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From your President, Betty Bohac

What's more frustrating? Is it the on and off weather we have experienced over the past winter months or is it attempting to find a Wandering Relative? They didn't leave a forwarding address—they didn't even say good-bye!

First thing to do is visit our research library. They may be able to cool your frustrations and give you hope. The library does have many family files. They also have city directories, cemetery records, old atlases, obituaries and old newspapers. You may be pleasantly surprised at what Karen finds for you.

Out of curiosity I called several of the older churches in Norfolk to see what records lurked in their file cabinets. Three of the local Lutheran churches have records as far back as 1898. Granted some are in German but the staff are so willing to help. I was also pleasantly surprised that the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and school records go back to the late 1800's. You really do need to get aggressive when your ancestors skip the country!

Occupational clues can lead you to information. Professional people especially are easy to find from their ad for professional services such as doctors, lawyers, and pharmacists which can be found in city directories. Even further back were harness and blacksmith shops

Actually the very first step, in my opinion, is to learn the history of the area where your relatives lived. Everyday I learn something new about Madison county.

We had a very interesting meeting in February. Louise Guy presented the History of the Wiseman Indian massacre that occurred in Cedar county. Louise has written a most interesting book about Henson and Phoebe Wiseman family and what happened on that fateful day on July 23, 1863. The book is available for purchase in the Elkhorn Valley Museum gift shop. Come in and see us and discover the other historical books that are for sale.

The library can also give you a list of fast facts and resources that are available to the genealogists. That's it for this month—call me at 402-371-2097. Just maybe that wandering relative has passed my way!

A message from Betty,

Your long lost president. I may be hard to find—I wandered off to the Wisconsin woods to find a Hodag!

MEETING NOTES

Jan. 22, 2008 The Madison County Genealogical Society held their annual Christmas Party at the American Legion party room. We enjoyed a buffet supper, Christmas trivia quizzes and Take-Away Bingo for the evenings entertainment. We would like to thank our entertainment committee Nancy, Richard and Mike for all the work they have done. A good time was had by all.

February 19, 2008 The Madison County Genealogical Society met at the Elkhorn Valley Museum for their February meeting. Betty called the meeting to order with 12 members and 3 guests present. We had the program first because of the weather. Betty introduced our speaker Louise Guy, author of a book about the Wiseman Massacre. This took place in 1863 in Cedar County, NE where a family had five children murdered. Her husband is a 5th generation descendant. A report was given that the new copier that we purchased for the research library had a problem and will be checked out because it still is under warranty. Our Society is a member of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society and can be used for any research that you need to do. We had a discussion on the program Ancestry.com which the research library has used for the past few years in doing different researches. It will be discontinued at the end of March do to the high cost for having this program. Refreshments were served by Phyllis McCain and at our March meeting Sue Askew will serve.
Secretary Sharon Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26, 2008 - Topeka, KS - Topeka Genealogical Society - "Trace Your Roots with DNA," "Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options," "Building a Village-Based Community" and "Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones"

May 2-3, 2008 - Lincoln, NE - Nebraska State Genealogical Society - "Cases That Made My Brain Hurt," "Trace Your Roots with DNA," "Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones," "Jump-Starting Your Eastern European Research" and "Remembering Our Ancestors"

October 26-November 2, 2008 - 4th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise, hosted by Wholly Genes, Inc. - Topics TBD

PERSONAL WEB SITES FROM OUR MEMBERS**Karen Tiedgen Reed**

Tiedgen family reunion and upcoming information about 2010 reunion.
<http://country-kickers.com/KReunion.htm>

Judy McCumber Weinberg

Homepage: www.ladyresearcher.com

Please visit the websites of our members and if you have one you would like publicized please send the information to the newsletter editor at nzaruba@kdsi.net

New Online Research Tools

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

South Dakota State Historical Society, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217, phone 605-773-3458, fax 605-773-6041

The South Dakota State Historical Society has put a searchable index to a database of cemetery records online.

A pre-1940s era collection of cemetery records is in the archives at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre and is a popular research tool for genealogists.

Staff and volunteers have entered information from the records into a database during the past several years.

The information is from a Works Progress Administration effort known as the Graves Registration Project. The inventory included the name of the deceased, the grave, lot, block and section number, date of death, age at death, gender and whether or not the person was a veteran. On the Net: <http://apps.sd.gov/applications/DT58Cemetery/>

The online index shows the name, death date, lot number, block number, city, county and cemetery name. If you get a hit and want more information you can visit the Archives Research Room at the Cultural Heritage Center and request a photocopy and pay the copy fee or you can request by mail, telephone or internet form that Archives staff make copies for a fee.

South Dakota also an [Index to Naturalization Records](#) online. These include First and Second Papers. Also online now is an index to South Dakota newspapers that are microfilmed and available for searches or interlibrary loan.

Three other research sources listed on this website is a "[Biographical Index of South Dakotans](#)" which is a guide to written biographies on prominent South Dakotans from roughly 1897 to 1930. The index lists the names in alphabetical order giving the book number and page number in which the biography is found.

The [SD Newspaper Surname Index](#) covers newspaper articles concerning your relatives. Main topics include birth, marriage, and death, along with various other categories.

The [Guide to American Indian Research](#) in South Dakota is intended to describe to potential researchers both the archival holdings of the South Dakota State Archives, and other information sources regarding the Lakota, Nakota, and Dakota.

The South Dakota State Historical Society also has the usual collection of genealogical materials including atlases, city directories, yearbooks, county histories, family histories, BIA Indian Census, Federal, State and Veterans Census, etc.

Email queries to: archref@state.sd.us

QUERIES

Hello, My father, **Mart C. Schmode**, was born in Norfolk and his mother was one of many Mittelstadts that lived in your city. I had an "Aunt" Fern that was very special to me and I am trying to determine if her final resting place is in Norfolk. Her maiden name was **Fern Selina Kurtz** and she was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on August 30, 1888. Her first husband was **Rudolph Adolph Mittelstadt**, a brother to my grandmother, **Hulda Matilda Mittelstadt Schmode**, and he passed away on Feb 28, 1943. He was a dentist. In 1944 Fern married my grandfather, **Henry A. Schmode**, who had just recently lost his wife, my grandmother. It is at this point that Fern and I became very close friends. Fern passed away around 1970 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and I have not been able to determine the exact date she passed away or her final place of burial. If you by chance have any information on her that you could pass along or if you could further give me directions in this regard, I would be most appreciative.

Thank you, Gerald W. Schmode

Jerry & Joelle Schmode, 109 Valley Hill Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791

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To: Jerry Schmode

Subject: Re: The Mittelstadt Family

According to our cemetery index Fern Schmode is buried here in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Her marker dates are 1888-1971. There are three other Schmode's in the same cemetery: Augusta E.: 1866-1944, C. H.: 12/24/1862 - 7/21/1900, and Henry A. 2/20/1896 - 7/10/1972 This is what I have access to at home.

If you would like obits, funeral home records, etc. all of that is available by members of our Genealogy Society for a small fee.

Let me know if you want anything more and I will then pass your request along. I will also publish your request in our next newsletter which comes out the beginning of March in case someone would like to communicate with you.

Nancy Zaruba

Hi Nancy,

Thank you so very much. Your very prompt reply filled me in on two very important factors regarding my "Aunt Fern." I may ask for some additional data from your Genealogy Society but will wait to take the chance that someone might further communicate with me. The dates on the other three Schmode's is also appreciated. Again, thank you for the information.

Jerry Schmode

In the newsletter I noticed someone asking for information on the Fitch family. Some of the Fitch's are buried next to some of my relatives in Best Cemetery. I emailed Jim Sisson and asked if he's seen any of my relatives names, which he hasn't. Now I did a little digging and found 2 obits for his gr-grandmother. It said she died of scarlet fever and was buried at the Clausen cemetery, services were held there. Her mother arrived from out of state to attend the services. I found in another article that the children had come down with the same disease and a Mrs. Shatto had been taking care of them. I tried to find the burial in the Crown Hill Cemetery books, but was unable to find it. I assume he never found the obituaries and now do you want to contact him about what I found or do you want me to?

Thanks, Karen Reed

Honoring Our Ancestors Newsletter
SPECIAL EDITION
January 4, 2008

Greetings Fellow Family History Sleuths,

Please Help Me with my 100th Grant!

Some of you may be aware that I run the Honoring Our Ancestors Grants Program. This is a program I started almost eight years ago when I decided to try to make a go of it as a professional genealogist. I figured that genealogy had been good to me, so I'd give a little something in return. I decided right from the beginning to give a grant every month to some deserving genealogist, society, project or whatever -- just something related to family history.

Honestly, in the early days, there were months when it was tough to do, but I persisted because I made the commitment -- and besides, I figure there's probably such a thing as genealogical karma. If I make a donation, is it a coincidence when I manage to unearth an elusive ancestor in some database a few days later? Maybe, but it suits me to think otherwise! So my little grants program has been partly selfless and partly selfish!

At any rate, I was playing catch-up the other day (I travel a lot, so tend to fall behind from time to time) and decided to take stock. It was then that I learned that I had been at it for more than seven years. But what really caught my attention was the fact that February 2008 would be my 100th grant! 100 months of grants! Pretty cool, huh?

So here's the thing. I'd like the 100th grant to be special in some way. I have no idea what that might be, but in order to maximize the chances of finding an especially inspiring initiative, I'd like to ask for your help spreading the word about the grants program and encouraging as many people as possible to apply. I'm thinking that if I can get tons of applications, there will almost have to be a gem among them! Folks can apply here. Also, the site provides summaries of all the other grants I've awarded over the years, so it might be worth taking a browse.

The process is the same as it's been since the beginning. Anyone with an idea and five minutes can apply, and once a month, I print out all the latest applications and add them to all the other current ones (they stay active for six months). Then my husband and I abscond to a coffee shop where we debate the relative merits of the assorted applications. Finally, we pick a winner, notify them and send a check. It's that simple.

Thanks in advance for any help you can offer in spreading the word!

Megan

Please forward this newsletter to your family and friends who are interested in genealogy -- thank you!

Wishing you an abundance of genealogical serendipity!

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

www.honoringourancestors.com

www.genetealogy.com

Nebraska State Genealogical Society, PO 5608, Lincoln, NE 68505-0608

Quarterly magazine "Nebraska Ancestree", newsletter "New Brass Key", annual conference each Spring, microfilm rental, library materials can be checked out by members (library is in Beatrice). Please contact them or your newsletter editor for membership information.

Newspaper Gleanings

Compiled by Richard Strenge

Remembers When Hoppers Made Farmers Quit Land by Alice Leffler

Work, while possibly no harder in early days was much different than now, according to Mrs. F. A. Preuss, whose people homesteaded in Green Garden, where she was born. Because the grasshopper damage was so great for seven years in that vicinity, her grandfather and an uncle returned to Iowa. Again coming to Madison, they found their homesteads had been taken up by others, so they did not remain.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Buettner, stuck it out as did two uncles, Martin and Gottlieb Buettner and their families. Among other neighbors who weathered this difficult period were the Polenske, Maurer, Schwartz, Wells and Teske families.

The cost of a 160 acre homestead was only \$16.50 but this small sum was more difficult to pay than the cost of land today, for it was so hard to get hold of even a few cents. Timber claims were given to those willing to plant 80 acres, or half of the land, in trees. Seedlings were scarce, it was hard to get the trees to grow in the newly turned sod and only two persons to the knowledge of Mrs. Preuss, ever attempted to get a tree claim until the government lowered the number of acres of trees to be planted to 40 acres.

None of the Preuss stock was lost in the blizzard of 1888, although she believes her father had a close call himself while trying to get the stock into the open sheds. He fell into a soft drift and his brother had to assist him out. In the morning the cattle were safer, but huddled in the rear of the shed which was otherwise packed with snow.

One year there was no market for barley and, after Mr. Buettner had taken a load to Columbus where he could find no buyer, his impulse was to empty it on the prairie rather than make the team haul it home. Thriftiness revolted at the waste so he cached it in the granary and the next fall again attempted to see it to have room for his new grain. To his surprise it brought 75 cents a bushel, as breweries using barley had begun operating.

A fall task was making mattresses of the soft inner husks of corn. The men would snap a load and the children would shred the husks and restuff mattresses. Instead of comforters, many families used feather ticks and all but the softest of downy feathers were stripped. In stripping feathers, one pulls the fuzz from the quills which are discarded.

Women knit socks and mittens, many of them using a spindle to work wool into yarn. Men's clothing was also handmade by many pioneers before sewing machines came into general use, or store clothing was low enough in price to permit the poorer people to get it.

Mr. Preuss was born in Germany and came to Madison county when a small boy. His parents lived in the neighborhood of Battle Creek, having a log house until shortly after he was married, when they erected a frame structure. There were not many log houses in the territory, but many sod shanties, some of which were plastered and all of which were warmer and in some ways more comfortable than frame buildings.

A cyclone which came through here in the early days, doing considerable damage in Madison, destroyed the Charles Preuss homestead. It lifted a granary building off the fanning mill which was undisturbed. A grass mower, much heavier than the mowing machines of today, was ruined. The Young place was torn up and Mrs. Young injured. She was found by Mr. Weinberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Preuss farmed in this vicinity until they retired and moved to town.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, January 15, 1942, page 3.

Fred Ahlmann Dies Suddenly

Home From Dakota Homestead Visiting Family, He Suddenly Expires

Fred Ahlmann, an old resident of Norfolk, died suddenly from an attack of heart failure as 8 o'clock Friday morning at his home. Mr. Ahlmann, who is a brother of W. F. Ahlmann, is survived by a widow and six children. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Mr. Ahlmann was born in Germany, where his first wife died. Those children live in Germany. There were two children by his second marriage, Albert and Hattie, who, with their mother, survive in Norfolk.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 4, 1910, page 2.

Finds Wife for Stanton Farmer

Stanton, Neb., March 4 --- Uncle Sam's mails and an Omaha preacher, Rev. Charles W. Savidge, have succeeded in securing for Harry E. Tuton, a farmer near here, a wife, who has promised to make his home happy and at the same time be a mother to his seven motherless children.

Some six months ago the first Mrs. Tuton died. There was the seven children, 320 acre farm, ten horses, fifty cattle and a big drove of hogs to be looked after. A couple of months later Mr. Tuton, driven to almost the verge of insanity, went to Omaha and told his troubles to Rev. Mr. Savidge, who advised him to marry again. Not having any person in view, Mr. Tuton did not know how to go about making an alliance. After talking matters over, the arrangements were left to the preacher, who inserted advertisements in the Omaha papers, not mentioning the name, or location of the widower. A few days later letters commenced to pour in upon Rev. Mr. Savidge. He scanned their contents and out of almost 800 he selected one from Miss Mary Fenwick, of Decatur, Ill. He liked the tone of it and sent the missive to Mr. Tuton, who opened a correspondence with Miss Fenwick.

After the first letter others went thick and fast and a couple of weeks ago Mr. Tuton went to Illinois, met Miss Fenwick and both were satisfied. They were married and at once started for their home here, stopping over in Omaha to thank Rev. Mr. Savidge for what he did in their behalf.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 11, 1910, page 2.

Mrs. Kingsbury

Mrs. Mary Hoag Kingsbury, who had been bedfast for nearly three months as the result of falling and breaking her thigh on December 18, quietly passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. A. Rainbolt, at 5:15 o'clock Sunday evening. Mrs. Kingsbury was almost 94 years of age, having been born May 2, 1816.

Funeral services will be held at the Rainbolt home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., of the First Congregational church, in charge.

Mrs. Kingsbury was a woman of remarkable intellect and wonderful will power. Despite her extreme age, up until the time of the accident which led to her death she took the keenest interest in all that was going on in the world. Though her eyesight had failed to quite an extent, she continued, by the aid of a powerful glass, to be a great reader, keeping up with the telegraph news of the day with much more precision than most people fifty years younger. Save for her weakened sight and slightly defective hearing, she retained her faculties to an amazing degree. Her great constitution and her extraordinary will power were never more clearly shown than in Mrs. Kingbury's last illness when, week after week and often when it seemed life could not linger another hour, she would revive and fight off the end with growing strength.

For one of her age, Mrs. Kingsbury had an unusually large number of friendships

among younger folk of the city and her keen wit and quaint humor were a match for any age.

It was sixteen years ago that Mr. Kingsbury, then 84, expired. He died January 5, 1894.

Mary Hoag Kingsbury was born May 2, 1816, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On September 17, 1839, she was married to H. F. Kingsbury. Mrs. Rainbolt of this city is the youngest and only surviving child.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury lived for many years in Aurora, Ill., moving thence to Ames, Ia., and later to San Diego, Calif. After a short residence in California they came to Norfolk in the fall of 1883 to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Rainbolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsbury usually spent their winters in California until the last winter of Mr. Kingsbury's life.

Mrs. W. H Bucholz and Mrs. W. M. Rainbolt are here and Mr. Buchholz and Mr. Rainbolt will arrive tomorrow.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 18, 1910, page 8.

Refrigerator Fell on Him

Theodore Warnsted may die as the result of falling from a wagon with a heavy refrigerator on top of him, breaking his collar bone, in the alley in the rear of the Friday hardware store, this morning.

Warnsted, who is a tinner in the employ of the Friday store, was hauling away a refrigerator when the horse was suddenly frightened and man and the refrigerator were jerked from the wagon to the ground. The heavy refrigerator lit on top of the man. Besides having his collar bone broken Warnsted sustained severe bruises over the ribs and internal injuries are feared.

Warnsted was removed to his home at 418 South Third street, where he lies in a critical condition. Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, March 18, 1910, page 5.

TINNER FALLS, BACK BROKEN

Theodore Warnstedt Steps Backward off a Roof

Dies as Result of Injuries

With Spine, Four Ribs and Skull Fractured, a Norfolk Tinner in John Friday's Employ, Lives Only Over Night

Theodore C. A. Warnstedt, 418 South Third street, a tinner employed at John Friday's hardware store, was fatally injured at 3o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of stepping backward from the roof of Mrs. Fred Schelly's residence, 109 North Seventh street. He died this morning at 7:30.

The man's back was broken and four ribs and his skull were fractured.

Warnstedt was putting on new guttering around the roof of the two-story house at the time. His statement regarding the accident was made to Mr. and Mrs. John Friday. "I made a misstep and fell off," he said.

No one saw the accident, although about five men were working around the place at the time. His body was terribly mangled and the lower part of the trunk from the waist down was paralyzed. John Schelly, proprietor of the Schelly Bottling works, discovered the injured man and he was the first to call a physician.

Warnstedt suffered much pain. He leaves a wife and four children, the oldest being a boy 16 years of age.

Nails in His Body

Four ribs were broken, many of them were torn loose and the spine was fractured.

The lower part of the body was instantly paralyzed. The man's body was full of nails caused by his falling on shingles which were previously torn from the roof that was being reshingled. Warnstedt fell in a sitting position, which was the cause of his spine breaking so badly.

Warnstedt was putting on a new guttering on the Schelly house and by his side was working Ed Schelly, who believed Warnstedt had just walked around the roof of the house. Schelly's first intimation that anything had happened came to him by the cries of his older brother John Schelly, who a few moments after Warnstedt's fall came up to the house. He saw Warnstedt sitting among the old shingles and inquired what was wrong. Warnstedt could not speak and Schelly, thinking only a minor accident had occurred, telephoned for Dr. Verges, who took Warnstedt's symptoms to be a fractured skull. On closer examination he found several ribs broken and in assisting Warnstedt to his feet discovered the spine was also broken. He said that Warnstedt would live but about six hours. Dr. Tashjean, city physician, also examined the injuries and declared there was little hope for his recovery. He recommended that the injured man be moved to this home at once. Mrs. Friday preceded the ambulance to the home. She was met by Mrs. Warnstedt, who is a very small and frail woman.

"I knew you would come," she said. "The doctor telephoned to me that my husband was hurt. Are his injuries serious?" Mrs. Friday assured Mrs. Warnstedt that there might be hope, but her appeals to the little woman to be brave were hardly spoken when the ambulance arrived. One glance at her husband, and Mrs. Warnstedt was overcome by mental grief. She did not faint but remained silent for nearly an hour and the ghastly color in her face showed the terrible mental agony she was undergoing.

Is Told He Cannot Live

Not long after his removal to his home Warnstedt requested that Mayor Friday should be sent for. The mayor came and the injured man, speaking in much pain, told his employer where certain tools could be found, and that everything was in its proper place.

Warnstedt asked Dr. Verges, during the physician's visit at the home, whether or not he would live. "Only a few hours, Teddy; you are badly injured," the doctor said. The injured man did not seem to mind this bad news and requested that his children, who were away visiting, should be sent for.

Warnstedt carried no life insurance, He has been employed as a tinner by Mayor Friday for some years. Last year a heavy ice box fell on him and he was laid up for several months. He complained of heart trouble to many of his friends and on one occasion, when in company with Mail Carrier Boehnke, he was attacked by this trouble.

Mr. Warnstedt was born in Germany on May 19, forty-seven years ago. No funeral arrangements have yet been made, but his sister living at Millard, Neb., near Omaha, arrived in the city with the Warnstedt children at noon. She will attend to the funeral arrangements. Warnstedt is a member of the St. Johannes Lutheran church.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, July 18, 1911, page 5.

Although the funeral arrangements over the remains of Theodore Warnstedt, who lost his life as the result of falling from the residence of Mrs. F. Schelly on North Ninth street are not complete, the services will be held in all probability at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the family home and at 3 o'clock from the St Johannes Lutheran church. Warnstedt's sister, living at Millard, Neb., arrived yesterday in company with the two Warnstedt children. Friends of Warnstedt were out among the business men Wednesday with a subscription list which was liberally signed. This money will go toward the defraying of the funeral expenses, the family being in poor circumstances. Mrs. Warnstedt is now reported ill. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, July 19, 1911, page 5.

Funeral services over the remains of Theodore Warnstedt, the tinner who met death in a fall from the two-story Schelly residence, took place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family home and at 2:30 from the St. Johannes church. Rev. Mr. Bergfelder had charge of the services. Interment was made in the new Lutheran cemetery.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday, July 20, 1911, page 5.

Card of Thanks

To our friends, neighbors, the Ladies Aid society who were so kind in their sympathy and kindness, and to those who brought the beautiful floral offerings, we take this means of extending our most heartfelt thanks. Mrs. Theodore Warnstedt and Family.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, July 21, 1911, page 6.

John Strate

John Frederick William Ludolf Strate was born at Lieme, Lippe Detmold, Germany, January 7, 1822. He died near Hoskins, Wayne county, Neb., April 10, 1910, at 12 m. aged 88 years, 3 months and 3 days. His death was caused by old age and pneumonia.

For some years the deceased had been feeble and ailing as the consequences of old age, but for six days only was he confined to his bed, when death relieved him from all earthly pain and woe.

Mr. Strate came to this country from Germany, in company with his wife, the 15th day of May 1870, making their home from the first in this vicinity. In the old country Mr. Strate was a brick maker by trade, but took a homestead in this country and devoted himself to farming ever after. He was one of the early settlers of his neighborhood and, consequently, endured all the hardships of pioneer life. The first years of his sojourning in this country were unusually trying, hail and drouth visiting and destroying to a great extent the promising fields of grain.

The deceased brother was one of the founders and main stays of the Reformed congregation, three miles southwest of Hoskins, and for some years an officer of that church. He remained a faithful member of the same to the end, although in late years he was not able to attend services and take an active part in the affairs of the congregation on account of failing health and strength.

Mr. Frederick Strate was joined in holy matrimony with his surviving wife, Auguste Sophia, whose maiden names was Dreves, February 4, 1866, in Germany. This union was blessed with nine children, seven sons and two daughters, three of who have preceded their father in death, two sons and one daughter, one of the sons having died in the old country. Those who are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father are: his bereaved widow, fives sons, Frederick, jr., Simon, Carl, Ernest and William, and one daughter, Mrs. Sophia Knebel, all of whom are living in this vicinity. Besides theses there are four daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and eleven grandchildren, also more distant relatives and many friends. May their loss be his gain.

Funeral services were held at the Reformed church near Hoskins on Wednesday afternoon, April 13, after which interment was made at the cemetery of said congregation, Rev. Emil F. Franz, officiating.

Source: The Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, Friday, April 22, 1910, page 6.

We have had requests to publish Baptismal records, how the townships in Madison County got their names, marriage records, etc. Another option for continuing research is ownership histories of properties in Madison County. This editor works at a Title Office and has access to Deed Books. Do you have a specific house or property you would like more information on? Contact Nancy at nzaruba@kdsi.net or PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702

Madison County Directory 1919-1920

Extractions by Richard Streng

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.

Undertaker & Embalmer

Battle Creek: Aug. Steffen
Madison: E. D. Resseguie
Newman Grove: C. J. From
Norfolk: F. D. Wolt
Tilden: Horace Marshall

Veterinary Surgeon

Battle Creek: W. M. Nedrebet
Madison: F. W. Collins, J. J. Jones
Newman Grove: L. Q. Bulla, C. J. Henderson, J. H. Nicodemus
Norfolk: C. H. Baer
Tilden: J. b. Landreth

Wall Paper

Madison: P. F. Oberg
Norfolk: H. A. Haley, Herman Maas,

Watchmaker

Norfolk: E. N. Hewer

Well Driller & Borer

Battle Creek: A. H. Gardels
Madison: F. A. Herden, Jacob Studts
Meadow Grove: Oscar Moritz
Newman Grove: Jno. Wehenkel
Norfolk: J. D. Michaelson, W. F. Seiffert

The following are from the very beginning of this list which were accidentally missed in the September-October 2005 issue.

Abstracts of Land Titles

Madison: Jas. Nichols, A. E. Ward
Norfolk: Madison County Abstract & Guaranty Co.

Adding Machines

Norfolk: burroughs Adding Machine Co.

Architects

Norfolk: J. C. Stitt, D. W. Townsend, E. B. Watson

This concludes the Madison County Directory 1919-1920 series.

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701

President: Betty Bohac,
Vice-President: Karen Rogat
Secretary: Sharon Thompson
Treasurer: Diane Kimble
Newsletter Editors:
Nancy Zaruba & Richard Strenge

MCGS Library is located at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE Please call: (402) 371-3886.

Meetings: The 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

Memberships are \$15 per year.

Research Requests: \$10 and a family group sheet to: MCGS, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE 68701.

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TEMP RETURN SERVICE FIRST CLASS

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