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From your President, Betty Bohac

Is it time for change? According to the people in the political field it is. According to our society's by-laws and to me it is time to do the same!!!! Hold onto your hats we are about to join the trend. July is our election meeting. Candidates on the ballot are President- Richard Strenge; Vice-President-Nancy Zaruba; Secretary Sharon Thompson or Betty Bohac; Treasurer Diane Kimble or Bernice Walters. You must be present to vote or nominate.

Our program last meeting was excellent! Nancy Zaruba talked about information found on death certificates and where to find them in relationship to land records found at the Register of Deeds office. She had some very good handouts that we could keep for our future research.

Nancy will be in the spotlight again at our July meeting talking about Nebraska's ethnic and cultural Geography. You won't want to miss this one. Surprises are everywhere. A couple meetings ago those present visited the Dairy Queen for lunch as the result of yours truly forgetting she was the serving committee. Everyone thought it was great and I was forgiven.

Summer is a good time to hit the road, to walk cemeteries, to visit court houses and visit those aged relatives to guide you to those long lost people that have been in hiding. Be sure to take a tape recorder, camera and some of those old photos. Sometimes photos bring to mind those ancestors that have not surfaced for a long time. I plan to do some of this myself---never minding the price of gas.

You must visit our research library. Use our computers, our files of obits, old newspapers, cemetery records and last but not least take advantage of Karen's expertise. It is a pleasant environment, cool, comfortable and quiet. You can also send in queries. Call 371-3886 for further information.

Grab a bottle of water or soft drink and your camera to join members on their search of both cemeteries near the Regional Center. By the way, long pants, long sleeve shirts and plenty of bug repellent will make your visit more pleasant. More information will be provided later.

It has been a pleasure to be your leader. I look forward to sitting in the cheap seats and having fun.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**2008-2009 will be the 30th year for the Madison County
Genealogical Society—How shall we celebrate???**

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on May 20, 2008 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum meeting room. Members were asked to return any library books they might have, as an inventory count will soon be taken. Queries were read and discussed. A nominating committee was chosen. They are: Patty Eucker, Jeanne Rix, and Mike Moats. They will announce the slate of officers at the June meeting and elections will be held at the July meeting.

Program ideas were discussed. The June program will be given by Nancy Zaruba on death certificates and indexes and where to find them. July will be elections and in August a field trip to the Norfolk Regional Center's two cemeteries. Serving refreshments for our June meeting is Karen Rogat. Refreshments at the May meeting were provided by Betty by treating everyone to ice cream at Dairy Queen.
Acting Secretary Betty Bohac

The Madison County Genealogical Society meeting was held on June 17, 2008. President, Betty Bohac announced the August field trip will be to the Norfolk Regional Center's two cemeteries. The group can meet at the museum at 6:00 p.m. and after the tour we will return to the museum for refreshments. Queries were read. The museum will have another book sale Sept. 25th and 26th and it was suggested that maybe we could do a plant sale at the same time.

The nominating report for new officers was given by Patty Eucker. The committee announced they would have a written ballot instead of a show of hands. The nominations, so far, are: President-Richard Streng ; Vice-president- Nancy Zaruba ; Treasurer—Diane Kimble or Bernice Walters ; and for Secretary—Sharon Thompson or Betty Bohac. Other nominees are still welcome and there will be write-in candidates. The elections will held at the July meeting. The group also discussed ways to increase our membership.

Our program for the evening was a presentation by Nancy Zaruba on finding and reading death certificates and their use in genealogy. Handouts were given to members about the program.

Refreshments were brought by Karen Rogat. Margie Fuhrmann is to serve refreshments at the July meeting.
Secretary Sharon Thompson

Newspaper obits from other areas

The readers of this newsletter can provide a valuable service to our genealogical society. In the obituary notices of people in your area, if you find someone who has lived, was born, or has relatives that live in northeast Nebraska, please send us the obituary from your newspaper. Please also note the name, date and page of the newspaper. It would be preferable to record this information on a separate sheet of paper, if possible, thus making the information more readable. This will provide information for future researchers that may lead them to find relatives they did not know about.

Your help in your area is greatly appreciated. You may send the information to our society.

Book and Plant Sale to Benefit the Research Center

The Elkhorn Valley Museum will have a book sale open to the public on September 24, 25, & 26, 2008. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Research Center. If you would like to donate books for the sale, please contact Karen Rogat 371-3886.

Looking Ahead to the Coming Year

Society Programs and Workshops being planned.

The Madison County Genealogical Society is planning on having a fall workshop and another one in the spring. Your ideas on programs for these workshops can be sent to our president. If you know of some speakers that would be good for these workshops please contact us with that information.

The monthly programs at our society meeting will be featuring topics that cover genealogical information and genealogical research. Topics on kinship and relationships, diseases and causes of death, township history, verses and epitaphs and their meanings, how boundaries have changed, researching in city directories, yearbooks, etc., complete with handouts and slide and/or Powerpoint presentations.

Now is the time to renew your membership and ask a friend or neighbor to join as well. The workshop fees will be discounted for members. These workshops will be professional, meaningful and interesting.

Death Certificates Program

By Nancy Zaruba

Some of this information was in the last issue but here is a concise version of the program I presented at the June meeting.

Death Certificates: Their use in Genealogy and some of the places to find them.

1. What information is on a death certificate? Information about –the person and – information about the person's death
2. Information about the PERSON may include: first name, middle name, last name, age, sex, race, date of birth, place of birth, marital status, spouse's name, occupation, father's name (& birthplace), mother's name (& birthplace) and home address
3. Information about the PERSON'S DEATH may include: date of death, primary cause of death, contributing cause of death, duration of the causes of death, the physician, location of the death, place of burial, date of burial, undertake/mortician, date when death certificate was filed, whether burial, cremation, donation, removal, etc.
4. Not all of this information will be on every death certificate. The forms were not always complete and earlier death records frequently used abbreviations and medical terms that are now outdated for illnesses. Some death certificates will also show whether the person was pregnant at the time of death, whether an autopsy was performed, whether the death was Natural, Accident, Suicide, Homicide, or undetermined, sometimes also other interesting information.
5. History of Death Certificates: Death certificates are documents required by the state for statistical record keeping purposes to: provide for registration of vital events; secure information about the economic, educational, occupational and sociological backgrounds of the individuals involved as a basis for statistical research to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life; death and fetal death certificates for the purpose of providing child support enforcement information.
6. Death certificates were started in different years in different states; in Nebraska, late 1904; in Minnesota, 1908 but records were kept locally far earlier, 1870 in New Ulm, etc.
7. Creating a death certificate is not an exact science. Causes of death are frequently

wrong because without an autopsy the exact cause of death is just a guess. In Nebraska, by law, the County Coroner is the County Attorney who may have absolutely no training in death scene investigation. If a family doctor filled out the death certificate the cause of death is more likely to be accurate.

8. Misspellings by family and errors in transcription: Information on death certificates is usually supplied by either a spouse, a child, a sibling or other family members at a time of great stress and grief. They may give erroneous information to authorities, and errors of communication can occur between the person giving and the one receiving information in stressful circumstances. People frequently are not thinking clearly and may not remember or recall at the moment.
9. The information given is a good place to start but do not take it as absolute fact. Death certificates especially before the 1970s were transcribed by hand, (no photocopiers). Therefore, names and places, etc. may be misspelled because the transcriber could not read the handwriting.
10. In addition, people can make mistakes in entering data into forms and databases. Thus, you should consider all the possible errors and spelling variations when trying to locate a death certificate. Check, for example, the various spelling for last names (e.g. Johnson, Johnsen or Jonson).
11. In addition certain letters such as a cursive "Z" may look like a "J" and an "a" that does not close may be mistaken for a "u", and a cursive "r" can be mistaken for a "c", etc. This was brought home to me when I finally found a marriage record for a great uncle wherein: Zaruba was filed under Jacobu.
12. 13. 14. 15. What's on them that would be helpful to genealogists? 1. Birthplace and birth date (will let you look for other family members, census records, newspaper articles) 2. Burial location and date (you can then look for an obituary and other family members gravestones), 3. Cause of Death (possibly genetic?, tendency to run in family?, unusual cause of death would generate an addition story in the newspaper) 4. Name and Father and perhaps Mother's maiden name and their birth places (opens up a whole new line of research) 5. Occupation (insight into his life and perhaps information on work organizations = postal worker, railroad, labor union) 6. Military service (military records, war records, insight into their lives & travel) 7. Social Security Number (which would allow you to send for a social security application record, which is actually filled out by the person and therefore more accurate in giving birth and family information) 8. Where they died at, which may tell you who a family member was, i.e. they may have died at a daughter's house in another state 9. Who gave the information = therefore a clue as to how accurate it is (given by a spouse, son or daughter, or a cousin, or a neighbor, etc.) (also gives you a name and perhaps another relative!) 10. Where their home was, street address and/or a legal description of property they owned.
16. Where to get them: 1. County Clerk or county Registrar in many other states (Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota) 2. State Vital Statistics office (Nebraska) 3. County Register of Deeds offices indexed against land records (most states), 4. Many Title Insurance companies maintain an in-house file of the records at the County Register of Deeds Offices.
17. How to get them: Nebraska does not allow non-certified copies for genealogy purposes only (many other states do) consequently all copies are certified and expensive: Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services, Div. Of Public Health, Vital Records, PO Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065, email: vitalrecords@dhhs.ne.gov Cost is currently \$11.

18. In Minnesota: There is an online index to death certificates and they've started indexing birth certificates as well www.mnhs.org The index gives: first middle and last name, date of death, county of death and the certificate number. At this point the death index covers 1904-2001. All records earlier are at the county court houses and later records at the State Vital Records. You may make copies at the Minnesota Historical Society for 35 cents or you may send for non-certified copies for \$9 each. If you need certified copies the cost is \$13 and must be gotten from the State Vital Records office through a process similar to Nebraska's.
19. Iowa has the records in each county registrar's office and you may search each county locally. However some do not allow photocopies, other do, but all will allow you to search the records yourself and handcopy any information you find. You can also send to the State Vital Records office for certified copies similar to Nebraska's procedures.
20. Other research tips and warnings— Keep in mind that certificates are issued and registered in the county in which the death occurred . This may be different from the county of residence. For example: my great grandmother was resident of Renville county most of her life, but, she died in the hospital in Minneapolis. Her death certificate is not available in Renville county but rather is in Hennepin County.
21. In Nebraska, certificates are not generally available in the counties, but only at the State level but many other states have the certificates at the county level and you may search for yourself. If the person died outside of Nebraska, the death records would be in the state in which the person died. (Unless they owned property, then look in the County Register of Deed's Office).

There were then a handful of death certificates presented with different features pointed out on each.

Then an example of Land Records and how to identify a death certificate or various information from the abbreviations used in the Index Books.

Ownership Terms: PD= Patent Deed, WD=Warranty Deed, WRR= Warrant Railroad, TD=Trustee's Deed, PAT=Patent (Deed), Cont=Contract (maybe), Trans=Transfer, SD=Survivorship Deed, Cert=Certificate (maybe), ED=Executor's Deed, SWD=Survivorship Warranty Deed, CWD=Corporate Warranty Deed, SherD=Sheriff's Deed

Lien Terms: MTG=mortgage, MR=Mortgage Release, MA=Mortgage Assignment, Cert Satis=Certificate of Satisfaction, CofS=Certificate of Satisfaction, McLien=Mechanics Lien, DT=Deed of Trust, Rel=Release, Assign=Assignment, Sub Tr=Substitute Trustee, Not.Def=Notice of Default, F/S=Financing Statement, Contract=(maybe), Agreement (maybe)

Other Terms: Decree=court decision, LisP=Lis Pendens (court proceeding), Ease=easement, Afft=Affidavit, Nunc Pro Tunc= court proceeding, Agrmt=Agreement, PA=Power of Attorney, DC=Death Certificate, Plat, Covenants——

And finally the two most helpful things to remember:

GRANTOR= person/company giving & GRANTEE=person/company receiving

Death Certificates at the Madison County Register of Deeds

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Zierke, Charles	1	180	Bruhn, Anna Marie	1	225
Schlack, Clara A.	1	181	Ashby, Clyde Ervin	1	226
Brandt, Claus	1	182	Casper, Jennie Estelle	1	227
Buss, Eula Blithe	1	183	Yenter, Pearl Elizabeth	1	228
Penhollow, Jason H.	1	184	Wells, Lida W.	1	229
May, Mrs. Ida E.	1	185	Tetzloff, Louisa	1	230
Fischer, Herbert Ernst	1	186	Kent, Jr., Samuel	1	231
Ringer, Theodore Otto	1	187	Turk, Helena O.	1	232
Jenkins, Susan Mabel	1	188	Hoffman, Barbara	1	233
Beckerbauer, Henry	1	189	Messerli, Fred (nmi)	1	234
Gabrielson, Leonard George	1	190	Huntington, Nora	1	235
Boyle, Ida Mae	1	191	Dudley, Charles	1	236
Brosh, Katerina	1	192	Schwanke, Clara Mathilda Minna	1	237
Carstens, Emil H.	1	193	Deitloff, Ernest	1	238
Wiedenbach, Frank	1	194	Weber, Charles Leo	1	239
Ahlman, John Fredrick	1	195	Kucera, August	1	240
Volk, William August	1	196	Wiese, Bernard John	1	241
Wiedeman, Harry L.	1	197	Jeffrey, Frederick E.	1	242
Greil, Joseph	1	198	Crook, William Sherman	1	243
Oesterling, Harry R.	1	199	Roewert, Helena Katherine	1	244
Ferguson, Katharine	1	200	Bennett, William E.	1	245
Boydston, Lawrence L	1	201	Demmon, Edmonia	1	246
Jaschke, Jr., Joseph	1	202	Phillips, Sarah	1	247
Foss, Ray W.	1	203	Taft, Burr	1	248
Ferris, Viola Amelia	1	204	Freudenburg, Benjamin F.	1	249
Lanman, Lester James	1	205	Nicholas, Melvin Duane	1	250
Schlender, Frank W.	1	206	Albert, Allen E.	1	251
Nelson, Dorothy	1	207	James, Oliver Wendell	1	252
Schwanke, Sophie D.	1	208	Demmel, Anna H.	1	253
Geasch, Gustav K.	1	209	Driskell, James Oliver	1	254
Heninger, Ella A.	1	210	Bohne, Christina Kamrath	1	255
Horton, Florence M.	1	211	Beberniss, Augusta	1	256
Walton, Richard C.	1	212	Werner, Conrad Frank	1	257
Andersen, Carl Andreas	1	213	Hughes, Lela Maria	1	258
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Stonacek, John	1	215	Hoover, Edward Dennis	1	260
Gross, Milton	1	216	DeVore, Annie C.	1	261
Lauver, Delia Savina	1	217	Callies, Herman B.	1	262
Hoskinson, Fred LeRoy	1	218	Towler, George Sidney	1	263
Henrichs, Herman August	1	219	Beaton, Lowell Archibald	1	264

Uecker, Hulda	1	265	Choutka, Fred	1	313
Silkett, Louraina Myrtle	1	266	Conley, Frank D.	1	314
Schinkus, Pearl Rena	1	267	Brandenburg, Ruben Ezra	1	315
Osborn, Grover C.	1	268	Scheibe, Laura Hattie	1	316
Beed, Cora Belle	1	269	Scheibe, Arthur	1	317
Welch, Helen Agnes	1	270	Swanson, Leland Stanford	1	318
Welch, Mary (Mamie)	1	271	Lulow, Harry	1	319
Fricke, Mrs. Bertha	1	272	Knebel, Sophia	1	320
Norling, Leonard Eric	1	273	Ferry, Roy Henry	1	321
Piper, Geraldine Metta	1	274	Pitzke, Ida E.L.	1	322
Froehlich, Alwina Augusta Albertina	1	275	Jensen, Reverend Mogens Alford	1	323
Clark, Orville	1	276	Walkenhorst, Louis H.	1	324
Clark, Emma Caroline	1	277	Uecker, Freidericke	1	325
Liveringhouse, Louella R.	1	278	Thomas, Abbie Eliza	1	326
Schipporeit, George	1	279	Richardson, Lucy Augusta	1	327
Heckman, Mary Frances	1	280	Budde, Paul T.	1	328
Cook, Mathilda	1	281	Richardson, Harry	1	329
Krueger, Martha Matilde	1	282	Peterson, Joan Louise	1	330
Tatge, George Henry	1	283	Haase, Rudolph E.	1	331
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Johnson, Ole L.	1	285	King, Harry	1	333-334
Schwartz, Raymond P.	1	286	Gnewuch, Hedwig	1	335
Fricke, Rev. H.W.	1	287	Jansen, Emil R.	1	336
Myhre, Erling Herman	1	288	Braun, Lewis Janney	1	337
Kuchar, Vaclav	1	289	Werner, Emma	1	338
Robinette, William Patrick	1	290	Collins, Ray D.	1	339
Brosh, Edwin	1	291	Plum, Flora Bell	1	340
Kuchar, Anna	1	292	Eckstrom, Edward Elmer	1	341
Cunningham, Leslie E.	1	293	Brosh, Joseph J.	1	342
Anson, Ruby Mae	1	294	Finley, Ralph S.	1	343
Kuchar, Joseph	1	295	Henseleit, Otilie	1	344
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Dudley, Laura	1	303	that you would like copies of please		
Evans, Kate	1	304	contact me and I can get them from		
Graves, Mary Margaret	1	305	my office for a \$1.00 copy charge from		
Timm, Donald Clifford	1	306	the microfiche. You can also go in per-		
Feldhahn, Martha	1	307	son to the Madison County Register of		
Dorr, Augusta Martha	1	308	Deed's Office and copy it yourself.		
Eucker, Minnie Emilie	1	309	Please DO NOT send mail or phone re-		
Mortiz, Hattie	1	310	quests directly to the courthouse.		
Bertsch, Frank	1	311	Nancy Zaruba, 304 N. Cottonwood,		
Barneke, Fred William	1	312	Norfolk, NE 68701 nzaruba@kdsi.net		

Newspaper Gleanings

Extracted by Richard Streng

Mrs. Martha Cloyd Passed Suddenly

It was indeed a shock to the people of Meadow Grove to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Martha Cloyd Wednesday evening. She had been feeling as well as usual on Wednesday, and in the evening went with Mrs. Botsford to the movie. All of a sudden she complained that she could not get her breath. She was taken to her home and died immediately, the cause being heart-failure.

Mrs. Cloyd had been subject to heart attacks for many years. Usually they were of short duration and would be relieved by ease and quiet. They were becoming more numerous recently and the last one came Wednesday evening.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, July 31, 1930, page 1.

Martha Christina (Ransdell) Cloyd was born February 20, 1859 in Franklin, Indiana and died in Meadow Grove, Nebraska on July 30, 1930, age 71 years 5 months, and 10 days. She was the youngest and last living member of a family of 13 children. She was united in marriage to Wilson Cloyd on February 21, 1881. Survivors were Mrs. Audrey Higbee, Mrs. Martha Buffington, Cora, Irvin, and Donald Cloyd, along with 10 grandchildren. Two children, Robert and Clellen, and her husband preceded her in death. Burial was in the Besst Cemetery beside her husband and oldest son. Source: excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, August 7, 1930, page 1.

Meadow Grove Teachers 1925---1926

Meadow Grove public schools will open for a nine month's term on Monday, Aug. 31st. The rooms in the building are being thoroughly cleaned, paint applied where necessary, so that the entire building will be in first-class shape when school opens. There is nothing gained in letting a building run down, and it should be noted that the Board of Education is taking good care of the building entrusted to their keeping and thereby saving money for the taxpayers. The following is a list of the teachers for the ensuing school year: Supt. **L. L. Spotts**, Meadow Grove, Nebr.; Prin. High School **Clarence J. Rosenau**, Hastings, Nebr.; Normal Training and Domestic Science **Mary Roach**, Maywood, Nebr.; English, Latin, French **Ruth Ringland**, Wayne, Nebr.; 7th and 8th Grades **Beatrice Higbee**, Meadow Grove, Nebr.; 5th and 6th Grades **Frances Snimonek**, Wilber, Nebr.; 3rd and 4th Grades **Charlotte Hayden**, Meadow Grove, Nebr.; Primary **Aleda Eggleston**, Elgin, Nebr. Source: Meadow Grove News, August 21, 1925, page 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirchhefer of Fremont, Illinois spent the weekend at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mina Botsford. This is his first visit for 13 years. Before moving to Illinois he lived at Tilden.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Langston and their daughter, Lucile, of Crescent, Okla., are visitors at the Wesley Phillips home, coming here via the auto route. Mr. Langston is a brother of Mrs. Phillips. Source: Meadow Grove News, July 31, 1925, page 1.

A Man's Prayer

Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound, 100 cents one

dollar.

Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces to whom I have brought pain.

Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

Keep me young enough to laugh with little children and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age, and when the day comes of darkened shades and the smell of flowers, the tread of soft footsteps and the slow procession, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple---"HERE LIES A MAN." Source: Meadow Grove News, July 17, 1925, page 1.

James Francis Finkral was born in Bohemia on December 7, 1835. He came to America in 1866 and lived in Tama, Iowa for 5 years. Then he went to Taylor county, Iowa where he remained for 12 years. In 1883 he came to Madison county, Nebraska. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Mary Vete and to this union were born three children, Joseph, James, and Mrs. Anna Sobotka. Mrs. Finkral passed away 12 years ago.

Mr. Finkral was a kind father and a good neighbor. He had a host of friends throughout this part of Nebraska. Until within a few months ago he enjoyed excellent health and bore a keen memory. His death came quietly and peacefully at the home of his son James on June 24 at the age of 89 years, 6 months and 17 days. The funeral services were held Friday at St. Francis De Sales Catholic church. The interment was made in a nearby cemetery. Besides his two sons and one daughter, he is survived by 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, July 2, 1925, page 1.

Charles Henry Harris was born at Hagerstown, Indiana March 17, 1850 and died at Lawton, Oklahoma July 14, 1925 at the age of 75 years, 3 months and 26 days.

He was the second son of Warren H. and Mary Susan Harris. Five other children graced his home. Wm. T., Mrs. Jennie Wills, Mrs. Henrietta Wilbauer, Edward and John J. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana the only surviving number of this family.

Mr. Harris came to Nebraska with his fathers household in 1871 and took a homestead, adjoining the city of Madison and also adjoining the cemetery which is to be his last resting place. He was married to Carrie S. Barney on New Years day 1873, and together began housekeeping on their homestead where they lived until their departure to Oklahoma about 15 years ago. To this union 3 children were born, Maude, Warren and Dick of which Dick is the only surviving child.

His remains shall rest in the family lot, in Crown Hill cemetery which originally was a part of his father's homestead. Source: Madison Star—Mail, July 23, 1925, page 1.

Norfolk Pioneer Days

A notable historical event is to be celebrated at Norfolk, August 28, 29 and 30. It will be the second annual Pioneer Day celebration to commemorate the arrival of the Wisconsin colony in Norfolk in 1866. This colony consisted of 24 families and about 140 people, old and young. Rather it was middle aged people, young people and children. Some of those who still survive walked most of the way from Wisconsin and drove the cattle herds that followed the wagons. A pageant reproducing the wagon train on its arrival will be given.

To fit in with the spirit of 1925, dances will be given and several boxing contests will

be pulled off.

Then great things are promised about a rodeo that will be on afternoons of each day. They advertise 150 wild horses, 75 broad horn cattle and 75 riders. It is put on under the auspices of the American Legion.

Let's go. Source: Madison Star—Mail, August 27, 1925, page 1.

Former Resident Here Visited Birthplace

Miss Greta Kimball, retired kindergarten teacher of Springfield, Mass., spent several days in Madison the past week. Miss Kimball is a daughter of the Rev. Kimball was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Madison from 1879 to 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball and family moved from Madison to Genesco, Illinois and after living there for five years moved to Utica, New York, where both Mr. and Mrs. Kimball died.

Miss Kimball was interested in visiting here because it was her father's first pastorate and her birthplace. Old church records and newspapers files proved to be a fund of family information for her. The house recently remodeled by the Eldon Freudenburgs was the Kimball home.

Miss Kimball was very much pleased to find Madison with its surrounding fine farming country "such a clean progressive little city with well furnished hotel, fine library, good school and church buildings, well kept homes and its very cordial and friendly people."

Source: Madison Star—Mail, August 10, 1950, page 1.

Funeral Services Mrs. Isaac Jackson Held Friday

Final rites for Mrs. Isaac Jackson, who died following a long illness at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk, on Tuesday, were held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday afternoon. Services at the Resseguie Funeral Home preceded the rites at the church. Mrs. Jackson, who had been in failing health for four years was taken to the Lutheran hospital on Friday preceding her death. The Rev. John E. Stayton officiated and burial was in the Crown Hill cemetery.

The last surviving member of a family of eight children, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Hayden, and one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Calmer.

Minnie Belle Wiseman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wiseman, was born in Richardson County, Nebraska on March 3, 1874, and moved with her parents to Nodaway County, Missouri when she was three years old. She was united in marriage with Isaac Jackson in 1894 at Marysville, Missouri, and to this union then children were born.

Surviving are her husband, five daughters, Mrs. Harold Reeves, and Mrs. Phillip Dieter, both of Madison, Mrs. Maude Feckler of West Point, Mrs. Mary Stairs of Norfolk, and Mrs. Floyd Mahan of Webster. Three sons, Harry and Howard of Madison and Herman of Hoskins. Also sixteen grandchildren and five great—grandchildren. Source: excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, August 31, 1950, page 1.

IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME TO RENEW MOST MEMBERSHIPS (September 1-check your mailing label). PLEASE send your \$15 membership dues to the **Madison County Genealogical Society, Membership Committee, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031**. This will ensure that your membership will be renewed in a timely manner and your privileges will continue uninterrupted. Remember, there will be workshops and events next year that will be discounted with membership. Thank you. Nancy and Richard

Entertained Jesse James

The following interesting story of early days is told in "The Covered Wagon," the official publication of the Pioneer days celebration to be held in Norfolk:

"Misses Marion and Jean Preece of Battle Creek, Nebraska, have some interesting tales of experiences handed down from their grandparents, who were among the pioneers of the Elkhorn in the days of great distances and no railroads. One evening a steely eyed stranger of fugitive demeanor came to their home and asked for a night's lodging, requesting that he be permitted to lie down on the floor before the fireplace. This privilege was granted in accord with the spirit of true western hospitality and the stranger was proffered food which he refused. On lying down before the fireplace he took from his belt two large caliber revolvers, pearl handled silver mounted, and laid them beside him on the floor, ready for his hand. The stranger departed the next morning, leaving a silver dollar on the floor where he had slept. This was a lot of money in Nebraska in those days. A few weeks later word came to the Preece home that one of the James boys had been wounded in a gun battle in South Dakota and that Jesse James had made the trip overland through Lincoln and the Elkhorn Valley to aid his brother. The time tallied with the visit of the mysterious stranger and the family always believed that they had entertained Jesse James.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, August 20, 1925, page 1.

Has anyone got or ever seen a copy of "The Covered Wagon" as mentioned in this article? If so please contact the editors of this newsletter.

Something new from the Illinois State Archives

<http://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/globsrch.html>

Dear Myrtle—Tips, lessons, organization by month, etc

<http://www.dearmyrtle.com>

Minnesota Genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mngenweb/counties.htm>

South Dakota Newspaper Collection at the State Archives

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

South Dakota index to early death records

<http://www.state.sd.us/doh/VitalRec>

South Dakota State Library

<http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/>

All About History a source for origins of words

<http://www.allabouthistory.org/word-origin.htm>

Death Indexes

<http://www.deathindexes.com>

After you bring up this site, it will show all the states and you can choose which you are interested in. When it brings up the state, you can choose which county you are looking information in and see what is available.

Some interesting web sites

Genealogy Roots Blog

<http://genrootsblog.blogspot.com>

The Genealogy Roots Blog is for finding online genealogy databases, records and resources. The focus is on vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, and death records), obituaries, census records, naturalization records, military records and ship passenger lists. It is based on the USA, but online European, Canadian, and other records sources are sometimes included. Mixed in with all this you will occasionally find a fun post, a book review or genealogy news.

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July meeting will be Elections followed by a program on Nebraska's Ethnic and Cultural Geography—How much do you know? This one will be fun... August is a tour of the two cemeteries of the Norfolk Regional Center (formerly the Nebraska Hospital for the Insane-1888)