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From your President, Karen Rogat

Hello again

April is Volunteer Month and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who volunteer in the genealogy group. This appreciation goes towards the wonderful researchers who answer the queries we receive, the newsletter staff for their informative newsletter, the people who present our interesting programs, those who serve our tasty snacks at the meetings, my fellow officers in the Madison County Genealogy Society, and most of all, the members who take time out of their busy life to attend the meetings. This whole group of wonderful people make being president a joy.

As you may remember, a couple of years ago the Madison County Genealogy Society moved its library into the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. I have been spending more hours in the Research Center lately and I am amazed at the amount of information we have there. Mary Voss started the library for the Historical Society and amassed boxes of information, Nancy Zaruba did a fantastic job in the library the past couple of years in accessioning and cataloging this information, but the truth is there are years of work left to be done. We need more volunteers!!!

You do NOT need to be a computer whiz, although we could sure use your talents. Can you use a scissors and a glue stick? We need you. Can you fill in the blanks with provided data? We need you. If you can help a researcher look for his/her family in our library records, you are needed. How about reading the microfilms for obituaries? Again, you are needed.

Most genealogists are volunteers. We do our own family history voluntarily. We cannot help but plant the genealogy seed in others. We gather, process, and store this information. We gladly share with others and this is all done voluntarily.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!!! Hope to see you in the library soon.

March meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

April meeting and program

The Madison County Genealogical Society met Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and research center with 12 members present.

Karen mentioned that a history of the Byram family had been received from the family, a list of log books of navy ships from Betty Low, 2 scrapbooks from the Navy Mother's Club and several Milestone and school yearbooks had been received to place in the Research Library for everyone to use.

Karen also read many queries from different individuals who are seeking information for their family history.

Marg Fuhrman served refreshments after which members went to the research center where each one was handed a sheet of paper with names of several prominent citizens listed and everyone was to try and decide where we could find the information on these people by using the resources found in the library. Everyone had a good time and was amazed by the resources they could use in researching. s/ Patty Eucker, Secretary

The inGeneas Database has been updated once again, this time with 26,943 key Canadian burial, immigration and passenger records. (as of March 1, 2006)

Protestant Burial Records from Prince Edward Island

Just over 4,600 of these are burial records from a Protestant burial ground in the province of Prince Edward Island from the late 1700s to 1873. These records typically contain the following information: age; date of death; miscellaneous notes (often about relatives of the deceased); source of information; and, sometimes, stone number. Also extracted from this source and indexed were the names of relatives of the deceased and maiden names of the deceased taken from the notes portion of the records.

Toronto Emigrant Office Records - Volume 3

Many of the new records are from the registers of the Toronto [Ontario] Emigrant Office, volume 3, from 1 January 1877 to 28 January 1883. There are almost 11,000 of these records that join the volumes 1 and 2 records which were added in the last update. They list those who came to the office looking for assistance from the government to travel to many destinations across south-central Ontario. The records typically provide the following information: date of application [at office]; name of the head of the party; nationality; breakdown of the party by age groupings; name of the ship on which the party travelled to North America; name of the North American port at which the ship landed; and, the destination of party (within Ontario).

Quebec Passenger Arrival Records (1872)

And, last but not least, we continue our series of updates from passenger records for the port of Quebec. These 11,507 records are for more than 50 ships arriving at the port of Quebec City from early July to early October 1872. They departed from ports including: Liverpool; London; and, Glasgow (several from each); as well as Plymouth (England); Londonderry (Northern Ireland); Dublin (Ireland); and, Christiania (Norway). These records typically contain the following information: port and date of embarkation; ship's name; port and date of arrival; passenger's name, profession or occupation, marital status, age (or whether adult, child or infant or by age grouping); place at which passenger has contracted to land; masters name; and, sometimes, destination in North America.

How to Find these New Records

To find any of the records mentioned above, just go to the inGeneas Database at <http://www.ingeneas.com/ingeneas/index.html> and do a search with any surname and, optionally, given name or initial. You will be able to tell what kind of records you have found by looking at the Source column on the Search Results screen. The Prince Edward Island burial records will show as Vital Statistics, the Toronto Emigration Agency records will show as Immigration Records and the Quebec passenger records will show as Passenger Records. Then, click on the record number and a description will appear which will tell you a bit more about the record and what information the record typically contains. As always, all the records just added to the database are highlighted with "NEW" flags to the far right of every Search Results screen.

Ancestor Seekers Research Trip: JUNE 11-16 for our 5th Salt Lake City Research Trip -- the ideal genealogy vacation! <http://www.ancestorseekers.com/slcr.htm>

PLAN NOW to attend the **National Genealogical Society's** Annual Conference, June 7-10 in suburban Chicago. With more than 150 sessions and events covering beginner to advanced topics and specialized ethnic tracks, this conference has everything you need to ensure success in your genealogical search. Learn from nationally recognized experts and take part in hands-on workshops and networking events. Visit the free Exhibitor Hall, featuring 150 vendors offering a wide array of books, software and other tools to make your search easier. Visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/> or call 1-800-473-0060 for registration information.

Kids and Family History *by Juliana Smith* Copyright ©2006, MyFamily.com, Inc.

My daughter is out of school this week for spring break and one day when we took my husband to his physical therapy, I decided that rather than wait in the office doing my Sudoku puzzles while my daughter fidgeted, I would take her to a Veterans' Memorial that is nearby. I had visited it the week prior and was taken with the displays and the vivid history that they depicted. Since it was a beautiful day, we got a nice walk and I got to sneak in a history lesson--and a little family history.

The memorial, located in Munster, Indiana, begins with the years leading to WWI and as you follow the path, year and event markers pave a timeline of the various conflicts. With each conflict, there are plaques with narratives, and for more information, you can push a button and listen to information about that conflict. The narrative explains the symbolism of each monument and gives more history.

I was very pleasantly surprised by her interest in each piece of history and as we visited each section, we talked about family members who were in or affected by each conflict. She was surprised to learn just how many members of our family had served. She didn't remember that the Edwin Dyer (from the photograph of the Dyer children) died from the residual effects of gas poisoning in World War I; that my uncles served in Korea and that one of them, whom she has met, was shot in that conflict; and that her grandfather served as a Navy Seal in Vietnam. This gave her a greater understanding of these facts.

Of course, it also made me greedy for more experiences like it. With time flying by and summer vacation looming (yes, it's only a month and a half away!), I thought I'd look at some other activities that might help to both keep her occupied, and develop her interest in history and in our family history. Maybe there's a child in your family (big or little) who may enjoy some of these ideas.

Visit a Historic Site or Memorial: If you're fortunate enough to live near where your ancestors lived, it will be an easy task to swing the conversation around to the impact that an event had on your ancestors. Like the Veterans' Memorial, there may be sites that relate to a period in history with effects that were felt nation- or worldwide. One part of the monument my daughter found particularly interesting was the one dedicated to the "home front" during WWII. We discussed rations and other sacrifices made by those at home.

Scan Photographs: If you're like me, you still have boxes and albums full of photographs that still need scanning, and my daughter loves the chance to play with any electronic equipment. A photo scanning project will allow you to spend some time reminiscing over old photographs and share some of your family history.

Database Searches

While I don't let my daughter run loose on the Internet (too much creepy stuff can come up with even the most innocent of search terms), I do feel safe in letting her search the databases at Ancestry.com. Why not print up a pedigree chart and some family group sheets and set them loose in the databases to see what they can find. You'll be teaching them Internet and computer skills, logic in determining who the ancestor you're actually seeking is, and family history too. And who knows, they may stumble across something you missed!

1913—1914 Keiter Directory Co.'s Norfolk City & Madison County, Nebraska Directory

Extractions by Richard Strenge

The following are extractions for those listed as a widow in this book. Wid is abbreviation for widow. The husband's name follows. Then in some places it listed occupation, her residence, address of or name of person she was living with at that time. In addition to the widows listed below. The death dates of some of the individuals are also listed below.

The publisher of the book also wrote about spellings of surnames. Here are the ones they wrote that may have a different spelling: Clevitter, see Klavitter; Deering see also Duehring; Duehring, see also Deering; Harrington, see also Herrington; Herrington, see also Harrington; Jung, see also Young; Liese, see Lease; Miller, see also Moeller and Mueller; Mueller, see also Miller and Moeller; Olson, see also Ohlson; Reardon, see Riordan; Reuss, see also Rice; Rice, see also Reuss; Schaefer, see Shafer and Shaffer; Schmidt, see also Smith; Schneider, see also Snider and Snyder; Snider, see also Schneider.

- Powers**, Elvira, (wid Isaac), boards at 200 N. 9th.
Rader, Lizzie, (wid Albert E.), residence 307 S. 12th.
Rainbolt, N. A., Died Feb. 21, 1912, Age 70.
Recroft, Jane, (wid Thomas), boards at 510 S. 7th.
Reeson, Martha K., (wid Samuel), residence 207 S. 5th.
Reuss, Letie, (wid Joseph), boards at 304 S. 9th.
Revolon, Helen M., (wid Gus), furnished rooms 0233 Norfolk Ave., residence same.
Robertson, Anna G., (wid Wm. M.), residence 301 S 4th.
Rock, Anna, (wid Reuben A.), residence 512 S. 1st.
Roeske, Anna, (wid Charles), residence 603 S. 4th.
Rojahn, Anna, (wid Fred), residence 208 Madison Ave.
Romine, Helen, (wid James), residence 310 Braasch Ave.
Rozalez, Katherine, (wid Juan), boarding house 300 Philip Ave., residence same.
Rudat, Augusta, Mrs., Died Jan. 21, 1912, Age 54.
Salmon, Mary J., (wid Wm. H.), residence 301 S 3rd.
Sanders, Mary, (wid John), boards at 305 N. 11th.
Satterlee, Ann, (wid George), boards at R. W. E. Boyd.
Schelly, Regula, (wid Frederick), residence 109 N. 7th.
Schmer, Elizabeth, (wid Philip), residence 400 S. 14th.
Schmidt, Henrietta, (wid Carl), housekeeper 208 S. 5th.
Schmode, Augusta, (wid Carl), boards at 201 N. 12th.
Schram, Charles, Died July 2, 1911, Age 60.
Schram, Minnie, (wid Charles), residence 506 S. 3rd.
Schultz, Wilhelmina, (wid Carl), boards at 501 S. 4th.
Schwartz, Albertine, (wid Wm.), boards at 201 S. 1st.
Schwertfeger, Emila, (wid Ernest R.), residence 120 Norfolk Ave.
Searle, Ida M., (wid Wheeler J.), boards at 210 S. 12th.
Selling, Augusta, (wid Wm.), residence 402 S. 1st.
Shapley, Jennie L., (wid Carl), boarding house 420 S. 5th, residence same.
Shaw, Clarence F., Died March 21, 1912, Age 42.
Shaw, Frances E., (wid David), boards at 600 S. 1st.
Shaw, Grace A., (wid Clarence F.), residence 613 S. 8th.
Shorten, Eliza, (wid James), residence 421 S. 3rd.

Show, Levi, Died June 15, 1911, Age 89.
Shurtz, John S., Died May 12, 1912, Age 83.
Siecke, Charles L., Died Jan. 7, 1911, Age 73.
Siecke, Dora M., (wid Charles L.), residence 407 Lincoln Ave.
Smith, Dora E., (wid Eli), boards at 608 S. 9th.
Smith, Lucretia, (wid John L.), boards at G. D. Smith.
Southwick, Ina R., (wid Bert), dressmaker 311 park Ave., residence same.
Spaulding, Mary E., (wid Henry L.), residence 304 S. 9th.
Spencer, Martha, (wid Wm. B.), boards at 405 S. 5th.
Stamm, Emma J., (wid Wm. E.), housekeeper 811 Cleveland.
Stegelman, Elizabeth, (wid Adolph), residence 313 S. 10th.
Stein, Augusta M., (wid Albert T.), residence 402 Park Ave.
Stolzenburg, Charlotte, (wid Frederick), residence 106 N. 10th.
Tappert, Emma, (wid Otto F.), residence 607 S. 10th.
Taylor, Lida, (wid Edgar B.), residence 1119 S. 4th.
Teal, Mary, (wid Andrew), residence 615 S. 4th.
Thompson, Anna, (wid Charles), residence 704 S. 3rd.
Trennaphl, Fannie, (wid Fred), domestic 1102 Koenigstein Ave.
Trowbridge, Jennie, (wid Frank), boards at 200 S. 10th.
Truelove, Maria, (wid Wm.), furnished rooms 101 Norfolk Ave., residence same.
Tubbs, Maude, (wid Charles), clerk Fair Store, boards at 112 S. 13th.
Uecker, Martha, (wid Gustav), residence 1103 Philip Ave.
Uecker, Minnie, (wid Theodore), residence Park Addition.
Van Every, Almira C., (wid Peter Mck), boards at 1006 Prospect Ave.
Walters, Mary, (wid Frederick G.), boards at 601 S. 8th.
Warnstedt, Emma, (wid Theodore C. A.), residence 418 S. 3rd.
Warnstedt, Theodore C. A., Died July 18, 1911, Age 48.
Warrick, Harriet E., (wid James), boards at 907 Norfolk Ave.
Weekes, Anna, (wid James), boards at 1307 Norfolk Ave.
Weills, Helen, (wid Rev. John C. S.), boards at 700 S. 9th.
Weills, John C. S., Rev., Died June 30, 1912, Age 65.
Werner, Louise, (wid Fred), boards at 414 S. 5th.
Westervelt, Amelia A., (wid Ira G.), residence 400 S. 6th.
Widaman, Wm. H., Died June 18, 1912, Age 72.
Wille, Bertha, (wid Frederick), residence east side 7th 3 north of Elm.
Witters, Olga F., (wid Fred L.), residence 429 S. 5th.
Zastrow, Amelia, (wid Wm.), residence 417 S. 4th.
Zastrow, Wm., Died May 16, 1911, Age 70.

Grandma's Violets

My husband's family has a wonderful way of preserving a "living" legacy from his grandmother. When she died back in the 1970s, her ten children got together to divide up the estate. Grandma had quite a few beautiful African violet plants. The plants were divided and every sibling's family got a cutting. Now thirty-odd years later, we are all still dividing the plants among the descendants as they establish their own homes. Such a simple thing, but now even great-great grandchildren who never knew Grandma can have a loving, living personal part of her legacy. I even still have Great-Aunt Amanda's cactus--she died in 1956! Janet Carlson, Maple Grove, MN

It happened and was recorded in . . .

A look back in our newspapers gives us a glimpse at the events in the lives of our ancestors. The following items were compiled from a newspaper called Norfolk Journal. The time was May and June of 1883.

Married

Parke—Kauffman---Monday, April 30, 1883, 7:30 a.m., at the residence of the bride's uncle, W. H. Widaman, Norfolk, Neb.,---Charles W. Parke to Miss Dora Kauffman, all of Norfolk, Nebraska---the Rev. Mr. Spencer officiating.

The young couple, after having been made one took the train for Chicago and Springfield, Ill., where the honeymoon will be spent in a round of enjoyment among the groom's family and friends. They return in about thirty days and take up rooms in the second story of Asmus' brick block. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 4, 1883, page 3.

This will be about the most important term of District Court that Madison county has had in some years. The case of Madison county versus F. W. Fritz's bondsmen, the Corovon damage suit against the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad Company, the Bear versus Koenigstein town lot suit and several other important cases involving interests of no small magnitude are on the docket and expected to come up for hearing at this term of Court. The Grand Jury will also have some important work before it.

The lunch festival held at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening happened on an unfavorable time, as the weather was too unpropitious for many to venture out. However, there was a reasonable turn-out and a social time. Lunches and hot coffee were sold, and later the surplus cakes were auctioned off. The receipts were \$10. No expenses.

A number of Dr. Schwenk's Norfolk friends assembled at his house per invitation last Sunday, and "toasted" his fortieth birthday. It is needless for us to say that the Doctor entertained his guests with characteristic courtesy, for this will go without saying where the Doctor is known. A couple of hours were pleasantly spent. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 4, 1883, page 3.

Terrible Railroad Accident

One Brakeman Killed Outright

Engineer Badly Mutilated

Engine, Tender and Five Loaded Freight Cars Completely Demolished.

Owing to the terrible rain of last Tuesday night, the Sioux City train over the C. St. P. M. & O. railroad, due here at 7:45 P. M., laid over at Wayne, which is thirty-five miles from this place, through fear that washouts might have occurred and would not be seen in the night. On their way in on the following morning, at about half past six o'clock and when they were about five miles out from Norfolk, they ran into a culvert or small bridge which had been completely washed from under the track, yet the rails and ties were still left in position

so that the damage was not noticed until too late to be avoided. The locomotive dropped directly into the opening; the tender and first freight car were completely demolished; the second car passed completely over all yet mentioned, reaching its full length upon the solid grading and then rolled upon its side into the ditch. The third car lay smashed above the engine, while the fourth and fifth were pitched right and left cross-wise of the track, each with one end in the water and the other reared high in air; both were very badly broken up. The locomotive is apparently completely destroyed.

Joseph Pheasant, the head brakeman, who at the time of the accident was riding in the cab with the engineer, was so completely buried up that his body was not recovered until about four o'clock in the afternoon. His injuries were such as would likely have caused death even had he not been held under water as he was. He was a resident of Norfolk and leaves a wife and six sons and daughters, one of whom is married.

Samuel T. Reed, engineer, was caught below one knee by some of the timbers of the floor of a car, and held in the water up to his chest until eleven o'clock when he was released. The leg below the knee was mashed to pieces, and also a portion of the foot. The left hand also sustained some injuries. During the whole time of this trying ordeal of four and a half hours duration, with one leg mashed and firmly held fast by timbers, and nearly the whole of his body under water which was very cold, Mr. Reed bore it all like a hero.

The fireman, at the time was outside at work upon the engine, and was thrown into the water and hurt by something striking him on the back. He was also badly strangled, but succeeded in making his way to the bank.

Word was at once sent to this place, when the U. P. engine, which was just starting out on its regular trip to Columbus, was recalled and with two box cars dispatched to the scene of the disaster and remained there until eleven o'clock when Mr. Reed was released and brought to town. A large number of our citizens went out on the special train, and when there all who could see where their services could be of any benefit turned in and worked with a zeal that was commendable. Especially did the railroad boys exert themselves to the utmost, getting into the water frequently up to their necks, in their efforts to free the imprisoned foot of the unfortunate engineer. This, however, could not be done with all the power that could be brought to bear upon the obstruction, until the U. P. engine was backed up and hitched to the same with their cable and hooks, which had the desired effect and the poor fellow as set at liberty. A shout of joy went up from the crowd, but the recollections of the victim still undiscovered suppressed any great demonstrations. Mr. Reed was at once placed upon the train and brought to town, and in the afternoon Drs. Bear and Richards amputated the leg below the knee.

On Thursday at 12 o'clock an inquest was held by Coroner Tanner and a verdict rendered to the effect that Joseph Pheasant came to his death by being crushed about the hips and drowning. The extent of each cause the jurors were unable to decide. Following are the names of the jurors: Herman Pasewalk, J. A. Light, D. S. Crow, Louis Sessions and J. C. Morey. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 11, 1883, page 3.

Last Tuesday night we were visited with the heaviest fall of rain which this country has experienced in several years. For about two hours and a half the rain fell in torrents, until the whole surface of the ground was literally covered with water. How many railroad wash-outs this will be the cause of it is hard to tell, but at this writing (Wednesday P.M.) we have the accident on the St. Paul road, of which we give an account elsewhere, and the morning

train due here from Creighton, still stands on the track two miles north of town, with a wash-out of one hundred and fifty yards of grading which will have to be replaced. Passengers will be transferred by a special train sent up that far from the lower depot.

Later---The above mentioned break has been repaired so that trains are now making their customary runs. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 11, 1883, page 3.

Charles Ransom, conductor on the wrecked train where Reed and Pheasant lost their lives, was quite sick for several days afterward from the effects of working in the water at that time. He is now out and around again, though not able to resume his place on the train.

We hear of a railroad accident which happened between Blair and Omaha last Monday which was very similar to the one between here and Wayne, of which we gave an account last week. In this case the engineer, named Getty, brother of our fellow townsman, was scalded to death.

Samuel T. Reed, the unfortunate engineer on the smashup of the St. Paul train last week, died on Friday night at half-past ten and was buried on Saturday. He leaves a mother and several children, his wife having died in Iowa a few years ago. He was about thirty-three years of age.

Markets---Wheat, No. 2, 80c., No. 3, 70c; Rye, 35c; Corn 30c; Oats, 30c; Hogs \$6.00 Butter, 10c; Eggs, 12c; Flour (straight), \$3.25; Coal. Wyoming, \$7.00; Anthracite, \$14.00. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 18, 1883, page 3.

C. F. A. Marquardt and lady are the happy possessors of a brand new baby. Came last Tuesday.

Mrs. T. P. Childs and Miss Mily Grohe will open a millinery shop to-day in B. Grant's new building on Main street.

Married---By the Rev. August Leuthaueser at his residence in Norfolk, May 17, 1883, George Hoffman to Kate Kuefner, both of Madison Co.

Some of the farmer friends living just east of town, feel themselves considerably injured by the encroachments of the town herd which passes by there every morning and evening. There being no fences to the highway, and only boys without ponies to drive the herd, some of the cows often get out of their place and travel over growing crops, orchards, etc. This of course is a matter of damage as well as annoyance to the owners, and if possible some method should be devised to avoid it as those who have the stock in charge lay themselves liable to prosecution.

Card of Thanks

The undersigned respectfully takes this method of expressing her sincere thanks to friends, neighbors and citizens for their kindness, sympathy and aid in the time of affliction. Mrs. Joseph Pheasant. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 18, 1883, page 3.

Card of Thanks

A card of thanks is most heartily rendered by the family of S. T. Reed to all those who assisted and sympathize with us over our grief and great loss. The memory of them will ever be cherished in the hearts of the remaining members of his household. M. J. Reed. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday May 18, 1883, page 3.

The Atlantic House, Chas. Litke, proprietor, is now open to the public. It is the only Dollar House in town, and will doubtless do well.

Married---Harmon—Selah—At the residence of M. S. Bartlett, West Point, Nebr., Tuesday morning 9:30, by Rev. J. L. St. Clair, of Albion, Frank Harmon, of Fremont, Nebr., to Miss Alice Selah, West Point.

The German Church Society have sold their three lots on the corner of Main and Third Streets, to Burrows and Egbert, for the sum of eighteen hundred and fifteen dollars. The church building will be moved onto their new lot on Fourth street.

Ed Feather has a cane made from the recently wrecked engine on the St. Paul road. The body of the cane is made from the black walnut moulding of the cab and the handle was the metallic handle to the head-light. Ed had it made as a memento of the sad catastrophe. Louis Sessions put the cane up.

Sealed bids for moving the German Lutheran Church about four blocks south and one west from where it now stands will be received by the trustees and building committee of the said church society on or before the 20th of June, 1883. For further particulars call at Koenigstein's drug store. By order of the Building Committee.

Williams Evans, of the banking firm of Matheson and Evens, Oakdale, was drowned on Saturday last in the Cedar Creek at that place. It seems that he was fording the creek on horseback for the purpose of looking after some cattle, and that his horse slipped or stumbled while in the stream, and threw Mr. Evans into the water where he was drowned immediately. His body was taken to Wisconsin on Monday.

The Norfolk Mill Company has decided to put the new roller machinery into their mill. Mr. Cotton informs us that it will consist of four sets of rollers. They will also put in new purifiers, new bolting arrangements, new elevators and make it the best mill in Northern Nebraska. They will begin the work about the middle of July and expect to have it completed by the 1st of September. The probable cost of the improvements will be in the neighborhood of \$7,000. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 8, 1883, page 3.

Deer Creek

Some pieces of corn to plant yet and some up ready to plow. Quite a considerable breaking will be done this season.

The new mill on Buffalo Creek is all enclosed and the carpenters say it will be ready to turn out a grist the first of September next.

Old gentleman Lewis is building a fine frame home on his place.

Ira Church has lumber on the ground for an addition to his house.

Thomas Real and Miss Porter, of Burnett, eloped to Iowa a few days ago and got married, he being 40 years of age, she 13 years of age. They got back to Battle Creek May 29. Now Mr. Porter, father of said girl, and Mr. Page, his son-in-law, are on the track of Thomas armed with revolvers and swear they will shoot him as soon as they lay eyes on him.

Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 8, 1883, page 3.

The Creighton train encountered a wash-out in the road near Norfolk Wednesday morning on its way down, which compelled it to stop and transfer its passengers and cargo to another train.

On complaint of neighbors, the salty sirens were "pulled" from their up-town retreat Monday morning by Sheriff Martin. They were allowed to take the U. P. train for other parts

on the promise that they would never again return to Madison county.

The St. Paul train was obliged to return to Norfolk Wednesday morning on account of several washouts on the road occasioned by the heavy rain of the night before. One of the washouts was at the bridge where Reed and Pheasant, lost their lives in the wreck a few weeks ago. Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 22, 1883, page 3.

The building on upper Main Street belonging to B. Grant, and occupied in the lower story by a milliner store, was struck by lightning Sunday morning about three o'clock. The building was not set on fire, however. The lightning struck on the west side of the building about the center of it near the top, and tore a hole about six feet square, at the same time breaking the panes out of a window in a bed room occupied by Jerry Freeman, the colored bartender in Hopper & Co's saloon. The head of Jerry's bedstead was also torn and he slightly shocked.

There was considerable excitement in Norfolk last Sunday evening over the mysterious disappearance of little Johnny Parke and his cousin from Ponca, who was visiting him. They started down town on an errand about one o'clock and not returning to dinner the suspicions of their parents were naturally aroused. Hoping, however, that they would return soon no search was instituted by Mr. Parke until about 5 o'clock, when he took a circle of the town and inquired diligently of everyone he met, but his efforts seemed to avail him but little. One small boy had seen them going toward the river on the St. Paul railroad track, another had seen them at the Union Depot, &c. Their going toward the river was enough to excite apprehension for their safety and cause the suspicion that the little fellows might have ventured too near the water and been drowned. At this juncture neighbors were invited to participate in the search and a general reconnoiter of the surrounding country was commenced. The river was examined for straw hats or any other evidence of the whereabouts of the urchins. The railroad track was traveled for several miles, the sloughs south of town were carefully explored, farmers were awakened from their dreamy slumbers (for by this time nature had mantled herself in her black nightgown) and interviewed, the grave yard was visited and the quiet communion of the spooks and spirits disturbed. But, alas! The unsympathetic waters refused to breed straw hats, the railroad track furnished no satisfactory evidence of the truants, the sloughs knew no small boys, the farmers had seen nothing of them and the silent precincts of the departed proffered no encouragement to the searching friends. Tired feet and fallen spirits compelled searchers to return to town to find that in the meantime the boys had come home by way of the St. Paul road which they had been excursing over a "foot-back" to Hoskins. It was quite a picnic.

Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 29, 1883, page 3.

Julius Whittenburg, living about eight miles east of Norfolk, died last Saturday morning from a cancer in his stomach. Funeral services were held at his residence Sunday by Rev. Mr. Pankow, and his remains placed in the German Lutheran burying grounds east of town. Mr. W. was a man about 40 years of age, and was held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances.

Source: Norfolk Journal, Friday June 29, 1883, page 3.

Madison County Directory 1919-1920

Extractions by Richard Strenge

The following is listed by business type, then by city and then the surname in that city in which that person was located or doing business in at the time the directory was printed.

Contractor—Masonry

Newman Grove: A. F. Smith

Norfolk: W. H. Beckenhauer, W. A. Buckley, H. E. Carter, W. J. Gores, B. A. Green,
J. E. Munsterman, A. M. Sar, R. W. Tucker**Contractor—Plasterer**

Norfolk: C. E. Bottorff

Contractor—Teaming

Norfolk: I. T. Cook, O. A. Richey

Cream Station

Battle Creek: P. C. Butler, P. R. Hoffmann

Meadow Grove: J. M. Lewis, Jno. Moore

Newman Grove: A. J. Monson

Norfolk: H. G. Brueggeman

Dairy

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Making a Game of It

For fun, I used to recite my ancestors, starting with the immigrant ancestor Thomas Porteous (he came to Vermont then Montreal circa 1785-1790), and name the subsequent direct-line, male descendants down to me. I would then ask one of the children on the spur of the moment who their great-great-grandfather was, and they would tell me. Then I would ask who his father was and his father too. I'm sure you get the idea. My children are now ages 28, 23, 22, and 16, and they know their Porteous direct-line ancestry as far back as we have been able to go. When children are young, make it a game and it becomes fun. Glen Porteous Ottawa, Ontario, Canada