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From your President, John Kielty

A small group of genealogy society members and friends were able to go to Kansas City not long ago. I enjoyed hearing about their adventure, because I was not able to go. My wife was sick and came down with a fever just that morning. I guess I have been married to her longer than I have been doing genealogy. But I'm sure some of you can understand I was tempted.

As I was getting ready for the trip, I found out how ill prepared I was. I thought I was pretty organized, but the more I looked for things the clearer the picture became.

When I thought about what I would want to find I had to start somewhere. The place I started was with the information I had already documented or the information I wanted to document. I have to look for blank spaces on my family group sheets. Then I had to form a question around the information needed. First ask, "What do I want to find?" I need 20 questions like this for every person.

Next comes the research facility question, "What do I think they have?" When we go to a research place, we may know some of the holdings of the facility. But most collections are eclectic. Sometimes people will give books, microfilm, papers to a library because they don't have any other place to gift it. This is another reason we have to be prepared when we go anywhere. Our public library in Norfolk has many references for Nebraska, census, local newspapers, books. But they also have a microfilm on Connecticut Revolutionary War pension applications. I don't know anyone who would go to the reference desk at the Norfolk library and ask about Connecticut Revolutionary War pension applications. It is not what anyone would expect to find here. So when you are at any research facility be aware of the unexpected research tool.

This is where your 20 questions come in. Can you pull out a short list for any ancestor that you know about? Can you quickly tell if the Peter Blanchard you just found is your Peter Blanchard? Is this information going to sidetrack you or be your big breakthrough. Our preparation is the only way to take advantage of these golden opportunities.

I realize I have a long way to go. Writing down questions could be invaluable to whomever you hand your research off to. Few of us will ever get it all done. At my rate of travel so far, I will be lucky to get my eight great-grandparents done.

March Meeting (by Karen Rogat)

The March meeting of the Madison Co. Genealogical Society was held on March 16, 2004 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. There were 14 members present. The family of Dennis Newland forwarded a check in the amount of \$100.00 in memory of Dennis. Ruthie Galitz will welcome any and all ideas for programs for the rest of the year. Please contact her or any board member. Some ideas that came up were: DAR, LDS Library, Audrey Polenske on how to put together family books, & Home for Funerals to talk about the history of funeral homes in Norfolk. John presented the newsletters and queries received during the past month. The membership to the Elkhorn Valley Museum is due and we voted to renew at the same level.

March Program

Dale Pinnt presented the March program on the Orphan Grain Train Organization. It was very interesting and informative. He tied the information in to genealogy and presented lots of information about some of the countries the Grain Train sends to. There were lots of questions from Society members attending and a new appreciation was gained for the organization and the difficulties in traveling to and getting information from some foreign countries.

The April meeting and program were cancelled due to severe weather. The tornado sirens went off at 7:00 just as the program was about to get started. After the huge hail of two days before, everyone beelined out for home or shelter for their vehicles.

Confirmation Services in March 1904, Norfolk Nebraska

Extracted by Richard Strenge

Confirmation services were held in the German Lutheran churches, last Sunday. The Christ Lutheran church, St. Paul's Lutheran and Johannes Lutheran all had classes which were presented.

At Christ Lutheran church the following were confirmed: Otto **Blank**, Wilhelm **Blaecher**, Otto **Christian**, Carl **Dresher**, , Herman **Gehm**, Ernst **Heckman**, Jacob **Horst**, Charles **Hulac**, Max **Jahn**, Leo **King**, Fredrick **Klavundt**, George **Klein**, Theodore **Miller**, Gerhard **Pasewalk**, Hermad **Shelly**, Friederick **Thompson**, Willie **Thompson**, Emil **Wilde**, Hattie **Ahlmann**, Bertha **Borche**, Adela **Bucholz**, Lillie **Degner**, Elsie **Heckmann**, Elsie **Kehl**, Lizzie **Kieke**, Hattie **Klug**, Lillie **Langenberg**, Diena **Lehmann**, Martha **Leu**, Mary **Schelly**, Martha **Schmode**, Mathilda **Schmode**, Lizzie **Varges**, Martha **Vergei**, Ann **Zelmer**.

At St. Paul's church the following were confirmed: August **Bergmann**, August **Grimm**, Herbert **Lehmann**, Edmund **Machmuller**, Adolf **Moldenhauer**, Carl **Nitz**, Frank **Raasch**, Otto **Utecht**, Max **Wagner**, Gustav **Wichtere**, Fred **Wolf**, Eleanor **Dederman**, Martha **Hartman**, Nema **Hille**, Anna **Hoelzel**, Olga **Klug**, Emily **Nitz**, Anna **Pahn**, Esta **Peters**, Martha **Ralling**, Agnes **Smith**, Rose **Utter**, Dora **Wichard**.

At the Johannes church two, Hattie **Kara** and Clara **Kiehl** were confirmed.

Source: Norfolk Times-Tribune, Friday, April 1, 1904, page 1.

What can you find from a copy of a Social Security application?

When you find your ancestors in the Social Security Death Index, you may want a copy of your ancestors original Social Security application. This application has valuable additional information and can serve as documentation for your own records. The Social Security Administration makes copies of the original Social Security application form (the SS-5) available to third parties who request information on a deceased individual. This information can be invaluable because the application form was filled out by the person requesting a social security number, not a relative or clerk or someone who was perhaps not as well informed like a death certificate or some other documents. The first numbers were issued in late 1936.

The application form (SS-5) contains the following information:

Full name

Full name at birth (including maiden name)

Present mailing address

Age at last birthday

Date of birth

Place of birth (city, county, state)

Fathers full name "regardless of whether living or dead"

Mothers full name, including maiden name, "regardless of whether living or dead"

Sex and race

Ever applied for SS number/Railroad Retirement before? Yes/No

Current employers name and address

Date signed

Applicants signature

If you are requesting copies of applications for a Social Security Number (Form SS-5) for people who are deceased, address your request to:

Social Security Administration
OEO FOIA Workgroup
300 N. Green Street
P.O. Box 33022
Baltimore, Maryland 21290-3022

The cost is \$27 if you know the Social Security Number and \$29 if you do not know the Social Security Number.

Humor/Humour: On a Musical Note — Thanks to: M. Lamkin

My mother's sister was named Regina Monica Shea. Since she went by the nickname of "Monnie," she adopted the practice of expressing her legal name as "R. Monica" Shea. Imagine my surprise when, in the 1900 U.S. census, I found Monnie living with her widowed mother -- listed as "Harmonica Shea."

New Genealogical Books at the Norfolk Public Library (Gifts from Donna Kube)

Celebrate: A history of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ 1733-1983,
by Diane Colehamer and John J. Anderson, Jr. Compton Press, c. 1984.

Surry County, Virginia, Wills, Estate Accounts and Inventories, 1730—1800,
compiled by Lyndon H. Hart III, Southern Historical Press, c. 1985.

Greene County, Tennessee marriages: 1783-1868, compiled by Goldene Fillers
Burgner, Southern Historical Press, c. 1981.

**Earliest Settlers, Western Frederick-Eastern Hampshire Counties in Virginia,
their descendants,** by Grace Kelso Garner, c. 1978

A History of upper Back Creek Valley, c. Ralph L. Triplett Gregath Co., 1983.
(Virginia and West Virginia)

Illinois: Her counties, her townships and her towns, compiled by Jennifer B. Rau
The Researchers, 1979

**Snively-Snavely: the Swiss Ancestors and American Descendants of Johann Ja-
cob Schnebele, 1659-1743 and other Snivelys and Snavelys of Southeastern
Pennsylvania,** compiled by Elizabeth F. Washburn, Gateway Press, c. 1986.

**History of Hampshire County, West Virginia: from it's earliest settlement to the
present,** compiled by Hu Maxwell and H. L. Swisher, McClain Print Co. 1972.

The Spears Saga, by Joseph F. Spears, 1982. (Kentucky and Virginia)

Will and Elizabeth Shipley, their descendants, and related families, by Grover C.
Anderson, Gateway Press, 1982.

Hampshire County Minute Book Abstracts, 1788-1802, compiled by Vicki Bidinger
Horton, 1993. (West Virginia)

The Sigmons and their kin: book of Sigmon genealogy: victorious—protector, by
Edith McGhee Sigmon c. 1982.

Greene County, Tennessee, Wills, 1783-1890, compiled by Goldene Fillers Burgner,
1981

**Historic Hampshire: a symposium of Hampshire County and it's people, past and
present,** by Selden W. Brannon, McClain Print Co., 1976

Mortuary Records from Norfolk, Madison Co. Nebraska 1887 – 1904

Home for Funerals Records of Burials at Best Cemetery

Date	Deceased	Age	Resided	Ordered By
21 Feb 1887	Gertrude Ommerman	8 mo.		A. Ommerman
11 Jan 1888	Child	4 mo.		John Ray
3 Feb 1890	Wm. Craig	79		John R. Craig
7 Feb 1890	Saml. V. Lowe			Alvin Lowe
9 Apr 1891	Geo. Deuel	1 mo.		Frank Deuel
8 Dec 1891	James Buffington	25		L. J. Lowe
29 Dec 1891	Etta Wiltse	21		Joe Martin
12 Jul 1892	Infant Girl			Al Ommerman
3 Feb 1893	Jane Best	30	8 mi. East	Gene Best
9 Feb 1893	Lloyd Deuel	8	7 mi. West	Frank Deuel
13 Mar 1894	Surilda Carrabini		Norfolk	Owen Carrabini
28 Sept 1894	Mrs. Anna Craig	24		Adrian Craig
10 May 1895	Chas. Miller	88	6 mi. North	Robert McKibbon
20 Aug 1897	Frank Lulow	13	6 ½ mi. NW	Henry Lulow
22 Dec 1897	Mother of Mrs. Hattie Craig	91	Penn.	John Craig
28 Dec 1897	Otto Buffington			W. Lowe
22 Jan 1898	A. C. Buffington	69	St. Paul, Ne.	John Buffington
4 Jul 1898	Chas. Fitch	56		Wm. Fitch
17 Jul 1899	Hattie Best	25		Eugene Best
4 Mar 1901	Frank M. Holbrook	3 mo.	Ommerman farm	Al Holbrook
14 Apr 1901	John Best Sr.		Oklahoma	Madison Best
19 Sept 1901	Infant Girl	2 day	Valley Prec.	A. B. McKibbon

Elkhorn Valley Museum Research Center News

Recent Donations to the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center include the following items:

Books, Booklets, & Catalogs: Genealogy Records on Microfilm at Mid-Continent Public Library, Selected Civil War Records at Mid-Continent Public Library ; Guide to Records in the National Archives ; Family History Resources on Microfilm at the National Archives ; Here's Johnny by Stephen Cox 1992 ed. ; Carson: the unauthorized biography by Corkery ; Nebraskaland Magazine Wild Game Cookbook ; World War II memories by Roger Ihle ; Class of 1957 reunion booklet.

Photographs and postcards: Davenport family photos ; John Nordeen ; Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center and sign ; Cutting instrument designed by Colwell ; T. B. Hord Grain Company ; Rotary Club of Madison ca. 1940 ; Club House of Country Club ; Municipal Auditorium ; Citizen's National Bank ; Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Elkhorn or Northfork River near Norfolk ; Herman Marten family photos ; Jeff Burkink, Bob Willett & Ron Stauffer ; Class of 1942 at 40 year reunion ; Large number of photos of artworks created by Bill Armstrong ; The Polka Kings in the late 1970s ; Postcard of Bogner's Steakhouse in Crofton ; Kings' Ballroom Interior and Exterior Views ; Shaffer Motor Company ; Nebraska Christian College on Park Avenue ; German Lutheran Church in Battle Creek ; First Methodist Church Fourth and Phillip.

Maps: It's easy to get to Harmel's New Thrifty Way Super Market ; Norfolk Public Schools school district map ca. 1930 ; World War I maps ; 1910 Nebraska Railroad map.

Misc.: Funeral announcements for Hester Osborn, Rose Carney ; Sheet Music: Sil'ry Elkhorn ; More Johnny Carson letters, notes, clippings and photos ; Christmas and Valentines Greeting Cards ; Everyday Lakota Language—audio cassette ; Norfolk—All-American City 1975 ; 134th Infantry Unit of Neb. National Guard (history) ; Advertising posters from H. C. Sattler Co. ; Advertisement for Nebraska Rocks ; Menus from Double K.

Newsletters, Magazines and Newspapers: Madison County Review: Feb. 20, 1874 issue ; Ideals magazines Thanksgiving and Christmas: 8 issues ; No-Hi-So newsletters for 1918 ; Class of 1942 reunion newsletters, various ; The Telital Jan. 8, 1943 issue.

Collections: Large assortment of Calling cards, ID cards, Invitations, Tickets, Programs, Greeting Cards, Guest Book, and other items belonging to Karl Stefan ; large assortment of items belonging to Fred Kluender ; Large assortment of historic greeting cards from Mildred Ruegge.

Volunteers in the library continue to clip newspapers, file clippings, inventory files, catalog photographs, and work on special projects. Keep us in mind when cleaning out closets, etc. We are still in need of many items of Norfolk and Northeast Nebraska history including yearbooks, directories of all kinds, old newspapers, funeral announcements, obituaries, memorabilia, advertising items, etc.

1889 Norfolk City Directory

Transcribed by Charlton Ryan, Ph.D.

W (Cont.)

Wiley, D. D., (Wiley Hardware Co.), res. nw cor Philip Ave. and 12th.
Wiley, G. L., (Wiley Hardware Co.), res. 12th betw. Madison an Philip Ave.
Wiley, C. W., lives at D. D. Wiley's.
Wilkinson, H. F., bds. Morey House.
[Willberger?], Wiliberger A. D., res. Pierce, betw. 1st and 2nd Aves., 1-h-e.
Willberger, Mrs. H. G., res. the same.
Willey, J. A., engineer, res. sw cor 3rd and Pasewalk Ave.
Willey, Mrs. D. B., res. the same.
Williams, W. M., carpenter, res. sw cor 12th and Philip Ave.
Williams, Mrs. F. E., res. the same.
Williams, Abe, bds. G. R. Seiler's.
Wilson, G. W., (Wilson & Miller), real estate; res. Elm, betw. 11th and 12th, 1-h-n.
Wilson, Mrs. A. E., res. the same.
Wilson, H. L., (Wilson & Daniel), paints and oils; bds. at Pacific House.
Wilson, Geo., base-ballist, bds. at Morey House.
Wilsy, Nicholas, carpenter, res. Madison Ave., betw. 11th and 12th, 2-h-n.
Wilsy, Mrs. E., res. the same.
Winkle, Jno. tailor. res. Philip Ave. betw. 4th and 5th, 5-h-s.
Winkle, Mrs. O., res. the same.
Winter, H. W., harness maker, 122 Norfolk Avenue; res. Braasch Ave., betw. 2nd and 3rd, 2-h-s.
Winter, Mrs. M., res. the same.
Wire, Henry, carpenter, res. Madison Ave., betw. 2nd and 3rd, 1-h-s.
Wire, Mrs. M. E., res. the same.
Wise, Frank, fireman, res. Cleveland St., betw. 2nd and 3rd Aves., 3-h-e.
Wise, Mrs. J., res. the same.
Wishart, D. A., res. nw cor. Elm and Manderson Ave.
Wishart, Mrs. _____ res, the same.
Witter, A. T., grocer, Norfolk Ave., betw. 7th and 8th; res. the same.
Witter, Mrs. L. A., res. as above.
Wohlfein, L., res. 2nd, betw. Pasewalk and Bluff Aves., 1-h-w.
Wohlfein, Mrs. A., res. the same.
Wolf, Frank, res. Verges Ave., betw. 11th and 12th, south side.
Wolf, Mrs. Rosa, res. the same.
Wolfe, G. W., fireman, res. nw cor. 2nd Ave. and Madison St.
Wolfe, Mrs. L., res. the same.
Wyman, H. O., res. ne cor. 10th and Koenigstein Ave.
Wyman, Mrs. L., res. the same.
Wyman, D. F., lumber, sw cor 6th and Norfolk Ave; res. sw cor. 8th and Nebraska Ave.
Wyman, Mrs. J. M., res. the same.

Y

Young, Wm., clerk, res. Braasch Ave., betw. 1st and 2nd, 3-h-n.
Young, Mrs. J., res. the same.
Youngs, S. T., blacksmith, res. Park Ave., betw. 4th and 5th, 5-h-n.
Youngs, Mrs. E., res. the same.
Youngs, Miss Cora, bds. as above.

Weddings and Anniversaries

Compiled by Richard Strenge

The following are extractions from various papers in Madison County. The bold print names are for the people who are having a wedding or anniversary.

The secret marriage of Miss **Emma Imhoff** and **Leonard Lintner** which took place just a year ago today, September 9, 1936, was announced this week by the couple. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Imhoff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lintner. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 9, 1937 on page 4.

Miss **Magdalen Jacobi**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jacobi, and **Arthur McDermott**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McDermott, were married at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, February 17, at St. Leonard's Catholic church. Miss Mary Jacobi, sister of the bride and Lawrence McDermott, brother of the groom were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott will make their home on a farm near Humphrey, Nebraska. Source: The Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 19, 1931 on page 1.

Miss **Alma Kuchar**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaclav Kuchar, and **Emil Pospisil**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pospisil were married Wednesday, June 2, at 3:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church in Clarkson. The couple were attended by Miss Vivian Ambroz, niece of the bride and Clarence Pospisil, brother of the groom. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, June 3, 1937 on page 4.

Miss **Ida Loeske**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Loeske of Creston and **Elmer Buettner**, son of Mrs. Frank Buettner, were united in marriage at Columbus, Nebraska this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray, brother-in-law and sister of the groom. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 13, 1931 on page 4.

Alvin Massman recently returned from a trip to Missouri, surprising his friends by bringing with him a bride, Miss **Retha Oglevie** of Kingsville, Missouri, whom he married at Kansas City on April 30. Mr. Massman is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massman. He was born near Battle Creek and graduated from Battle Creek high school a few years ago. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 13, 1937 on page 1.

The marriage of **Gwyn McCarrol**, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCarrol of Meadow Grove, and Miss **Mildred Eyl**, daughter of Mrs. Minnie Eyl of Battle Creek, was announced the latter part of last week, the couple having plighted their vows at LeMars, Iowa, without making known their intentions. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday May 8, 1930 on page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh, prominent citizens of Meadow Grove, celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary last week. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh were married August 12, 1873 at Kankakee, Illinois. In 1883 they moved to Meadow Grove vicinity where they have since resided. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 20, 1931 on page 1.

Tidbits Compiled by Richard Strenge**Schoolmates Hold Fifteenth Annual Picnic On Sunday**

The fifteenth annual picnic of old schoolmates of the Madison school of 1870 to 1895 was held last Sunday at the Hoyt Osborn home in East Emerick. Mrs. A. K. Robinson of Newman Grove was elected president and Mrs. Hoyt Osborn of Meadow Grove was named secretary-treasurer.

Those present included: **Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Robinson**, Newman Grove; **Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Osborn**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Adams**, and **Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Upton**, all of Meadow Grove; **Mrs. Alice Stevenson**, Broken Bow; **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fricke**, Pender; **Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hosford**, Albion.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Foster, **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Neidig**, **Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Davis**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Snyder**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ira Chittenden**, **Mrs. Nellie V. Yeazel**, and **Mrs. Gussie Wright**, all of Madison.

Mrs. Grace Osborn and Miss **Abbie Thomas**, both of Battle Creek; **Mr. and Mrs. Wager** and daughter, Nona, Newman Grove; **Virgil Bickley**, Green Garden; and **Miss Ava Osborn**, Meadow Grove, who was co-hostess with her mother, Mrs. Hoyt Osborn.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 9, 1937, page 4.

Old Skala House Razed To Build New Machine Shop

The old Skala house, located on the corner of Second and Jackson, has become a thing of the past with the tearing down of the structure to make way for a new machine shop which is being built by Henry Funk.

The new building, which is being built of brick and wood on a concrete foundation, is 34 by 24 feet and is being made of materials salvaged when the house was torn down.

The old house was one of the oldest houses in town and had been a landmark on the corner. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 16, 1937, page 8.

**Teachers Are Elected ; Special Meeting of Board of Education is Held
Most Positions are Filled****Teachers for Norfolk's City Schools Season 1906-07 Were Elected
at a Special Meeting of the School Board Held Last Night.**

Teachers for Norfolk's schools for the year 1906-07 were elected by the board of education at a special meeting which was held last night. Assignments have not yet been made.

Following are those elected: Miss Ida **Von Goetz**, principal high school; Miss Gertrude **Watson**, A. J. **Kennedy**, Misses Pearl **Reese**, Nellie **Fleming**, Pearl **McCormick**, Ella **Toomey**, Louise **Mathewson**, Harriett **Mather**, May **Olney**, Ellen **Mullen**, Otelia **Pilger**, Lena **Mills**, Clara **Rudat**, Nell **Dingman**, Laura **Durland**, Nina **Walker**, Pearl **Widaman**, Clara **Brueggeman**, A. V. **Mason**, Minnie **Sears**, Nellie M. **Collins**, Carrie A. **Brush**, and Mr. Reese **Solomon**.

All are known in Norfolk excepting Miss Sears, who comes from Plainview: Miss Collins, Table Rock; Miss Brush, Ashland.

There is still a vacancy in the primary department and no teacher of sciences has yet been elected for the high school.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, May 4, 1906, page 6.

In researching for your relatives has this happened to you?

Compiled by Richard Strenge

In finding information about your ancestor in the local area a place is mentioned that is unknown to you. You begin gathering information on the local place and events in their lives. Then you see they had lived somewhere before this and you go back in time to gather more information. A query is sent to a genealogical society in the area your relative had lived before. This query or research request is given to some one who will look up information for you. In researching for other people, names, dates, places, and even events can be of help in finding information. There are queries which are to short, some are to long, and some seem just right in giving information. Below are examples of items that have been found while looking for information. Headlines for the articles are as they appeared in the papers.

Names Are Same But No Relation

Gustav Sasse, prominent farmer who lives a half mile north and a half mile west of Ray's corner on the Battle Creek road, has been caused some embarrassment by the story in The News telling of the fining of a man by the same name on a charge of selling liquor.

There is no connection or relationship between the two men. The Gustav Sasse, who was fined, operates a farm near the east city limits of Norfolk. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, November 30, 1927, page 2.

In the following two items the names appear to be the same but in different counties and near the same time in the papers.

Mrs. Mary Kamrath

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Lutheran church for Mrs. Mary Kamrath, who died about 11 o'clock Saturday morning following a protracted illness. Burial was in the Park Cemetery.

With her husband, the late Fritz Kamrath, they lived for many years on a farm west of Elgin. In 1917 they moved to town to spend their declining years. Mrs. Kamrath was held in highest respect by the people of Elgin and the community in which she formerly lived, and her passing is a matter of sincere regret to all. Source: The Elgin Review, Antelope County, April 9, 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Upton visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kamrath. Source: The Meadow Grove News, Madison County, Thursday, April 23, 1936.

A Signature Is the Mark of Character

"When making up my ancestral photo album, I get copies of signatures from my ancestors' old court records and place each person's signature below his or her photo. This makes the album and each photo much more personal."

Thanks to Maurice Dennis for this Quick Tip!

There are times we are requested to find a death date or a birth date for a person before official records were required to be made. The following item comes from a paper in 1927 and was looking for information that occurred only 34 years before.

NO RECORD FOUND OF A. VAN HORN'S BIRTH

Dr. P. H. Salter, Norfolk, Consults Books Kept in Fall of 1893

Although several records of incidents that transpired in the fall of 1893 have been dusted off and scanned, no Norfolkian has so far been able to find definitely information that will prove that Archibald Van Horn, now enroute to the United States, was born in Norfolk on Oct. 23, 1893, which he must do to comply with governmental regulations before entering this country as one of its citizens.

Dr. P. H. Salter, Norfolk, who has been a practicing physician in northeast Nebraska longer than the big majority of doctors, upon consulting his records of 1893 found that he attended the A. Van Horn family in October, November and December of that year, and in January and February of 1894.

However, Dr. Salter finds that he attended the world's fair at Chicago for several days in October, and thinks possibly that Archibald Van Horn might have been born while he was out of the city. He does not know which doctor located in Norfolk at that time was the attending physician.

Dr. Salter is the only physician in Norfolk today who was practicing medicine in this city in 1893. He recalls that a man named Ike Van Horn was engaged in the real estate business in Norfolk in the early nineties, and that his father came to Norfolk and operated a cigar store.

J. H. Van Horn, Civil War veteran, recalls several other Van Horn families who lived in Norfolk, but none of them were his relatives. Several long time residents of this city recall a chubby-faced youngster by the name of Van Horn who used to attend the Episcopal church in the nineties, and think that boy might now be seeking to prove he is a United States citizen.

Records of the Episcopal Church fail to shed any light on the matter. Unless Mr. Van Horn proves he is a citizen of this country he will probably be forced to return to Australia in which land he has been residing for several years. He is enroute to the United States with his bride of a few weeks. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, November 30, 1927, page 9.

In locating information always keep a record of the city, county, state, along with a record of the name of the paper, date of the article and page number. You may not remember months or years later when another piece of the puzzle is found. Even a mistake today may lead to information some time from now. So keep your research on going.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 1031
Norfolk, NE 68702-1031

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.

Information

Email: madisoncgs@cableone.net

TEMP RETURN SERVICE FIRST CLASS

The 1790 Census: For genealogists, the 1790 federal census is an important source for clues as to where their early American families lived and additional statistics about them. If you can locate your families in the first census, chances are also good that some of your ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War, and that you descend from some early American lines.

Some unusual and amusing (at least to our 20th-century ears) combinations of given and surnames noted in the 1790 census are:

Anguish Lemmon, Mercy Pepper, Pleasant Basket, Cutlip Hoof, Hardy Baptist, Truelove Sparks, Snow Frost, Mourning Chestnut, Boston Frog, Jedediah Brickhouse, Hannah Petticoat and Hannah Cheese, Ruth Shaves, Christy Forgot, Joseph Came, Joseph Rodeback, Agreeen Crabtree, River Jordan, Booze Still, Comfort Clock, Sharp Blount, Sarah Simpers, Barbary Staggers, and Noble Gun.

Using the 1790 census can help genealogists discover the variant spellings under which their ancestors' surnames may appear in other records. For example, the surname of Morgan is also listed as spelled Maughan, Maughon, Morgain, Morgen, Morggen, Morgin, Morgon, Moughan and Moughon.

Watch for more census tips in future issues.