

# *Madison County Remembers...*

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

Has anyone else watched the PBS series "History Detectives"? People submit artifacts like a naval captain's megaphone or an old U. S. flag. The experts on the show try to prove the authenticity and the connection to the family in question.

They use many of the resources we, as genealogists, would use. They have knowledge of experts in clothing styles, or confederate money, or where to find the newspaper archive collection. They use experts to authenticate art, and technicians to study the difference between stone and ceramic sculpture. In fact they have access to many experts that we would not have access to.

The series did give one hope that the information we am looking for is out there. For example, they were trailing a sailor during the time of the Revolutionary War who was captured and imprisoned in England. They researched at a naval history museum and library and found a book listing the sailor on a ship captured by the British. The sailor was imprisoned but survived and later became a captain of his own ship.

I am encouraged that there are repositories with published and unpublished papers that could relate to my genealogical research. We can't give up hope. If nothing else, maybe the next generation will have access to the index or the family name will be listed on a website connected to a publication. We shouldn't become discouraged. We need to do what we can do. We need to try to make the job of the next researcher a little easier.

*That's the problem with the gene pool: NO Lifeguards!*

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

John Kielty called the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to order. The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were read and accepted. We had 15 members and 2 guests present. The book, "A Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census" has been ordered but not yet received.

John read correspondence that was received during the past month.

Ruthie Galitz gave a report on the programs for the next year. She has many of the months covered but still would appreciate any ideas that we may have. Some of the speakers will be Warren Cook, Jim Carlisle, Betty Bohac, and a representative from the Orphan Grain Train.

The possible upcoming trip to Kansas City to visit the Mid-Continent Library and the National Archives in February was discussed. The bus company suggested that we wait until January to book this trip because of the cost decline in the winter months. This will be a two day venture. Ruthie will continue to investigate.

Some Family Tree and Family History magazines were donated to the library and are available to be checked out.

A refreshment sign-up sheet was passed around. If you signed a previous one, please disregard because it has been misplaced. The new one is the active one.

A get well card for Nylotis Moats was passed around and signed by the members.

## **September Program**

The program at the September meeting was presented by representatives from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church. Each presenter explained about the founding of their church and showed examples of the records available for research. St. Paul's has given us copies of many early photos and documents. Grace Lutheran showed us a large scrapbook presenting the history of the church up to the present day including all of the confirmation classes, ministers, etc. They also brought church books that could be researched at the meeting and can be accessed at the church secretary's office. It was interesting to browse through the photos and records brought to the meeting and good to know that the records are available for genealogical searching.

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

The October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was called to order and the secretaries' minutes and treasurer's report were read and accepted.

Ruthie Galitz reports that she would definitely have information on the proposed Kansas City trip at our Christmas party in January. The program for November will be presented by Betty Bohac on her trip to Czechoslovakia.

Nancy Zaruba brought 3 books to the meeting that belong to the library: A Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Census (which we purchased), Neligh Centennial (donated by Diane Kimble), and Iowa Connections (donated by Patty Uecker).

Richard Strenge designed a form to use as a communication tool for us who are doing research on queries. This is just to help ensure that there is no duplication of effort on our part. He gave a report on the conference in West Point. He also donated a packet of forms to the society.

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## **Genealogical Research Bus Trip Being Planned**

Plans are in the works for a bus trip to Kansas City in February. The exact dates and cost are not yet finalized as the bus company says if we wait until after Christmas to make final arrangements, rates will be cheaper.

Tentative plans are for spending 2 nights in a motel, thus allowing more than 3 hours research time at each facility, which is about all we would have if we only stayed one night. We would leave early one weekday morning, drive down, find our motel, have lunch and split out time researching at the National Archives and at Mid-Continent Public Library which has a large genealogy collection. The next day would be spent half the group at one facility and half at the other. The last day would be reversed with a drive home in the evening.

Hopefully with at least 40 persons going, the cost would be extremely reasonable somewhere in the \$60 to \$100 per person range for the transportation and motel. Cost would vary according to how many persons would go and which motel we stay at. This trip would have to be done during the week as the National Archives is not open on weekends.

The National Archives has census microfilm, passenger lists, Indian records, immigration records, etc. Mid-Continent is a large genealogical lending library with books and materials on many genealogical topics. Some of their catalogs are available at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. It would be useful to peruse these catalogs and make lists of research materials ahead of time so you don't waste so much time when you get there trying to decide what you want to look at.

Stay tuned for more information on this fun trip....

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Ruthie Galitz brought in a book "A Real Live Railroad" which will be for sale in the gift shop for \$9.95.

The January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our Christmas party. It is under discussion whether to go to a restaurant or have a progressive dinner. This will be voted on in the November meeting.

## **October Meeting**

The October meeting was highlighted by a visit from Warren Cook. Warren is a former Mayor of Norfolk and one of the most interesting persons still around. Warren reminisced about the flood of 1944, and Norfolk history and people. Members had questions about the zoo at Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, and the old City Hall and Fire Station, and the alligator, and monkeys, and bears. We reminisced about businesses that are long gone from Norfolk and of buildings that have been torn down and/or moved. We could have gone on for hours. It was extremely enjoyable for Warren as well as the members in attendance.

## Hints

**Q: I recently came across something I had not seen before on my ancestors' 1930 census record. Their citizenship is listed as "pa." There is also "na," "al," and one other "pa" on the same page. Do you know what this means? I thought it may be partial, meaning he started and didn't finish. If you would like to see this, they are listed as Thomas Pietrowski, Michigan, Bay County, Williams Twp.**  
**-Julie**

**A:** Julie,

The abbreviations used the citizenship columns (column 21 in the 1930 census) are: PA, which means "papers applied" (for individuals who had applied but not completed the naturalization process); AL, which stands for "alien"; and NA, which means "naturalized." In most cases if "PA" is listed, this means the person has filed a Declaration of Intention (first papers) to become a U.S. citizen. The next step after pertinent requirements were met was the filing of the Petition (final papers) and then the Certificate of Naturalization was issued. An excellent book on this subject is *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins*, by Loretto Dennis Szucs (Ancestry, 1998).

**Q: I would like to know where I can get information in Hamburg, Germany, on my great-grandparents who died between the two wars. I have sent e-mails to different sites but the majority of them have been useless, and most are American sites that don't offer the information I need. It gets very frustrating, and I am hoping you can help.**

**-Terry**

**A:** Terry,

You might want to subscribe (for free) to the DEU-HAMBURG Mailing List at RootsWeb.com and perhaps make some contacts that way. <http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/intl/DEU/DEU-HAMBURG.html>

Another possibility, especially if the surname is uncommon, is to check online German phone books (Das Telefonbuch) and try to make contact with possible relatives that way. [www.dastelefonbuch.de/](http://www.dastelefonbuch.de/)

**"Things I learned while looking for something else": [the late Sidney Harris, Columnist, Chicago Tribune]**

Very often we will read something and at the time pass it off without properly noting the source because we do not believe it will be necessary; that we are not going to use it or write about it. Recently, I read a piece about POTTER'S FIELD and I can't remember the source. This brought to mind that I had searched for years for a 2nd Great Grandma's [Rettig] grave. I finally found it in the Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg, Ohio, in their Potter's Field. Digging into the burial/plot records I made a great discovery. Buried along side her was a male child that I never knew existed and had never heard any family tradition about.

Here is what I remember from reading about Potter's Field. In Matthew 27:7 of the New Testament of the Bible is the story of the betrayal of Jesus by the Apostle Judas Iscariot for the sum of 30 pieces of silver. Judas gave the money to the Temple Priests, but they refused to put into the treasury. Instead they purchased a "field" from a "potter" in which to bury strangers. This field contained the clay the potter used in his craft. Today, the name is applied to sections in any cemetery used to bury strangers, as well as folks too poor to pay the expense of burial; thus they were usually buried at "county" expense.

### Researching in online databases for Irish and Scottish surnames?

Watch out for misplaced, inconsistent or improper punctuation such as:

O' Hara (space after the apostrophe), O"Hara (double quotes) or O'HARA (with a curly or smart-quote instead of a straight one).

Be heedful of the Mcs, Macs, McSpaces, McUnderscores, and McDots, as in: McFADDEN, MACFADDEN, MC FADDEN (space between the C and F), MC\_FADDEN [mcunderscore], and MC.FADDEN [McDot].

Can't find your William (any surname)? Try searching for Willaim -- a common typo found in databases, particularly in the census indices.

### Ancestry Quick Tip

I'm a Swede, and I manage a data bank for Swedish emigrants from Sweden to America. I do that for the Skanes Genealogiska Forbund, SGF, and , indirectly, for the Svenska emigrantinstitutet in Vaxjo, EMI. The data bank contains over one million emigrants from Sweden who went abroad for the years 1845-1950. I am working with the emigrants from the Swedish province of Scania and our portion of the data bank contains about 170,000 people. You can find us at URL: <http://www.sgf.m.se> and <http://www.swemi.nu>.

Don't hesitate to contact us!

Friendly Greetings,  
Ake Kjellqvist

**1906 EARTHQUAKE.** The Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco, California, has a list of those who died as result of the great earthquake and fire that took place there 18 April 1906.  
<http://www.sfmuseum.net/perished/>

### Nylotis Moats

Services for Nylotis Moats, 67, Norfolk, were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. The Revs. Frank Brink and Glen Gutz officiated with burial in Hillcrest memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Home for Funerals in Norfolk.

She died Monday, Nov. 3, 2003 at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha.

The daughter of Fred and Erna (Melcher) Overhue was born March 20, 1936 at Norfolk. She was baptized April 4, 1937, at Zion Lutheran church in Pierce and confirmed May 10, 1949 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond. She moved to Osmond with her family and graduated from Osmond High School. She attended Wayne State College and earned a teaching certificate. She taught rural school for two years.

She married M. L. "Mike" Moats on May 22, 1955, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond. In 1957, they moved to Norfolk.

Mrs. Moats was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and its ladies aid, Sunday school and church choir. She was also active with the Parent-Teacher Association, Food Pantry, Madison County Genealogical Society, Elkhorn Valley Historical Society and Good Time Bunch.

Survivors include her husband; four sons and their wives, Michael and Cindy of Omaha, Patrick of Twin Falls, Idaho, Douglas and Deb of Norfolk and Curtis and Sharon of Topeka, Kan; one daughter Nyla and Neil Heese; two sisters Donna Stutz of Peoria, Ill., and Marilyn Pruesker of Lincoln; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Nylotis was a regular volunteer at the Museum Library and her smile and humor will be greatly missed.

## Elkhorn Valley Museum Research Center News

The following items have been added to the Research Center since the last issue of the newsletter.

**Books:** Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses 1790-1920 ; St. John's Lutheran Church Norfolk, Centennial 1902-2002 ; The Cornhusker, U. of Nebr. 1922.

**Maps:** Standard Atlas of Madison County, 1918.

**Newspaper & Clippings:** Thanks Johnny; Remembering the Granada; Skates of Heaven: Corn- ing, Iowa; NDN Centennial Edition ; President Reagan Hit by gunfire during Assassination Attempt ; Iran Hostages ; Operation Desert Storm ; Bicentennial ; Clippings on Johnny Carson, U.S. Bank Murders, President Reagan ; WW II ; lots of other articles about Norfolk business, history and Johnny Carson ; Clipping of Fay Gordon and her High School Basketball Team from 1914 ; Flood of 1944.

**Misc.:** The Game of Norfolk; Perpetual Calendar framed from Northwestern Bank ; George Butter- field Salter framed certificate ; Rasley's Cleaners advertising print ; Report card for Lucille Duda, 1929/30 ; Personal check from the First National Bank of Madison dated July 4, 1900 ; Script: Jerry of Jericho Road.

**Special Collections:** Sheet Music from the 1920s to the 1940s (21 Pieces) ; 11 items relating to Dorothy Hering Senseney, originally from Plainview, items sent from California.

**Photos:** Norfolk Rotary Club from the 1930s (I need help identifying these people) ; Norfolk High School Football Team from 1936 all identified ; Photos of Max Winter, Ed Schram, Russell Beaton, Guy Best, and Paul Kreuch from NHS Football team from 1919.

**Magazines:** 29 issues of genealogical magazines not previously owned ; 2 Life magazines about President Kennedy from 1963 ; Blair Family Magazine several issues ; St. Croix Valley Genealogical Society several issues.

**Brochures:** 6 churches from Howard County.

### County Death Announcements

Compiled by Richard Strenge

The list that follows are only names with the date of paper and name of paper following. More information can be obtained by looking at the microfilm or contacting our Genealogical Society.

**Mrs. Bahn**, February 21, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.

**Fred Boche** [known as Largest Man in Nebraska], April. 2, 1931 on page 3, Madison Star-Mail.

**Robert B. Channer**, [ Editor of Newman Grove Reporter], October 25, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.

**Mrs. Johanna Dietrich Cheney** (Mrs. Orran Cheney), November 18, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.

**Mrs. Crump (Sarah Ann Farage)**, May 5, 1905 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.

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- John Frederick Dittberner**, October 25, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. F. W. Fesler (Rosa Barbara Brandt)**, November 18, 1918 on page 1, 4.  
Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Freibe**, February 21, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Sarah Fundum** wife of H. H. Fundum, February 22, 1923 on page 1,  
Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Mrs. John Ganz ( Anna Braje)**, sister of Mrs. Ed. Wegner, August 23, 1923 on page 1,  
Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Mrs. Lizzie Grant**, wife of Smith Grant, March 26, 1897 on page 5, Madison Star-Mail.  
**William E. Griffin**, son of Mrs. John Scheler, October 25, 1918 on page 1,  
Madison Star-Mail.  
**John Huddle**, November 1, 1923 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Edward F. Kaul**, November 18, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**John Kehoe**, September 18, 1896 on page 5, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Oliver Kernick**, son of Al Kernick, October 25, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Jacob Knapp**, April 4, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Josephine C. Risk Jenkins**, March 2, 1922 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Joseph Krbel**, father of Mrs. Anna Severa, March 2, 1922 on page 1,  
Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Hollis Livinghouse**, October 25, 1918 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Chris Martensen**, April 4, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Infant child of Wm. McMahan's**, March 12, 1897 on page 5, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Frieda Adelheid Meier**, daughter of John H. and Emma B. (Kruger) Meier, November 18,  
1918 on page 4, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Carl Mink**, March 2, 1922 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Zenna Osborn Mink**, March 2, 1922 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Mr. and Mrs. James Murray**, October 4, 1923 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Troy C. Osborn**, September 20, 1923 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Osborn married 50 years ago, March 22, 1923 on page 1,  
Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Addie Reeves**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Reeves, November 18, 1918 on page 1,  
Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves**, wife of Luke Reeves, April 4, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Herbert Rhodes**, March 2, 1922 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**James Rowland**, March 28, 1918 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Mrs. Jacob Schlack, Sr.**, November 1, 1923 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Fred Schmitt**, April 4, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Fredrick Schoepflin**, February 2, 1917 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Mary Smith** wife of Michael Smith, February 22, 1923 on page 1,  
Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Mrs. Dewey Spence, (Anna Emma Margaret Test)**, October 25, 1918 on page 1,  
Madison Star-Mail.  
**Mrs. Ignatz Steiner**, February 21, 1919 on page 1, Madison Star-Mail.  
In less than two months, the mother {Mrs. Steiner}, two daughters {**Mrs. Freibe**  
and **Mrs. Bahn**}, and two grandchildren have been called home.  
**John Alfred Sutherland**, February 22, 1923 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.  
**Samuel H. Thatch**, March 28, 1918 and April 4, 1918 on page 1, Battle Creek Enterprise.

**1889 Norfolk City Directory**

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

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Stein, August, wagon maker, res. Park Ave. betw. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.  
 Stein, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Steley, Geo., mason tender, bds. at Wm. Zastrow's.  
 Stephens, Wm., painter, res. ne cor 4<sup>th</sup> and Pasewalk Ave.  
 Stephens, N., res. the same.  
 Stevens, George, bds. at L. M. Gaylord's.  
 Stewart, R. A., (Norfolk State Bank), res. nw cor 10<sup>th</sup> and Koenigstein Ave.  
 Stewart, Mrs. A. B., res. the same.  
 Stitt, R., contractor, (Stitt & Jones), res. Park Ave. west of 5<sup>th</sup>, south.  
 Stitt, Mrs. E., res. the same.  
 Stitt, J. C., architect, rm. 10 Mast's building; bds as above.  
 Stitt, C. E., carpenter, bds. as above.  
 Stivers, Frank, switchman, 4<sup>th</sup>, betw. Grove and Michigan Aves., 1-h-e.  
 Stivers, Mrs. B., res. the same.  
 Stoefer, Wm., carpenter, res. 10<sup>th</sup> betw. Norfolk and Koenigstein Aves., 3-h-e.  
 Stoefer, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Stoefer, Mrs. C., bds. as above.  
 Stoefer, Chas., bds. as above.  
 Stole, Jno., bds. at Morey House.  
 Stone, F. P., insurance, res. Norfolk Ave., betw. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-h-s.  
 Stone, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Storey, P.C., commission Merchant, 325 Norfolk Ave.; res. sw cor. Madison Ave. and 13<sup>th</sup>.  
 Storey, Mrs. M., res. the same.  
 Study, Eugene, printer, bds. at E. B. Allens'.  
 Sturgeon, J. D., agent Singer sewing machine, 118 Norfolk Ave.; res. Madison Ave. betw. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, south side.  
 Sturgeon, Mrs. D. F., res. the same.  
 Sutphen, W. C., traveling salesman, res. 10<sup>th</sup>, betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves., 2-h-e.  
 Sutphen, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Swaynie, G. L., (Swaynie Bros.), res. 10<sup>th</sup>, betw. Madison and Phillip Aves., 2-h-w.  
 Swaynie, Mrs. L. B., res. the same.  
 Swaynie, G.P., (Swaynie Bros.), res. as above.  
 Swaynie, Mrs. L. M., res. the same.

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Talley, L., engineer, res. 3<sup>rd</sup>, betw. Philip and Park Aves., 1-h-e.  
 Talley, Mrs. I., res. the same.  
 Taylor, Mrs. E. A., lives at J. D. Sturgeon's.  
 Teas, Mrs. J. A., lives at M. Waugh's.  
 Temple, James, laborer, Park Ave., betw. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 3-h-s.  
 Temple, Mrs. L., res. the same.  
 Thompson, A. R., (Tillotson & Thompson), bds. at F. B. Tillotson's.  
 Tillotson, F. B., (Tillotson & Thompson), res. sw cor. 10<sup>th</sup> and Nebraska Ave.  
 Tillotson, Mrs. A., res. the same.  
 Timm, Miss Amelia, domestic at J. S. McClary's.  
 Tracy, E. H., (Tracy, E. H. & Co.), 300 Norfolk Ave., res. 10<sup>th</sup> betw. Norfolk and Madison Aves., 1-h-e.  
 Tracy, Mrs. M. R., res. the same.  
 Tracy, T. H., architect at E. H. Tracy & Co.'s, res. Madison Ave., betw. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-h-s.  
 Tracy, Mrs. E. T., res. the same.



## **Buys His Own Tombstone**

**Carl Bathke Has Erected a Monument to Himself**

**Says He Will Rest In Peace**

**A Norfolk Man This Week Took His own Tombstone to the Cemetery and Saw it Erected Over the Grave That He Will Lie in Eternally.**

Taking time by the forelock, and preparing to be buried according to his own plans, after death, Carl Bathke of this city has placed a tombstone over the lot in a cemetery which he expects to occupy for all eternity. The monument was engraved in a Norfolk tombstone establishment and was this week set in place in the new German cemetery north of the city. Mr. Bathke has also expressed a desire to have a stone coffin carved for him at the same establishment.

### **Will Rest in Peace**

The following unique inscription was carved on the stone, by order of Mr. Bathke: "Hier Ruhet Carl Bathke; geb den 23 October, 1834; gest den \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_; Von der Familien Qual erloest, jetzt ruhe sanft und in Frieden."

Translated into English, the inscription means, "Here rests Carl Bathke; born October 23, 1834; died \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_. Relieved from family burdens, he now rests in peace."

Mr. Bathke accompanied the dray to the cemetery and watched the monument to his memory placed over his grave.

"There," he declared, "There old Carl will be at rest."

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, April 29, 1905 on page 3.

## **Now What's the Rest of the Story....**

Carl Bathke died on September 24, 1923.

His obituary from the Norfolk Daily News Thursday September 27, 1923 page 5 states:

### **Carl Frederick August Bathke**

Funeral services for Carl Frederick August Bathke, who died Monday, were held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Johnson and Thenhaus' undertaking parlor, the Rev. William Noerenberg officiating. Burial was made in the German Lutheran cemetery. Pallbearers were: Emil Pribnow, William Winter, Gus Nitz, Emil Moeller, Carl Lierman and Al Veirgutz.

Mr. Bathke was born in Garhlin, Germany, Oct. 23, 1834. He came to the United States and settled in Norfolk in the fall of 1883.

Among those who survive are his sons and daughters, Robert Bathke, Mrs. Mary Mullen and August Bathke of Norfolk and Mrs. Martha Clark of Minneapolis, and eighteen grandchildren.

A visit to the New Lutheran Cemetery was baffling however.

Carl's monument was placed in 1905 in Block 4, Lot 58. He had a son die in 1915, his wife in 1916 and another son in 1921. These three are all buried next to each other in Block 4, Lot 42. This is some distance from Carl's monument. When Carl passed away in 1923 he was buried by his monument and the rest of the lot is mostly empty. No death date was carved on Carl's monument. The question is **Why wasn't Carl and his family buried together?** If you know the answer to this please let us know.

### Items from the Past

Compiled by Richard Strenge

Newman Grove Reporter: William Rottler who resides between here and Madison lost his barn by fire last Friday night. It was covered by insurance. Mr. Rottler's wife who was a daughter of Christian Schmidt, died on February 6. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, March 2, 1922 on page 1.

Newman Grove Reporter: Word has been received to the effect that Dee Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey, was married on Tuesday, October 16, at the home of his bride, whose name the Reporter is unable to learn, at Aberdeen, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harvey were present at the occasion. After the wedding they all took a trip to British Columbia and Seattle. Dee was born and raised in Newman Grove. He is a graduate of the Newman Grove high school and attended the University of Nebraska. He is now employed by a lumber firm of Aberdeen. He and his bride have the very best of wishes for their future happiness from the people of this community. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, November 1, 1923 on page 1.

Sergeant Schulenberg of Denver, Colorado, is visiting at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Stolle. Mr. Schulenberg has just completed his twenty-fifth year in the military service of Uncle Sam and has signed up for another three-year hitch. In a few years the government will retire the sergeant and we hope he will make Battle Creek his permanent home. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, October 11, 1923 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Zimmerman and sons attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koch at Stanton last Friday. Mrs. Zimmerman is a niece of Mrs. Koch. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, October 4, 1923 on page 1.

Gustave Riekenberg of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, arrived in Battle Creek last week for a short visit at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Seckel, who live northwest of town. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, October 4, 1923 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller were made grandparents last Saturday when a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Traub of Norfolk. Mrs. Traub was formerly Miss Beatrice Miller. Mrs. Miller has been devoting much attention to the new arrival. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, October 4, 1923 on page 1.

George Brechler returned Tuesday from a visit of several weeks with relatives at Minneapolis, Minn., and Detroit, S. D. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, October 4, 1923 on page 1.

Born to Rev. Fowler and wife, a ten pound boy, Tuesday. Source: The Madison Star, Friday October 2, 1896 on page 5.

M. Getter of Ord, brother of our Ben, was in the city Tuesday. Source: The Madison Star, Friday, January 1, 1897 on page 5.

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued the past week by county judge M. S. McDuffee to the following: Roy Holton, Tilden, 29 [to] Anna Herden, Tilden, 31; Paul Abraham, Indian, Santee, 23 [to] Cora Cavender, Indian, Santee, 24; Thomas Foss, Tilden, 29 [to] Artie Sutherland, Tilden, 20; Wm. Luebcke, Battle Creek, 35 [to] Sophia Mantey, Battle Creek, 32; Jacob Schmidt, Newman Grove, 28 [to] Lena Knutson, Newman Grove, 20; A. E. Steiner, Kansas City, Mo., 30 [to] Mrs. D. Price, Hutchinson, Kan. 23. Source: The Madison Star-Mail, April 20, 1917 on page 1.

## From Pioneers to Visioneers – A Campaign Update:

It is time to present a brief 2003 Major Fund Campaign update.

The bottom line is that the **Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center (EVMRC)** is a wonderful large, six year old facility filled with fascinating **historical exhibits, artifacts, and genealogical and family information** representing the Elkhorn Valley of Nebraska. The successful capital building campaign of the mid 1990s enabled us to build the Museum.

Now our **current campaign is seeking \$1,000,000** for critical follow-up needs: general fund augmentation, and an endowment "security blanket." We must become and remain financially self-sustaining. **\$485,000 is pledged to date.**

We wish to officially repeat our desire and challenge to the collective Madison County Genealogical Society to name the "**Family History Research Center**" located in the Museum's Orville & Mary Voss Memorial Library. I know you're aware of the "Mutual Admiration Society" between the MCGS and the entire Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center. The 6 year old Museum & Research Center is "homebase" for your Society and a leading integral part of the Museum's presence and purpose.

The challenge goal to name the "Family History Research Center" is **\$30,000** which was explained in two earlier letters including personal pledge cards and postage-paid return envelopes. This tribute can be named and inscribed according to the wishes of your genealogical society. The museum values your "**Partnership presence.**"

To date we've received \$19,393 pledged toward our \$30,000 naming goal. The **honor roll of donors** to date includes the following MCGS members:

Betty Bohac	Margie Fuhrmann	Mel & Gloria Hintz
John & Carol Kielty	Marlyn & Betty Low	Dale & Jean Masters
Mike & Nylotis Moats	Don & Dorothy Monson	Tim Preece
Karen Reed	Richard Streng	Rev. Jim Tiegs
Bernice Walters	Dave & Nancy Zaruba	

We hope to have your pledge decision by the end of November. Finally, we're planning informal **phone-a-thons** for **Thursday evenings, Dec. 4, 11 and 18** to make a final pitch for your support.

Thank You.

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