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From your President, Karen Rogat

Fellow Genealogists;

Do you smell it? Do you feel it? The season is changing and the brisk winds of fall are upon us. That also means that the holidays are coming.

When I think of holidays, I think of the generosity of people. That is no different here at the Research Center. We have received from the Norfolk Daily News the hardbound newspapers from 1988-1994. These will prove to be a valuable research tool especially for those of us who cannot read microfilms. The Research Center was also the recipient of photos from Mrs. Burge's classes at Grant Elementary School from the 1950's and has identified photos from the Wausa area which were taken approximately late 1890's early 1900's.

The Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center will be decorated for Christmas. When I say decorated, I mean DECORATED! There are plans for themed trees in every gallery and if our director Ruthie has her way...every nook and cranny will be too.

My family will probably not join together for the holidays this year. My husband, Walt and myself, will be working, our son, Eric, is a nurse and will probably do extra duty so that those with families can spend time with their loved ones, and our daughter, Casey, who lives in Arizona, does not think that it is possible for her to be home then either. Is this progress? I sometimes think that the pace of the GOOD OLD DAYS would be better than the rush we have now.

I remember when I was growing up we always celebrated every birthday in the neighborhood, no matter how old or young the person was. All the relatives came with food and presents. There was much laughter, heated discussions, and card games (and that was just the adults). Us kids were outside playing tag football, climbing in the haylofts, having spitting contests, or just general squabbling and having a good time doing nothing.

Of course, the cameras were clicking away like crazy to capture all the moments. The film was sent off to be developed (no one-hour photo or digital cameras then). We would wait for a week or two in anticipation to see what the pictures looked like so we could relive the moment. When the photos came, Mom would put these pictures into scrapbooks. (These were mounted in order consecutively, as we could not afford a scrapbook for each to have their own.) I am happy to say that I have most of the photos Mom and Grandma took and thoroughly enjoy looking at them yet. I am sure that many of you have these treasured memories too.

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No matter what you are doing this holiday season, try to make it a memorable and happy time for you and your family. I was going to tell you what I planned to give my children for Christmas presents this year, but I remembered my daughter is also a member of this society and gets this newsletter so I will keep it a secret.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to each and every one of you...Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

September minutes

The Madison County Genealogical Society met September 19, 2006 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center with 12 members and 4 guests present.

President, Karen Rogat opened the meeting. Sec. read minutes of last meeting and the Treas., gave her report. Motions were made and seconded to approve each as read. Discussion was held on the interest being drawn on the CD's. Karen made motion to buy another CD with money now in checking account. Seconded by Mel. Motion carried. Karen reminded everyone that there were still some whos memberships are due for the coming year.

Queries were read from John Dollarshell, the Seacoy family, from Shirley Jenning who is researching Johann Frisk and from Donald Sutherland who is researching Watson Sutherland. Karen asked for more volunteer's to work in the research center She also read correspondence from several people. Being no further business, meeting was adjourned to enjoy snacks provided by Mel and Gloria Hintz.

Afterward, an enjoyable and interesting program was given by Ruthie Galitz on Why, How and When the German's became German's from Russia. As it was getting late, she didn't get to end her presentation, so we are hoping we can have her finish at some future meeting.
Sec., Patty Eucker

October minutes

The Madison County Genealogical Society met October 17, 2006 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and research center with 9 members and 2 guests present.

The meeting was called to order by Pres., Karen Rogat. Sec. read the minutes of the last meeting and Karen gave the treas. report in the absence of our regular treas. Motions were made and seconded to accept both as read.

Karen read a query from Kelsey Pratt who is looking to find information on a Jeanie Kae or Marie Jean Brandsetter. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

An interesting program was given by Merle Nordyke of Norfolk, on "pressing irons or sad irons" he collects. He presented at least one from each decade from 1850 through 1930 and told a little history of each style and how it was used. Refreshments were served by Diane Kimble.
Sec., Patty Eucker

Notes from the AHSGR (American Historical Society of Germans from Russia) website.**When and why did Germans go to Russia?**

Although Germany was not unified as a nation until 1871, the German principalities and kingdoms have historically shared an inextricable link with Russia. For centuries Germans have lived within the borders of Russia. The Germans were especially prominent in the Baltic States where they were the landowners. During the time of Peter the Great, many Germans were appointed to government advisory positions. However, under Elizabeth I, government positions were purged of their foreign, primarily German, officers.

On December 4, 1762, Catherine the Great issued a Manifesto inviting Western Europeans to settle in Russia. However, it was her second Manifesto of July 22, 1763, which offered transportation to Russia, religious and political autonomy, and land that incited many Western Europeans, mostly Germans, to migrate to Russia. This Manifesto was issued after the end of the Seven Years' War in which German peasants suffered many losses. Conditions among the German people were very unstable. At that time, the area that is now Germany was a conglomeration of more than 300 principalities and dukedoms which frequently changed hands, and therefore religions, as well. Many German peasants, seeking a way to practice their chosen religion and to improve their social standing, accepted the offer to settle in Russia.

The first wave of migration occurred in the Volga River region beginning in 1764. By the late 1760s some isolated settlements were already founded in South Russia. Hutterites first settled in Russia in 1770 and Mennonites began to settle in Russia by 1789. In 1803, Alexander I reissued the Manifesto of Catherine II, prompting another wave of migration, primarily into South Russia. By the mid-nineteenth century the areas of Volhynia, Crimea, and the Caucasus were being settled by Germans. Beginning in the late nineteenth century and continuing into the first decade of this century, settlements were being founded by Germans in Siberia. At the end of the nineteenth century Russia had a population of approximately 1.8 million Germans

When and why did the German Russians leave Russia?

When Alexander II revoked the privileges offered to the Germans who had settled in Russia more than a century earlier, such as exemption from military service, the emigration of the Germans from Russia to the Americas began. 1872 was the beginning of a large wave of emigration of Germans from Russia as a result of the social conditions in Russia. There was a growing sentiment of hostility towards foreigners, particularly Germans, and a policy of Russification was adopted to make the populations in the empire more Russian. Later emigrants left Russia due to worsening living conditions, caused by war and famine.

Where did the German Russians settle in the Americas?

The first settlers came to the Midwest of the United States Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, and the Dakotas as this region resembled the areas they had left behind in Russia. These immigrants spread out to settle in Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Oklahoma and Texas. Immigration to Canada, Brazil and Argentina

quickly followed. Many who immigrated to South America had first attempted to settle in North America but were turned away due to disease.

Where is village xyz on a current map of Russia?

Many German villages no longer appear on present-day maps of Russia, as most were destroyed as a result of the 1941 deportation of the German populations in Russia to work camps in Siberia and Middle Asia. Those villages that were not destroyed either deteriorated with time or were resettled by non-German populations. Due to the many changes that have taken place in Russia this century, these villages seldom appear as they did when inhabited by their German populations.

However, we have a number of maps and map indexes which indicate the German settlements in Russia and their (former) location, as well as a number of maps for specific villages that depict the village layout, occasionally listing surnames of former inhabitants.

Why were there so many Germans in Poland?

People of Germanic origins lived throughout the regions which are now Poland and the Baltic States. A large part of Poland was once within Prussia's boundaries, and until the end of World War II, the eastern border of German lands extended much farther than this border today. Germans settled the former Polish area of Volhynia heavily from the mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries, largely due to the Russian abolition of serfdom and the second Polish Insurrection.

What connections do German Russians have to Prussia?

Prussia was initially inhabited by Slavic tribes and later settled by Germanic tribes. These tribes in turn were conquered by the Teutonic Order, which brought Christianity to the region. Prussia at one time was incorporated into Poland but was never part of Russia. Prussia grew significantly in influence and power under the leadership of Frederick the Great in the eighteenth century. The regions enclosed by Prussia's boundaries under Frederick's rule included Brandenburg, Pomerania, Silesia, Danzig, West and East Prussia. The Prussian Prime Minister, Otto von Bismarck, implemented the unification of the German states following Prussia's victory in the Franco-Prussian War in 1871, establishing the German Empire.

The Mennonites who settled in the Black Sea region of Russia emigrated from West Prussia. Following Germany's defeat in World War I, the Danzig Corridor of Prussia was granted to Poland, thus dividing Prussia. After World War II, most of the lands that were once within the borders of Prussia were granted to Poland.

Why didn't my grandparents talk about their German-Russian heritage?

During World War I and World War II there was a great deal of animosity towards German immigrants and German-speaking immigrants in this country. Many states passed legislation restricting the use of the German language as a measure to curtail the influence of their German populations. Either forcibly or voluntarily, many German-speaking citizens restricted or concealed their "Germanness." After World War II came the Red Scare, and although most of the German-Russian immigrants en-

tered this country before the Bolshevik Revolution and implementation of Communism, the fact that they were from Russia was reason enough for antagonism to be brought against them. Many German-Russian families found it easier to conceal their origins rather than endure the prejudices that a large part of society held towards their language, culture and country. As a result, many descendants of Germans from Russia are learning, late in life, of their heritage and origins.

Why did my relatives speak German instead of Russian?

One of the provisions of the Manifesto issued by Catherine the Great in 1763 was that the colonists would be able to maintain their German language and culture, as well as their own schools and churches. Thus, until the twentieth century, when an active policy of "Russification" was adopted, the German colonists spoke primarily, oftentimes exclusively, German. The dialect spoken by the various groups of Germans in Russia is an interesting subject as these dialects are very distinct from the dialects now spoken in Germany. When the German colonists immigrated to Russia, their language was not subject to the same influences as other German speakers and was more or less isolated, resulting in a dialect that has survived for more than 200 years.

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Gleanings from the Norfolk Daily News

extracted by Richard Strenge

Thanksgiving in Norfolk

Quiet Home Observance a Feature of the
Holiday

Town Wore Sunday Aspect

Business Houses Generally Closed During
the Afternoon, and Many of Them all Day---
Services held in Several of the Churches of
the City.

Thanksgiving was very generally, though very quietly observed in Norfolk yesterday. There was no public observance outside of the services in the churches, and in an amusement way, the ball of the firemen at the Marquardt hall, but, after all, it was perhaps one of the most completely enjoyed holidays ever observed by the people of Norfolk. The family gatherings, the rest from the toils of a

week or a year, were the appreciable features, and nearly everyone participated in the observance to this extent. The downtown business streets had an almost Sunday-like aspect during the entire afternoon, and a number of the business houses remained closed during the entire day, while the proprietors and the clerks observed the holiday after their own inclinations. In spite of the high price of the Thanksgiving turkey, many of them were disposed of by the local dealers, and there were few in the city but who sat down to a dinner of more than ordinary excellence. It was an unusual holiday in the matter of weather. The people of Norfolk have experienced warm Thanksgivings, and dry Thanksgivings, and cold Thanksgivings and wet Thanksgivings, but seldom have they

known of white Thanksgivings, and this is what they had yesterday. A layer of snow covered the ground, and many were inclined to confuse the holiday with the Christmas season. The air was chilly and the snow did not melt to any considerable extent during the entire day. The wind was from the south, but frost-laden and somewhat disagreeable.

Sleigh riding and fun with sleds and skates were possible to those who were not too particular about the surfaces and general conditions.

School Exercises

Observance of the holiday by the schools was Wednesday afternoon, when nearly every room had something on for the entertainment of the pupils and patrons of the schools. Literary exercises, music, spelling down contests, or the serving of treats of pop corn or other seasonable delicacies formed entertainment in many of the rooms, but the real significance of the holiday was the announcement at the close of the day's work that there would be no more school until Monday and the pupils and teachers would be left to enjoy the vacation as they desired.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, November 27, 1903, page 5.

It Will Be Day Of Rest

Thanksgiving will be spent quietly in Norfolk
Business to be suspended

There will be Union Church Services at the
Congregational Church at 11 O'Clock in the
morning---Two Theatrical Performances

The post office will observe Sunday hours on Thanksgiving day and the rural carriers, as well as city carriers of mail, will get a holiday. Banks will be closed and business houses generally will suspend. No evening paper on Thanksgiving, nor morning paper on Friday, will be issued from *The News* office because of the custom of this office to take a day off on the last Thursday in November. Norfolk will rest and work as little as possible. Many will spend the day out of town, others will entertain visitors for the day. Dinners will

be given at many homes for the families, and it will be a day, generally, of quiet.

There will be no football game in Norfolk, as had originally been planned. Neligh and Wayne will play at Neligh. The university of Cincinnati will play the Nebraska university at Lincoln and wind up the season.

"Miss America" will be seen in a theatrical way in the Norfolk Auditorium, afternoon and evening. The afternoon performance will be a children's matinee, with a twenty-five cent admission for the children and night prices for the grown folk. Prices at night are from twenty-five to seventy-five. The production is a musical comedy.

Union church services will be held at the Congregational church at 11 o'clock in the morning at which Rev. Mr. Benjamin, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, will deliver a sermon.

Thanksgiving services will be held in Trinity church at 10:30 a.m. Offerings will go to the Clarkson hospital, Omaha.

Most of the stores will be closed in the afternoon.

Likely Rain or Snow Thursday

Weather indications are for Thanksgiving Day
with Cloudy Sky

The weather man predicts probably rain or snow for Thanksgiving day, with rising temperature.

A wind blowing into the north Wednesday morning indicated the approach of an area of low pressure, which may, according to the telegraphic report, contain rain or snow when it strikes Norfolk and northern Nebraska. With the low area will come warmer air.

Miss America

William Allen White's Emporia (Kan) Gazette, said of Miss America, the opera that appears in Norfolk Thanksgiving night:

There are just two kinds of shows that can be sure of a full house here. "Miss America" by the Irma Opera company, just suited

the crowd that doesn't attend all the one-two-three plays. It lacked the fault that is complained of so often—it wasn't "deep," there is just enough thread in the story to keep the crowd wondering how it would "turn out." Interspersed in the play were singing and dancing and jokes that were refreshing owing to their newness. The comely chorus girls appeared in some of the song hits of the opera and were usually confined into costumes of the walking lengths, though on two occasions they got into costumes that might be termed "light trotting harness." The costumes of the chorus girls must have been changed six or seven times. Miss DeBold played the leading part, Miss Voris played the second. They were received with enthusiasm, at every appearance, The men singers were good and the comedians were funny. Miss Manning soubrette, also received ardent praise. The piano music was furnished by Frederick Moss, who used to be at the head of the musical department of the normal. On this account there were a large number of normal people in the audience, In addition to these there was a line party made up of the Saturday Afternoon club, which studies Shakespeare---and nearly all other people one sees at the opera house during the winter.

The Lost Prince

Little Play given by School Children Made Decided Hit

The little play given by the children of the first and second grades of the Grant school last night, entitled "The Lost Prince," drew a large crowd, the church being nearly filled. It was very well given, each child taking his part well. Much credit is given the teachers, Miss Harriet Mather and Miss May Olney as it meant a great deal of work on their part as well as the children. The fairy drill given by then little girls was a prominent feature of the entertainment.

Following was the cast:
King Adolphus.....James Stitt
Queen Verita.....Katie Luebbe

Princess Christabelle.....Francis Card
Prince Dimples Tarautella (the wicked fairy)
..... Gladys Meredith
Violetta (good fairy)....Katherine Guthrie
Thanksgiving Spirit..... Glen Blakeman
Mirza (the magician).....Lloyd Rouse
Nurse.....Marie Stear
Maid.....Edith White
Lord High Chamberlain.....Claire Blakeman
Guards..... Fred Dolsen, Harold Anderson,
Albert Witzigman, Elmer Beeler
Ladies in Waiting.....Reba Hight, Mildred Sar, Ida Walter, Helen Hunter
Pages.....Walter Weber, Caryl Sly
Fairies.....Myrtice Doughty, Doris Tappert,
Vera Lewis, Ruth White, Ruby White, Ada Haase, Mabel Fuesler, Loreen Gow, Jane Durland, Ruth Rader.
Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, November 28, 1906, page 3.

A look The Norfolk Daily News paper on Saturday, December 22, 1906 on page 3 showed many families planning on spending Christmas together. Excerpts of the families and their information follow:

Plan Christmas Dinner

Social Activity All Bent in One Direction
To be many Family Reunions
There has been very little doing in a social way during the past week in Norfolk, because of the necessary holiday preparations.

It will be a merry Christmas in the true sense of the word so far as Norfolk is concerned, judging from the festive family dinners that have been planned for the day. So filled with the Yuletide spirit has the past week been that there has been little doing in a social way. Santa Claus has secured a corner on everybody's time and the monopoly has been worked for all it was worth. Society has spent a large part of its time during the past few days in shopping, and none has cared to put in much time outside the home.

Among the Christmas Diners

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kiesau will spend Christmas with their parents at Waucon, Iowa.

The family of C. S. Bridge went to Fremont to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge.

W. P. Logan family went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McBride of Elgin.

L. C. Mittelstadt had family dinner with relatives present from Laurel and other points.

The families of A. N. Anthes and Mr. and Mrs. Smith will enjoy Christmas dinner in their home on Norfolk avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burnham will entertain Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse and son Gene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Zutz expect their son Herbert home from New Ulm, Minn., where he is attending college, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baum enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Baum.

Judge and Mrs. I. Powers expect their son Isaac Powers, jr., remembered in Norfolk as "Bud," for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Weatherby and Mrs. Warrick went to Omaha to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mathewson had a New Year's dinner for their families instead of one on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock and son, Clyde, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Stafford will enjoy a family dinner at home with their daughter, Miss Genevieve Stafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hansen, 409 Park avenue entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Groesbeck, Mr. and Mrs. E. Markel, and Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Avery at a Christmas supper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Matrau will entertain at a family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Eller and Dr. and Mrs. McKim will be here from Lincoln and Miss Hammond will be here from

Stuart, as guests.

Miss Parish of West Point, sister of Mr. C. P. Parish, and Fred Parish of Lincoln, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Parish will spend the day together.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw entertained C. E. Doughty and family, L. E. Wallerstadt and family, M. D. Wheeler and family, and Mrs. Otto Tappert and family at a dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Losch of West Point entertained at a family dinner Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tucker, jr., of Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Huse of Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tracy entertained the Koenigstein families for dinner. Among those present will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Koenigstein, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koenigstein and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein and Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Mittelstadt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Witzigman will give a family dinner. Among the guests will be Mr. Witzigman's mother, Mrs. Carolina Witzigman of Dyersville, Iowa, his sister, Miss Kathyne Witzigman of Wausau, Neb., and his brother, John Witzigman of Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Christoph had as guest Mr. and Mrs. George H. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burton of Waucon, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burton are parents of Mrs. Christoph and Mr. Burton of Norfolk.

The family of Rev. J. J. Parker of Plainview, formerly of Norfolk, will enjoy a reunion on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott in Kearney. Mrs. Scott was formerly Miss Lillian Parker. Mr. Parker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hauser of Neligh and others will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Rainbolt will entertain at a family dinner. Among those present will be Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, Mrs. Kingsbury, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bucholz and children of Omaha, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. S. Weills, Jack Weills of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow entertained Harold Gow, Mr. Temple, Miss Temple and Miss Beulah Temple, and Leonard Hageland.

The Temple's were from Wayne and Hage-land was from Lincoln.

A dinner will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bell for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins of Madison and Mrs. Jenkins, her son, Fred and daughter Gladys. There is also a probable dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hardy for Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sprecher.

The family of M. L. Ogden will enjoy an unusually pleasant Yuletide dinner. Preston Ogden attending Moody institute in Chicago, Glen Ogden attending Wheaton college are here. Mr. Ogden's mother is a holiday guest, likewise, from Illinois.

A Durland family dinner will be given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Durland on the Heights. Among those present will be Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Durland, Miss Laura Durland, Miss Dorothy Durland, and Charles Durland, Miss Elvira Durland, Miss Josephine Durland, Miss Etta Durland; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Durland of Plainview and five daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Mapes and children.

A Luikart family dinner will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Luikart in Tilden. Miss Stella Luikart, Miss Cordelia Luikart, Roy, Ralph and Carl will all be present from Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield will entertain at a large family dinner party. The guests will be: Mr. and Mrs. George D. Butterfield and daughter, Edith; Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Salter, Miss Dorothy Salter and Master George Salter; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hays; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Salter; C. B. Salter; and Spencer Butterfield, who had just returned from college near Chicago to spend the holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Parker will entertain at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 1225 Koenigstein avenue, at family dinner. There will be present Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Johnson and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. Storrs Mathewson and daughter; Mrs. W. H. Johnson and children; Mrs. A. J. Johnson. W. H. Johnson, who has been spending the winter in Colo-

rado Springs, will be in Denver for Christmas.

Supreme Judge and Mrs. J. B. Barnes will enjoy a family dinner on Christmas with two of their sons present. John B. Barnes, jr., is expected from Casper, Wyo., where he is now practicing law, and A. Kimball Barnes is expected from Kearney where is private secretary to Supreme Court Commissioner Oldhan. Guy. W. Barnes, who has a position in the Ames sugar factory, will not be home for the holidays and is not expected until after February 1.

A large family dinner will be given at the home of Mrs. Mary Davenport. There will be present: F. E. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davenport and son, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Odiorne and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gentle, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene, all from Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davenport and family from Sioux City. Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport, and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, all from Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport and family, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pilger and family, all from Madison.

Christmas for Insane

First Dance Since New Hospital Was Built
A treat in Early Morning

A Christmas tree for the poor unfortunates in the State Hospital for the Insane in Norfolk brings thoughts of Home too vividly.

Patients in the Norfolk hospital for the insane will enjoy just as merry a Christmas day as it is possible to give them, without so overdoing the festivities of the occasion as to cause gloom and pathetic thoughts of home. Dr. G. A. Young, superintendent, announces that on Christmas eve the first dance that has been given at the institution since the old hospital burned, will be held in the chapel. This has become possible by reason of the fact that patients have been transferred into the new west wing, releasing the chapel from its dormitory capacity.

In remodeling, the preparing of the building for a chapel again, a new finish will be put on the floor and new decorations on

the walls. The carpenters will be stopped long enough in their work, however, to allow the patients to enjoy a dance on Christmas eve, with a dance following for the employees. A four-piece orchestra, consisting of a clarinet, cornet, violin and piano now makes good music.

Treats for Patients

Dr. Young says that, while it has been found that a Christmas tree does not pay in the hospital because it hurts the feelings of inmates in bringing back to their minds thoughts of their own homes that they have left, each patient will be given a treat on Christmas morning. Fruit, nuts and candies have been ordered and on Christmas morning, when the rest of the world is joyous in the Santa Claus spirit, the unfortunates in the hospital will receive, each one, a package of these good things to help make them happy and light hearted.

At dinner there will be turkey and other delicacies in keeping with the occasion.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, December 22, 1906, page 7.

Quick clips from Ancestry.com Tips from the Pros: In Memoriam

from Maureen Taylor

You know the expression about death and taxes, but did you know that leaving a paper trail is also one of life's certainties? Disposable paper items known as ephemera often exist to trace a person's life from birth (baby announcements) to death (memorial/funeral cards).

A memorial/funeral card announces the death of an individual, includes information on their lives and usually a prayer or quote. The content varies by time period. Today families often present mourners with these cards as remembrances, but in the past, relatives distributed them as funeral invita-

tions. George Washington's funeral at Mount Vernon was a public event but until the twentieth century they were private affairs attended by family and a few close friends. These cards are genealogical gems--evidence of a death and very collectible. Two websites make searching for these cards easier.

Ancestors at Rest

ancestorsatrest.com/funeral_cards

This website is a free online database of funeral and memorial cards.

GenealogyToday.com

www.genealogytoday.com/guide/funeral_cards.html

This site has a searchable database of close to 20,000 funeral cards.

Family or Friend?

Recently, I was going through some boxes of old photos searching for one particular picture. I noticed many of those cards that are given out at funerals. My grandmother used to put those funeral cards in the family Bible. Most of them were from family members but a few were from family friends. Those funeral cards caused quite a stir when we tried to figure out who was a family member and who was just a friend. I made the following note, "Not a relative--a family friend" on cards of those that I knew were friends. Now when my descendants find one of those cards many years from now, they will know who is and who is not a relative.

Did you know the Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center library has a large collection of these and takes donations of any funeral cards and obituaries? They glue stick them into binders and will eventually index them.

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.

Groceries Retail

Enola: W. W. Beal

Madison: S. L. Baltzell, A V. Smith

Newman Grove; M. J. Johnson, A. J. Monson

Norfolk: Peter Anderson, Max Braasch, Wm. Denton, F. D. Edwards, Jno. Eucks,
M. C. Fraser, H. C. Lee, W. E. Liddle, J. W. Maas, Arthur Nyland,
C. P. Parish, J. A. Parker, J. M. Parker, C. W. Quandt, H. H. Schaefer,
A. F. Stolzenburg, C. P. Thompson, May Waud, Mrs. Ruth Webb,
Jos. Weisner

Tilden: W. M. Jones

Gun & Locksmith

Norfolk: L. A. Wetzel

Gunsmith

Norfolk: L. A. Wetzel

Hair Dresser & Hair Goods

Norfolk: L. E. Moolick, Mrs. Verna Rasley

Hardware, Stoves & Ranges

Battle Creek: L. F. Merz

Madison: Stringfellow Bros., Havel Vizal

Meadow Grove: J. I. Beech, E. H. Brewer

Newman Grove: A. G. Olson

Norfolk: B. O. Daubert, Alb. Degner, Jno. Friday

Tilden: C. L. Russell, A. N. Snider

Harness Manufacturer & Dealer

Battle Creek: Hayes & Son

Madison: Jno. Purtzer, L. P. Simonson

Meadow Grove: H. D. Weygint

Newman Grove: C. A. Granlund, Nelson Bros.

Norfolk: Paul Nordwig, H. W. Winter

Tilden: W. H. Klas

Ice Dealer

Madison: Stephen Jones & Son

Newman Grove: Gunder Thompson

Norfolk: V. H. McCartney, W. A. Mouritsen, Jno. Schelly

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November 21 meeting: Phyllis McCain will do a program on the Amish.

December: No meeting.

January 16: Christmas party: Elkhorn Valley Museum 6 pm: Ethnic potluck and Take-away bingo: Bring a food and a memory to share from your ethnic background.