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From your President, John Kielty

I would like to share a most pleasant experience with all of you. There are times in our lives when the world seems a little clearer, the colors a little brighter, the time more pleasant. I call these springtime experiences.

Sometimes we are in the season of winter. Sometimes our lives are in a wintertime, because of sickness, or loneliness, or any number of bleak situations. But hopefully a season of spring will come into each of our lives. Things are not bleak for me right now.

In fact I am very hopeful, a season of spring is here for me. The grass seems to be greener, and the tulips are bolder this year. The sky is blue and the sun is bright. I am feeling very fine. At our last society meeting I had one of those experiences.

We had a fine meeting, program, and conversation. But it was after the meeting that I had my experience. There was a guest that night, who wanted to begin to research her family, but she didn't know what to do first. The surprising thing was that she was willing to listen to what we had to say! We talked about family group sheets, and all the information needed to fill them out. We talked about all of the home sources, and the living relatives who are so valuable. She actually took notes. We all know that there is a right way and a wrong way to begin, mostly because we had to begin again after we started. It was such a joy for me to be teaching someone, to be showing someone the path into one of the most fulfilling, time consuming, frustrating, and rewarding pastimes that there is. I touched a little bit of heaven, that feeling that just for a moment, everything was working out just right. Sometimes we expect those times, like seeing a new baby, sometimes those experiences sneak up on you, if your heart remains open to the flow of things.

So my springtime was simply a person who wanted to be taught. Someone who teaches is drawn by this, I am sure. I had a great time and I hope she comes back for more help. Anytime we help someone we keep our own experiences new, and our skills fresh and up to date. I hope you all experience a springtime moment soon. The sun does shine almost every day here in Nebraska.

Attention all members:

Elections are in July for new officers. Our current President John Kielty will not be up for reelection as he is moving to Wayne. Your society is in need of persons willing to take an officer position. Many of you are busy or physically unable, but without persons willing to step up and help keep the society running it will cease to exist. All officer positions are open. Will you step in to do your part to keep our Society running? John has been answering 95% of the queries received by the society and we must all thank him for doing it and doing it well. Any suggestions for officers, or restructuring, such as office sharing would be very welcome.

March Program and Meeting by Patty Eucker, secretary

The Madison County Genealogical Society met March 15, 2005 with 16 members and 4 guests attending. Due to the length of discussion and interest on the program topic it was decided to dispense with the business meeting.

The March program was about **"Organizing, Documenting and Storing your family history information."** Several members brought in their scrapbooks, albums or examples of their storage methods to share.

Some of the questions discussed were:

Starting with Family Group Sheets:

1. Record the information. Do you use family group sheets? Why or why not?
Do you use a computer program? Why or why not and which one?
2. Document the information. Handwritten notes? All sources? Same sheet?
3. Store the copy of the record. What do you do with the originals or copies after the data is transferred to your family group sheets, computer program, etc.
 - A. what should the record look like? Real? Photocopy? Notes?
 - B. How should it be labeled? Name? Number? Which numbering system if any?
Date of acquisition, Place of acquisition, Book—title and page
 - C. Where to store the record

Some folks use file boxes or file cabinets and others use 3 ring binders. Some have many binders for storage but only 1 or 2 to take on a research trip that includes a basic outline of each family line. Extra information can be stored in plastic sleeves in 3 ring binders sorted by family branch or done up nicely using scrapbooking tools and techniques. Other ideas were mentioned.

- D. What to do with records that apply to more than one person
4. What to do with extra info? Not your family—yet? *Save it separately, it might be connected eventually.*

April Meeting by Patty Eucker, secretary

The Madison County Genealogical Society met April 19, 2005 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center with 11 members and 3 guests present.

The program was presented by Bernice Walters who told about her trips to Germany to research family history. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting was opened by the president and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read. Nancy and John read queries they had received. The newsletters received were presented. The May program will be about "Family Reunion Planning."

May Program

The May program will be **"Organizing your family reunion, sharing your genealogy with others."** Bring items to share that you have created to show at your family reunion or tips on organizing and planning for a family reunion. Or tell a story of an interesting reunion you've been to. See you on May 17 at 7 pm at the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk.

ALONG TINIUS FAMILY TRAILS by Bernice Walters

I decided to pursue our Tinius ancestry as well as our Richter-Arnold family lines after hearing mom's interesting stories and anecdotes of her life in Germany, and after my parents came to America in 1922.

Fortunately I can speak, read and write German well enough to research and travel in Germany, and began corresponding with cousins in west Germany. They gave me the first clues on one of mom's Arnold lines in the region of Zittau, which is located in southeastern Germany near the Czech border. Through the Dresden church archive I was able to correspond with a researcher who traveled to Belgern on the Elbe River and gave me the first information I had on grandfather Tinius' brothers and sisters, as well as on my Tinius great-grandfather and his family. I had a researcher verify and copy all of that data, and in later years did a lot of research from home and in traveling to Germany to personally inspect and take photos of the church records. All of my German research is in eastern Germany from Berlin south to the Czech border, but I have cousins all over Germany.

Initially after considerable correspondence with various Leipzig offices, in 1984 I wrote the East German Embassy in Washington, D.C., repeating my request for Leipzig vital records on my father and his Tinius family in Leipzig.

Months later after sending the requested payment I received original and certified documents on my grandparents and all of their children. The data included birth, marriage and death where dates were known. This was terrific and I was encouraged to write various archives and churches over the years. Altogether, I have spent the better part of 20 years and written dozens of churches and state and city archives for information on my various family lines.

The Belgern researcher who was an official archivist gave me the name of a researcher, also an official church archivist, in mom's region and over 10 years he dutifully copied word for word all the church book entries in all of the villages in the Zittau area, which takes mom's Richter-Arnold lines back to the 1500s. In later years I was able to firsthand visit the villages and personally look at and photo those 500 year old church books! I was amazed that I would be able to do that, and the Pastor seemed unconcerned about preservation of those valuable old books, saying they had held up 500 years and probably would survive another hundred years without being photographed.

Through Leipzig Church Archives I have learned a number of interesting details that bear on research. One such is that in Leipzig, and possibly most larger German cities, the city is divided into church districts bounded by specific streets and the residents in that specific area are automatically registered in the church located in that area. All I had to do was give this archivist the name of the street on which my relative lived in Leipzig and he could then easily tell me which church was the one with the records. It is quite important to learn as nearly as possible the exact region, village, or city street, in order to determine which church will have the records. And many church districts overlap or were set up according to earlier political events.

Also in the 1800s at least in Saxony there were duplicate church records which were kept in a district or state office. However, through the war years, many of those no longer exist. Another interesting detail in research is that "Melde" records were kept, and are still maintained. Laws mandate that civil registration-- residents newly arriving in a village or city must register with civil authorities, also upon leaving the village, they must notify civil authorities. Locating earlier Melde records is indeed a great find, as they often give much background information on the resident.

My persistence paid off when a duplicate church book did turn up in Grosswig, a village near Torgau on the Elbe River, and gave much more detail on my paternal grandparents than the original church book I had been shown and photographed 2 years earlier. To me a photograph of the actual book or pages of entries is the best proof I can get for documentation. Also, I learned that not all archivists, however, conscientious and reliable, give precisely every word in the church entry--rather, what is thought is necessary or only most important. Again, a discovery I made because I could read the German in red ink in the margin, which the Pastor passed over, but which said the

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Research Center News by Nancy Zaruba

The Research Center is humming along. The Thursday evening crew is still clipping, glueing, cataloging, sorting, filing, etc. The new computer system is much faster than the old though there seems to be an occasional bug in Microsoft. The new book on Madison County History will be delayed. It will hopefully go to the publisher late this fall or early winter. We want to do a quality product instead of rushing it.

The other project on the horizon (besides trying to get caught up with clipping and filing) is a new project that needs to be done this year. That is, to document Norfolk 2005 in pictures. While working on this history book, I really noticed how few photographs are around of more recent buildings and parts of Norfolk. I don't have any good pictures of Double K or King's Ballroom or Riverside or Fireside or Riviera Raceway or any of the other buildings that have burned, flooded, been torn down, etc. Norfolk is changing so rapidly that if we don't document it regularly that part of the history is lost.

Therefore hopefully by June we'll be able to start taking photographs of all of the businesses and streets and new developments, the schools (before and after the new additions), churches, factories, etc. If anyone wants to volunteer to take photos, supply film or pay for developing please let me know. I want to use film rather than all digital because of storage problems with digital images. We will eventually scan in all of the prints so they will be stored in both formats, but it would be cost prohibitive for the museum to print each digital image. The Norfolk Daily News takes all digital prints and stores none of them. If you need something they ran last year it is unavailable and is no longer saved for historical purposes. Wow!

The other item needed badly by the Research Center is a scanner to scan negatives in sizes other than 35mm. We have received several thousand negatives from the Daily News and also own the Christian Studio's Photo Collection. Many of these are negative sizes other than 35mm and we no longer have any scanner that can do these. Many of the photos (especially from the Daily News) would be good ones for our book. (There are some great blizzard of '49 photos.) I need to do a little research to be sure, but right now it looks like this type of a scanner is in the \$400 to \$800 range (and up). Any ideas?

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person had taken his own life. I already knew that and had to point it out--it was not going to be mentioned!

I have been told numerous times that many detailed types of records were kept by the Germans, (and still are) but one has to learn specifically what to ask for and where to ask. And it does require patience and persistence to secure results. I've probably written hundreds of letters in the 20 years I have been working on our family histories, and was fortunate to be able to go personally to the villages and churches, and have made 5 trips to Germany to visit relatives and do research. All in all, searching for one's ancestors is a great adventure and to me it is well worth the time and effort. My searches are continuing.

1889 Norfolk Business Directory

Transcribed by Nancy Zaruba

continued from last issue**Merchant Tailors**

Madsen, C., 422 Norfolk ave.
Marple & Co., 314 Norfolk ave.
Ostin, L. J., 211 Norfolk ave.

Milliners

Chesney, Mrs. E., 217 Norfolk ave.
Durland, J. & E., 324 Norfolk ave.
Grinnell, Miss J. P., 306 Norfolk ave.

Musical Instruments

Gale, W. H., 17 So. Fourth

News Depot

Tracy, E. H. & Co., 305 Norfolk ave.
Anzeiger, H. Brummund, basement of Pacific block.
Herald, F. M. Clafin, Odd Fellows building
Journal, Wm. Leavitt, 2d street.
News, (daily and weekly), W. Huse & Son, News building, 13 So. Fourth.

Nurseries

Hammond, E. D., Park addition, next to Fair Ground.
Norfolk Nursery and Seed Co. – C. P. Michael, general manager, ne cor 4th and Norfolk ave.

Paints, Oils and Window Glass

Leonard, A. K., 410 Norfolk ave.

Photographer

Macy & Doughty, 326 Norfolk ave.
Tillotson & Thompson, ne cor 3d and Norfolk ave., up stairs

Physicians and surgeons

Bear, Dr. Alex., 321 Norfolk ave.
Daniel, Dr. D. R., 208 Norfolk ave.
Fuller, Dr. E. G., Odd Fellows building
Hagey, Dr. W. H. H., 323 Norfolk ave.
Macomber, Dr. A. L., 11 So. Fourth
Richards, Dr. G. B., Richards Block
Tashjean, Dr. A. B., nw cor 5th and Madison ave.
Verges, Dr. E. G., Odd Fellows block

Planing Mill

Wheaton, T. W., Norfolk ave., east of 1st

Plumbers

Rembe, L. I. 226 Norfolk ave.

Poultry Breeders

Correvon, Geo., Prospect ave. betw. 11th and 12th

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The following extracted by Richard Strenge

Child Injured in Storm

A little 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Best of Enola narrowly escaped death during the wind storm which swept over that section of Madison county last Saturday. The little one was outside the house when the storm broke and was running for the house when a large tree was uprooted and she was caught by the falling branches. She sustained several deep gashes on the head and face and was unconscious for several hours. A physician was called and her wounds were dressed and fears of permanent injuries were dispelled when she regained consciousness. The little lady is getting along very nicely at present and within a short time will be none the worse for the accident which came so near being fatal. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 20, 1920, page 1.

Wind and Hail Storm

The wind and hail storm which passed thru the territory north of Enola Saturday afternoon blew down several trees on the farm of Elmer Best. His little eight year old girl was playing out in the yard and had started for the house when a branch from one of the trees was blown down struck her fracturing her shoulder and her body was also painfully bruised. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 28, 1920, page 7.

Enola View Stock Farm one county's rural show places

A part of the Star-Mail force took a little auto run into the Enola country Sunday afternoon and spent a very pleasant hour at the Enola View Stock Farm. It is always a pleasure to meet such hospitable people as Mr. and Mrs. James C. Brosh.

The Enola View Stock Farm comprises a half section and is beautifully located just a mile north of Enola and one of the best small town trading points in this part of the state.

The Enola View Stock Farm is making a specialty of Pure Scotch and Scotch Top cattle. Mr. Brosh is getting a fine start in this famous breed of cattle. He has six cows, two of which are exceptionally fine cows, second to none we have ever seen and his herd has just lately been increased to nine by three fine calves, one heifer and two bulls. If Mr. Brosh keeps up the pace he has started the past year the

old breeders will have to whip up if they keep up with him.

Mr. Brosh also has a fine bunch of Duroc-Jersey hogs. He has about 100 spring pigs, but on account of the bad rainy weather he says they did not do as well as they would under more favorable circumstances, but we thought they were a fine lot of pigs.

Mrs. Brosh has a fine flock of pure blood R. C. White Wyandotte chickens, she intends to sell off all other chickens and raise nothing but the Wyandottes.

Mr. Brosh was out in the field last Saturday when the big storm passed through that section. He saw it coming and started for the house, but it caught him about half way in. The storm blew almost all of the fans off the windmill, parts of which began to fall around Mr. Brosh as he was coming to the house. The dust was so thick he could not see and he thought the boards were coming from some of his buildings. Mrs. Brosh and their two fine children, a girl and boy, went out into the storm cave. By the way, the Brosh's have one of the best storm caves we ever looked at and it would take an earthquake to be able to do any damage to it.

Mr. Brosh has taken some pictures of his fine cattle and if they prove to be good ones we may be able to show our readers a good likeness of them and a more complete description in the near future. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 28, 1920, page 5.

Vehicle Treasures at Nebraska Historical Society

By Cindy S. Drake, Library Curator, Nebraska State
Historical Society

At the Nebraska State Historical Society we do have some early records from 1905 to about 1917 that you can trace the license plate numbers to the owners. These records are a little difficult to use so we do have fees involved to check them (unless you can visit our facilities personally). To learn more about the histories we share visit

<http://www.nebraskahistory.org/>

County News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sunderman left the latter part of last week for Smithville, Ontario, Canada, for an extended visit with relatives and to be present at the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Sunderman's parents.

Connie Funk of Atkinson, Ed. Funk of Ainsworth, Maden Funk of Page and Mrs. Novella Gunthorpe of Lincoln were in Battle Creek Sunday to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, James D. Taylor. They remained over for a short visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Funk. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 20, 1920, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flannigan spent Sunday with their daughter, D. F. LaFlavor.

Howard Farage was visiting at the home of his uncle James Dugan.

Miss Anis Coley is visiting her uncle, F. B. Flannigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olin of Norfolk spent Thursday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Graves.

Mrs. S. Burdwhistle of Stanton, visited with her daughter, Mrs. Barr, who was operated on at the Campbell hospital the first of the week.

Mrs. William Bennett of Battle Creek is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wiedeman.

Fritz Alstadt came down from Norfolk to attend Mrs. Funks funeral Monday.

John Louisberg moved his family from Sioux City into the house he recently purchased from his mother, Mrs. Myers.

Mrs. Jack Klam returned to her home at Omaha Thursday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. John Fuchs and family.

Fred Bley and wife and daughter were over from Newman Grove Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bley's aunt, Mrs. Funk.

Otto Emrich and sons and sister Mrs. Scheer were over from Tilden to attend the funeral of their Grandma, Mrs. Funk. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 7, 1920, page 12.

Mrs. Anna Tewksberry and daughter, Lola, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beaty.

Miss Lizzie Kaler spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Smith. Source:

Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 21, 1920, page 10

Mrs. Christine Kamrath of Norfolk spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Christiansen who was 80 years old that day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Evans drove up to Holt county, Saturday, where Mrs. Evans was called on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Tavenner. W. P. returned on Monday and Mrs. Evans will remain with her parents for a few days. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 28, 1920, page 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and Dr. and Mrs. Long were at West Point Sunday the occasion being the 86th birthday of Grandma Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Underberg and children of Ceresco, Nebraska spent several days the past week with Mrs. Otto Underberg and Mrs. Ben Davis, mother of Mrs. Underberg. Madison was formerly the home of Mr. and Mrs. Underberg. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 2.

The body of Aug. Litkey, who was killed at Washington by being crushed by a horse, arrived Tuesday and burial was made in the afternoon of same day in Crown Hill cemetery. The deceased was a grandfather of Mrs. Jesse Robertson. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 11, 1920, page 5.

Marion Zavodsky is staying with her brother in Emerick.

Clarence Dahlsten was assisting his uncle, Hans Dahlsten, with his farm work last week. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 18, 1920, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rucha of Enola, spent Sunday with J. J. Machacek and family. Mrs. Rucha is a cousin of Mr. Machacek. Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, May 14, 1920, page 1.

Rev. Antrim was called to Newman Grove, Thursday, to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. James Switzer of Norfolk. The remains were laid to rest by the side of her late husband in the Newman Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Lawrence Hansen of Omaha, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. G. C. Rouse.

John Kleider's attended church in Battle Creek Sunday morning, then spent the remainder of the day at the home of Mrs. Kleider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eyl.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, May 21, 1920, page 1.

J. W. and Emmet Warrick, Alvah E. Crooks, Mrs. Sarah Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Osborn went to Battle Creek last Sunday afternoon and attended the funeral of the late James Taylor who was a former resident of this community. The deceased was 51 years of age, and a veteran of the Spanish American war. He is survived by his wife, three brothers, Richard of Hot Springs, Thomas of Tilden, and Lee of Battle Creek, and three sisters, Miss Mollie Taylor and Mrs. Emma Mitchell of Battle Creek, and Mrs. L. W. Dogan of Meadow Grove.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, May 28, 1920, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cloyd of Norfolk spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Cloyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brewer.

Mrs. A. S. Kuderna and son, Earl, of Los Angeles, Calif., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Brown. Mrs. Kuderna is a sister of Mrs. Brown.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 1.

Mrs. Luella Keller, recently of W. Va., is visiting

her sister, Mrs. John Hunt.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 11, 1920, page 1.

Chas. Herlocker of Tekamah, Nebr. One of the early settlers of Madison county, who formerly homesteaded on the farm west of town, now owned by Albert Cress, accompanied by his son, Bert, and his two daughters, Grace and Dot, arrived here Saturday and are spending a few days at the home of his cousin, R. E. Rouse. Mr. Herlocker came here in 1871 and left here in 1876 for Eastern Iowa, and has lived near Tekamah since 1880.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 18, 1920, page 1.

Hazel and Walter Windsor of Lincoln, spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cuning, and their uncle, Sam Livinghouse, returning to their home Monday.

Alm. and Roy Oehring and families of Neligh spent Sunday at the home of their sister, Mrs. Freel Stamper.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 18, 1920, page 1.

Mrs. J. L. Berry, who was visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson, left here Saturday for Lincoln, where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Brochu, after which she will leave for her new home at Raymer, Colo. Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 25, 1920, page 1.

Planning a research trip to Salt Lake City this year? The following Salt Lake hotels are currently offering a special genealogy rate. Please contact the hotels directly to book these specials.

Holiday Inn Downtown 999 South Main Street The perfect hotel for genealogists. Free shuttle to the Family History Library. Work desks and high-speed wireless Internet in all rooms. A resort feel at a downtown location. Genealogy rate: \$55 Contact: Margot Mortensen 801-359-8600, 800-933-9678 To take advantage of this special offer, please reference discount code 'SLCVB-Gen' when placing your reservation and present a printout of the coupon certificate upon check-in.

City Creek Inn 230 West North Temple

AAA Two Diamond rated, newly remodeled with old-fashioned charm. Located 1.5 blocks from the Family History Library. Free high-speed wireless Internet, local calls, and cable. Genealogy rate: \$39 Contact: Lorin Ronnow 866-533-4898 info@citycreekinn.com To take advantage of this special offer, please reference discount code 'SLCVB-Gen' when placing your reservation and present a printout of the coupon certificate upon check-in.

View and print the coupons at the following website or contact Nancy to help you get one.

http://www.visitsaltlake.com/genealogy/email/0405_specials.shtml

Carl Winter, Norfolk Pioneer Dead

Carl Winter was one of the Wisconsin Colony to come to Norfolk in 1867. Mr. Winter was 85 years old and a native of Germany. He died Tuesday at the home of his daughter in Stanton. He came to America in 1865 and after a residence of two years in Wisconsin joined the colonists who took homesteads at Norfolk, Nebraska. Until the death of the aged wife, which occurred in January, this year, Mr. and Mrs. Winter were the only surviving couple of this band of sturdy pioneers. Excerpts from: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 10, 1920, page 1.

Grandma Funk

The death angel again visited Madison on April 29, 1920 and took from our midst that grand old lady Grandma Funk.

Mrs. Fredericka Funk was a native of Germany, being born at Borden, Germany, Oct. 13, 1836. She was married in 1860 to Mickall Funk and to this union, 10 children were born, four dying in infancy. Her husband died on March 21, 1886.

On March 13, 1889 she came to America with her family and located east of Madison on a farm, where she lived until March 1896, when she moved to Madison and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Katterman, where she was still living at the time of her death.

The children who survive her are: Mrs. J. H. Katterman, Mrs. John Bauer, John, Fred, Henry and Jake Funk. She has one brother living in Portland, Oregon.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heart-felt thanks for the kindly assistance rendered us during the illness and death of our beloved mother, Grandma Funk.

Excerpts from: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 7, 1920, page 12.

Rudolph Rajskey

Rudolph Rajskey died May 4, 1920, He was born in Bohemia on Dec. 30, 1845 and was married to Mary Howe in Bohemia in 1875. They emigrated to the United States in 1882 and located in Chicago. To this union four children were born, James, Rudolph, Anton and Mrs. Mary Cerney. Funeral services were held in St. Leonard's Church, Friday, May 7th and burial in St. Leonard's cemetery.

Excerpts from: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 14, 1920, page 2.

Otto Reinhardt, Sr.

Otto Reinhardt, Sr., died last Saturday, May 15th in Omaha. He was born in Germany, June 2, 1861, He came to America in 1879 and first located at Omaha. He was married to Miss Tinnie Baur in 1889 and to this union four children were born Otto Jr., Minnie, Emil and Lillie. He came to Madison in 1900 and Mrs. Reinhardt died in August, 1902. Burial was made in Crown Hill Cemetery. Excerpts from: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 21, 1920, page 10.

Mrs. Jane Wagner

Another one of Madison county's pioneer citizens has passed to the great beyond, Grandma Wagner.

Jane Norris was born in Jackson, Penn., May 29, 1844. On August 17, 1862 she was united in marriage to Rensellaer Wagner, who left soon after with his regiment for service in the Civil war. The Wagners moved to Madison in 1880.

Three children were born to this union, Charles Wagner of California, Kate Jane Donovan, deceased, and Mrs. Cora Nichols of this city.

"Pap" Wagner preceded his wife to the grave, dying after a lingering illness on August 6th, 1919. After his death the decline of Grandma Wagner, who was his constant nurse, was rapid. Jane Wagner was 75 years, 11 months and 21 days of age. She was a true Christian woman, not

the kind that sounds a trumpet when they do a kind act, but in the quiet of her home life and among her friends she was always the same, and everywhere she manifested the Christian spirit. Her kindly qualities of heart endeared her to all that enjoyed the pleasure of her acquaintance. However consoling and sustaining are the tender sympathies and loving ministrations of friends, yet the real healing and uplifting comfort is the Divine.

The funeral services were held at the home last Saturday afternoon, Rev. A. H. Eggleston officiating. Interment was made in Crown Hill cemetery. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, May 28, 1920, page 7.

Double Wedding at St. Leonard's Church Tuesday

The wedding ceremony was solemnized by Father Brass, which made Mathilda H. Adelman and John C. Dickey and Mary M. Lintner and Albert J. Adelman, man and wife. Both couples left by train for a honey-moon trip to Denver, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey expect to make their home after June 15th at Snyder, Nebraska, while Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Adelman will be home in this city to their many friends after June 15th. Excerpts from: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 2.

Peter Knapp, Madison Pioneer, Answers Call

Peter Knapp, one of Madison county's highly respected pioneer citizens, died at the home of his son, Philip Knapp, in Green Garden, Thursday, May 26, 1920.

The deceased was born in Germany, December 31, 1838, and came to the United States in 1854, and first located in Illinois. He moved to Madison county in 1873. His first marriage was to Caroline Scheer and to this union were born five children, Philip Knapp, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Philip Demmel, Mrs. Wm. Blank and Mrs. Frank Schwarts. Mrs. Knapp died September 31, 1893. He was later married to Mabelle Stevens and to this union three children were born, two boys and one girl.

The deceased was confined to his bed about fifteen months before his death. He was a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Burial was made in the Green Garden cemetery, Rev. E. Just officiating. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 5.

Acronym Identifies Progenitor

By Nancy Garrett

While tracking an ancestor in the census records I noticed that he always had the initials CE after his name. Being familiar with some notes after a person's name such as John Wilkins OP (which stands for Old Plantation Creek) to distinguish him from another John Wilkins who lived at the same time -- I assumed it was a designation of where he lived.

Several censuses later the enumerator spelled it out. He was cross-eyed.

Ancestors Come in Many Flavors

By Tannie Rothgeb Tate in Tennessee

While searching for my SUNDAY ancestors in a U.S. census index, I ran across this entry:
SUNDAY, Carmel.

Makes me wonder what her children's names were -- Chocolate? Strawberry? Maybe even Hot Fudge?

Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 20 April 2005, Vol. 8, No. 16.

Memorial Day Service

The Memorial Service held in the M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows Lodge, was largely attended. The special music by the Misses Hayden and Mrs. Bosse was greatly enjoyed. An able and forceful address was given by Rev. E. F. Wagner.

Five old soldiers and seven World War soldiers were the guests of honor.

After the service in the church the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, old soldiers and friends drove to McCoy cemetery where they decorated the graves of fifteen old soldiers, one Odd Fellow, and one Rebekah. From there they went to Hoyt's cemetery, where the graves of four old soldiers, and two Odd Fellows were strewn over with beautiful flowers, and at Emerick the graves of eleven veterans of the Civil war, and three Odd Fellows (one of whom was a Rebekah) were lovingly remembered, by the Rebekah Lodge who had charge of this part of the service. Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 1.

(Question: Is Hoyt's Cemetery the same as Deer Creek?)

Memorial Day Exercises in Madison are attended by big crowd

Memorial day was fittingly observed in Madison on Monday. The crowd that attended the services was a large one, although threatening clouds were hanging over the sky all day.

At two in the afternoon a very creditable program was arranged for the packed house at the auditorium, which was opened with a selection by the Madison band followed by the invocation by Rev. Chamberlain. The audience then arose and sang "America." The next number on the program, a song, "Dear Old Pal of Mine," by Miss Helen Chamberlain, was well rendered. "In Flanders Field," a reading by Mrs. A. C. Schmitt was a very striking number and was well handled by its reader.

Speaker of Day

Hon. J. C. Elliott of West Point, was introduced to the audience and he delivered a very fitting memorial day address. His talk was attentively listened to by his audience and often applauded. He said that the boys of the late war had no idea of the many curbstone patriots we had in America. He said these same patriots who were one hundred per cent American at the time were one hundred per cent profiteers now and the American Legion had another job on their return home, that was to whip the profiteers.

The French memorial certificates were then given the relatives of the boys who gave their lives for their colors. After this ceremony, the audience again arose and sang, "The Star Spangled Banner." The benediction by Rev. Chamberlain closed the exercises at the Auditorium.

March to Cemetery

The crowd then disbanded at the Auditorium and a line of march was perfected. Capt. H. B. Hobbs, as marshal of the day, followed by the Madison band led the march. Then followed the G.A.R. in automobiles, the Spanish-American Legion and former service men of the world war, the W. R. C. in autos, the ladies auxiliary of the American Legion and then the public. The march ended at the local cemetery, where the graves of those who fought for America in the various wars were decorated with flowers and American flags.

Four Receive French Memorial Certificates

Mrs. George Lewis, for her son, Floyd Jones, who was killed in action while over in France.

August Radant, for his son, Oscar, member of the 89th Division, killed in action while over in France. Both of these men are now buried in the A. E. F. cemetery in France.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rajasky, for her husband, August Rajasky, who died at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Mrs. Clara Freudenberg for her son, who died at Camp Funston, Kansas.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Friday, June 4, 1920, page 6.

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Married

John W. McCallum, 74 years of age, and Jessie L. Vaughn, 58, both of Meadow Grove, had been keeping company for about a year. Friends in their home town smiled at each other. They expected a match to result.

And they were not disappointed, for Thursday, June 3rd, the couple came to Omaha, obtained a license from "Cupid" Stubbendorf and were married by Judge Foster. Immediately after the knot was tied the bridegroom fulfilled a pre-nuptial agreement by presenting the bride with \$10,000. Mr. McCallum is a retired farmer---Omaha Bee.

The News extends heartiest congratulations to the happy couple.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday, June 11, 1920, page 1.