.  
 Piller, Mrs. Lizzie, res. the same.  
 Place, W. E., res. 10<sup>th</sup>, betw. Madison and Philip Aves., 1-h-w.  
 Place, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Pluhacek, Jno., music repairer, res 1<sup>st</sup>, betw. Park and Pasewalk Aves., 2-h-w.  
 Pluhacek, Mrs. F., res. the same.  
 Powars, Mrs. R., widow of Henry; res. ne cor 3<sup>rd</sup> and Philip Ave.  
 Powell, Frank, carpenter, res. Main Str., betw. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves., 2-h-e.  
 Powell, Mrs. Augusta, res. the same.  
 Powell, H. W., drummer, bds. at Morey House.  
 Powell, Mrs. I. A., bds. at the same.  
 Pribernow, August, blacksmith, ne cor 1<sup>st</sup> and Philip Ave.; res. Madison Ave., east of 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-h-s.  
 Pribernow, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Pribernow, Emyl, bds. as above.  
 Pribernow, Herman, bds. as above.  
 Price, Robert, plasterer, res. 3<sup>rd</sup>, betw. Park and Pasewalk Aves., 4-h-w.  
 Price, Mrs. J. L., res. the same.  
 Prichard, L. R., (Prichard & Kethledge), res. nw cor. 8<sup>th</sup> and Philip Ave.  
 Prichard, Mrs. E. J., res. the same.  
 Provieace, Jno., bricktender, bds. at W. Chrisman's.

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Raheg, Oscar, teamster, bds. at Mrs. M. Patterson's.  
 Raheg, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Rainbolt, N. A., president Norfolk National Bank; res. Koenigstein Ave., betw. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, north.  
 Rainbolt, Mrs. M. R., res. the same.  
 Randall, Harry S., painter, lives at Mrs. B. C. Pheasant's.  
 Ransom, James, res. 9<sup>th</sup> betw. Norfolk and Koenigstein Aves., 3-h-e.  
 Ransom, Mrs. E. L., res. the same.  
 Reckard, Geo. W., res. se cor. 13<sup>th</sup> and Norfolk Ave.  
 Reckard, Mrs. M. C., res. the same.  
 Record, Morris, laborer, res. rear Braasch Ave., betw. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Record, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Reed, Geo., engineer C. St. P. M. & O. R. R., lives at Mrs. B. C. Pheasant's.  
 Reed, L. T., mail agent, res. nw cor. 10<sup>th</sup> and Norfolk Ave.  
 Reed, Mrs. E. A., res. the same.



**TILDEN** platted as **BURNETT** located in Jefferson Precinct, Madison County and Burnett Precinct, Antelope County, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Madison County, Nebraska. Names of persons living on or owning land in Jefferson Precinct of Madison County and Burnett Precinct of Antelope County extracted from the **STANDARD ATLAS OF MADISON COUNTY OF 1918**. Extracted by Jeanne Rix.

**BURNETT-JEFFERSON PRECINCT-MADISON COUNTY**

Abet, W. L.	Hansen, C. F.	O'Callahan, B.
Allen, D. L.	Hansen, T. K	Olin, T. M.
Askwith, Adele	Hennings, W. S.	Osborn, Geo.
	Humanich, G. A.	Osborn, J. I.
Baker and Campbell		Oulin, Jennie M.
Baker, C. O.	Irving, Florence E.	
Barr, C.C.	Ives, I	Pollack, J. G.
Beaber, L. E.	Ives. L. G.	
Beal, Frank		Radke, C. A.
Beckerbauer, H.	Jenkins, E. L.	Rethwish, P.
Botsford, Laura		Richardson, Harry
Broad, J. F.	Kierstad, G. E.	Ruegge, F. C.
Brown, Mrs. H. A.	Kierstead, Mrs H.	Russell, J. W.
Bruhn J. C.	Kingery, H. W.	
Bunting, Minnie I	Kingery, J. M.	Scott, F.
Burke, Mrs. L. M.	Krumm, Geo	Sibley, C. H.
	Krumm, Louis	Smith, C. A.
Campbell and Baker		Smith, C. E.
Campbell S.	Lemly, John	Snider, C. H.
Childs, E. V., Mrs.	Lenser, Max	Snider, Mary
Cue, Mrs. Sarah	Lulow, John	
		Thomsen, Henry
Davis, Chas. A.	Marble, J. L.	Thomsen, P. H.
DeWolf, F. A., est	Marshall, G.	Tilden High School
Dickey, W. O.	Marshall, H.	
	Martens, Henry	Ullarich, Wm.
Edwards A. E.	Michaelsen, Hans.	
Edwards, A.	Michaelsen, John	Waller, Gustave
Erskine, Ella	Miller, G. O	Warnke, G.
	Mills, B. H.	Warren, G. C.
Faulen, L. F.	Minkler, And.	Wells. L.
Fleming, Emma	Mueller, Emma	Wohlfiel. H.
		Wurzbacher, H.
Hales, V.	Nelson, Mrs. John	
Hannah, Mrs. M. G.		Yoeman, Z. A.

**BURNETT – BURNETT PRECINCT - ANTELOPE COUNTY**

Ashburn, Jna (sp)	Born, Robert	Crum & Warren
Ashburn, John	Bossard, E.,	Cunningham, Edith
Avery, W. H.		Cunningham, J. P.
	Cahill, Mrs. A.	Cunningham, Mary
Bealer, L. B.	Catron, John	
Born, Richard	Corkle, W. E.	Dahenke, Wm

DeLong, Jno Dupphey, J. L.	Kaer, Kate Kampe, Frank	Shell, Emma Stanton, Ashburn Stuart, Mrs. L. A. Sullivan, Joe
Fox, C. S.	Mossbarger, Wm McCora, C. L. McKight, A. H. Mills Brothers	Ullirach, M
Goldsworthy, W. D.		Verplant, est
Hales, Felix Halsey Mrs. N Halsey, Leo Hanks, Martha Hawk, P. E. Hopkins, Mrs. A.	Nies, S. I.  Page, Mrs. E. E. Phillips, A. J. Phillips, Geo	Warren & Crum Whitney, R. G. Whitwer, Mrs. M. A. Winder, E.
Ives, F.	Ringer, T. O.	Yeoman, Mary Yeoman, Z. A.
Jacobs, E. O.	Saffel, T. J. Schink, Jacob	

**JEFFERSON PRECINCT**, Township 24 North, Range 4 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Madison County, Nebraska. Names of persons living on or owning land in Jefferson Precinct extracted from the **STANDARD ATLAS OF MADISON COUNTY OF 1918**. Extracted by Jeanne Rix.

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Carmody, H.

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Deuel, S. W.

Evans, Thos

Fitzgibbon, R.

Gamet, E. A.

Hannen, Frank

Harding, W.

Lewis, P. V.

McCollum, J. W.

Popelar, A.

Smith, R.

Wilson, Kate

## Jefferson Township Cemeteries

### **St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery T 24 N R 4 W Sec. 35**

From Meadow Grove, intersection of Highway 275 and 4th Street go south for one and seven-tenths miles. The cemetery is on the west side of the road.

### **McCoy Cemetery (Dry Creek) T 24 N R 4 W Sec. 33**

From Meadow Grove, intersection of Highway 275 and 4th Street go one mile south. Then turn west and go for two and five-tenths miles. The cemetery is on the south side of the road.

### **Warren Cemetery (Terry Cemetery) (Howard Cemetery) (Northside Cemetery)**

#### **T 24 N R 4 W Sec. 9**

From Tilden, intersection of 2nd Street and Center Street go east on 2nd Street to Highway 275 and then continue across and follow 843rd Road to 536th Avenue. This is a total distance of two miles from the beginning. (843rd Road is the extension of 2nd Street in Tilden.) Then turn north on 536th Avenue for one and eight-tenths miles. The cemetery is located on the east side of the road.

### **Tilden City Cemetery (I.O.O.F. Cemetery) (Odd Fellows Cemetery)**

#### **T 24 N R 4 W Sec. 19**

From Tilden intersection of 8th Street and Center Street go east two-tenths of a mile. The cemetery is on the south side of the street. The cemetery is located in the south-east part of the city. Adjoining to the west is the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

### **Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery T 24 N R 4 W Sec. 19**

From Tilden intersection of 8th Street and center Street go east two-tenths of a mile. The cemetery is on both the North and South sides of the street. The cemetery is located in the south-east part of the city. Adjoining to the east is the Tilden City Cemetery.

## Burnett, Meadow Grove, and Jefferson Township

Compiled by Richard Strenge

The following is a partial list of people who lived in Burnett Township in 1899 and in Meadow Grove and Jefferson townships in 1918. Today the area covered by these townships is known as Jefferson Township. It is located in the northwest corner of Madison County, Nebraska. Some of the names listed below may or may not be the same people from the 1899 and 1918 list. Sources: Cemeteries and Marked Graves of Madison County, Nebraska, Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, They Called It Meadow Grove, Do You Remember..., The Norfolk Daily News newspaper.

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Cemetery, City</b>
Baker, Clement G.	04-18-1886	07-26-1965	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Baker, Eva M.	07-24-1885	07-31-1978	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Beed, George	1861	1948	Deer Creek, Meadow Grove
Beed, Rose	1885	1945	Deer Creek, Meadow Grove
Bliss, David W.	08-22-1866	12-27-1927	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Carlisle, Jesse A.	06-05-1868	04-22-1936	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Carlisle, Margaret J.	04-31-1867	05-28-1939	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Dahnke, Wilhelmina	1874	1941	Immanual, Tilden
Dahnke, William F.	1868	1938	Immanual, Tilden
Danes, Frank L.	1865	1947	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Fox, Charlie E.	1886	1930	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Heckman, Samuel	09-20-1835	01-16-1912	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Hoepfinger, Adolph J.	1889	1976	Immanual, Tilden
Hoepfinger, Anna H.	1891	1978	Immanual, Tilden
Hoepfinger, Friederika	12-11-1846	05-14-1936	Immanual, Tilden
Hoepfinger, Jacob F.	05-27-1841	06-10-1911	Immanual, Tilden
Kruger, August	06-07-1843	12-14-1928	St. Paul's, Norfolk
Lewis, Adalade		11-12-1893	
Lewis, Perry V.	06-06-1841	03-25-1930	Deer Creek, Meadow Grove
Lewis, Vandalia		04-03-1941	
Mann, P. A.	05-26-1829	10-09-1912	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Marshall, Horace	04-25-1861	03-20-1928	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Marshall, Sadie A.	10-15-1856	11-14-1936	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Minkler, Andrew	1847	1922	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Minkler, Lydia	1856	1937	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Mossbarger, Fannie A.	04-17-1852	12-08-1941	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Mossbarger, William	02-02-1848	02-21-1931	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Nelson, Ole	10-23-1838	04-25-1903	McCoy, Meadow Grove
Nelson, Ole J.	02-12-1867	05-18-1950	Hope, Newman Grove
Nelson, Ole M.	1898	1976	Trinity #1, Newman Grove
Nelson, Olie N.	09-06-1883	02-14-1969	Shell Creek, Newman Grove
Ott, Theodore J.	02-04-1881	05-18-1965	Immanual, Tilden
Petersen, Anna C.	01-28-1887	mid 1970's	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Petersen, Mathias J.	03-18-1884	03-29-1949	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Putney, Edith	1872	1902	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Putney, Forest L.	1857	1944	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Sanne, Charles	1880	1958	Immanual, Tilden
Sanne, Emma	1882	1954	Immanual, Tilden
Terry, Josephine	09-06-1848	04-27-1919	I. O. O. F., Tilden
Terry, Timothy N.	03-13-1843	10-16-1922	I. O. O. F., Tilden

**Clement (Clem) Guy Baker** was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Baker. Clem Baker was born on the family farm northeast of Tilden on April 18, 1886 and died July 26, 1965 in Tilden, Nebraska. He married Eva May Nelson on August 14, 1913. He was survived by his widow, three daughters; Mrs. C. Kenneth Banks, Mrs. Donald J. Hicks, and Mrs. Wayne Galyen, and six grandchildren.

Source: Excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, July 27, 1965, page 14 and July 31, 1965, page 9.

**Byron Henry Baker** was married to Melancy Hiatt, known as Lantie Hiatt, in 1875 at Peru, Iowa. Both had been school teachers. They moved to Madison County, Nebraska in 1882 with four small sons: Milan, Earl, Clyde and Frank. Clement, Floyd, and Fred were born in Nebraska. Fred died at two years old from "brain fever." In 1893 a large two story house was built to replace a log and frame house. In 1915, Byron Baker suddenly passed away. Source: Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 182, 183.

**B. H. Baker** was born 1851 and died in 1915. Lantie Baker was born 1853 and died in 1919. Clyde O. Baker was born January 2, 1880 and died Feb. 6, 1953. Frank W. Baker was born October 5, 1881 and died November 25, 1918. Clement Guy Baker was born April 18, 1886 and died July 26, 1965. Fred C. Baker was born in 1889 and died in 1890. They are all buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery in Tilden, Nebraska.

Source: The Cemeteries and the Marked Graves of Madison County, Nebraska prepared by the Madison County Genealogical Society in the late 1970's.

### **Golden Wedding Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. George Beed**

March 18, 1933

The following article taken from the Elkhorn Journal, Battle Creek's first newspaper, was printed in 1883, and read at the golden wedding celebration.

Rose Phillips and George Beed were married at the home of the bride's parents in Highland Precinct, Madison County, Nebraska, March 18, 1883. F. H. L. Willis, Esquire, officiated at the wedding of George Beed and Rose Phillips. The above event has been looked for by the people of this locality for some time. No cards but lots of cake. Miss Rose has had a host of admirers ever since her residences here but George has by persistent wooing, won the prize and left the rest of suitors in the background.

Highland's constable, no doubt thinking that somebody might harm the happy pair, summoned about a dozen able assistants to his aid, went and guarded their premises the same evening, took such weapons as old shotguns, cowbells, etc., which I believe kept at ball all who would be liable to harm them. This, of course, is rather unusual occurrence on a Sabbath evening but the majesty of the law must be upheld at all hazards.

Signed, "The Esq"

The couple were married at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips. After the wedding, the couple went to make their home in a dugout. They lived in the dugout a year, then succeeded to a homestead west of Battle Creek. Four years later they sold this homestead and moved to their timber claim three and one-half miles northeast of Meadow Grove.

In the blizzard of 1888, Mr. Beed became lost in the storm. Mrs. Beed went in search of him and found him wandering near the house with both eyes and his mouth frozen shut and his mittens frozen to his hands.

They lived on their timber claim until 1911 when they came to Meadow Grove to

make their residence. They had both come to Madison County in covered wagons, Mr. Beed in 1872, and Mrs. Beed in 1881.

The George Beed's had three children, Emma, Earl and Lester Beed.

At the golden wedding celebration there was one guest present who was also at the wedding, Mrs. Malissa Ober. Source: They Called It Meadow Grove, compiled by Gary Kuchar and Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, page 153.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Beed** had three children: Emma, born August 27, 1885, Lester, and Earl. Emma married Eugene Lewis on January 6, 1904. Eugene was the son of Perry Lewis. Earl Beed married Emma Mewes on April 26, 1911. Earl and Emma Beed two children were: Mabel, who married Virgil Sanne and Harold who married Alice Kuchar. Lester Beed married Pearl Russell on January 15, 1909. Source: They Called It Meadow Grove, compiled by Gary Kuchar and Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, page 193.

**Mrs. George Beed** of Meadow Grove died July 23, 1945 at the age of 80. Source: Excerpt from The Norfolk Daily News, July 24, 1945, page 2.

**J. A. Carlisle** was born June 5, 1868, at Lima, Ohio. When he was a year old the family moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Then at the age of 18 he moved to Avoca, Iowa. His future wife, Margaret Grace was born April 3, 1867, at Avoca, Iowa. On May 10, 1893, J. A. and Margaret were married. They lived there until 1902 when they moved to a farm three miles south and 1 mile east of Tilden. They were the parents of four children: Charles and Floyd were born in Avoca, Iowa. The daughters Edna and Eleanor were born here in Nebraska.

Charles married Gertrude McCallum of Newman Grove. Floyd married Marjorie Filmer of Tilden. Edna married James Nerud. Eleanor, the youngest Carlisle daughter, passed away in 1914 at the age of six, as a result of a car accident. Source: Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, page 190.

**William Dahnke** married Wilhelmina Hoepfinger in 1894. Five children were born to the family: Henry, Bertha, Mathilda, Helena, and Irvin. Wilhelmina was the daughter of Jacob and Friedericka (Kruger) Hoepfinger. William died in 1938 and Wilhelmina died in 1941.

**Jacob Hoepfinger** was born May 27, 1841 and died June 11, 1911. Friedericka Kruger, was born December 11, 1846, in Stateen, Pommera, Germany. She died May 14, 1936 at Tilden, Nebraska. The Hoepfinger and Kruger families came from Germany in the early 1860's and settled in Watertown, Wisconsin. Jacob and Friedericka met at Watertown and were married on April 3, 1870. They emigrated to Nebraska from Wisconsin by way of a covered wagon in 1872. Their first home was a dugout on a homestead ten miles west of Pierce, Nebraska. At that time it was open prairie and no town was evident. In the spring of 1880 they moved to Madison County and settled on a farm north of Tilden. This farm was a timber claim.

The couple had the following children: one son died in infancy at a very young age; Mathilda, February 6, 1871—December 13, 1909, married a Kummerfelt; Wilhelmina, March 15, 1874—January 30, 1941, married a Dahnke; Clara, March 15, 1876—January 4, 1959, did not marry; Carl, May 6, 1878—October 15, 1942, did not marry; Anne, November 21, 1880—June 3, 1953, married a Mahin; Rudolph, November 18, 1882—December 30, 1944, married Abbie Simkins; August, November 14, 1885—July 16, 1962, married Lela White; Adolph, August 4, 1889—April 10, 1976, married Anna Perry. Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 196, 197, 204, 205.

**William F. Dahnke** was born in 1868 and Wilhelmina was born in 1874. They are

buried in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Tilden, Nebraska.

Source: The Cemeteries and the Marked Graves of Madison County, Nebraska prepared by the Madison County Genealogical Society in the late 1970's

**Perry Vanado Lewis** was born June 6, 1841 and Van Buren Lewis was born October 21, 1842 at Petersburg, New York. Their parents were Leonard Leland Lewis and Lucinda Hill Lewis. Leonard Lewis was born in Petersburg, New York on January 13, 1822. He migrated west as a young man with his wife, Lucinda Hill Lewis. Near Chicago, Lucinda, passed away in 1853. The children from the first marriage were: Perry Vanado, Van Buren, Victoria, Charles, Amosa, and Harriett. Leonard married Lorinda Rounds of Independence, Missouri. She was born May 9, 1837. The children from Leonard Lewis second marriage were: Wilber Leroy, Arthur Ernest, Oscar Edward, George Elmer, Harmon Ellsworth, John Leonard, Joseph Hiram, and Bertha Alta.

Perry and Van Buren along with their wives and children arrived in the area in 1868. They had spent some time in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. They were married to twin sisters from Montpelier, Vermont. Perry married Adalade Heath in 1858 and Van Buren married Adaline Heath. Van Buren Lewis married Adeline Heath at Madison, Wisconsin in 1858.

Perry made a dugout on the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, Township 24 North, Range 4 West, which was about a block south of the location of the White Way Cafe. In 1874 Perry took out a time claim on the land and immediately planted a large grove of cottonwoods with the aid of his two daughters, Ella, age 10, and Rocellia. The trees were taken from the Elkhorn River one mile north of the site. Furrows were plowed and the trees dropped in by the children. [Many of the century old trees were still standing south of the railroad tracks at the time of the publication of the book They Called It Meadow Grove.]

Perry and Adalade were the parents of fifteen children: Lorenzo William, born Feb. 1860, and died Jul. 24, 1860; George Willmington, Jul. 7, 1861 and died shortly afterwards; Ella Fidella, born May 23, 1863; Rocellia, born Jan. 22, 1865; Florence, born Mar. 14, 1867; Albert Ernest, born Feb. 5, 1869; Jenny Mae, born Mar. 7, 1872; Josephine, born Oct. 26, 1873; Leonard, born Jun. 25, 1875; Charlotte, born Oct. 13, 1877; Viola, born Aug. 15, 1880; Eva, born Aug. 17, 1882; Eugene, born Dec. 29, 1883; Frank James, born Dec. 20, 1886, and Clarence Homer born Apr. 16, 1891.

In 1883, Mr. Lewis constructed a grist mill on Buffalo Creek. This would be one-half mile west of the present town of Meadow Grove. He recognized the need since people had been taking their wheat to Columbus to be ground into flour. Corn was brought to the mill to be made into corn meal and wheat ground for livestock feed. The mill was a large two story wooden structure with a basement under it. The beams were held together with large oak pins. A millrace about 300 or 400 yards long was constructed to the mill from the south where the creek turns west. The millrace was formed, not by digging, but by piling dirt up on two sides and leaving the center open between the piles of dirt for the water to run through. The water was diverted from the creek by a dam. A large water wheel ran the machinery in the mill. The millstones were imported from France and consisted of two sets, one for grinding corn and the other for wheat.

A grocery store and hardware store run by J. I. Beech and a post office run by J. W. White also located at the mill site. The small settlement was known as Gimlet. Joseph Beech set up a grocery store at the mill site in 1883. J. W. White set up a post office there also at the mill site. Joseph Beech married Rocellia Lewis, daughter of Perry Lewis. J. W. White married Ella Lewis, another daughter to Perry Lewis. The mill was run by a Mr. Felix who resided there for a while. Mr. Lewis was not satisfied with the operation and closed it in a few



years. Mr. Lewis son, Leonard, died at the mill site at the age of eight in 1883 when a large hog rolled on him.

In 1886 Perry Lewis felt the need of a town and donated eight blocks and lots in the NW ¼, Section 25, as a start for a new town. They lost another child in 1886 when Jenny Mae died from pneumonia at the age of 14. According to a letter written by a daughter, Charlotte, to the family, "The doctors performed an operation, they said it wasn't cancer, the fatty material they took out was as large as a baby's had. The doctors said if inflammation didn't set in, she would be well in a little while." Mrs. Lewis passed away the following day. Perry Lewis wife died Nov. 12, 1893, at Sioux City, Iowa.

In 1904 the family moved to a farm five and one-half miles northwest of Meadow Grove. He hired Mrs. Vandalia Graybill as a housekeeper to help care for the family. Mrs. Graybill had children from a previous marriage. The children who came with her were Ed, Ella, Ross, O'Banion, and Neva, age 5. The house was quite small, consisting of a kitchen, living room, bedroom, and summer kitchen downstairs, and a large room upstairs. On June 3, 1905, P. V. Lewis and Vandalia were married by the Justice of the Peace, Alvah E. Crooks of Mills Precinct, Pierce County, at the home of the groom. Witnesses were A. E. and Hattie Bendon. Hattie was the daughter of Vandalia.

Perry Lewis was a very conservative man, never spending much on himself. His wives never lacked for material things; he provided well for them. They had plenty of good food and whatever was needed to make life comfortable. Perry acquired over twenty one quarters of land in his lifetime even though he could not sign his name and used an X. One thing he would not tolerate was dishonesty. His judgment was good and he was a hard worker. Perry Lewis died on March 25, 1930.

Mrs. Vandalia Lewis died April 3, 1941.

Sources: Excerpts from They Called It Meadow Grove compiled by Gary Kuchar and Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, pages 184-186, 194. Do You Remember..., compiled by Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, pages 1, 2, 217.

**Horace Marshall** was born at Cordova, Illinois, on April 25, 1861. On June 21, 1885 he married Sadie Crawford in Illinois. They moved to a farm near Madison in 1893 and in the late 1890's moved to Tilden. He went into the mortuary and furniture business with Mr. Nisonger. After the death of Mr. Nisonger he obtained the business and was active in it until his death on March 20, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall had no children of their own. Mrs. Marshall took in the small son of a neighbor lady who died shortly after the lady's son Jack was born. She came to be a "second mother" to Jack and at the age of 16 Jack was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. In 1926 Jack graduated from the Warsham School of Embalming. Also in 1926 he married Gertrude Swanson. Jack was the owner and manager of the Marshall Mortuary until his death in 1961. Jack A. Burke was born January 21, 1899 and died August 2, 1961. He is listed under the name of Jack A. Marshall.

Sources: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, page 216. The Cemeteries and the Marked Graves of Madison County, Nebraska prepared by the Madison County Genealogical Society in the late 1970's.

**Eva Nelson** was born during the last year the Swan Nelson family lived on the river homestead. During that same year Clem Baker was born two miles away on the Byron Baker farm. However, they did not meet until 18 years later in Oakdale. After their marriage in 1914 they made their home on a farm two miles directly north of the location of that early sod house on the river. Eva worked several years in the Tilden Post Office before her marriage to Clem Baker. Eva was the daughter of Swan and Ida Louisa (Anderson) Nelson. The other children were: Archie; Roy; Irene, married Earl Jenkins; Harry; Charlie; Nor-

man; Amanda, married a Manske; and Minnie, married a Hopkins. Larry Linse, is a great grand grandson of Swan and Ida Nelson.

Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 221, 222.

**Theodore John Ott** was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ott at West Point, Nebraska on Feb. 4, 1881. He died May 18, 1965 at Tilden, Nebraska. He married Minnie Linderman at Battle Creek on November 2, 1906 or November 2, 1899. He was survived by his widow; a daughter Mrs. Evelyn Osborn; and a sister Mrs. Adelia Pierce. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy; his parents, and two brothers, Julius and Eugene.

Source: Excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, May 26, 1965, page 17 and May 28, 1965, page 11. Editors note: The paper listed two different marriage dates. A check of the marriage record book on March 3, 2003 revealed the date for their marriage was November 2, 1904 at Battle Creek. Her last name was spelled Lindermann.

**Mathias Petersen** was born on a farm home west of Tilden on March 18, 1884. He was the son of Carsten Petersen, Sr. Anna Christina Hansen was born January 28, 1887, at Jubeck, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. She came to the Tilden area with her family in the spring of 1904. She married Mathias Petersen on September 20, 1904. The couple had eight children who are: Marie, married Max Schnoor; Carsten, married Ruth Hawkins; Walter, married Lorraine Voigt; Leona, married a Hall; Herman, married Bertha Ives; Elmer, married Agnes Spiekermann; Alvin, married Ruth Escritt; and Wayne, married Frances Grosserode. Mathias died in 1949 and Anna died in the mid 1970's.

Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 230, 231.

**Forest Lilbourn Putney** was born October 12, 1857 in Iowa to William and Rosina Putney. He educated himself by home study, and was married November 29, 1891, to Edith Hortense Wallington, at Willapa, Washington. They had three sons, Fred W., William W., and Edward M., and one daughter Mrs. Lloyd E. Whitn--. {Last two letters unreadable} Mrs. Putney died in 1902.

When he first came to Nebraska, and located in Antelope county, Judge Putney farmed. From 1883 to 1885, he was editor of the Oakdale Journal. He was editor of the Pacific Journal, Oysterville, Wash., from 1889 to 1891. He carried on the practice of law while editing the paper. In 1891 and 1892, he was a member of the Washington legislature, and from 1889 to 1893 practiced law at Willapa, after which he returned to Nebraska and served as county judge for two years, his term ending in 1894. From 1895 until he retired in 1934, he practiced law at Tilden, except for a period of fifteen months, during which he served as county judge, having been appointed to fill a vacancy until January, 1925.

Surviving are his sons, and daughter and a number of grandchildren.

Sources: Excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, February 28, 1944, page 1. The Cemeteries and the Marked Graves of Madison County, Nebraska prepared by the Madison County Genealogical Society in the late 1970's.

**August Sanne, Sr.**, and Bertha Wedler were both born and raised in Nuremberg, Germany. August was born in 1849 and Bertha was born in 1853. They were married there on July 22, 1871. August brought his oldest daughter, Annie, with him in 1882, as they were sponsored by his sister, Mrs. Bertha Kloke, to West Point, Nebraska. Bertha came soon after with three small children, Augusta, Charley and August, with little money to buy food. Emma was born after they arrived and they moved to a farm in Stanton County. Later they moved to Pierce and then to a farm between Pierce and Norfolk. The following is a list of their children: Anna, born 1873, married a Huebner and had 7 girls and 4

boys; Augusta, born 1875, married a Christensen and had 5 girls and 1 boy; Charles, born 1881 and had 1 girl and 5 boys: Hilda, Ed, George, Herman, Carl and Arnold; August, born 1882, and had 3 girls and 7 boys; Emma, born 1883, married a Rautenberg and had 5 girls and 3 boys; Theresa, born 1888, and married a Schinck and had 3 girls and 1 boy; Elizabeth, born 1889, and married a Wauer and had 3 girls and 2 boys; William, born 1892 and had 4 girls and 3 boys; Ida, born 1890 and married a Whitwer and had 4 girls; twins born 1896 were Frank, died at the age of 18 and Louise, who married a Kumm and had one girl. Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 238, 239.

**Charles Sanne**, 77, Tilden, Nebraska died January 6, 1958 at his home. He was born December 26, 1880 in Germany and came to America at the age of seven with his family to West Point. He married Emma Tassemeier on October 18, 1905. In 1954 his wife and one son, George, were killed in an automobile accident west of Norfolk. He was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Hatterman, and three sons, Edward, Herman, and Carl. He also is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Wauer, Mrs. Ernest Whitwer and Mrs. Louise Kumm, and two brothers, August and William.

Editors note: One article said a son Arnold and another article said a son Harold had also preceded Charles Sanne in death. Source: Excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, January 8, 1958, page 3 and January 11, 1958, page 7.

**Charles Sanne** came with his parents August and Bertha (Wedler) Sanne, Sr. when he was four years old. He moved with his parents from Pierce, Nebraska in 1901 to a farm east of Tilden. In 1905 Charles married Emma Tassemeier, daughter of Henry Tassemeier. She was born at St. Louis, Missouri. The children born to this couple were: Ed, George, Herman, Carl, Arnold and Hilda.

Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, page 238.

**Mrs. Charles Sanne**, 72, and her son George Sanne, 45, both of Tilden, lost their lives in a car accident west of Norfolk on Highway 275. More than 600 persons attended the funeral services. Emma Tassemeier was born January 21, 1882, at St. Louis and came to Tilden with her family in 1887. She married Charles Sanne on October 18, 1905 in Tilden.

She was survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Hatterman; three sons, Edward, Herman and Carl; one brother, Henry Tassemeier. Two sons preceded her in death.

George Carl William Sanne was born March 29, 1908 at Tilden. He was survived by his father, sister and three brothers.

Source: Excerpts from The Norfolk Daily News, March 5, 1954, page 1.

**Timothy Nichols Terry** was born March 13, 1843, at Watertown, Wisconsin. He was in the Civil War from August 18, 1862 to July 14, 1865. He was married to Josephine Ellen McKenzie on November 25, 1866 in Wisconsin. In 1870 with his wife and two children ( Fred and Elizabeth) headed west to establish a home for themselves in Nebraska. He filed on a homestead two miles north and two miles west of Meadow Grove. Mrs. Terry died on April 27, 1919. Timothy N. Terry passed away on October 16, 1922. The children born to T. N. and Josephine Terry were: Fred E., Sherman W., Richard N., Frank John (born June 29, 1877), Clyde F., Elsworth, Elizabeth [married Ives], Mrs. J. W. Westervelt, and Ruby [married M. N. Collins].

Sources: Excerpts from They Called It Meadow Grove compiled by Gary Kuchar and Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, page 212. Do You Remember..., compiled by Mrs. Lenora Kuchar, page 231.

**Timothy N. Terry** had married Josephine McKenzie in Wisconsin. He started "west" looking for land for his growing family. He came to Omaha and started walking west. He secured a homestead on land that was northeast of the present town on Tilden. The following year in 1870 he brought his wife and two children in a covered wagon to their new home in Madison County. He had served in the Civil War with the north and named one of his sons Sherman. They were anxious that the children receive a education in school and have a church to attend. They built a room on one side of their home for the first schoolhouse. He donated some land on the corner of his farm for a church. Mr. Terry was a descendant of Wm. Bradford, an early governor of the Plymouth colony of the Pilgrims.

The nine children of Timothy and Josephine Terry are: Elizabeth, married Bill Ives; Fred, married Anna Brown; Sherman, married Louella Denny; Frank, married Anna Kinney; Richard, married Bertha Steward; Elsworth, married Beatrice Nieten; Ruby, married Merrill Collins; Mildred, married Jeffery Westervelt; and Clyde, married Laverne Martindale.  
Source: Excerpts from Tilden's Centennial Journey 1880-1980, pages 249, 250.

### **NEW UK & IRELAND RECORDS COLLECTION DATABASES ADDED RECENTLY**

1891 ENGLAND CENSUS (Updates adding images for Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Northumberland)

Images are now available for Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Dorset, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, and Oxfordshire.

An every-name index is currently available for Oxfordshire, with more to follow in the near future.

England (General): Calendars of Wills and Administrations

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D5877>

England: Canterbury--Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1581-95

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D5877>

"Irish Independent' Newspaper Obituaries: May 2001-May 2002"

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D6097>

Yorkshire: Sheffield Parish Registers

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D5982>

Yorkshire: Sheffield Registers of Burials, 1703-20 and Registers of Baptisms, 1736-52

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=4717&key=D5982>

### **Some other interesting databases added to Ancestry recently.**

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1888

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D5991>

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1890

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D5997>

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1892

<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D6001>

## **Ancestry Quick Tips**

### **DATING FAMILY PHOTOS**

While scanning old family pictures, I discovered a way of dating them that hadn't occurred to me until I had the ability to enlarge portions of the picture.

If you can find a car with a license plate in the background, zoom in on the license plate. It will provide you with the approximate year the picture was taken.

In my family, at least, people liked to pose in front of their cars and I have been able to discover many approximate dates for photos and series of photos in this fashion.

Melissa Humphrey, Georgetown, Kentucky

(Editor's note: This also works with calendars hanging on walls in the background.)

### **FAMILY HISTORY BOOKMARKS**

Since I've begun tracing my genealogy (and been a mother), I have become interested in arts and crafts. One project I am planning to start soon is ancestor bookmarks. I will put a picture of an ancestor along with bookmark-sized facts about the individual (birth/death date and place, who they married, and a couple of small interesting tidbits). They can be made easily with a scanner and a word document. I can fit more than one bookmark on a page, and laminate them at a low cost. They'll make great gifts for those family members who are interested in the information I find while researching (and hopefully keep them looking for updates).

LaKesha Kimbrough, Seattle, Washington

### **DIGITAL COPIES OF OLD FAMILY PHOTOS**

A digital camera can be used to reproduce old photographs, and offers better flexibility, portability, and resolution than most scanners. My camera has a zoom lens, a preview screen, and a "macro" mode for extreme close-ups, so photos can be laid flat and copied quickly without removing them from albums or frames. Snapshots as small as 2" x 3" are reproduced with remarkable fidelity.

While home for the holidays, I photographed over a hundred old photos from a family album in about an hour. The photos were later downloaded to a computer with a CD burner, and copies of the collection are now available to the entire family.

Michael Jeziorski

### **NOTE ADDRESSES FOR FUTURE FAMILY HISTORIANS**

In my genealogy records, I note where my parents "should" be found in upcoming census reports. I have done the same with my husband, daughter, and myself. If I'm not around when the 1940 census comes out, our daughter will know where to look for her grandparents, and when the 1950 census comes out she will know where to look for her parents!

Gail Garlinghouse Rysso

### **Digital Photos For Documents and Microfilm**

Here's a reason why a digital camera should be part of every genealogist's toolbox. Many old "official" records are simply handwritten entries in a ledger book. It's often not permitted (or possible) to scan or photocopy such records, and photography conditions are often much less than ideal. Many digital cameras have a 'preview' feature that lets you examine the photo right after you've taken it. This is preferable to waiting for film developing, only to discover that the photos of now faraway records didn't come out properly!

I've also had great success photographing microfilm and microfiche projections at LDS centers -- they often come out better than the printed copy.

Paul Havemann, Oak Ridge, NJ

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**Check The Local News**

When Reading microfilms of old newspapers, read the Local News column. It can be a source of lots of interesting tidbits. For instance I am trying to trace back one branch of my family tree. Quite by accident I came upon this entry in a July 10, 1936 edition of the "Wahpeton Farmer-Globe." "Mrs. Carl Braun has been in Portland OR and Mt. Angel to be with her ailing mother, Mrs. Peter Kaiser"

OK, so now I know Mrs. Carl Braun's maiden name (Kaiser), that her husband's name was Carl, father's name was Peter and that she was in Portland, OR and Mt. Angel in July of 1936. It is also possible that she has other relatives in both locations as well.

Gordon & Juanita Reeder

**Places to Visit**

In my ever-growing filing system of ancestor research I keep a "Places to Visit" section. My ancestors came from England and Ireland and whenever I come across a reference to a village, graveyard, a family home or local genealogical resource, I make a note. I plan to spend my vacation in the British Isles and my notes will allow me to make the best use of my time there. First, on my list is the Hegarty home on Bridge Street, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. It has five windows and a slate roof mentioned in the 1911 census. Next is the graveyard in the village of Church Enstone, Oxfordshire, England where several members of the Huckin family are buried. With "My Places to Visit" notes in my hand, I will be well-prepared.

*Thanks to Pat Ligon from The Woodlands, Texas, for today's Quick Tip!*  
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