

Madison County Remembers...

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From your President, John Kielty

I hope everyone has made it through the holidays. It seems to me like I have to really concentrate on what I choose to get done. There is a snow-ball on the mountain effect every year. It starts out slow and everything is fine, we make it thru Thanksgiving, then its two days before Christmas. Well we're done for another year, I guess. Maybe next year I'll have time and plan things better.

One activity that never seems to end is filing. I find bits of research, new book titles, web sites I plan to visit all in one pile. From there they go into a file folder, and later into their own correct folder. But sometimes I wonder if I will ever see that information again. Is anyone else interested in organizing etc.? Let me know, maybe we can do a sort of roundtable discussion at one of our Society meetings. We could share our ideas and help one another.

While going thru my stack of papers I found the copy of a discharge paper I collected at the county courthouse. The document is for my great-uncle Thomas Kielty in WWI. It records where he was born, hair color, height, age. It records his enlistment record, with four specific battles in France and the neck wound he received, and the reason for his discharge. He received the Victory Medal by mail.

There were records for soldiers in WWII also. So if you are looking for a marriage record here in Madison County, check out the Army and Navy Discharge book.

Stay warm and we'll see you at the meeting.

Christmas Party, Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 6 pm.

McD's Steakhouse, Battle Creek, Nebraska

Bring a spouse, friend or anyone interested in genealogy.

November Meeting Highlights (by Patty Eucker)

The November 16, 2004 meeting had 17 members and 1 guest present. Choices were presented for the Christmas party which is normally held in January. It was voted to go to McD's Steakhouse in Battle Creek on January 18 at 6 pm. Everyone had such a good time last year with take-away bingo that it was decided to play it again.

Four videos that were purchased were presented and made available to members for research. Videos can be checked out and viewed in your home. See Nancy. David DeFord sent flyers seeking information and stories for a book he is writing called: "Chicken Soup for the Genealogist's Soul." He also is willing to present a workshop for our Society. We will pursue this for April or May. Dale Masters presented an interesting program on the use of photographs in mapping.

**November Program:
Using Aerial Photos as illustrations with your Genealogy Papers
Presented by Dale Masters**

While serving in the U.S. Army during World War II I was assigned to the 29th Engineers topography division, where I served for my entire enlistment. After about a years time had passed our entire division was changed to a separate unit renamed as the 2766th Base Topographic Battalion, where our work was then confined to making maps from aerial photos, provided to us by the Army Air Corps, (which later became the The United States Air Force.)

Although "flat" maps, where no elevation markings were shown, were still very important to the troops, a need for information regarding the terrain that would be fought on would prove to be extremely valuable. The development of topographic maps, with the use of photographs, was rapidly becoming refined to the point they could be produced much easier than previously. Surveying of the lands over most of the world had been done and that information could be identified, from that data that was available, by the use of aerial photographs, in many of the areas that needed more refined data available for the armed forces. With elevations identified by contour lines drawn around the changes of the terrain, "hills and valleys".

It was this type of work that I was working with while my army group was in the United States. Later we were transferred to the Philippines, to be closer to the area that needed our maps. After our arrival we had been mapping the East coast of Okinawa when we received word that we had to immediately map three major cities in Japan and drop work we were doing and provide new maps of the three cities. The results are known to everyone now.

The training that I received, while in the armed forces made me aware of the importance of having another view of the lands we live on and the addition of another viewpoint of lands our forefathers came to in order to start new settlements and build for the future.

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Because of this I felt that I would enhance my putting together another book on my family's genealogy with photos of the lands I am writing about. Aerial photos are available for almost the entire surface of the United States that are available for a small charge to any interested parties. I have obtained most photos, that I am making use of, from Soil Conservation Service and County surveyor Offices. If you are fortunate enough to have a friend that has an airplane or you can afford to pay for flights from an air service you can take the pictures you want yourself.

As an example, both of my parents were living in the Turkey Creek Canyon area, just Southeast of Norden, Nebraska and just North of the Niobrara River, where they met, grew to adulthood and married. The canyons area is well covered with woods and the canyon walls are quite steep. Because of this, unless close, farm buildings and houses are not visible from photos taken on land but are visible from aero photos. Some times you might be lucky and see a photo of the area you are interested in in some publication, magazine or newspaper that you might be able to use in your work that could enhance our writing.

All pictures of the persons incorporated in your writings, homes, farm buildings, animals and related events are important. The use of aero photos adds another dimension that gives an additional lift to your work that might make it a little more interesting to the readers.

Tips & Tricks from Ancestry (Copyright 1998-2004, MyFamily.com, Inc. and its subsidiaries.), "Ancestry Daily News" (<http://www.ancestry.com/dailynews>)

Signature Similarities I would like to add a comment to the 12-06-04 quick tip by Loretta O. Davis, "Signatures Add a Personal Touch." Loretta said that she added a signature to the collection of photos of individuals in her family.

To take that idea a little farther, I collect signatures as substitutes for photos of those ancestors for whom I can find no photo. It seems to give a little more life to them than just names and dates do.

My paternal grandfather died when my father was very young. We have no photo of him. I found his signature, and it is uncanny how much his handwriting resembles my father's.

Melba Clark in Alabama

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings."

--- Hodding Carter

Do You Have a Touching Genealogical Story to Share for Chicken Soup for the Genealogist's Soul?

I'm looking for stories for Chicken Soup for the Genealogist's Soul. As the author of this upcoming work I'm searching for inspirational and touching stories of genealogists who:

- Overcame terrible obstacles to find elusive ancestral lines
- Came to understand their heritage and can express how this understanding has affected them
- Found reconciliation in their families through sharing their research
- Made new connections with extended family
- Experienced deep emotional reactions to information they have gathered.

If you have a story to submit, contact David DeFord as indicated below.

Recipe for A Winning Chicken Soup for the Soul® Story

A Chicken Soup for the Soul® story is an inspirational, true story about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. It is a story that opens the heart and rekindles the spirit. It is a simple, inter-denominational, living art piece that touches the soul of the readers and helps them discover basic principles they can use in their own lives. They are personal and often filled with emotion and drama. They are filled with vivid images created by using the five senses. In some stories, the readers feel that they are actually in the scene with the people.

Chicken Soup stories have a beginning, middle and an ending that often closes with a punch, creating emotion rather than simply talking about it. Chicken Soup for the Soul® stories have heart, but also something extra...an element that makes us all feel more hopeful, more connected, more thankful, more passionate and better about life in general. A story that causes tears, laughter, goosebumps or any combination of these. A good story covers the range of human emotions.

The most powerful stories are about people extending themselves, or performing an act of love, service or courage for another person.

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1889 Norfolk Business Directory

Transcribed by Nancy Zaruba

continued from last issue**Flouring Mills**Birchard, Bridge & Co., Norfolk ave., east of 1st**Furniture and Carpets**

Johnson, C. H., 424 Norfolk ave.

Rees, D., 323 Norfolk ave.

General Merchandise

Asmus, Carl, ne cor 3d and Norfolk ave.

Olney, J. E., nw cor Norfolk ave and 1st

Shurtz, P. A., 407 Norfolk ave.

Grocery

Cobb & Overholser, 434 Norfolk ave.

Collamer, J. M., 408 Norfolk ave.

Goodrich, H., 220 Norfolk ave.

Jonas, B. W., 421 Norfolk ave.

Kenyon, E. B., se cor 3d and Norfolk ave.

McClary & Co., nw cor 3d and Norfolk ave.

Schoregge, E. J., 215 Norfolk ave.

Witter, A. T., Norfolk ave. betw. 7th and 8th**Guns and Locksmiths**

Wetzel, L., 120 Norfolk ave.

Foundry

Hogelin & Co., near Creighton depot

Hardware

Degner, Albert, 222 Norfolk ave.

Eiseley, C. F., nw cor 2d and Norfolk ave.

Wiley Hardware Co., 506 Norfolk ave.

Harness and Saddlery

Hopkins, D. a., 404 Norfolk ave.

Oesterling, John, Norfolk ave., east of 1st

Winter, H. W., 122 Norfolk ave.

HotelsAtlantic, ne cor 6th and Madison ave.

Elkhorn Valley House, Chas. Illgen. Prop. 112 Norfolk ave.

Norfolk House, F. Wegener, prop. 115 Norfolk ave.

Pacific House, Locke & Tipple, prop's, sw cor 5th and Norfolk ave.Tillenburg House, H. Tillenburg, prop. ne cor 5th and Norfolk ave.**Continued in next issue.**

Research Center News by Nancy Zaruba

I recently worked on a query for a person seeking information on the Carl and Fredericka Wichmann family. These people came from Wisconsin with the St. Paul's group to Norfolk. But no one had been able to find the family in the 1860 or 1870 census. The 1880 census showed that the last n had been dropped and the children were gone from home but they were living in Madison County.

I checked the cemetery records and discovered they were buried in Hadar under the names Charles and Paulina F. Wichman. I then had death dates and got the obituaries from the Norfolk Daily News. This listed some of the children but not all and not clearly. Some were previously deceased and others only had married names, Mrs. So and so, no first name. We needed to find the earlier census records to verify the children.

Ancestry.com now has the censuses indexed for all years. Some indexes are head of household only, other years all persons are indexed. I also searched several different spellings both with and without the second n, Carl with a C and a K, and Charles. I also could not find them. But they had to be in Madison County in 1870. Ancestry lets you do an Advanced Search. This let me select the State, County and Township and also search by age, birthplace and/or first name. From the 1880 census I knew how old Carl & Paulina should be and that they were born in Germany. This gave me a short list of possible choices. Bingo! Wischman, J. F. & Pauline F. A couple of slight errors made them impossible to find in the regular index but by using the advanced search it was possible to locate the family. Here were several of the younger children as well as two of the older sons helping farm. But we still needed to find the 1860 census.

From the children's birth locations and ages, several of the children were born in Wisconsin in the 1850s and 1860s. Therefore, they should be in the 1860 census. Using the same technique, I plugged in Wisconsin, Jefferson County, Ixonia. It pulled up a list of about 600 persons living there. By adding in the approximate age and birthplace the list was narrowed to less than 100. Again, Bingo. But the names were spelled phonetically. No wonder they had been difficult to locate. Wichmann was spelled as it was pronounced by the local German people. Vechmin. All the first names and ages were correct even showing the two eldest daughters that were married before 1870. What a find.

I have since used this technique in various ways to locate persons in the census. If you can't find or figure out the spelling try looking for a child or a wife or even searching an entire township. Phonetic spelling was common especially in the censuses prior to 1910. Cerny was found as Cherney. Amend as Amen (like the prayer ending?) A sister living in X county in Kansas but no name. Pull up the town or township and see if any names look familiar. Doing this on the computer takes only a few minutes and lets you quickly match relationships and find missing family members.

Keep in mind each census shows different categories of information so you need to collect every census for your ancestors. The 1930 census shows how many children were born to this woman and how many were alive. What a great tool to help find children.

A look at the life of the people in 1905.

These items were extracted by Richard Strenge

Locomotive Engineers Elkhorn Division, No. 268, Enjoys a Banquet Followed by dancing party Seven New Members were Initiated. Elkhorn Division has a steadily growing membership and will soon be one of the strongest anywhere.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1904, page 2.

His Holiday Rest Eternal Young University Man Suddenly Succumbs At Home William Oxnam, Sophomore Spending what had been planned by him as a Happy yuletide recreation, the young man is stricken and dies at parents' home.

William Oxnam was the 20 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oxnam.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 2

Mr. and Mrs. Needham of Albion are spending the holidays with his brother, J. E. Needham, landlord of the Pacific.

C. C. Wright of Long Pine, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright in this city, attended the Eagles dancing party last night.

Mrs. Matilda A. Vanderzee, wife of Rev. W. H. Venderzee, pastor of the colored Christian church, died at their residence in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was 54 years old and had several children, all grown.

James Conley, Sr., died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bender, in Fremont, Nebraska. He was buried at the Tilden cemetery. He was born in Ireland, came to America in 1846, served in a Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War, established a home in Iowa and lived in that state until 1880 when he moved

to Madison county, Nebraska. A widow and ten children are surviving relatives. He had been hospitalized in Omaha prior to his death with the last four months spent at his daughters home in Fremont. Mr. Conley had made his home in Norfolk for 5 years, moving to town from his farm in the western part of the county.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 3.

Eagles Give Annual Ball More than 200 persons participate in the fun Every feature a Success Dancing lasted till late hour this morning— Special train carried people from South Norfolk— supper served at the Pacific.

The Eagles in Norfolk flapped their wings and flew high last night.

It was the occasion of the second annual ball of Sugar City aerie No. 357 and more than 200 merry dancers filled Marquardt hall to show their appreciation of the event. What's more, they all stayed until the wee small hours of today, dancing, dancing always dancing—for the music and the floor and the atmosphere surrounding were all entrancing in effect.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock when C. E. Hartford and Mrs. Hartford led the grand march for the opening of the ball. From then on until after 2 this morning, there was never a period of two minutes during which there was not dancing in the hall.

Near midnight the Eagles had arranged for a sumptuous supper at the Pacific hotel, and a delightful feature it was. Landlord Needham had made every preparation for a magnificent success of his share of the party, and the crowds that went in parties of twenty-five were more than pleased with the spread.

The music was furnished by Collins'

orchestra from LeMars, Iowa.

The committees were: Master of Ceremonies: J. J. McCarthy. Executive committee: P. M. Barrett, W. L. Kern, Ray Weber, Mat Shafer, Jr., H. H. Hartford. Door Committee: J. B. Herman, Fred Linerode, Mat Shafer, Sr., P. M. Barrett. Floor Committee: Frank H. Garrett, C. H. Matheson, M. R. Green, S. R. McFarland, W. L. Kern, Mat Shafer, Jr. Reception committee: F. D. Fales, J. H. Mackay, Frank Carrick, E. A. Bullock, Don Cameron, William Weitz, F. D. Krantz, George H. Spear, C. S. Smith. Cloak room committee: Ray Weber, Rudolph Blatt, Lee Hershiser, Herman Koch, Fred Donisee, Alex Paton, August Vilenow, Robert Klentz. Decorating committee: Thos. Hight, W. G. Berner, J. H. Mackay, Harry Lodor, M. R. Green, Frank Hirsch.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 3.

**It is Ice Man's Weather
In time of cold he prepares for warmer days**

**Boys and Girls are skating
Every one of these bright vacation mornings sees a jolly string of budding youth headed for the lake or the river or the pond.**

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 5.

**Serpent on the Highway
In other words, a garter snake on the roadside**

**Chilled by wintry winds
Norfolk rural route carrier, driving thirteen miles north of Norfolk, comes across a tiny, forked tongued, little serpent.**

Snakes in the road in January.

That is what Rural Free Delivery Carrier Schow has to report as having been seen on his route, thirteen miles north of Norfolk. The serpent that had come to life, crawled out in

the public highway near the Braasch farm, just an unlucky number of miles to the north, and stayed there. Then the Norfolk rural deliverer came along and the fireworks exploded.

Driving out in the rural district, taking a letter to this one and paper to that, of his patrons, the carrier had a little thought of snakes. The weather, in the first place, was altogether too frigid for any such summer like dreams. And he had no reason, what's more to expect any such visions.

The horses were trotting along merrily—just as horses will trot during the holiday season of January. They were thinking of the miles and miles that they yet had to trot, before they could be allowed to get back into their stalls at home. They had in mind all of the farmers and all of the rural mail boxes along the roadside, never once thinking of anything that might even suggest warm old days of July or September.

But the wintry winds were suddenly shattered. They had to blow away. Back, back to the prairies they were hurled. There in the middle of the road, calmly, peacefully and without any fear of the approaching federal mail wagon, crept a tiny garter snake. It opened its eyes, looked around and twirled its little forked tongue at the team of horses.

It didn't seem to realize that it was out without a wrap. And in January. Poor little garter. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 5.

**Pioneer Settler is Dead
William Winter passes away at his home northeast
Died of Typhoid—Pneumonia
Came to the section of country thirty-eight and a half years ago, with the first colony of German settlers—leaves fine estate**

William Winter, brother of H. W. Winter died

at his home three miles west of Hoskins, on Monday morning. Funeral will be held on Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran church north of Norfolk. A daughter of Mr. Winter died from the same disease about three weeks ago. The deceased leaves a family of wife, three sons and two daughters, both of the daughters being married. He was born in German fifty-one years ago. He arrived in this area on July 4, 1866. He was married to Miss Johanna Nenow twenty-seven years ago, and through his marriage came into possession of the homestead of his father-in-law, where his family at present resides. Coming to this country when it was a wilderness of uncultivated prairie he has seen it develop in wealth and prosperity until it has become one of the most fertile farming communities in the country. He has successfully passed through the hard times of the early days and come into wealth and standing that will accrue to the benefit of his family.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 7.

Hold Notable Family Reunion S. F. Erskine of Norfolk attends assembly of family

S. F. Erskine, the Norfolk commercial traveler, returned last night from Owatona, Minn., where he had been attending a rather notable family reunion. They were together for the first time within the quarter of a century that they have lived in the country, having formerly been Canadian residents, three brothers and two sisters, a great aunt aged eighty-three, an uncle aged eighty-seven, an aunt aged eighty-three and his father aged eighty-five.

Mr. Erskine's father is in very feeble health. The party gathered at the home of Mrs. T. C. Smith.

At Owatona there is a layer of two feet of snow on the level and good sleighing abounds. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—

Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 7.

A sumptuous New Year's dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hogrerfe to their nephews and nieces belonging to the Tiedgen family. There were more than fifty present.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schroeder was christened at the Lutheran Church Sunday.

A. A. Axen was here from Stanton Saturday visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Probst.

John Wade came up from Norfolk Monday and gave a young, raven-black span of horses to Peter Newwerk for a New Years present. In returning thanks Pete gave him an armful of greenbacks amounting to an even \$300.

A son was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Hansgott Werner, north of town.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 6, 1905, page 7.

Is 26 below zero again Severest of the winter over north Nebraska

**Wind drives in cutting cold
Houses are Chilly, water pipes freeze up and ears and Noses are nipped.
Highest yesterday was three below zero.**

Previous low records for the winter in the temperature line were equaled early this morning when the government thermometer dropped to a point twenty-six below zero, and other records were beaten when the maximum for a day proved to be but three below zero and when the barometer ran up to 30.66 inches high in its tiny tube. This is the highest barometer ever known in Norfolk.

Although the minimum temperature was but twenty-six degrees below zero, merely equaling that of a few weeks ago,

the suffering was much keener and much more intense than has been known before this season. Coming after a week of mild weather, in the first place, and coming, too, with a severely strong wind to drive in the chunks of fridity, the weather went through and through and humanity suffered exceedingly as a result.

The thermometer dropped sixteen degrees yesterday, the minimum on the day before having been but ten degrees below zero.

People who were out early today found their ears fast freezing if allowed to remain in the open for but a single minute. The frost today was not driven by so fierce a wind as last night, but it was just as stinging and pedestrians remained out of doors only as long as was positively necessary.

The sun came out bright and yellow but that had little effect upon the temperature. The snow still creaked in a bitter way under foot, wagon wheels still crunched the frozen roads and horses still ran with nervous, shivering steps.

Houses Are Cold

Houses were bitterly cold. No walls seem thick enough to successfully withstand the piercing wind and the intensely cold draughts that were blown down from the northwest. Little breezes found their way through the thickest brick barricades and may a house let in so much air that curtains were blown about inside in a small way.

Winter pipes froze up and bursted. More susceptible to the freezing of a windy wave than to the calm, dry cold of a few weeks ago when the thermometer went to twenty-six below, the pipes in many instances found themselves all clogged up with ice this morning and faucets failed to bring the supply that was needed.

Smoke from chimney tops this morning curled up blue and in an unwarming way, and from the volume of it all it was evident that every furnace in Norfolk was choking with all the coal it could well contain, and that every

janitor was having the time of his life trying to ward off the line of tenants with cold feet.

The ice men say that the cold is making a commodity for them that will sell next summer. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Jan. 27, 1905, page 7.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hansgott Werner was christened at the Lutheran Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mantey visited at West Point Sunday with Mrs. Mantey's mother, Mrs. Sophie Schriever, who has been sick.

H. E. Owen pleasantly entertained a party of ten gentlemen at dinner last evening for his brother, Wm. Owen of Laramie, Wyoming, who is a guest here on his way home from a visit to the gold fields in Nevada. A. A. Lovelace of Omaha enjoyed with the local guests the pleasures of the evening.

The world gave a cold welcome to the girl baby who was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Canady, south of the Junction, last night. To be born both on Groundhog day and on the coldest day in six winters is a hardship, for sure, but Miss Canady didn't seem to mind it in the least. She said this morning, in fact, that she rather liked the idea.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Feb. 3, 1905, page 5.

IS 35 BELOW ZERO Coldest Weather of Twentieth Century Thus Far.

**It is the severest since 1899.
Water pipes went to the bad in Norfolk houses.**

**The furnaces work overtime.
The most bitterly cold frigid weather
that has been known in any January
within ten years, and the worst ever
since February, 1899.**

Weather? Gad Zooks!

Thirty-five degrees below zero in Norfolk today marked the coldest of the century.

Not since the frigid February of 1899, away back in the nineteenth century, has there been such a drop in the mercury as there was in northern Nebraska early today. It was colder than at any other time of the present winter by nine degrees, and was the coldest that has been known in January for many a twelvemonth.

Precisely as predicted by the weather department in yesterday's News, the temperature continued to fall in this section of the world. Only it fell sixteen degrees instead of the ten that were predicted. At 12 o'clock last night it was twenty-seven degrees below zero and when the Norfolk citizen awoke this morning, he was suffering from severity in the atmospheric line that he had not known in a half dozen years.

Calmness Saves Humanity

The absolute calm of the morning was alone responsible for the fact that the human race in this territory was not obliterated. With a piercing wind to drive the coldness in, people would have suffered intensely. As it was, though the cold was severe among those who had not good fires and warm clothing, the out of doors did not bring cruel suffering.

When people first stepped out of doors today, it was to imagine that the weather wasn't really so cold, after all. The calm caused a lack of appreciation of the bitterness that was in the air. Later, however, within a few blocks of walking, there came a deep stinging around the ankles which told conclusively that things are not always as they seem—that, indeed, it was a cold and frosty morning for fair.

Pipes Froze Stiff

The chilly night penetrated to the very soul of the warmest houses and water pipes

that had never in their lives been known to breeze before, surrendered to the attack and quit the game. The result was that the plumber this morning was the busiest man in town, and the coal man was a close second.

Many a pretty housewife, her shawl tossed over her very cold head, ran out to hail the plumber as he went by the door—for the pipes in her house were all frozen up and bursted. The cold water refused to run and the warm water refused to run and there was a merry time withal.

Furnaces Get Busy

Furnaces had to get busy for sure this morning. It was the fiercest battle of their lives and they had to work overtime. They ate up coal at a rate that astounded the economical housekeepers, and the tall, blue columns of smoke that lifted high up about the chimney tops told of the war that was on within.

A record for the month of January, kept by Dr. P. H. Salter, showed that this was the severest January in the past nine years. The average temperature for the month was 11.08. The maximum average was 22.03 and the minimum average was 1.03. The total rainfall for the month was .94 inches and the snow amounted to nineteen and one-half inches—the deepest snow that has been known within any January during the past decade.

Warmest Yesterday Was Cold

The warmest weather that yesterday brought to tow was as cold as the coldest in Omaha—and colder. The maximum for Norfolk was eight degrees below zero while the coldest in Omaha was six below.

The barometer today was 30.30—having dropped off .30 of an inch, and thus indicating that warmer weather is to follow today.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News—Journal, Friday, Feb. 3, 1905, page 6.

**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.

Information

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Ancestry updates added to the databases.

U.S. CENSUS COLLECTION UPDATE: 1900 U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS (Every-name index linked to images) Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont Added

Ancestry.com is adding an every-name index to the 1900 U.S. Federal Census. This update adds the indexes for Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Vermont, with index entries linked to images of the census schedules. Additional postings will be made regularly to this database. This database now indexes Alabama, Alaska Territory, Arizona Territory, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indian Territory, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma Territory, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin.

IMMIGRATION COLLECTION UPDATE: --- BALTIMORE PASSENGER LISTS, 1892-48 (Images and index currently covers 1899-1948; Update adding 1899-1902)

--- NEW YORK PASSENGER LISTS
(Re-release with database fixes making more names searchable)

U.S. RECORDS COLLECTION UPDATES: VITAL RECORDS
--- Illinois Marriages, 1790-1860, --- Indiana Marriages, 1802-92