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From your President, John Kielty

When the humidity is higher than the temperature then summer must be here. I'm caught in that endless cycle, water the lawn, mow, water the lawn, mow. If I don't mow I won't be able to find my youngest son, but if I don't water the grass will go dormant and my wife will be very disappointed. So, we water and mow, water and mow.

I want to comment on something that someone said. He said that he wouldn't come to the genealogy society meetings as long as anyone mentioned computers. He wants things the way they were 20 years ago, I guess. Those good old days when people kept pedigree charts. But, I have pedigree charts, in pencil mostly. Maybe he wants to see family group sheets and not hear talk about gedcom files, but my family group sheets are divided into the pen copies of facts I know and the pencil copies of things I'm looking for. Maybe he wants to talk about wills and probate, or land deeds, or marriage records. That's great because that is where I get most of my evidence, my proof. Some people like computers, some don't.

Computers, and the internet are not the easy way to go. All those internet sites can't tell you more than you see. You usually can't find out how good a researcher the author was, nor how discerning his research was. Now if the information is not costing you anything, you could use the hints, and follow the trail the person shows to develop your own research plan. Then you would be using the internet correctly. It's all research, not necessarily facts. The same goes for the library, or the courthouse. It's all written down in a book, magazine, or probate index. But the truth, many times, has yet to be seen. That is why we like more than one source, to corroborate our facts.

The internet is great in connecting people all across the country, working on the same family. It is bad when people put information on there that is wrong. The same happens in other areas, like the DAR. These ladies have done wonderful research for many years now. Yet I know of a pedigree that can no longer be used because it was proven to be false. I wish I had half the research most of those ladies have.

I just want to say that we all need to do good research. We all need to use primary sources. If you enter all the information in a computer, that is fine with me, just so long as you have a paper copy, a printed version in case the computer glitches, or hiccups. I wish the person I was talking about, could share with the group some of the information he has accumulated over the years. I'm not too old to learn. I wish he could teach.

May Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on May 20 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center.

The nominating committee for the selection of possible officers for the upcoming year is Karen Reed, Dale Masters, and Karen Rogat. The election of officers will take place in July.

Suggestions for the upcoming field trip in August were placed on the floor for discussion. They included West Point Genealogy Society, Pierce Library, Winside Library, Tilden Library, possibly a museum or possibly a cemetery. Karen Rogat will call and see if the Pierce Library can accommodate the society.

We are looking for ideas for an upcoming workshop. A couple of ideas that we discussed were the group that was here last year, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the State Genealogy Society, and possibly local genealogists.

John Kielty presented the queries and newsletters that were received this month. Nancy Zaruba reported that she purchased a copy of the Platte County Rural Cemeteries book for \$25.00. Society members voted to reimburse her for the cost. The book is in the Society Library.

The Norfolk Public Library had a copy of the Pierce County Cemetery Book and since there were no more available for purchase, Richard Strenge paid for photocopying the book and donated it to our Society library.

Marlyn Low thanked everyone for the cards, letter and calls while he was ill.

May Program

The May program was presented by Marv Gibson. He brought several examples of books that were hand printed by his grandfather, Fred Yoss, the son of 19th century Swiss immigrants. They included a family history of his life before his marriage, his family's genealogy, and the lives of his relatives and several memory books. These books were hand typed, hand printed and bound personally by his grandfather.

He also had copies of memoirs written by his father, Vic Gibson.

He shared with us about the importance of writing down the stories and memories as they are talked about at family get-togethers and preserving that information for future generations.

When asked if had done his own stories and memories bringing the family stories up to date, he replied "he hadn't yet, but hoped to live long enough to do so."

June Meeting Notes by Karen Rogat, Secretary

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on June 17, 2003 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. There were 17 members and 3 guests present.

The nominating committee reported that they were still looking for a volunteer for vice-president. If anyone wants to run for any of the offices, please contact a member of the nominating committee. We will vote for officers at the July meeting.

Karen Rogat reported that the field trip for August 19th is tentatively set up for the new Pierce Library from 6-8 pm. We will discuss the travel arrangements in July.

John Kielty checked with the post office on cheaper postage rate for our newsletters. He reported that there is no price difference between profit and non-profit organizations.

Richard Strenge reported on his trip to the Nebraska State Genealogical Conference. He was very impressed with the Conference in general. He gave a brief synopsis of the speakers and their topics. Richard showed how Cyndi Howell's filing system worked and how he applied it to his own cemetery location research.

Richard picked up a copy of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Cemetery Lists Publication that was published in 1996. He reported that most of the cemetery information for Madison County is not accurate. It was suggested that the State be notified about this mistake and the correct information be given to them so that they can correct it. We would also like to have it changed on the Madison County, USGenWeb page sponsored by Don Schnieder.

We received announcements for the upcoming Toelle and Wostoupal families reunion in West Point and we received a couple of queries that were presented to the group. Richard Strenge reported that the Tilden high school reunion was held and he picked up a booklet that contains the graduates names and addresses. A copy was given to the library.

Cassandra Hilbers reported on a tour that she had taken to the Neihardt Center at Bancroft. The lady that gave the tour said that she would consider presenting a program to our society.

Nancy Zaruba reports that a member has, over the years, collected the newspaper articles "The Family Trails" that used to be printed in the Omaha paper. These have been donated to the library and contain a lot of good genealogical information. We have made a scrapbook of these articles.

Nancy visited with Gene Trine at Madison and was successful in borrowing and copying the Crown Hill Cemetery Internment book and the Crown Hill Cemetery Lot Book (which they stopped using in 1974), and a current (as of 2002) map of the cemetery. Gene is in the process of entering all of this information into a computer and will give us a copy of this for our library next year when he finishes it. The books are now available in the library for research.

June Program

A homemade video of a Wicca wedding and Handfasting ceremony was presented.

We were invited to a wedding, the daughter of friends. The invitation was of handmade paper with flowers and leaves embedded in the paper, hand lettered, and inviting us to a wedding to be held at a Nature Center, bring your own chair, business casual attire. That seemed a bit unusual but realizing the bride is a theater major and into doing her own thing, we didn't think too much about it.

The wedding dress was sewn by the bride's mother and made her look a little like a fairy or an angel, very pretty, but non-traditional. We helped to set up and decorate the hall for the reception. The tables were covered in plain paper and crayons were placed on every table for folks to doodle and draw with. There were lots of candles, glitter and homemade flower centerpieces. Very attractive and a bit unusual. The caterer came in to set up; Chinese buffet from Hy-Vee. The wedding cake was cupcakes on a tiered plate. Everything was very beautiful if dramatic and a little out of the ordinary.

The wedding ceremony was held in the park at 4:00 (actually didn't start until 4:25) on a Sunday afternoon. There were four silk butterflies on wires stuck into the grass at the north, south, east and west points of a circle.

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Then a girl, each dressed in non-traditional dresses, all different, stood at each point. The girl performing the ceremony set up a small altar in the center of the circle and placed a chalice, water, and a ribbon upon it. The bride and groom and the best man and maid of honor all took their places.

The bride's father entered the circle and asked the groom a riddle, which he had to answer (with the best man's help.) "A man builds a house. Every window faces south. A bear walks by. What color is the bear?" (Answer: white, North Pole is the only location where every direction is south.) Having passed that test the ceremony proceeded.

Each girl around the circle had a script she read from as the "Spirits of Earth and North", "Spirits of Air and East" "Spirits of Fire and South" and the "Spirits of Water and West." As each girl prepares to read her part she lights a stick of incense, holds it while reading and then sticks it into the grass. As the girls are reading, the bride picks up a basket and proceeds to make a circle connecting the girls by dropping flower petals. The parents and family of the bridal couple are asked for their approval of the marriage. The bridal couple are asked to drink from the chalice to purify themselves and then vows are recited. The bridal couple then leave the circle to distribute gifts to everyone in attendance. (The gift was a small package with 3 different kinds of herb seeds and a Cherokee Wedding Prayer in a piece of netting, all of the children got pinwheels). After a further reading by the officiate, she picks up the ribbon and proceeds to tie their hands together, "in the tradition of Celtic handfasting." Each "spirit" then asks for a blessing from that "spirit". A blessing is asked from the "Lord and Lady" and then the girls all "thank the creatures and spirits", the ribbon is untied and the wedding is over.

The entire ceremony lasted less than twenty minutes and was very interesting. If you weren't listening carefully you might well have missed part of it. Later we asked questions and then I did some research to find out just exactly what this was all about.

Wicca Tradition Basics

There are as many kinds and variations of Wicca as there are Protestant religions. Wicca is pagan. Most do not believe in God, or Jesus. The Gardnerian branch named for its founder Gerald Gardner is very much witchcraft, with spells, covens, and ranks attained through study and training. Other major kinds include Alexandrian, Reclaiming, Dianic, Eclectic and British Traditional. Eclectic is a term for Wiccans who follow no tradition and are very informal and open. Dianic is female-oriented. Reclaiming focuses on one's inner spirit and personal power, study and ritual. Wicca as practiced by this particular group of young people is actually more about living in harmony with the earth and nature. They try to live "green". Very into conservation, and not "conspicuous consumption."

Handfasting is the marriage rite used by many neo-Pagans and Wiccans. Some Christians also use parts of the handfasting ceremony if they are Celtic even if they're not pagan per se. The term comes from the custom of shaking hands over a contract. "Handfasting" refers to the hands being bound together as "tying the knot" or "the ties that bind". Other variations include "jumping the broom" found in many African and Black-American ceremonies and cutting locks of each others hair and putting them in a silver box to symbolize a future relationship as intimate as the mixing of their hairs.

In modern Pagan traditions, it may be used in the informal betrothal sense, or as a legal wedding. It traditionally refers to a trial marriage as in a year and a day, and can be renewed "so long as love shall last" or for a commitment to be together throughout this life time. This particular couple did a 3 month handfasting, then a one year and a day handfasting, and now made it legal.

Most couples married in a Wicca or handfasting ceremony wishing to make it legal must find some-

one with a valid license issued by the government to perform marriages. Most Christian and Jewish clergy are not willing to perform a Pagan ritual, but ministers from congregations affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association will. In this particular case, the "minister" registered with the *Universal Life Church* which has minimal requirements for ordination and thus was "legal" to marry this couple.

This type of ceremony is also used by same-sex couples for a commitment ceremony and can be modified in as many ways as you are creative.

We're not promoting this "religion" but it is out there and people need to be educated. Wicca, in fact, is recognized by the U.S. Government as a valid religion, as far as its military and prisons go. If you want to read the actual ceremony, (I got a copy of the script), or watch the video just ask Nancy at the Research Center.

In fact neither of the couples' parents or grandparents are Wiccan. Grandparents of the couple attended the wedding and basically did not realize that it was a pagan wedding. They were only too happy that the kids were no longer "just living together."

Query

1870, Haaren, Westphalen, Germany.

Neighbors and relatives (the families Ernesti, Gerken, Goeken, Hagedorn, Kaup, Knievel, Muller, Schulte, Thiele, and others) have already gone or are discussing going to America—to a place called Nebraska.

Do we go or do we stay, the couple agonizes. How can we leave our two children behind? Within the past five years, they had buried two of their five children. Can you leave behind your only son? Can we leave behind our parents, our brothers and sisters?

Their next decision when and how to sail to America. Bremen is the closest port, 200 miles away. Hamburg, 50 miles farther. *What time of year do we leave? To what port do we sail? Then, how do we travel to Nebraska?*

There are no travel agencies in 1870 Germany. But Hermann and Margaretha Toelle know from their neighbors that others have sailed to New York City, others to New Orleans. Some cross America in wagons, by rail, or on a large river called the Mississippi, which meets with another river called the Missouri.

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Unfortunately, our family historians have been unable to find the Toelle's itinerary or their names in the ship passenger lists.

What is known is that Hermann, Margaretha, and their three daughters left Haaren sometime between February, 1870, and February, 1871, when the first Toelle child was born in the US—Emma, who was born in the State of Missouri, on the way to Nebraska.

It is also known that immigrants to the same destination tended to travel via routes previously traveled by family and friends.

I would like to ask descendants of Haaren immigrants to the West Point area to share with me their ancestors' stories about their travels to America. With shared knowledge comes facts that can assist us all in better honoring and knowing our ancestors.

Please contact Sherry Toelle by email at famhist@metc.net, or by regular mail at P.O. Box 226, Atlantic, IA 50022, or by telephone, 712-243-4861.

## Elkhorn Valley Museum Research Center News

### **Recent donations to the library include:**

**Collections:** Adolph Henry Warnstedt, World War I Signal Corps, collection of photos, certificates, uniform and personal memorabilia ; Large collection of recipe and cooking booklets from 1920s to 1950s ; Collection of photos, uniform items etc. belonging to Marvin Leiting, World War I from Randolph ; Collection of Directories and Clippings of the Northeast Nebraska Art Association and the Norfolk Arts Center ; Large collection of photo prints of 19th century fashion plates, and early American Life ; Several items relating to George W. Norris.

**Photos and Postcards:** Company A, 70th Infantry, Kansas, World War I ; Hotel Norfolk ; Home Arts Magazine Cover from April 1937 ; U.S.S. Kitty Hawk photo and history ; Collection of photos from Don Cook including Chicago and Joyce Lumber Co. fires, Reconstruction of Norfolk Ave and North 1st Streets, Norfolk Feed Mill, Capture of black jail escapee, Norfolk Airport, Risser Flying Service Office, Flooding, Nebraska State Patrol in parade, 13th and Norfolk Ave. intersection photos before new Bank of Norfolk building, Windmill near Huse's home, Pleasant Valley Community Center, Construction of Willow Creek Dam and Reservoir, Aerial shots of Norfolk, Anderson Gravel Pit, etc. ; 9th Battalion 163rd Depot Brigade Camp Dodge 1918 ; Photos and Architectural Drawing of home of L. C. Mittelstadt, 201 N. 12th St. and photo of Emilie Mittelstadt, Augusta and Hulda Schmode ; August and Bertha Raabe Family ; 4 photos of Gene Huse family home ; Our Savior Lutheran Church Norfolk Centennial.

**Clippings:** Newspaper clippings of various events ; Bygone Nebraska: a series of newspaper clippings from the Omaha Paper about Nebraska's early history published in 1968 ; Scrapbook of Family Trails articles from the Omaha World Herald about genealogy.

**Books:** Platte County Nebraska Cemeteries, Rural ; Lot Book to Crown Hill Cemetery Madison to 1974 and Record of Interments in Crown Hill Cemetery from the beginning to 2003 ; Webster School Quasiquicentennial and Timeline History, Scribner, NE ; Battle Creek High School Yearbook for 1971 ; St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ixonia, WI Index to Baptisms 1846-1866 ; Fremont Area Telephone Directory from 1997/1998 ; Yearbooks from Osmond High School 1961, Neligh High School 1962,1963, Brunswick High School 1964, 1965, The UNL Cornhusker 1944, Wayne State College Spizz 1959 ; Index to St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery Norfolk.

**Maps:** Map and Abstract of Title to the Butterfield House, 1205 Norfolk Ave. ; Map of Crown Hill Cemetery.

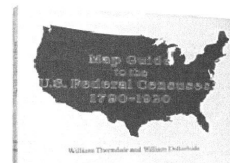
**Newspapers:** Centennial Edition of Norfolk Daily News.

**Misc.:** Calendar from Steffen's Furniture and Mortuary, Battle Creek ; City Engineers Map of the City of Norfolk dated September 1919 ; Series of prints: the American Soldier from

1781-1903 ; Family Tree chart of the Pollack Family and document with picture of Rehmus Family ; Homestead Certificate of Lars Morton of Neligh from 1891 ; Framed documents of The Constitution of the U.S., the Pledge of Allegiance, The American's Creed ; Several other genealogical newsletters and articles ; Recipe booklet published by Tolerton and Warfield of Norfolk NE.

### Want List:

We are still in need of further donations to purchase the **books** listed in the last issue. We have received some but not enough. The one we need the most is the Map Guide to the US Federal Census which shows how the county boundaries changed from one census to the next. We have received half of the cost of this book from a Society member and are seeking the other half.



We are also in desperate need of **shelving** to go on the wall above the file cabinets to hold boxes of collections as detailed in the last newsletter. An example of the items to be stored there is one we just received yesterday which is 41 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings that belonged to Guelda Jensen and her mother dating from 1915. We intend eventually to photocopy out some of the clippings and file them in the family and business files but these are a great treasure trove of not only Nebraska but US news as well. Unfortunately we cannot tackle that project yet as our photocopier is so poor it cannot compensate for yellowed newsprint. So the third item on our want list is a new **photocopier** or donations to lease one.

Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning and find any of the following items:

**Church Directories, Telephone Directories, City Directories, yearbooks, newspapers prior to 1996, postcards, advertising items from Norfolk or area businesses, diaries, calendars, or anything else relating to the Elkhorn Valley and its people.**

### Upcoming Workshops

**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)

Manning Heritage Foundation will host the **8th Annual International Low German (Plattdeutsch) Conference and Genealogical Workshop** at the Hausbarn/Heritage Park at Manning, IA, Oct. 3-5, 2003. Special guests from Germany and the U.S. will be present. The conference will be of special interest for genealogists, Platt speakers, and those who would like to learn more about the language of their forefathers. Family researchers with old German script documents will find assistance with interpretation of the documents. For additional information: Dr. Struve at [crstruve@pionet.net](mailto:crstruve@pionet.net) or telephone 712-653-2607 or the Manning Heritage Foundation at [heritag@pionet.net](mailto:heritag@pionet.net) or telephone 800-292-0252.

**1889 Norfolk City Directory**

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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Rudd, T., carpenter, bds. at I. Rodgers'.  
Runhke, August, bds. at Morey House.

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Sacquety, Miss Flora, lives at J. A. Willey's.  
Sage, Miss Nettie, clerk, lives at J. D. Sturgeon's.  
Schaeffer, C., brakeman, bds. at Wm. Killen's.  
Schaffer, Frank, bds. G. R. Seiler's.  
Schaffer, Mat., butcher, res. upstairs Main St. betw. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Aves., east.  
Schaffer, Mrs. E., res. the same.  
Scheier, J. B., (Birchard, Bridge & Co.), res. se cor 11<sup>th</sup> and Prospect Ave.  
Scheier, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
Schimelpfenig, Emily, bds. at E. J. Schoregge's.  
Schmidt, Wm. brick-tender, res. 8<sup>th</sup>, betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves., 1-h-w.  
Schmidt, Mrs. U., res. the same.  
Schoregge, E. J., bakery, 215 Norfolk Avenue, res. up stairs.  
Schoregge, Mrs. E. J., res. as above.  
Schoregge, Mrs. L., res. the same.  
Schoregge, Miss Louisa, bds. as above.  
Schramm, Chas., engineer, res. 3<sup>rd</sup> betw. Pasewalk and Bluff Avenues., 2-h-w.  
Schramm, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
Schramm, Miss Dina, bds. as above.  
Schroenk, [H?], res. 2<sup>nd</sup>, betw. Norfolk and Braasch Aves., 2-h-e.  
Schroenk, Mrs. C., res. the same.  
Schuh, Matthias, res. Philip Ave., betw. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 4-h-s.  
Schuh, Mrs. C., res. the same.  
Schultz, Chas., bds. at Albert Maas'.  
Schultz, G., res. 1<sup>st</sup> opposite Verges.  
Schultz, Mrs. F., res. the same.  
Schwartz, Joseph, fireman, res. 4<sup>th</sup>, betw. Bluff and Grove Aves., 4-h-w.  
Schwartz, Mrs. L., res. the same.  
Schwenk, P, (Pilger & Schwenk), res. nw cor 11<sup>th</sup> and Koenigstein Ave.  
Schwenk, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
Schwenk, Geo., plumber, bds. as above.  
Schwertfeger, E., saloon, 113 Norfolk Ave.; res. 1 door east.  
Schwertfeger, Mrs. E., res. the same.  
Schwertfeger, Mrs. E., lives at F. Pasewalk's.  
Scofield [?], V. res. se cor Madison and Indiana Ave.  
Scofield [?], Mrs. E., res. the same.  
Seiler, G. R., livery stable, Braasch Ave. foot of 3<sup>rd</sup>; res. Braasch Ave., betw. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-h-s.  
Seiler, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
Sessions, Louis, (Sessions & Bell), res. ne cor. 15<sup>th</sup> and Norfolk Ave.  
Sessions, Mrs. G. A., res. the same.  
Shaw, — — res. 12<sup>th</sup>, betw. Madison and Philip Aves., 1-h-e.  
Shaw, Mrs. — — res. the same.  
Shearer, S. W., lather, res. sw cor. 8<sup>th</sup> and Madison Ave.  
Shearer, Mrs. A. A., res. the same.



**GREEN GARDEN PRECINCT**, Township 21 North, Range 2 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Madison County, Nebraska. Names of persons living on or owning land in Green Garden Precinct extracted from the **STANDARD ATLAS OF MADISON COUNTY OF 1918**. Extracted by Jeanne Rix.

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## New Wisconsin Name Index

The Wisconsin Historical Society is pleased to announce its Wisconsin Name Index ([www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni)), a new online tool to help genealogists research their ancestors.

The Index leads to more than 100,000 obituaries, personal sketches, and other short biographies of Wisconsin people. These texts originally appeared in 150 county and local histories, dozens of professional directories and biographical encyclopedias, more than 60 scrapbooks containing 30,000 obituaries, and in Wisconsin magazines and newspapers. Thousands include portraits and other illustrations. Users can search the database with a last name, first name, maiden name, time frame, and various other details. Photocopies of biographical sketches, articles, and obituaries can all be ordered online through our online genealogical research service.

The name index was created by professional librarians at the State Historical Society. Starting about 1870, our staff made a catalog card for every biographical sketch in each new Wisconsin county history. They made a similar card for every obituary added to the scrapbooks they called "Wisconsin Necrology", and frequently added cards for magazine and newspaper articles about Wisconsin residents. After more than a century of such work, the data on the original cards was typed into a database and the Wisconsin Name Index was born.

For further information about the Wisconsin Name Index or other online research available through the Wisconsin State Historical Society, please visit our website at [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org)

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## New Family History Resource

**SnuffleSearch** can be found at <http://mysite.freemove.com/snufflesearch>

SnuffleSearch is a virtual researcher accessing information compiled from a variety of sources in Africa, North America, England, Scotland, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, and Australia. The information is sorted into small databases, each with its own catalogue, allowing researchers to check resources available manually with no possibility of missing something important. Databases are updated regularly and new database catalogues are being released all the time.

So far SnuffleSearch has released the following catalogues:

**Diaspora Catalogue**

This catalogue contains almost 3000 entries which identify men, women and children found outside their birthplace or genetic area of origin. It pins down each individual to a place, a time, and activity. Of most interest to researchers seeking information on: Irish, Irish-American, American, English, Scottish, Dutch, German, other European, and South African/colonial ancestors. The following mini catalogues are available for easy use:

Diaspora 1500-1799 — under 100 entries. Diaspora 1800-1850 Diaspora 1851-1899 Diaspora 1900 Diaspora 1901-1919 Diaspora 1920-1929 Diaspora 1930-1980 — under 100 entries Diaspora variable dates — contains expanded family information.

**Births, Marriages & Deaths**

This database is divided into: Male BMDs and Female BMDs. Released to date English BMDs 1791 — taken from sources which provide something more than registry information. Particularly useful for tracing ancestors who may have been born, married or died outside their 'home' area. Often gives additional information about family members. Also contains interesting social details.

**Helpful Items for Historical Research**

This catalogue contains items such as perpetual calendars, shipping/postal times, moon phases, etc. We add as we find them.

**Photograph Catalogue**

This catalogue contains photographs from Snuffle's private collection.

**Special Releases**

**Hampson** Collection — containing Hampson family history of British and South African interest.

**Parker** Collection — containing Parker family history of interest to British/Lancashire Parker historians, and British/Colonial generalists.

**Parker Photographs** — 1860s/70s of interest to British/Lancashire Parker historians. Available in JPEG from original collection.

Ask for details on any of the above special releases. Notification of new catalogues and updates will appear on their website <http://mysite.freemove.com/snufflesearch> or you can ask for updates from [research@saga100.freemove.co.uk](mailto:research@saga100.freemove.co.uk)

We respect our ancestors' achievements by standing on their shoulders and seeing farther, not by crouching in their shadows and seeing less. Let's do something to inspire our own grandchildren. That's what the ancestors did. -Donald Creighton (Sep. 27, 1999)

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root. -Chinese proverb

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors. -Edmund Burke

The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks: We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors. They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. -Samuel Adams

I set out with a perfect distrust of my own abilities, a total renunciation of every speculation of my own, and with a profound reverence for the wisdom of our ancestors, who have left us the inheritance of so happy a Constitution and so flourishing an empire, and, what is a thousand times more valuable, the treasury of the maxims and principles which formed the one and obtained the other. -Edmund Burke (Mar. 22, 1775)

# MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**Meetings:** The 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE.

**MCGS Library** is located at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE  
Hours are Thursdays 4-8 pm and Fridays 1-4 and other times by appointment. Please call: (402) 371-3886.

**Memberships** are \$10.00 for individual or \$15 per couple per year, due in September.

**Research Requests:** \$10 and a family group sheet to MCGS, P.O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.

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## Quick Research Tip

This is a list of states and the dates births & deaths were required to be registered. It is handy to have them all in one place.

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|-------------|------|------|----------------|------|------|----------------|------|------|
| Alabama     | 1908 | 1908 | Louisiana      | 1914 | 1914 | Oklahoma       | 1908 | 1908 |
| Alaska      | 1913 | 1913 | Maine          | 1892 | 1892 | Oregon         | 1903 | 1903 |
| Arizona     | 1909 | 1909 | Maryland       | 1898 | 1898 | Pennsylvania   | 1906 | 1906 |
| Arkansas    | 1914 | 1914 | Massachusetts  | 1841 | 1841 | Puerto Rico    | 1931 | 1931 |
| California  | 1905 | 1905 | Michigan       | 1867 | 1867 | Rhode Island   | 1852 | 1852 |
| Colorado    | 1907 | 1907 | Minnesota      | 1900 | 1900 | South Carolina | 1915 | 1915 |
| Connecticut | 1897 | 1897 | Mississippi    | 1912 | 1912 | South Dakota   | 1905 | 1905 |
| Delaware    | 1881 | 1881 | Missouri       | 1910 | 1910 | Tennessee      | 1914 | 1914 |
| D.C.        | 1855 | 1871 | Montana        | 1907 | 1907 | Texas          | 1903 | 1903 |
| Florida     | 1915 | 1915 | Nebraska       | 1905 | 1905 | Utah           | 1905 | 1905 |
| Georgia     | 1919 | 1919 | Nevada         | 1911 | 1911 | Vermont        | 1857 | 1857 |
| Hawaii      | 1896 | 1896 | New Hampshire  | 1905 | 1905 | Virginia       | 1912 | 1912 |
| Idaho       | 1911 | 1911 | New Jersey     | 1848 | 1848 | Washington     | 1907 | 1907 |
| Illinois    | 1916 | 1916 | New Mexico     | 1919 | 1919 | West Virginia  | 1917 | 1917 |
| Indiana     | 1882 | 1882 | New York       | 1880 | 1880 | Wisconsin      | 1907 | 1907 |
| Iowa        | 1880 | 1880 | North Carolina | 1913 | 1913 | Wyoming        | 1909 | 1909 |
| Kansas      | 1911 | 1911 | North Dakota   | 1908 | 1908 |                |      |      |
| Kentucky    | 1911 | 1911 | Ohio           | 1909 | 1909 |                |      |      |