# Madison County Remembers...

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# The Madison County Genealogical Society

will be hosting the Northeast Chapter of the Germans from Russia.

The program will be Why, How, and When the Germans became Germans from Russia. This will be presented by the chapter president Ruthie Galitz.

The meeting time is September 19, 2006, 7:00 pm. at the museum.

The Germans from Russia chapter will hold its monthly meeting jointly with the Madison County Genealogical Society. The chapter is rebuilding its membership and Madison County has agreed to help us in that endeavor. The research center at the museum has the libraries of both organizations. You can do research anytime during museum hours.

The Northeast Nebraska Chapter was established June 25, 1994 as part of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

The Northeast Chapter has lost many members to death or retiring south. We need to revive the chapter and there are many people in Norfolk and surrounding areas that are from this ancestral group of people.

Any questions about the chapter call Ruthie Galitz, President at 402-371-0693 or ruthelaine@cableone.net or at the Elkhorn Valley Museum 402-371-3886.

More information about Germans from Russia will be included in future newsletters issued by the Madison County Genealogical Society. Look for more information in this issue on pages 4 and 5.

# From your President, Karen Rogat

Fellow Genealogists:

Oh my!!! A year has gone by already!!!

This past year of being your president has been very interesting and rewarding. I want to thank my fellow board members for their faithful service this past year. Vice-presidents Jean and Dale Masters had lined up some informative programs last year, even when poor health plagued them, Treasurer Dave Zaruba did a very good job of keeping the books balanced, and of course, Secretary Patty Eucker did fantastic work of keeping everything organized. Through their efforts, my position was fairly easy and I am deeply grateful for that.

The officers for this year are: Treasurer: Betty Bohac, Vice-president: Ruthie Galitz, Secretary: Patty Eucker, and myself, Karen Rogat, President. I am positive that my new board will be just as good to work with.

I am looking forward to the challenges and rewards of this coming year. The Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the Germans from Russia has joined the Madison County Genealogical Society and we will be having joint meetings. Hopefully, this will generate more interest in each of the groups and provide an even more diverse opportunity in program presentation.

PLEASE feel free to contact me either at our mailing address, by email, or by phone (402) 371-3886 for program ideas or concerns,

Happy researching and see **YOU** at the meetings.....

The Madison County Genealogical Society met July 18, 2006 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, with 10 members present.

Karen read several queries from people wanting family information.

Election of officers was held. Ruthie, representing the nominating committee, recommended the following people to hold office for the coming year. President Karen Rogat, Vice President Richard Strenge with Ruthie's help, Secretary Patty Eucker and Treasurer Betty Bohac.

Nominations were accepted and passed on voice vote.

Karen asked for ideas for our next meeting in August, which is always our "field day" excursion. We decided on trying to set up a visit with one of the mortuaries in Norfolk if possible.

An interesting discussion was held on burial ways, both here and also in other countries. Ruthie told us that she was trying to again start the "Germans from Russia Historical Society" and was asking permission to have the meeting along with our regular genealogy meeting starting in September. Members also decided that our January 2007 meeting, which will be our annual Christmas party,

will be held at the museum auditorium this year and will feature an ethnic potluck dinner.

Refreshments were served by Patty Eucker, due to the illness of Betty Low. Sec., Patty Eucker

#### August meeting -

The Madison County Genealogical Society met August 15, 2006 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center with 13 members and 1 guest attending. President Karen Rogat opened the short business meeting. Diane Kimble and Mike Moats reported on the audit report done to transfer the treasurer's books. Everything balanced. Richard Strenge stated that he was resigning from the position of vice-president., so therefore his co-helper, Ruthie Galitz, will take the position for the coming year. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Sec. Patty Eucker

Afterward all attending, went to the Home for Funerals here in Norfolk for our annual field trip where John Burns, an associate with the funeral home, took us on a tour of the facilities and gave a very interesting presentation. The Home for Funerals started out as the Butterfield family home. It has superb hand-carved detailing in some of the rooms and exquisite wood trim and staircase. It has the original bathroom fixtures from the 1920s as well as many other original details.

A lot of questions were asked and answered about caskets, embalming, vaults, cremation, records available, burial practices and how to become a mortician. It was an extremely interesting tour and members were reluctant to leave.

## Memberships

Many memberships are due. Please check your mailing label or email for a renewal. It was voted and passed last spring to increase dues to \$15 per year. If your mailing label is circled in red please send in your dues or this will be your last issue of the newsletter.

For those of you receiving your newsletter via email, a membership renewal notice will be included with this newsletter issue.

Please send your \$15 to:

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| New Church For Norfolk   | membership to warrant the employment of a pastor and the erection of a house of wor-  |  |
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| German Congregational Denomination Will<br>Build   | ship.<br>Rev. F. C. F. Scheff of Minden, Iowa,<br>who is soon to move to Norfolk, has been  |  |
| Pastor Has Been Selected   | selected as the pastor.<br>The church is being organized  |  |
| Members of the Organization, Made up<br>Largely of German Farmers Around Norfolk,<br>Have Been Meeting in Various Homes.   | largely among German—Russians who live<br>in the neighborhood of Norfolk. For some<br>time past they have been holding meetings<br>at the homes of the various members. The   |  |
| Another church is to be built in Norfolk.<br>The German Congregational church, which<br>has been under process of organization for<br>some time, has become strong enough in | location for the new church building has not<br>yet been selected, but it will be chosen<br>soon. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u> , Wed.<br>September 19, 1906, page 5. |  |

# American Historical Society of Germans From Russia

#### **Our Mission Statement**

An international organization dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage and genealogy of Germanic Settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants.

| Headquarters hours, (631 D Street, Lincoln)<br>including use of the Research Library, are<br>Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.  | Contact Information<br>Telephone 402-474-3363<br>FAX 402-474-7229<br>Postal address  |  |
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| Outside tours of the Village Museum items<br>are available Monday through Friday at 2:00<br>pm, 1 April through 31 October.  | 631 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-1199<br><b>Electronic mail</b><br>General Information: ahsgr@ahsgr.org   |  |
| Important Dates in the History of<br>German Russians<br>April 21, 1729 Sophia Augusta Frederica of An-<br>halt-Zerbst was born in Germany. She later ruled<br>Russia under the name Catherine II. (Catherine the | <b>July 22, 1763</b> Catherine II issued second mani-<br>festo. It spelled out the conditions under which<br>they could immigrate and granted special rights<br>and privileges. Large numbers of German peas-<br>ants accepted the invitation. |  |
| Great)<br><b>1756-1763</b> Seven Years' War. Important factor in<br>bringing Germans to Lower Volga to establish colo-   | <ul><li>1764-1767 Founding of German colonies along the Lower Volga River.</li><li>1771-1774 Kirghiz Raids and Pugachev's rebel-</li></ul>   |  |
| nies.<br>June 28, 1762 Catherine II ascends the throne of<br>Russia<br>December 4, 1762 First Manifesto issued by Cath-<br>erine II, inviting foreigners to come to Russia. It<br>brought few results.           | <ul><li>lion, called the Pugachevshchina, ravished the Volga colonies.</li><li>1786 Mennonites from West Prussia began im-</li></ul>   |  |
|  | migrating to Russia due to 1772 Partition of Po-<br>land, which threatened their military service ex-<br>emption as conscientious objectors. Settlements<br>were established primarily in the Taurida region                                   |  |

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| of South Russia.<br><b>1793</b> Second Partition of Poland grants area of<br>Volhynia to Russia. Polish landowners invite Ger-<br>man peasants to lease land for cultivation.   |   | On July 16, 1918, the Bolsheviks executed him<br>and his family. Nicholas II was the last monarch to<br>rule Russia.   |  |             |  |
|   |   | July 28, 1914 Outbreak of World War I.   |  |             |  |
| <b>November 6, 1796</b> Death of Catherine II at age sixty-seven.   |   | <b>1915</b> Advancement of Eastern front. Volhynian Germans deported to Volga and South Russia.  |  |             |  |
| <ul> <li>1796-1801 Reign of Czar Paul I, son of Catherine II</li> <li>1801-1825 Reign of Tsar Alexander I, the well beloved, grandson of Catherine II.</li> <li>February 20, 1804 Alexander I modifies and reissues manifesto of Catherine II, inviting foreigners to settle in New Russia.</li> </ul>  |   | <b>December 13, 1916</b> Volga Germans ordered to be banished. This order was never carried out because of internal troubles in Russia.  |  |             |  |
|   |   | November 7, 1917 Bolshevik Revolution in Rus-  |  |             |  |
|   |   | sia led by Vladimir Lenin. The beginning of the<br>Communist regime. (October 25, 1917 by old-<br>style Russian Calendar).   |  |             |  |
| <b>1825-1855</b> Reign of Tsar Nicholas I, Grandson of Catherine II, and brother of Alexander I.  |   | <b>June 29, 1918</b> Lenin established Autonomous<br>Volga German Workers' Commune, forerunner to<br>the ASSR of the Volga Germans, founded in 1924.   |  |             |  |
| <b>1830</b> Polish Insurrection brings about immigration of many Polish Germans to the Bessarabia and Volga Region.   |   | <b>1920-1923</b> 1920-1923 Period of famine in Russia.<br>Death by starvation in the Volga-German colonies<br>alone estimated at 166,000 lives, one third of the<br>population. American Relief Administration pro-<br>vided assistance. |  |             |  |
| <b>1855-1881</b> Reign of Tsar Alexander II, great-<br>grandson of Catherine II, son of Nicholas I.   |   |  |  |             |  |
| <ul> <li>1860s Another wave of Germans immigrate to<br/>Volhynia prompted by 1861 abolishment of serf-<br/>dom, leaving significant drain on work force. Sec-<br/>ond Polish Insurrection of 1863 brought more Pol-<br/>ish Germans to Volhynia and other areas of Rus-<br/>sia.</li> <li>1871 Germany unified as a nation for first time.<br/>Created unease among European nations and Rus-<br/>sia. Time of increased animosity towards foreign-<br/>ers in Russia due to Slavophile movement and</li> </ul> |   | <b>January 1924</b> Autonomous Socialistic Soviet Republic of the Volga Germans established.   |  |             |  |
|   |   | Pol-   | <b>1928-1933</b> Second period of famine again claims many lives throughout Russia.                          |             |  |
|   |   | <b>1928-1940</b> German farms and property expropri-<br>ated by Soviet government. Germans forced into<br>collective farms or migrate to the cities. Period of<br>Stalinization.   |  |             |  |
|   |   | 0  | September 1, 1939 Outbreak of World War II.  |             |  |
| growing nationalism.<br>June 4, 1871 Imperial Russian Government issues<br>decree repealing the Manifestos of Catherine II<br>and Alexander I, terminating the special privileges<br>of the German colonists.   |   | ssues  | June 22, 1941 Nazi Germany invades S sia.  | Soviet Rus- |  |
|   |   | August 20, 1941 Beginning of the banishment and exile of the German populations in Russia. Crimean Germans deported.   |  |             |  |
| <ul> <li>January 13, 1874 Imperial Russian Government issues second decree amending the previous one. This decree instituted compulsory military conscription for the German colonists. These decrees impelled thousands of German Russians to immigrate to North and South America</li> <li>1881-1917 Reign of Tsar Nicholas II, descendent of Catherine II. He abdicated during World War I.</li> </ul>   |   | August 28, 1941 Decree ordering depo<br>Volga Germans to northeastern part of<br>ion, Middle Asia, and Siberia.  |  |             |  |
|   |   |  | <b>October, 1941</b> Germans in the North and South Caucasus deported. St. Petersburg Germans also deported. |             |  |
|   |   | <b>1991</b> Fall of Soviet Union.  |  |             |  |

#### Newspaper Gleanings collected by Richard Strenge

#### Note from Clyde Williams

Young Man wrote, "I'm leaving in a Hurry, " Just Before Death

I am leaving in a hurry. That is a joke.----Clyde Williams"

This was the strangely coincidental note on a postal card which came to a Norfolk friend yesterday from Clyde Williams, the Norfolk young man who was killed under a train at Cheyenne, Wyo., and who wrote this postal and mailed it evidently only a short time before he was run over.

Another note was received by the dead boy's mother. This note was written after he had been hurt, and while he was being taken to a hospital. He succumbed enroute to the hospital and, it is said, begged those about him to end his suffering by taking his life.

The remains arrived last night for burial tomorrow afternoon. Source: <u>The Norfolk</u> <u>Daily News</u>, Sat. August 25, 1906, page 8

#### How Clyde Williams Died

First Information Giving Details, is Brought Here.

Fell From Top of a Box Car.

Walking Along the Top of the Train, From Caboose to Engine, a Sudden Sharp Curve Made Him Lose Balance---H. L. Doughty Investigated.

Accurate and definite details of the death of Clyde Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Williams of Norfolk, who was killed under a train near Cheyenne some days ago, were brought to the parents here today for the first time by H. L. Doughty, deputy for the Highland Noble order, who has just returned from Cheyenne, where he went for the purpose of investigating the death in connection with insurance held by the deceased in his company.

Clyde was in the employ of the Union

Pacific railroad company at the time of his death, as he had been for some time previous. He, with two companions, left Cheyenne on a night freight train bound for Laramie, as they were due to go to work at Laramie the next morning. They started out by riding in the caboose.

Clyde was acquainted with the fireman in the engine which drew the train and , and shortly after leaving Cheyenne, he started to walk from the caboose to the engine, over the tops of the cars, in order to ride with the fireman.

#### Thrown Off at a Sharp Curve

There is a very sharp curve in the track about two miles west of Cheyenne and it was at this point that the young man, losing his balance when the train swerved suddenly, fell down between two cars and was run over by the wheels. The lower part of his abdomen was cut wide open and his left leg was crushed. The accident occurred at about 2 o'clock in the morning and he lived until 6:15, when he died in a Cheyenne hospital.

He was immediately taken back to Cheyenne and, while in the baggage room, wrote a note to his mother and father, telling them of his approaching death. This note was handed by the dying boy to the baggage men but the latter failed to mail it as he had promised and the message only reached the Norfolk home a few days ago.

#### \$65 in Money is Missing

Clyde told the physician who attended him that he had \$65 in his sock, but no trace of the money has been found.

Railroad men at Cheyenne say that the curve which threw Clyde from the train, will kill any man who is not well acquainted with the route.

Clyde's companions and the railroad men under whom he worked all vouch for him as an industrious, sober, ambitious young man living a clean life, and the death was a severe shock to those who knew him. VOLUME 28, ISSUE NO. 123

Facts regarding the death were difficult to get from the railroad company and the information was only obtained by Mr. Doughty after hard work. Source: <u>The Norfolk</u> <u>Daily News</u>, Sat. September 8, 1906, page 8.

#### Interesting Law Point

Can Sidewalk be torn up without Condemnation Notice?

B. Hight is the Plaintiff

Oscar Richey, Street Commissioner, is Made Defendant in Case---Tore up Walk on Order of Mayor, Who Says It was Dangerous at the Time.

Is the city street commissioner criminally liable for tearing up a sidewalk on a uthority of the mayor before thirty days' notice is given to the property owner? This is the legal point which is being settled this afternoon in a jury trial held in Justice Eiseley's court. B. Hight is the plaintiff and City Street Commissioner Oscar Richey the defendant.

It is alleged by the complainant that the sidewalk along his lots on North Ninth street, between Norfolk avenue and Koenigstein avenue, was torn up by the street commissioner before proper notice had been given to Hight that the walk was condemned. He therefore swore out a complaint against Richey on the charge of willfully destroying property.

The defendant claims that he acted under instructions of Mayor Friday in tearing up the walk; that the walk had been condemned and was dangerous; and that is was condemned three years ago by the city council.

The walk was torn up soon after two persons in Norfolk had fallen on defective walks and been so badly injured that two good sized damage suits were brought against the city.

It is alleged by the defendant that the walk was dangerous, that sidewalks belong to the city, and that he had given personal notice to the lot owner to remove the walk.

The plaintiff claims that the walk is personal property and that the law requires he shall be given thirty days' official notice after the walk is condemned, before the walk can be removed by the city.

The jury in the case is as follows: E. B. Kauffmann, August Brummund, and DR. C. F. W. Marquardt. City Attorney Weatherby appeared for the defendant and County Attorney Koenigstein for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hight says the walk was in fair condition, had recently been repaired and that he want to wait until he built a house before making a new walk. He believes the walk was torn up through spite work and swore that he never had received any notice that the walk had ever been condemned.

Mayor Friday swore the walk had been dangerous and said the mayor had a right, when a walk was dangerous, to order it out.

The case is still on. Source: <u>The Norfolk</u> <u>Daily News</u>, Mon. August 27, 1906, page 4.

## 8 Degrees From A Frost

Mercury Sank Low in its Tube here last night.

#### Three-Fourths inch of Rain

A frenzied Storm Dropped Down on Norfolk Late Saturday Afternoon, and Autumn Weather Followed Yesterday and Today---Rain was Local

Autumn came galloping in at the heels of summer and almost got under the wire late Saturday afternoon, when a fierce rainstorm swooped down on this city and brought in its path a cold wave that came within eight degrees of the frost line. From the sweltering heat of the previous two weeks, people were suddenly thrown into shivers and furnace fires and overcoats would not have been at all uncomfortable yesterday. The lowest point reached by the thermometer was 40°, early this morning.

And it was no slouch of a rain. More than three-quarters of an inch of water dropped in the storm, and it didn't last long either. Ugly looking clouds banked up against the northwest at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and before people had time to turn around the rain was here, swishing up and down the streets like a frenzied woman who had lost her child.

The barometer has shot skyward, indicating the cold wave that is now here.

A peculiar feature of the day was the fact that it was warmer out of doors in the sun than it was in the house.

There was no rain south of Stanton. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Mon. August 27, 1906, page 3.

## Relic Of Days Gone By

Old Time Stage Coach Passes Through Norfolk

From Pierce to Madison

The Coach Was at One Time Used on the Trail Between Omaha and Ogden---Herman Gerecke Used to Ride Behind it as a Guard---Now on Display.

A relic of bygone days passed through Norfolk yesterday. It was an old government stage coach that at one time was on the route from Omaha to Ogden. The coach is the property of Wilson Hall of Pierce and is on its way to Madison, where it we bee a feature in the county fair.

The coach is in very dilapidated condition at present and shows the ravages of time. The driver's high seat has rotted from exposure to the weather and there is no cushion left, only tatters. On the back is the baggage platform, with its leather cover, that is cut and worn till it is hardly recognizable. In the leather are a few bullet holes that tell a story of their own, perhaps a fight with Indians or some hold-up. Then there are numerous cuts, supposedly from knives in a fight or from arrows.

The paint has worn off on most all of the parts, but can be faintly seen in places, The coach was painted a light blue with white trimmings. At the top is the name of the firm that ran the vehicle, "Liftwich and Perry," and on the side are the signs, "American Express, and, "U. S. Mail." The boxes that should hold these have rotted away and the bottoms have fallen out.

The inside of the coach is in the most dilapidated condition of all. All the cushions have been worn and torn so that the bare boards are to be seen. There is one part that has been burnt. There are innumerable autographs of passengers, who have ridden in the coach.

The wheels only are in fairly good condition, although there are no washers on the axle, and the thing goes creaking along with a horrible noise. The big strap springs that hold the box are in very good condition but when a person gets inside and rocks the coach they creak with an unearthly sound. Evidently this rocking motion would make most anybody seasick.

They have to be very careful and not drive too fast in taking the coach to Madison, as it is very liable to break in parts.

It is understood that the coach will be used in an Indian collection that will be on display at the county fair.

One of the most interested of the spectators who saw the old coach here was Herman Gerecke. "It is highly probable," said Mr. Gerecke, "that in the old days I rode behind that very coach as a guard. I used to ride in that capacity between Omaha and Ogden."

Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Thur. August 30, 1906, page 3.

#### Albert Stark is Killed

Workman in the Northwestern Machine Shops

Struck on Neck with Lever

Was Lowering Engine Tank When Lever Slipped Out of His Hands and He Received Blow on Neck That Caused Fracture at Base of Brain.

Albert Stark, a workman in the Chicago and Northwestern machine shop, re-

ceived injuries at about 5 o'clock last evening, from which he died at 9.

No very definite account of the accident can be secured, as no one was present when it happened. Stark was working on one side of a engine thank while another workman was on the other side. The tank had been raised on jack screws and the men were lowering it to the trucks, when Stark's companion called to him but received no answer. Going around the tank the other workman found stark unconscious, and all efforts by his companions failed to revive him, It is supposed that in letting down the tank the handle of the jack screw slipped away from him and struck him, Hw was taken to his home in the eastern part of the Junction where he died about 9 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

Dr. Holden, the attending physician, discovered one small mark on the man's neck, just back of the jaw, where the lever struck him. The blow caused a fracture at the base of the brain, death following from internal hemorrhage.

The deceased was about thirty years old, and leaves a wife and two children, one about three and the other one year old. He had been with the company but a short time. Mr. Stark came here from Ponca, where his people live, while his wife's parents reside at Pierce.

Arrangements for funeral have not yet been made, pending the arrival of relatives. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Sat. September 1, 1906, page 8.

# **School Bells Ring Out**

Another Term of Answering Roll Call Has Come

Superintendent is Hopeful

Mr. Bodwell Believes That This Will Be a Good Year---Twenty-Seven Teachers Preside at the Various Desks---How Vacations Were Spent. School bells rang out on the morning air in Norfolk this morning for the first time in three months, and around the five Norfolk school houses there were, for the first time since last June, clusters of neatly gowned children, their faces and hands exceedingly clean, all nervous in the anticipation of the first day's rush for the best seats and the sizing up of the new teacher.

It was impossible to tell today just how many pupils are enrolled in the schools this year, but it will be somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000. Twenty-seven teachers, all feeling in the best of spirits after three months of rest and recreation, took their places at school room desks this morning to look after the rising generation of this community during the coming nine months.

Superintendent Bodwell was enthusiastic in his hope for a good school year, and all of the teachers in the city seemed to share his confidence that the coming year will be one of the best that has ever been known in Norfolk's public school system.

During the summer that has just past, the Norfolk school boys and girls have enjoyed varied forms of vacation and fun. Many of them have spent a portion of their time in camping beside some cool spring, some of them have been away for several weeks visiting uncles and aunts and grandfathers and grandmothers, some have spent the time at work and in leaming something about this business or that, while others have just stayed at home to play baseball and fly kites the whole summer through. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Tues. September 4, 1906, page 3.

# High School Is Crowded

More than 150 Students Enrolled for the One Room.

Are Seventy Freshman Alone

The Largest Class of Seniors That Ever Started in the Norfolk High School, Begins This Term, Being Twenty-five All Told.

The high school attendance this year eclipses all records. There are more than 150

students in the high school alone, as a result of which the high school room is overcrowded. There are seventy freshmen and twenty-five members of the senior class—the largest senior class that has yet been known in the Norfolk school.

Just what will be done with the overflow in the high school is a question which is perplexing the superintendent and teachers today.

An incomplete list of those who become seniors today are: Geneva Moolick, Agnes and Nellie Flynn, Edith Barrett, Erna Wilde, Edith Esterbrook, Georgia Blakeman, Elenore Mueller, Anna Mueller, Lois Gibson, Mellie Bridge, Nola Walker, Elsie Johnson, Rebecca Duggan, Boyd Blakeman, William Hauptli, Elmer Hardy, Sam Erskine and Harry Rix. Misses Matilda Herman, Lizzie Schramm, Glennie Shippee, Margaret Hamilton and Ross Tyndall.

A complete and corrected list will be published later. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Tues. September 4, 1906, page 4.

## **New System in Schools**

Promotions Will Be Made Each Half Year Now

Will Save Quantity of Time

Where a Pupil Has Failed He Will Only Have to Go Over a Half Year's Work in the Future, Instead of an Entire Year as in the Past.

A new system of promotions has been adopted by the board of education for the Norfolk public schools up to and including the eighth grade. Hereafter promotions will be made twice a year instead of once, and each grade in the school will be divided into two separate and distinct classes, one a half year ahead of the other. The advantages from the new system over the old are that time will be saved, since a pupil who fails in his final examination at the end of a half year will have only a half year's work to do over instead of a full year's work, as heretofore has been the case; and the work in each grade, being divided into two distinct parts, will be more thorough.

The greatest advantage from the new system is in time saved those who have failed in a final examination. Under the old system this pupil was obliges to remain for another entire year in the same grade. Under the new system he will only have to go back and make up a half year's school work before going on with the next grade.

The new system was adopted by the board of education at its meeting held Monday night, and it is this week being put into effect for the first time. They system is much the same as that used in the university of Nebraska, where the year is divided into two semesters, and is identical with the system now in vogue at high schools in all of the cities larger than Norfolk and in most of them of Norfolk's size.

Under the new rule, for instance, there are two classes in the preliminary room, A and B. A pupil entering this fall goes into the A class and at the end of four and a half months, provided he passes examinations, goes into the B class.

In this way the teacher will keep doing two sets of work at the same time, each class being a cycle by itself, as it were, revolving around and around each half year.

As one result, pupils may enter school a the middle of the year as well as the beginning, where they have been able to enter only on the first of September, heretofore. The half year student, or one who gets started in the middle of the year, will thus be promoted from one grade to another in the middle of each year, and will only go from one class to another each new year.

The only place that it will be necessary for a pupil to wait for the rest of the class, the grade having been completed in the middle of the year, will be in the eighth grade, since it is not possible to enter the high school on half year terms, this system not having been carried out here as yet. In time, however, it will go into effect there also, probably. The saving of time in the lower grades, however, will compensate for any waiting done at the end of the eighth grade.

The high school is not included in this new system because a much increased force of teachers would be needed for the work there if the rule were adopted.

Superintendent Bodwell is enthusiastic as to the advantages to be gained by the change of systems. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily</u> <u>News, Thurs. September 6, 1906, page 3.</u> VOLUME 28, ISSUE NO. 123

# 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.

# **Fuel Retail**

Meadow Grove: J. W. Warrick Norfolk: Klein Bros.

# **Funeral Director**

Norfolk: F. D. Wolt

#### **Furnaces & Furnace Work**

Norfolk: C. A. Palme, Benj. Skalowsky

## **Furnished Rooms**

Battle Creek: Mrs. Anna Severa

Norfolk: Mrs. Myrtle Ashley, E. P. Davies, Llyd Forgrave, Mrs. Fannie Joslin, H. D. Lodor, Mrs. M. K, Reeson, Mrs. A. M. Smith

## **Furniture Dealer**

Battle Creek: Aug. Steffen Madison: Geo. Reiss, E. D. Resseguie Meadow Grove: Jno. Moore Newman Grove: C. J. From Norfolk: J. A. Ballantyne, W. R. Hoffman & Son, F. D. Wolt Tilden: Horace Marshall

#### **General Store**

Battle Creek: W. L. Boyer, E. F. Hans, Fred Koester, M. L. Thomsen
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A good source of information for the family historian searching for deceased veterans is the Central Office of VA Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., Washington, D.C. 20420. If your ancestor's grave is marked with a military marker, it must have been requested through official channels. The request form may give relative's names and addresses as well as other information. To obtain a copy of the request, send all known information plus your relationship to the deceased to the above address.