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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The October Program: Kinship and Family Relationships

Do you understand the difference between first cousin and second cousin? Do you know what being "removed" means as in "first cousin once removed" etc.? This program will explain the differences and give you handouts to help you keep it straight! There will also be a slide presentation explaining some interesting facts of matrilineal and patrilineal descent along with some other interesting details about Kinship.

The November Program is up in the air yet. What do you think of having an occasional meeting on a Saturday or Sunday during the day? Then we could bring in a speaker from Omaha or Lincoln or out of town.

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Welcome from your new President:

Change. For many people change is acceptable when you give money to a cashier in a higher amount than what they said you owed the store. Change for others is one way of saving money for the future. I have been the recipient of change collected over the year and then given to me at Christmas time as part of my gift that year.

Change in our lives in other areas can be a bit more difficult to handle. Have you considered the changes our ancestors faced as they moved from their old home area to another new home. For some of them had to leave everything behind and carried only what they had to live on for the trip. Changes for them was a life revealing activity. They moved with the help of mules, oxen, horses, or even by walking the land to their new home. Each day of life for them was changing the way they lived. If our ancestors could not deal with changes as they moved across the United States where would you and I be today?

In the past 100 years plus there have been many changes. The mode of transportation from walking, the use of animals, to trains, to cars, to airplanes, to rockets that carry people out into space and maybe someday beyond. Have you considered what your life is like today and what it will be compared to in the future? Write down the happenings around you. Write about your family, your relatives, your work or any other part of your life. The stories you write today will become a part of the past for your future descendants. Give them a clue as to what your life was like. Maybe a clue is not enough. Give them what it is like today in the world we live. Share with them about the life of your ancestors. Save those pictures and identify the people in them. Write down the date it was taken, where it was taken and event it was taken for or because of the event.

See you at the next meeting!

Richard

The following letter was received from the Elkhorn Valley Museum on September 9, 2008. This came as a total surprise to all of us. It apparently took effect September 1, 2008.

September 8, 2008

Madison County Genealogy Society
PO Box 1031
Norfolk, NE 68702

Dear Members:

As with everything else, the costs to maintain the Elkhorn Valley Museum have risen over the past several years. With this in mind the Board of Directors have had to make some hard decisions.

The Board has decided that with your \$250 membership, as with all memberships of that level, you are entitled to two free usages of the Affiliated Auditorium. However, for any usage beyond that we will be charging you \$20 per additional usage. The rate for this room has increased to \$50 per usage, so we are giving you a nice discount.

According to the memorandum of understanding signed in February 2001, you group has agreed to the same usage fees as any other member. Along with this change, if MCGS members are not a museum member, they will pay the regular admission to the museum to use the library.

I hope that you understand that the staff of the museum won't be attending all of the meetings so you will have to come in the day of the meeting to pick up the key for the North door.

I hope that you will continue to use the room for your meetings. I would like to also ask the members to come into the research library and volunteer as you have done in the past. We still have lots of projects to be completed.

Sincerely,



Lora Young, President Elkhorn Valley Museum

This letter was presented to the membership that attended the Genealogical Society meeting on September 16. After much discussion, most members felt like we were no longer being treated as a "Partner" with the museum and we now were viewed strictly as a source of income. Richard prepared some notes and spoke to the Museum Board on the 18th at their meeting. Also present were two other Genealogical Society members. His "remarks" and handouts are included here.

After being told that these rules were "in effect" and "not likely to be changed", some alternatives are being looked at by our Society. Your opinion is needed.

The following message was given by MCGS President Richard Strenge to the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center board members at their meeting held on Sept. 18, 2008. The Museum board only had 8 out of 15 members attending. Bernice Walters and Margie Fuhrmann were also in attendance from our Society members.

In 2001 the Museum board in a partnership with the Madison County Genealogical Society went together to help each other remain viable. There was a verbal agreement that members of the Genealogical Society would help in the Research Center. This has been done for the past 7 years. We have donated materials to the research center, to the museum and volunteered our time in both areas. In the beginning it was free access to the library for our genealogical members. It was also open for our use when we had meetings in the building.

In the beginning "we felt we were partners with the museum but now an outsider." When Nancy was managing the Research Center, there was no admission charge but donations were STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. All users were reminded that the Research Center RAN ON DONATIONS. Donations were expected according to how much research you did and how much you found.

The two ladies from California that found information on their ancestors donated \$100 EACH. Many others donated \$5, \$10, \$20 and more. Those who only needed an address or something short maybe only left a \$1 or \$2. A few left nothing, especially if we couldn't find anything to help them. More than a few took out memberships in one organization or the other and some in both. Many others also bought bricks to remember their ancestors. All members paid for the research they did or copies made, UNLESS it was for a program that was to be conducted for the Society. All monies charged for researching out of town queries sent to the Research Center, went to the Research Center, except for copy costs or expenses in gathering the answers.

Today our membership has declined in numbers. We have averaged about 4 or 5 less people each year for the past 4 years. So today we have about 54 households. 54 times 15 dollars gives us 810 dollars for the year. The newsletter costs us 524 dollars per year. We belong to the Nebraska State Genealogical Society at 17 dollars per year. Our donation to the museum is 250 dollars per year. Thus our "Profit" is 19 dollars.

We meet 10 times per year at the museum. Now today the museum will give us the room for 250 dollars and 2 free meetings. Now they are going to charge us 20 dollars for each additional use. Thus the total cost could be 410 dollars.

So going back to our income and expenses we see income is 810 dollars. Expenses for newsletter and Society is 541 dollars. New expense for the museum goes to 410 dollars. Leaving us with 141 dollars in the RED each year. That is maintaining our exact count for our memberships in our society.

What is our choice?

The library needs to be open on our meeting night so that our members and guests can use it as it was intended. We also need to have "free admission to the research center for everyone". Many people who come to the building do so for the research center. They may not be there if charged for it and have no desire to see the museum. However, with quality service the people who do use the Research Center will give in return.

I have prepared a couple of sheets of information about what our society members have donated by items and with their time to the Museum and Research Center.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

After I had presented this message there was a time of questions from the Museum board members and both Bernice and I gave our response to them.

Prepared for Museum Board Meeting Sept. 18, 2008

Items donated by Genealogical Society members

1. Large library card file which was purchased and donated.
2. At least 2 photocopiers over the years including the newest one purchased in April.
3. At least two computers over the years.
4. Several computer printers, lots of ink cartridges, and computer paper.
5. Two scanners, including the newest "negative scanner" which cost over \$400.
6. The comb binder and combs used to bind the calendars, and certain other books.
7. The saddle stapler, used to staple the booklets on the Square Turn Tractor, Diamond Dick, etc.
8. At least two of the desks used in the Museum, including the one back in the Artifact Room.
9. Most of the filing cabinets used in the Research Center.
10. The large Oak Map and Document file was purchased and donated by Bernice and Wayne Walters. The cost was several hundred dollars.
11. All of the large heavy duty shelving that is used for the Christian Photo Collection and the Artifact Room,

- was purchased, cut, rewelded, painted, assembled and donated by members of the Genealogical Society.
12. Almost all of the shelving in the main room of the Research Center was donated by members of the Genealogical Society and assembled and installed.
 13. The "good" chair in the Research Center. This chair was nearly \$300.
 14. The entire book collection, valued at the time of donation at over \$5,000.
 15. Continuous donation of books, newsletters, research files, supplies, 3-ring binders, etc.
 16. A member donated more than 20 boxes of 200 count plastic sleeves at over \$10 per box
 17. A \$250 annual membership to the Museum. (This was NOT required.)
 18. A free membership for the EVHS to the Genealogical Society.
 19. The Images of America: Norfolk, Nebraska book which was started by Sheryl Schmeckpeper and bears her name as author was primarily written, finished and indexed by members of the Genealogical Society after Sheryl couldn't finish the project. It is still selling and making money for the Museum today!
 20. Genealogical Society members researched and wrote several booklets and calendars that were sold in the Gift Shop.
 21. At least 10-15 additional issues of the Genealogical Society newsletter to the Research Center for publicity purposes. (These cost \$.60 per issue to print x 6 printings per year)
 22. The Genealogical Society organized a Saturday workshop and brought in persons from Omaha for the program and all profits were split evenly with the Museum.
 23. The Genealogical Society organized a Research Trip to Kansas City and all profits were split evenly with the Museum.
 24. More workshops are being planned along with hosting the 2010 State Genealogical Society conference. It was previously assumed that all profits would again be split.

Genealogical Society members that have donated time since 2001.

1. Fred Stafford, at least 3 hours a week, every week for at least 4 years in the library (until he died).
2. Joan Moody, at least 4 hours a week, every week for at least 5 years in the library (until she died).
3. Nylois Moats, at least 3 hours a week, every week for at least 4 years (until she died).
4. Mike Moats, at least 3-5 hours a week, every week since 2001 and still is.
5. Nancy Zaruba, donated over 30 hours a week, nearly every week for 5 years, including Thursday evenings. She was paid an additional 10 hours a week for weekends for two years. She also spent numerous hours soliciting donations of supplies, memberships, materials, etc. She loaned silverware for an annual dinner, worked in the Park, did mowing, helped in the Cave, went to auctions and sales seeking artifacts, corresponded with hundreds of persons regarding donations, memberships, queries, etc. She had to quit when Tyson closed and she had to go back to her rental business.
6. David and Nancy Zaruba also donated \$5,000 towards the Endowment Campaign and solicited more donations (quantity wise not \$ amount) than any other person. (This was verified by Tom Wight, the campaign coordinator.)
7. David Zaruba, spent hundreds of hours, changing lightbulbs, rearranging exhibits, moving exhibit cases, adjusting lighting, repairing electrical switches, repairing the water heater, repairing leaky faucets, trimming trees, mowing the park, building shelving, revamping existing shelving, moving file cabinets, rearranging furniture to please the director, helping in the Cave on Halloween, seeding the hillside in the Park, etc.
8. Richard Strenge has donated many hours towards answering queries in the Research Center and helping to move exhibit cases, etc.
9. Karen Rogat volunteered many hours in the Museum and Research Center before being hired.
10. Ruthie Galitz, volunteered many hours in the Museum and Research Center before being hired.
11. Dale and Jean Masters, both volunteered at least 4 hours at week each in the Research Center as long as they were physically able.
12. Other Genealogical Society volunteers over the years have included: Patty Eucker, Diane and Lowell Kimble, Sharon Thompson, Allene Johnson, John Kielty, Jeanne and Merle Rix, Betty Bohac, Bernice Walters, Marlyn and Betty Low, Karen Reed, Sue Askew, Margie Fuhrmann, Jeanette Koehn, as well as many others I can't recall at the moment.
13. These volunteers, some of whom are still active, many of whom have moved away or have become incapacitated, have worked the front desk, arranged exhibits, cataloged artifacts for the Museum as well as the Research Center and brought food and worked with the Museum doing whatever was asked of them for special events. (There are many more Richard couldn't think of in the short time he had to prepare.)

So... here are our alternatives:

- 1: Move our meetings to hours that the Museum is open, if we ever want to have access to the library for our meetings, and pay the \$410 a year. (\$250 membership and \$20 per meeting for 8 meetings). (They **WILL NOT BE** open any evenings.)
- 2: Move our meeting location to the Public Library for free but the meeting room is already in use on Tuesday evenings so we would have to move our meeting dates.
- 3: Move our meeting location to the First Baptist Church. We used to meet at this Church. They were very welcoming and would love to have us back. They now have a brand new church due to a fire last year. The cost would be \$25 per meeting which is the same as what we are paying now (\$250 per year for 10 meetings).

Regardless of which option we choose, it will cost us to use the Museum Library. As part of the original agreement back in 2000/2001 we had to give the Museum ownership of our library. So, we no longer own our library and unless you individually have a membership to the Museum you will not be able to use it for free. However, many items are duplicated at the Public Library and some are also privately owned by Society members and we will start building a new library. Most of the information there is also available from other sources, so as upsetting as it is, it is not the disaster that it could be. **WE WILL RISE AGAIN!**

We now have a new email address for the Society mcgs@telebeep.com and it has been changed on most of the web pages where the old one was posted previously. We are also in the process of updating our own website. The queries are already starting to come in. We have plans to regenerate the Society after several years of stagnation. Membership has dropped off in the past few years and we need to build it back up. To do that we need to "DO SOMETHING!" New programs and interesting speakers are being planned. Workshops are being planned and we will be **HOSTING THE 2010 STATE GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE**. Please stick with us while we weather these difficult times. The success or failure of the Madison County Genealogical Society depends on you. Nancy Zaruba, Vice-President

Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference

Have you ever been to a Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference?

Most of us haven't.

In an effort to enable more folks to experience one, the State Genealogical Society has been moving the conference around the State, bringing it to more folks rather than just Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, etc. that have hosted for so many years. The conference in 2009 will be in Scottsbluff. That's pretty far for us to attend. But, we're up next!

We were asked if we would be willing to host the State Conference in 2010. **YES! YES! YES!** Was the eager reply. What a great way to bring high quality professional genealogy speakers closer to home! The **DATE IS SET** for April 23 and 24, 2010.

The new officers have been busy checking out sites around Norfolk to have the conference and have started working on the details.

We are close to having the location determined and also have narrowed down the list of speakers. We're excited and if you would be interested in helping us with details please let us know. We will need people to help with the brochures, advertising, registration and name tags, finding vendors and arranging the details, etc. Any other suggestions?

July and August meeting and program notes.

July 15, 2008 The Madison County Genealogical Society met with 16 members and guests attending. Betty called the meeting to order and the minutes were given. The minutes were corrected to include Sue Askew's name on the ballot running for secretary. No treasurer's report was given but bills were submitted and a motion was made by Margie to pay these bills. Betty announced that most memberships dues of \$15.00 are due by Sept 1st and are to be mailed to Post Office Box 1031 Norfolk.

Our field trip is on Aug. 19th. We will be going to the Norfolk State Hospital's two cemeteries. We can meet at the museum at 6:00 p.m. and car pool. Each member was asked to bring a half a dozen sandwiches and whatever else they'd like to share for refreshments after the tour.

Karen told us about Pioneer Days which will be held again in the park Aug. 30th.

New business discussed was Nancy announced that Norfolk has been asked to host the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference in 2010. Members were asked to bring in ideas for site, speakers, etc. Election of new officers was held by written ballot, those elected are President- Richard Strenge, Vice president- Nancy Zaruba, Secretary- Sue Askew and Treasurer- Bernice Walters. The program on Nebraska Ethnic and Cultural Geography was given by Nancy.

Refreshments were served by Marge Fuhrmann.

Sec. Sharon Thompson

The August meeting was our annual outing. This year we visited the cemeteries of the Norfolk State Hospital, now the Norfolk Regional Center, formerly the Nebraska State Hospital for Insane. Did you know there are TWO cemeteries, the old one (used until 1916) and the new one used until 1954. We had the largest turnout for an outing that the Society has had in many years. Sixteen started on the tour and one more joined us late. (Her company wouldn't leave!) Another guest joined us at the museum for the meeting, not knowing about the tour. Instead of brown bagging it, most of us brought in sandwiches to share along with some chips, drinks and/or desserts. Wow, what a good time! No formal minutes were taken as the secretary was absent.

Also discussed were possible program speakers for the State Conference to be held in Norfolk in 2010.

The Norfolk State Hospital for the Insane

Fourteen members and two guests of the Madison County Genealogical Society met at 6 pm and we all got together in four vehicles and caravanned out to the oldest cemetery belonging to the Norfolk State Hospital. This cemetery is in the middle of the section, East of the State Hospital and Northwest of the new Ag building of Northeast Community College. It is not visible from any highway as it lies almost exactly in the middle of the section. It is surrounded by a wire fence with pasture all around it. There are a large number of walnut trees in the cemetery itself, and other trees outside the fence, but no walnut trees outside. It is a very peaceful and pleasant place.

It is not known how many folks are buried in the old cemetery. There are only markers for three persons, two of whom are Civil War veterans. A few obituaries have been located in the newspaper of persons who are buried there but most are unknown. It is a guess that the number of burials is probably between 45 and 75 or thereabouts.

Nancy Zaruba, talked about the founding of the State Hospital, and read some excerpts from newspaper clippings about some of the incidents, strange deaths, and other items of interest about

the early days. This cemetery was no longer used after the new cemetery was opened in September 1916. The first patients were sent here in 1888 from the Lincoln hospital. Patients were then taken from across the state as needed.

It is important to remember that this facility, though technically for the "insane" was actually used almost more like a nursing home. Anyone who could not take care of themselves was sent here. Some that had had strokes or incidents of paralysis or senility or simply old age, etc. were sent here. Every able bodied patient was put to work doing something. The State Hospital was almost totally self-sufficient. There were animals to care for, cows to milk, eggs to gather, fields to be plowed, planted, weeded and harvested (with horses). There were gardens to tend, laundry to do, food to clean, prepare and serve, dishes to do, as well as all sorts of other activities to keep people busy. They went on picnics, they gathered flowers and berries, they took long walks.

In September 1901, a fire started in the West end and worked its way East against the wind. The new standpipe was not yet finished and the old water tank and pump did not allow for any water or water pressure with which to fight the fire. The fire began around 3:45 in the morning in the tunnel which contained the steam pipes, water pipes and electric light wires, under the middle wing on the male side of the building. With no water to fight the fire all that could be done was to salvage as much as possible. Since the fire moved so quickly in the West wing it was difficult to get all of the patients out. One was badly burned and later died and another was rescued only to get away from staff and return to his room where he died. The fire was very slow moving, in the rest of the building and everything was saved from the women's wing and staff quarters, including plumbing fixtures, and door and window moldings, etc. The patients were housed in other buildings temporarily including the chapel, engine house, barn, storehouses, carpenter shop, etc. The kitchen was saved and thus the patients could be fed. Eighty patients were shipped out to Hastings and about eighty more were sent to Lincoln leaving about 150 to be cared for at the Norfolk facility which was easily done.

Many other stories are available such as Dr. E. A. Kelley, Hospital Superintendent being chased by assassins in 1889, the unusual deaths of some patients, etc.

We then moved the tour on to the "New" cemetery. The first burial in the new cemetery was William W. Osborne, aged 71, who died of "apoplexy" and was buried in Lot 1 on September 19, 1916. There are only about 10 markers or so in the newer cemetery of which one is a military veteran, of the Spanish American War or the Philippine Insurrection, either 1898 or 1899. More research needs to be done on these folks.

We do have a list of burials in the "new" cemetery and their graves can be found by "counting the dips" from a known location. There are at least 455 persons buried in this cemetery. In recent years, the trees and surrounding shrubbery have been removed and a small fence has been installed. It is now located next to the new Ag Complex building owned by Northeast Community College.

I have been collecting information about the State Hospital for some time, including news clippings of the hospital and as many persons as I can find that lived, worked or died out there. Many persons that died at the hospital were returned to their families for burial, but many had no family near or died of something that necessitated an immediate burial. This was especially true in the oldest cemetery where more of the folks were immigrants that had been born in the "Old Country" and had no family nearby.

I intend to publish all of this information in a booklet and would appreciate any other information or stories that you have. Thanks. Nancy Zaruba

Greater Omaha Genealogical Society is hosting a workshop on Danish and Scandinavian Research on Saturday, October 11 at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha. Cost is \$25 for non-members. Information: 402-706-1453 or email: genclass@aol.com Pre-register by October 1 for discount.

Death Certificates at the Madison County Register of Deeds

Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page	Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page
Carter, Gilbert Lang	1	350	Settje, El Verna Clara Ruth	1	396
Helfrich, Arthur H.	1	351	Prauner, William	1	397
Krueger, Frank Leopold	1	352	Freudenburg, Marie Anna	1	398
Schilling, Herman Louis	1	353	Werner, Anna Marie	1	399
Hirschman, Arthur Henry	1	354	Kaun, Amalia	1	400
Hahn, Christian	1	355	Towle, Vaulney James	1	401
Neitzke, Herman August	1	356	Jones, Marion Morgan	1	402
Pettitt, Marshall Bailey	1	357	Deuel, Raymond Evans	1	403
Gerling, Gust	1	358	Loutzenhiser, Harry O.	1	404
Gerling, Anna	1	359	Tiedgen, Elmer Leo	1	405
Gildea, Leo V.	1	360	Scheffler, Art Ferdinand	1	406
Kuchar, Anna	1	361	Romberg, Alfred John	1	407
Claus, Walter Ernest	1	362	Uttecht, Hilda Bernice	1	408
Benning, George E.	1	363	Hass, Albert	1	409
Rowland, Betsy	1	364	Fulton, Iva Irene	1	410
Ray, Earl Robert	1	365	Bolender, Robert P.	1	411
Hunt, Victoria Ann	1	366	Winter, Emma	1	412
Bowers, Arthur Paul	1	367	Tiedgen, Elmer Leo	1	413
Laubsch, Otto Herman	1	368	Johnson, Linner	1	414
Koppl, William W.	1	369	Johnson, Fritz J.	1	415
Sather, Agnes Elsa	1	370	Fischer, Robert Carl	1	416
Fryer, Roy H.	1	371	Hilgert, Fern Irene	1	417
Brosh, William	1	372	Neigenfind, Traugat Sigfried	1	418
Chapman, Elgie Ray	1	373	Johnson, Mabel R.	1	419
Thompson, Bertha Louise	1	374	Randle, Mamie Ethel	1	420
Seiffert, Erdman August	1	375	Proch, Alexander	1	421
Wille, Martha Ida	1	376	Marble, Margaret	1	422
Wachter, Emma	1	377	Charlton, Harriett	1	423
Reeker, Marie Elizabeth	1	378	Heckman, Alfred Louis	1	424
Ball, Albert	1	379	Dolphin, John Murray	1	425
Blackman, Samuel Clarence	1	380	Broeker, Robert	1	426
Lindbo, Carl O.	1	381	Dudley, George M.	1	427
Beed, Lester Lawrence	1	382	Lehmann, Herbert Walter	1	428
Prince, Frank P.	1	383	Nelson, William B.	1	429
Prince, Edna A.	1	384	Gall, Emma Mary	1	430
Carlson, Stanley F.	1	385	Truex, Robert	1	431
Osborn, Margaret A.	1	386	Cherington, Helen Ravina	1	432
Hellweg, Minnie M.	1	387	Duhachek, John C.	1	433
Church, Hazel Elsie	1	388	Jochens, Carl	1	434
Sueper, Lee Herman	1	389	Luedeke, Herman J.	1	435
Gilliland, Calysta	1	390	Nichols, Fannie	1	436
Pegden, Carl Raymond	1	391	Osborn, Mallie Ray	1	437
Riege, Melinda K.	1	393	Linnevold, Lester	1	438
Sixta, Fred J.	1	394	Conway, Thomas Owen	1	439
Walker, Jesse J.	1	395	Miller, Ida	1	440

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Grow, Lionel A.	1	441	Pinney, Christena C.	1	488
Cohrs, Anna Dorthea	1	442	Bauermeister, Elizabeth Minnie	1	489
Baltz, Gordon Michael	1	443	Bargstadt, Myrna Jean	1	490
Kempkes, Bertha	1	444	Craig, Beulah Mae	1	491
Monson, Adelia Emelia	1	445	McGinty, William Joseph	1	492
O'Shea, Mildred B.	1	446	Eulberg, Gerald Francis	1	493
Kuehl, John	1	447	Evans, Charles E.	1	494
Carson, Rosa Margaret	1	448	Evans, Margaret L.	1	495
Adamson, Charles	1	449	Degaillez, Charles Eugene	1	496
Thrasher, Clara Rosina	1	450	Cook, Frank	1	497
Negley, Clyde Ernest	1	451	Smith, S. Edith	1	498
Miller, David C.	1	452	Moser, Nora Mae	1	499
Stegelman, Ernie H.	1	453	Negley, Elvin Ernest	1	500
Poignee, Martha Matilda	1	454	Peterson, Gahart I.	1	501
Carstens, John H.	1	455	Peterson, Dora S.	1	502
Pilgrim, Roy D.	1	456	Donaldson, Blanche	1	503
Jacobsen, John Carson	1	457	Surber, George E.	1	504
Schock Jr., Casper P.	1	458	McBride, M. Huse	1	505
Carstens, Dietrich	1	459	Groninger, Hiram	1	506
Miller, Edna A.	1	460	Longcor, Minnie Amelia	1	507
Tiedgen, John Frederick	1	461	Williams, Hattie Newel	1	508
Royal, Raymond K.	1	462	Gakle, Henry Jay	1	509
Johnson, C. John G.	1	463	Cooper, Marguerite M.	1	510
Casey, Hattie	1	464	Kohlhof, Trudie	1	511
Sanderson, George William	1	465	Watson, Thomas E.	1	512
Miller, Charlotte	1	466	Miller, Edna A. (refiled)	1	513
Jenkins, Albert Francis	1	467	Goodell, William Y	1	514
Dahl, Anna	1	468	Nixon, Cecil Fredrick	1	515
Hupp, Ferdinance Martin	1	469	Alfson, William	1	516
King, Roy R.	1	470	Marr, Margaret	1	517
Kanter, Charles A.	1	471	Marshall, Jack Arthur	1	518
Palmer, Orin Duran	1	472	Purdy, William E.	1	519
Hausmann, George Hiriam	1	473	Krupicka, Adolph F.	1	520
Lee, Gunhild (Haave)	1	474	To be continued in the Next Issue—		
Lemkuhl, Edward W.	1	475	If you find names of death certificates		
Scheffler, Hilda	1	476	that you would like copies of please con-		
Twiss, Johanna E.	1	477	tact me and I can get them from my of-		
Wegener, Henry G.	1	478	fice for a \$1.00 copy charge from the mi-		
Kimball, Mary	1	479	crofiche. You can also go in person to		
Kimball, Charles Wyn	1	480	the Madison County Register of Deed's		
Dartman, Hedwig	1	481	Office and copy it yourself. Please DO		
Skalowsky, Grace	1	482	NOT send mail or phone requests directly		
Schmeckpeper, Fred Herman	1	483	to the courthouse. Nancy Zaruba, 304 N.		
Friederich, Martha Catherine	1	484	Cottonwood, Norfolk, NE 68701		
Friederich, George	1	485	nzaruba@kdsi.net		
Lintner, Leonard L.	1	486			
Miller, Clara Hedwig	1	487			

Gleanings from the Past
Compiled by Richard Strenge

Higbee Family Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Higbee and Sharon of Chicago, Ill., Capt. Ronald Higbee of Port Newark, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. William Holmes of Scottsbluff, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Higbee and family of Central City, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Higbee, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Higbee and Nancy, and Mrs. Lucy Higbee were Sunday dinner guests at the David Higbee home at Norfolk.

This was the first time in seven years that all members of the Higbee family have enjoyed being together. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 19, 1946, page 1.

Mrs. R. E. Clem taken by death

Mrs. R. E. Clem of Yankton, S. D., formerly Eva Mae Osborn died Sunday afternoon at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Yankton and the remains brought to Tilden for burial at about 4 o'clock. Source: excerpt from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 4, 1947, page 1.

Funeral Held for Mrs. R. E. Clem

Funeral services were conducted at Yankton, S. D., Friday for Mrs. R. E. Clem and the remains then brought to Tilden for burial. Pallbearers were acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Clem from Sioux City, Rosalie, Bloomfield and Yankton.

Eva Mae Clem passed away at her home in Yankton, Sunday, August 31 after an illness of nine months. Last January she underwent a major operation at Rochester, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborn. She attained the age of 29 years, 2 months and 3 days. She married Ronald E. Clem on January 17, 1943. Survivors include her husband and daughter, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborn; two sisters, Mrs. Ione Dalton, Sheldon, Iowa, and Mrs. Helen Ryder, Denver, Colorado; seven brothers, Harold, Quentin, Lawrence and Bernard, here, Herbert and Clayton of Denver and Burnham of Moorhead, Minnesota, together with other relatives and a host of friends. Source: excerpt from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 11, 1947, page 1.

Former Resident Dies in Omaha

Harry Arthur Yount, former resident here, died at his home in Omaha and the remains were brought here for burial Sept. 4. He is a cousin of Philip Sheets. His parents and two brothers are also buried at the Deer Creek cemetery.

Harry Arthur Yount was born August 17, 1886, the son of William and Alice Yount. He passed away in Omaha on August 30 at the age of 61 years and 13 days. The funeral services were held at Plainview. Source: excerpt from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 18, 1947, page 1.

Meet After 51 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Flood of Oakland, Calif., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lang in Battle Creek the past week. Mr. Flood is a brother of Mrs. Lang and the two had not met for fifty-one years. It was indeed a happy reunion of brother and sister. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 18, 1947, page 1.

Grandma Sesler is 91**Event Celebrated by Open House Sponsored by Children**

Born in Virginia in 1856 and a resident of Battle Creek since she came to Nebraska as a young woman, Mrs. Alice Virginia ("Grandma") Sesler reached the age of ninety-one years on Saturday, September 20, and in honor of this venerable old citizen, open house was held at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Carrico. The affair was sponsored by her children all of whom were present to join the many friends who called to offer congratulations.

The children here were the three daughters, Mrs. Alfred Haaland, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mrs. Jacob Brand, Grinnell, Iowa, and Mrs. Carrico. Grandchildren present were Mrs. F. S. Bailey, Norfolk, Virginia, Edwin and Dorothy Brand, Grinnell, Iowa, Billy Carrico, Fort Crook, and Paul Carrico, Norfolk. Not present were four other grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Grandma Sesler is very active for one of her age and enjoys comparatively good health.

Though denied the educational advantages offered the youth of today, she is remarkably well read and she finds nothing more pleasing than to debate leading issues of the day with one not of her political faith. Yes, she's a democrat---and proud of it. She recalls many incidents of the Civil War. Her grandfather, Samuel Philips, came from Wales and eventually became a captain during the war of 1812, and she is well versed in the history of that era.

Many were the gifts and flowers received by Mrs. Sesler, and especially noticeable among the offerings were three magnificent birthday cakes, one ingenuously designed by an Omaha caterer. Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Thursday, September 25, 1947, page 1.

Marsh McMillen Dies in Denver; Last Rites Here

Funeral services for Marsh McMillen, 79, former resident of Battle Creek who died in Denver, were held at the Methodist church here Wednesday afternoon with Pastor R. O. Louthan of Meadow Grove in charge. Burial was in the Osborn cemetery southwest of Battle Creek.

Born in Virginia in 1867, Mr. McMillen came to Nebraska and located on a farm near Battle Creek. Later he moved to Cherry county and after spending a number of years in that section of the state he returned to Battle Creek and resided here until after the death of his wife, when he went to Denver to make his home with his son. His death in that city came after a long illness.

Accompanying the body here were the son, Andrew, and a grandson, the only immediate relatives surviving. Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Thursday, October 31, 1946, page 1.

Charlie Giblin---Song Writer

Many of the older Battle Creek residents will no doubt remember Charlie Giblin, who made Battle Creek his home in the early '90s. He was a carpenter by trade and a local peace officer by choice. Feeling that better things awaited him elsewhere, he left for the east in the late years on one has heard from him or of him. That his is alive and apparently well and happy, is evidenced by a letter to the Enterprise written from Ossain, Indiana, in which he declares he has become a song writer in his old age. He enclosed this clipping taken from his local paper: "Chas. R. Giblin, of the county line road, left Sunday for a trip to New York city to attend a meeting of the Song Writers Protective association of which he is a member. While in the city he will look after the publication of nine songs which he states he has written, and which he expects to have published."

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Thursday, October 2, 1947, page 1.

John M. Lederer, Former Battle Creek Man, Dies

John M. Lederer, 66, former Battle Creek business man, died at his home in Kimball Wednesday night of a heart ailment with which he had suffered for several months.

Mr. Lederer left Battle Creek about twenty years ago and went to Kimball to be a field representative of the Durland Trust Company of Norfolk. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Grace Parsons of Battle Creek, who died a number of years ago. He later was married to Mrs. Antia Lanphier of Kimball.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Donald Ingalehart, Washington, one son, Jack, University of Nebraska student, and two stepsons, both of Kimball. He was a brother of C. A. and Walter Lederer of Norfolk. Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Thursday, October 2, 1947, page 1.

Mrs. Harry Niles, 67, Dies at Norfolk Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Harry Niles, who died at her home in Norfolk, were held at the Home for Funerals and burial was made in the Deer Creek Cemetery west of Battle Creek.

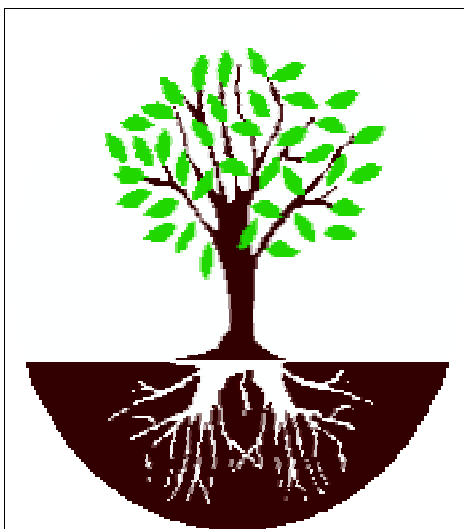
Mrs. Niles, whose maiden name was Carrie Craig, was born March 23, 1880. She spent her younger years in Battle Creek and was married to Harry Niles in 1900. Their home until recent years was on the Niles farm west of Battle Creek.

Surviving are her husband, the four sons, King, Redondo Beach, Calif., Ed., Mervin and Kenneth, all of Norfolk; one brother, Walter Craig, Inman; five sisters, Mrs. Olive Warner, Omaha; Mrs. J. W. DeMerritt and Mrs. Rhoda Decker both of Norfolk; Mrs. Elice Hailey, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. John Gallagher, Inman; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Source: [Battle Creek Enterprise](#), Thursday, October 9, 1947, page 1.

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