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Celebrations. What did you do this year? Think about the many events that you attended or wished you had attended this year. Did you write down the information on a piece of paper or on a calendar? Gather those loose papers up and put them into a celebration book or journal. Were those in attendance family members or relatives and maybe some friends. Include in your journal not only the names of those who attended the event with you but also put in the relationship they are to you. Save those bits of information and soon you will be having a celebration again.

Remembering those events from times past can be a rewarding experience. You may say to yourself I will always remember that party but then look back at some event that happened 10 or 15 years ago. Do you remember everyone that was there? I know I could not think of everyone that attended some of the events in my life. Family members and relatives have since passed on and some of the people today were not even born when they were still alive and involved in those celebration events. Allow the future descendants to see what was going on around you and your family in today's life.

I recently was working on a request for information on a Stirk family here in Madison county. The request was for any information on this family and I began by looking for obits and then went into the marriage records. In obtaining the photocopies of the marriage certificates I found that a couple I had known back in the late 1970's was related to the Stirk family. Her maiden name was Stirk. Now in 2008 a lady in England is searching for her family back here in Nebraska.

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I was told there was more information on them and when I found the box it began a new celebration. In this box was photo's of the family and other items that had been collected by relatives and preserved. One of the ladies died and left no children but her friend sent the material back here in case it would be of interest to someone. In looking at this box of information was a letter written from one man here in Nebraska to a lady back in Virginia. It described his life and desires. It told about his plans and wants in life. I sat there reading this letter and found myself face to face with letters written back in September and October 1901, and in March and April 1902. Yes, letters written on paper and preserved for over 106 years. Can you imagine the feelings the lady in England will have when she sees his handwriting and reads what he thought at the time the letter was written. The word Celebration comes to my mind.

Take time today to begin writing your own Celebration Journal. Include the events in your life such as birthdays, weddings, baptisms and funerals. Deaths will occur in all of our families and sadness will be there. Funerals should be a celebration of a persons life and what the person offered us while still alive. They offered us hope, encouragement, faith, trust, believing us in our growth and offered us their love. Celebrate each day and I hope to see you at one of our meetings. Richard

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was opened by the President, Richard Strenge with 10 members and 2 guests present.

The July minutes were read, because of our field trip there were no August minutes. Nancy Zaruba moved they be accepted, Patty Eucker seconded. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$596.36 in our checking account. Nancy moved the report be accepted, Sharon Thompson seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence this month was a letter from the Elkhorn Valley Museum concerning a change in meeting room and research library policy. Copies of the letter and the Society/Museum agreement were passed to the members present for reference. A discussion of the letter and what should we do was held by the members present. Richard has made an appointment to talk to the Museum Board at their next meeting and any actions we may have are tabled until the next meeting.

There was no Old Business.

For New Business, The new officers have reviewed our Bylaws, their last revision was October, 1998. Copies of the current and revised Bylaws were passed out and discussed. Betty Bohac moved the proposal be accepted, Marge Fuhrman seconded, motion carried. They will be published in our next newsletter and voted on at the October meeting.

How to use the lunch box donations was discussed; Nancy moved the money collected be used for programs and workshops, Betty seconded, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were furnished by Nancy Zaruba and Bernice Walters.

The program was a beginning genealogy quiz by our Vice President Nancy Zaruba.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Askew, Secretary

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,

Meeting Minutes, October 21, 2008, at the First Baptist Church, 404 W. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE Pres. Richard Strenge called the meeting to order at 7 P. M. Minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable. Treasurer Bernice Walters reported on the status of Society funds. Treasurer's report was approved and placed on file.

Ballots for the new, recently amended By-Laws of the Society were received by the President and counted: 23 members in favor of accepting the new By-Laws, and 1 conditional that a change be made to omit the treasurer of the Society from the Audit Committee, which will be done. The corrected By-Laws will be presented at the next regular Society meeting for final approval.

New Business: A new computer website is needed for the Society. Nancy Zaruba explained the 1999 origin of the present website which is outdated, and that she has been in contact with Michael McGee of McGee Designs of St. Edward, NE, who has agreed to create for the Society a Website for the fee of \$200. There will be no additional monthly fee for maintenance, which may be done by the Society itself with some basic instructions from him. McGee Design has an excellent reputation and "Mike" McGee is very helpful and interested in seeing that the Society receives top quality website graphics and information, in order to promote Society genealogical research and public awareness of our resources. Nancy told of a recent research project she undertook for an out of state party and how extremely grateful that person was for all the family data – an example of how important an updated website is.

A motion was requested: Margerie Fuhrmann moved to proceed with the purchase of the new website; seconded by Mel Hintz. Motion approved. Nancy will proceed with arrangements.

Suggestions were made to dispense with the usual arrangement to serve a snack at every meeting, the inconvenience etc. being cited, as well as the fact that only a few members sign up to serve. No final decision by voting members.

A field trip to Lincoln to the Nebraska State Historical Society for research in their library was suggested and November 15th was agreed upon as the tentative date, after considerable interest was

shown. Nancy Zaruba will contact members interested in going, and carpooling arrangements.

Richard Streng explained changes in the Email address for the Society, which has resulted in many additional queries for research. He requested volunteers to assist in checking microfilm at the Norfolk Public Library, and several members are willing to help – Richard and Nancy will assist use of the microfilm reader, and may arrange a session at the Library on using its facilities

Regarding the annual Christmas party – the American Legion Post will be contacted for January use of their room. Details at the next meeting.

Richard Streng also shared a letter from member Mrs. Rita Mae Schulze, of Washington state, expressing her interest in the 2010 Nebraska State Genealogical Conference, and making a \$20 donation to the Society to continue in its good work.

Members discussed the merits of moving the meeting day—possibilities are: Saturday afternoon in the Norfolk Public Library, or the Museum Library on Saturday afternoon. It was agreed that the next regular meeting will be held here at the First Baptist Church, November 18th.

Nancy gave a short introduction on kinship and distributed 12-page pamphlets of explanation and examples. She will continue the kinship discussion at the next meeting as time was too short to fully develop the program.

Meeting adjourned 9 P. M. Bernice Walters, Acting Secretary

The September program was a Genealogy Quiz. This little quiz was meant to get everyone thinking about genealogy again. Here it is for everyone else.

Thanks to: www.witsend.org/gen/gentest.htm

Genealogy Quiz

Take this quiz to see how well you know the basics of genealogy.

1. You have the names of three siblings born between 1884 and 1887 and need to know the names of their parents. Which census would be the best one to start with?

- 1880
- 1890
- 1900
- 1910

2. IGI stands for...

- International Genealogical Index I
- Index of German Immigrants
- Itemized Guardianship Inventories
- Irish Geographical Index

3. The best place to start your genealogical research is...

- Internet
- Grandma
- National Archives
- Mormon Library

4. It's been said that "genealogy of place" is vital to doing research. This means that the most important thing to do when you find out the name of the town an ancestor was from is to...

- learn the important people in a town's history
- determine where the town is located and how boundaries have changed over time
- go to the town itself to research your family's history
- learn where the cemeteries are located in the town

5. An ancestor died intestate. This means...

- he left no will
- he was traveling out of state when he died

he died in a state prison
his body was never found

6. Your grandfather's sister's daughter is your...

great aunt
half-sister
second cousin
first cousin once removed

7. The standard way to write May 8th, 1904 is...

5/8/04
5/8/1904
8 May 1904
May VIII 1904

8. You do not know your grandmother's maiden name. She was married several times.

The surname you will use for her on a pedigree chart is...

the surname of her first husband
the surname of your grandfather
the surname she had when she died
none of the above

9. You found several records that give your ancestor's birthdate. Rank the sources for reliability.

1834 baptismal record
1850 census
1902 death record
1974 family history book

10. Finding the original meaning of your surname will help you in researching your ancestors.

True False

Check Your Answers

1. 1900

The siblings were not born in 1880, so that census would do no good and by 1910, they were probably not living with their parents. The 1890 census was 99% destroyed and for all practical purposes, does not exist. Learning what is available on each census is a basic bit of knowledge for genealogists.

2. International Genealogical Index

The IGI is the world's largest genealogical database with births and marriages of over 300 million people worldwide. What makes it so valuable is that it is derived from primary sources. Information from the birth/marriage records of many U.S. counties and European churches has been extracted to the IGI. It also contains unverified information sent in by individuals, but you can easily tell which is extracted and which is submitted. This information is available free of charge at any LDS Family History Center as well as many public libraries.

The Mormons (Latter Day Saints) are interested in genealogy for religious reasons but you don't have to be Mormon to take advantage of their work. They have amassed an incredible collection of records from all over the world. These records are on one and a half million rolls of microfilm and are housed in a giant library in Salt Lake City. If you can't get to Salt Lake, they maintain branch libraries known as Family History Centers where you can rent the microfilms for a few dollars each. I can't imagine doing genealogy without using this resource.

3. Grandma

Grandma and the rest of your older relatives should be where you start. The biggest regret family historians voice is that they didn't ask questions when they could. Since you always start from what you know and work back from there, you'll take what you learn from Grandma to make family group sheets and pedigree charts.

Next, you'll probably want to write to the county courthouses to get vital records (birth, marriage, death) of all the people on your pedigree chart. The National Archives, home of the census and important immigration and military information, is probably your next stop. Then you'll want to explore all the goodies at the Mormon library and on the Internet.

4. Determine where the town is located and how boundaries have changed over time

Whether you are searching in Elk Garden, Virginia or Vörsstetten, Germany, knowing the location is vital to being able to do your research. And not only do you need to know where a place is now, you need to know where it was when your ancestors were there. Since for the US, the county is the keeper of many of the records, knowing how county boundaries have changed tells you where to look for the records of your ancestors.

Other parts of the world have their own "genealogy of place." German records, for example are mostly kept at the local level. Kingdoms, duchies, and states all changed boundaries over time. Having names and dates without places is useless and does not tell you anything about the lives of your ancestors. Whenever I see a "genealogy" on the Internet with just names and dates, I click the Back button. The people listed may be related but I have no way of knowing.

5. Died without a will

Before you spend your time and money climbing your family tree, learn the terms used by genealogists so that you can communicate with others. Find a book at your local library or a site on the Internet that discusses the principles of genealogy and these basic concepts:

- Standard forms and conventions

- Primary vs. secondary evidence

- Documenting sources

- Record groups: census, vital, military, church, probate, land, immigration

- How to construct a query

6. First cousin once removed

Relationships are what families are made of, so be sure you know the terms used to define a family. And don't think a fifth cousin is too distant to care about — you'll want to know all the branches of your family and you'll meet many of them online. (Kinships and cousins will be explained in the next issue and at the November program.)

7. 8 May 1904

Always use a 4-digit year — the year 2000 problem is nothing new to genealogists! Put the day before the month, as they do in most countries. Spelling out the month helps avoid confusion.

There are conventions and standards used by genealogists. Learn how names, dates, and places — the basic building blocks of genealogy — are written before you start entering the information on charts or in your computer.

8. None of the above

Always use a woman's maiden name. If you don't know a person's name, don't substitute another one. Some other name and place conventions are:

Do not use titles such as Mrs., Dr., Jr., III, or Esq. in a person's name. They are relative terms and not part of their name.

Write US places as city, county, state. Since the county is vital to doing US genealogy, don't leave it out. Look it up if you don't know it. There are standard conventions for other countries as well.

9.1-2-3-4

The baptismal record, recorded at the time the event occurred is the most reliable. In general, the closer the record to the event, the more reliable. Another consideration is who supplied the information. The census information was probably given by a parent but could have been given by a neighbor or a child. Keep in mind that if it had been the 1840 census instead of the 1850, no names other than for the head of household are given and other family members are just "hash marks" under sex/age range columns. Information on a death record is usually filled in by someone who was not present at the birth and so birth information is second-hand information. Unless the family history book includes

sources, the information in it can be considered merely clues for you to research. Same for undocumented information you find on the Internet.

10. False

Surnames were used long before they were commonly recorded. You will probably not be able to trace back to when surnames were first used. (There are some exceptions, for example the early Dutch in America.) So how your ancestors got the name will not help you find them.

Before this century, spelling was not important, most people could not write, and foreign names were mangled or contorted. Over the many years since your ancestors first started using a surname, it could have changed in ways you could not know. For these reasons, saying something like, "Our Elliotts have always spelled it with two L's and two T's" may mean you'll miss some important clues *And* don't forget that the surname you have is not the surname of all your ancestors. It is, in fact, your least reliable line, but often the one pursued most vigorously by men (yes, men) who are newcomers to genealogy.

This quiz generated some good discussions and gave us pointers of what other lessons we need to learn and have programs on. Enjoy!

Headline Articles From The Past

Extracted by Richard Strenge

Custer's Messenger Dead

Ben Arnold, Scout and Soldier, Answers Final Call. Had Let Eventful Life. Right Name was Connor. Married a Meadow Grove Girl in 1877.

His name was shown as Benjamin Monroe Connor and as Benjamin Moore Connor is the article. He was born March 5, 1844 at Nelsonville, Ohio. On January 5, 1877 he married Josephine Grandon at Meadow Grove, Nebraska. They had six children with one of whom died in childhood. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 8, 1922 on page 1.

Mrs. Chas. Evans

Isabella Warner was born April 27, 1841 at Rockford, Illinois. She was married to Chas. Evans on Dec. 7, 1860 at Rockford, Illinois. To this union six children were born, two of whom have passed away, namely, Mrs. Chas. Hutchins and Etta B. Evans. The surviving children are: Mrs. Frank Muffly of Orchard, Charley E. Evans of Omaha, Mrs. Alta M. Ahlman and Mrs. A. A. Deuel of Norfolk. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 30, 1921 on page 1.

Death of John V. Kunz

John Vincent Kunz died last Saturday night at his home 10 miles southeast of Meadow Grove. He was born Dec. 23, 1872 at Centralia, Wood Co., Wisconsin. He was survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday November 11, 1921 on page 1.

Mary O. Crooks

Mary O. Crooks was born near Port Andrew, Richland Co., Wisconsin on August 30, 1874. She was married to Geo. John Medenia in 1907 in Cherry County. Due to her deep study to gain a higher education, poor eyesight and broken down health, it was necessary for her to be taken to the State Hospital at Norfolk about two years after her marriage, remaining there until the final summons came Dec. 17, 1920. Interment was made in the Hutchins burying ground. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 24, 1920 on page 1.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt Celebrate their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

The couple were married Nov. 20, 1862 at Gallion, Ohio. Excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Friday December 3, 1920 on page 1.

Can We Doubt It?

We heard a story the other day about an editor, having to be carried home on a stretcher as the result of having received a kind word over something he had printed. The shock simply unnerved him. But just as he reached home some one gave him a good cussing about another article he had printed, and he got up and returned to work.---Ex.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Friday November 12, 1920 on page 1.

Death Calls Mrs. Twing, Was Pioneer Came to Madison County with Husband more that 50 years ago.

Susan Mary Twing age 83, died at her home on Wednesday. She was born Susan Mary Flowers at Lynn, Mass., in 1848 and was united in marriage to Henry C. Twing at Des Moines, Iowa in 1871. She was the mother of five daughters and one son. A daughter, Nora, died in 1916. Survivors where her children: Nettie Dover, Lizzie Upton, Edward Twing, Anges Mercer, and Edith Mae Steinbaugh. She was also survived by Charles Flowers and Lorenzo Flowers.

Excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 24, 1931 on page 1.

Poor Farm Matron Out of Danger Burns and Shock of Explosion First Thought More Serious

Mrs. Wm. Motz, matron of the county farm, burned severely about the face and arms early Monday morning was reported resting satisfactorily at her home today. She was badly burned and otherwise injured when the hot air furnace exploded. She was struck on the arm by a clean out lid and knock to the basement floor and enveloped by flames.

Excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 17, 1931 on page 12.

Corn Yield of 62 Bushels at County Farm Best Reported in this section—First planting destroyed by worms.

The Madison county farm is one of the finest in Northeast Nebraska. It has a set of modern buildings and a 26 room modern house. At the present time there are 14 inmates at the farm, the largest number in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Motz have been in charge of the place for the past two years. They moved to Madison county from Logan, Iowa, about five years ago. While a resident of Logan, Mr. Motz served as county commissioner of Harrison county.

In addition to the regular winter farming operation Mr. Motz is feeding a car load of cattle and a car load of hogs. Excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 17, 1931 on page 1.

Gold Found at Maurer Farm Here Farmers in Neighborhood granting leases---samples to assayers

Discovery of more than a water glass full of gold nuggets at the J. F. Maurer farm in Green Garden precinct Friday and Saturday caused a stir among Madison people. The nuggets ranging in size from a small size marble to a small size pea were found after drillers had gone down to a depth of about 200 feet. The nuggets were found in what is known as Niobrara rock which when ground and placed under a microscope revealed hundreds of midget nuggets. Excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, November 12, 1931 on page 1.

Madison County Pioneer Resident Dies Here Friday

Funeral services for Louis Weinberger, 84, Madison county pioneer, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Besk, Friday, Dec. 12th, were held from St. Leonard's church with burial made in the family lot in Crownhill Cemetery. He was born June 22, 1845 in Germany. He was united in marriage to Catherine Wanek at Madison, Wisconsin and came to Madison county, Nebraska in 1870 and took up a homestead in Green Garden precinct.

Excerpts from Madison Star—Mail, Thursday, December 18, 1930 on page 1.

Death Certificates at the Madison County Register of Deeds

Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page	Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page
Goodell, Nora May Flint	1	521	Rees, Ethel Serenah	1	566
McKenzie, Donald Robert	1	522	Johnson, Marcella May	1	567
Dixon, Myrtle M.	1	523	Johnson, Nels P.	1	568
Hartford, Alta Maude	1	524	Wehrle, Mary Pearl	1	569
Murphy, Frank Ruble	1	525	Fichter, John Henry	1	570
Kamrath, Anna S.	1	526	Juranek, Rose	1	571
Robbert, Otelia	1	527	Daniel, Mary E.	1	572
Stork, Fannie Jane	1	528	Plahn, Alice Anna	1	573
Beatty, Clinton Henry	1	529	Sattler, Fred	1	574
Daniel, Alexander Campbell	1	530	Slaughter, Dr. Earl Charles	1	575
Krupicka, Louis Fredrick	1	531	Smith, Grace Louise	1	576
Gries, William Jame	1	532	DeLaere, Irma J.	1	577
Hansen, Louis M.	1	533	Sorensen, Bertha	1	578
Bulawa, Francis A.	1	534	Long, Fred	1	579
Spence, Alice Jane	1	535	Avery, William Henry	1	580
Spence, Alice Jane (correction)	1	536	Busteed, William C.	1	581
West, Frank	1	537	Brandt, J. Fred	1	582
Carlson, Ada Belle	1	538	Satter, Jennie	1	583
Hintz, Paul Fredrick	1	539	Cornell, Fred H.	1	584
Brewer, Elson Herbert	1	540	Kuchar, Charles	1	585
Resseguie, Eugene D.	1	541	Jorgensen, Jens Christian	1	586
Brewer, Lizzie Blanch	1	542	Baker, Bert Harvey	1	587
Adkins, John Jackson	1	543	Wollschlager, Wilhelm Max	1	588
Adkins, Hattie Cariah	1	544	Schoenfeldt, Emil A.	1	589
Pentico, Frank Henry	1	545	Kouba, John J.	1	590
Koepke, Caroline Johanna Maria	1	546	LeRay, Catherine Ernestine	1	591
Koepke, William	1	547	Stirk, Walter G.	1	592
Raschke, William	1	548	Tomhagen, Andrew	1	593
Benson, Byron O.	1	549	Schroeder, Joseph John	1	594
Scott, Henry P.	1	550	Knaak, William Carl	1	595
Ahrens, Henry G.	1	551	Henseleit, Henry L.	1	596
Stork, Andrew Charles	1	552	Schmidt, Otto Detlef	1	597
Jones, Carl G.	1	553	Penhollow, Roy L.	1	598
Ommerman, Jane E.	1	554	Schwartz, Philip	1	599
O'Shea, Ruth	1	555	Pitzke, Ida E.L.	1	600
Praeuner, Eda Emma Anna	1	556	Boche, William August	1	601
Womeldorf, Charles F.	1	557	Schmidt, William F.	1	602
Copeland, Edna M.	1	558	Hoffman, Mrs. Christ (nee Dollarshall)	1	602
Gray, Ralph Ames	1	559	Oertwich, Emma	1	603
Reinhardt, Otto A.	1	560	Nelson, Reuben	1	604
Reiter, Louis Edwin	1	561	Larson, Minnie G.	1	605
Bell, Lucille	1	562	Mather, Howard N.	1	606
Plumb, Katherine Ann	1	563	Bolton, James E.	1	607
Brogan, Ellen Frances	1	564	Upton, Robert M.	1	608
Jacobs, Clara	1	565	Upton, Nett	1	609

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Feiling, Elizabeth	1	610	Albracht, Isabella	1	657
Arrison, Burton Newell	1	611	Rasmusson, Gunhild	1	658
Voecks, Ella A.E.	1	612	Bals, Alma	1	660
Anderson, Mathilda	1	613	Bierman, Herman John	1	661
Braasch, Michael E.	1	614	Scheer, Magdalena	1	662
Lafleur, William Arthur	1	615	Volk, Ottilie	1	663
Wohlfeil, Frederick	1	616	Bohm, Mathilde	1	664
Smith, Fred Elmer	1	617	Tews, Leo H.	1	665
Muffley, George R.	1	618	Kohler, Arthur John	1	666
Underberg, Frederick T.	1	619	Dittrich, Margaret Virginia	1	667
Beal, Charles Eugene	1	620	Eichelberger, Edna	1	668
Ashcraft, Emerson	1	621	Persson, Elof	1	669
Felger, John Henry	1	622	Gillett, Lorenzo Rowe	1	670
Waud, John William	1	623	McKenzie, Kenneth	1	671
Wagner, Ida	1	624	Cox, Mastin J.	1	672
Wagner Sr., Paul	1	625	Markham, Willis G.	1	673
Ryan, Fredrick G.	1	626	Holcomb, Cyril Herbert Bing	1	674
Anders, William H.	1	627	Waud, John William	1	675
Grant, Lee Paul	1	628	Medelman, Miles Henry	1	676
Bolton, Rachel	1	629	Lyon, Hattie Hannah	1	677
Clocker, Bertha	1	630	Praeuner, Fred Christian	1	678
Jones, Maude J.	1	631	Lewis, Earl W.	2	1
Henseleit, Alfred Herbert	1	632	Botsch, Sr., Walter Henry	2	2
Roberts, Joseph Martin	1	633	Raduenz, Emil O.	2	3
Ploehn, Fannie Lodge	1	634	Peterson, Gideon V.	2	4
Schlienz, Walburga	1	635	Simonson, Ethel C.	2	5
Davidson, Ella	1	636	Deckert, John	2	6
Caton, James Gilpin	1	637	Beebe, Charles Nelson	2	7
Jenson, Carolina	1	638	Praeuner, Fred Christian	2	8
Jenson, Carolina	1	639	Jackson, William H.	2	9
Sipe, Maud D.	1	640	Gadbois, Marie	2	10
Johnson, John G.	1	641	Pribnow, Augusta	2	11
Ambroz, John	1	642	Dossow, Erwin Edward	2	12
Linn, Charles E.	1	643			
Timm, Leonard Albert	1	644			
Wolff, Bertha	1	645			
Poske, Anna	1	646			
Wittgow, William	1	647			
Dietz, Bruno	1	648			
Kohler, Anita Cora	1	649			
Earwood, Timothy	1	650			
Brown, Bert J.	1	651			
Earwood, Laura Bell	1	652			
Bradford, Corwin C.	1	653			
Pettitt, Leroy Frederick	1	654			
Patterson, Zella	1	655			
Sunderman, Ralph Dick	1	656			

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If you find names of death certificates that you would like copies of please contact me and I can get them from my office for a \$1.00 copy charge from the microfiche. You can also go in person to the Madison County Register of Deed's Office and copy it yourself. Please DO NOT send mail or phone requests directly to the courthouse. Nancy Zaruba, 304 N. Cottonwood, Norfolk, NE 68701
 nzaruba@kdsi.net

These are the new rules and regulations for use of the Research Center at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. We received these November 5, 2008.

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF COLLECTIONS

Access to the reference collections is granted to all responsible researchers on the conditions that they register and abide by the following regulations:

1. Coats and personal belongings (briefcases, backpacks, purses) are not allowed in the research center, they can be held in the office. Only pads of paper, note cards and individual sheets of notes can be taken into the center. For the protection of the collections, the staff reserves the right to examine the researcher paper upon leaving the center.
2. Laptops may be used.
3. No food is allowed in the research center.
4. Ink pens, markers and colored pencils are prohibited. Only lead pencils are allowed and are available.
5. Reference materials may be used only in the center.
6. Materials must be handled with extreme care. Do not fold, trace, or lean on the books. Staff only handles some items.
7. Do not reshelve books; staff will take care of that when you are finished.
8. Staff reserves the right to limit access to some materials due to storage or location.
9. Researchers may use only one file at a time.
10. Staff must copy or scan photos because of copyright rules.
11. Prior arrangements should be made to have materials retrieved and will be held for two days before being refilled.

Effective November 1, 2008
(Scanned, exact copy)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Party to be held in January, tentatively planned for January 20 at the American Legion (non-smoking room).

Early Spring workshop:

Tentatively the speaker will be Cleveland Evans. His specialty is names, naming patterns, naming customs, etc. His topic for us is going to be Census Records and how to tell if a name found in the census is real, a nickname, shortened, misspelled, etc. He is planning a Powerpoint presentation. Date not yet finalized.

RESEARCH TRIP

Are you ready for a fun one day research trip? We will be heading to Lincoln to the Nebraska State Historical Society on Saturday November 15.

They will be closed a good portion of 2009 to rebuild the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system throughout the building.

We will carpool from the First Baptist Church at 404 W. Benjamin Ave. We will leave about 7 a.m. and arrive around 9:00 a.m. The only cost will be to reimburse the driver of each vehicle for driving and parking expenses.

Experienced members will be available to help inexperienced ones as well as Historical Society staff. Call to register at 402-649-3939 or 379-4654.

Lunch can be next door at the Student Union. Saturday's they serve Chinese, Italian and sub sandwiches. Or Arby's and Wendy's are close.

They will give us a tour of the research library and materials available.

Microfilm copies are 50 cents and photocopies are 15 cents, bring lots of change. They have lockers to leave purses and bags, etc. in. Bring only a binder or a notebook or a file folder and pencils, no ink pens.

Visit their website at www.nebraskahistory.org for more details and to browse their catalog of materials. Do some preliminary research so you know what you are looking for or what to ask for.

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!

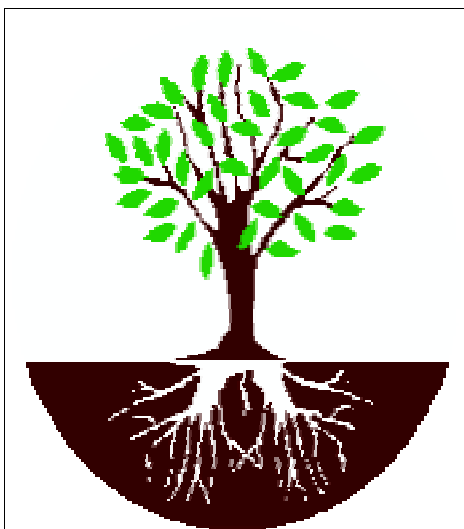
We were asked if we would be willing to host the State Conference in 2010. YES! YES! YES! Was the eager reply. What a great way to bring high quality professional genealogy speakers closer to home! The DATE IS SET for **April 23 and 24, 2010**.

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

The location will be the **Holiday Inn Express** in Norfolk. The list of speakers is not yet finalized. 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?

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