

Madison County Remembers...

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It's a time of reflection for many of us, the closing of the year 2008 and the opening of the year 2009. What was your past year like? What does the future year look like? Questions for many of us that hold both good news and bad news. In many of our lives we had births and weddings to either attend or were aware of in our families. Then there were the deaths of our relatives or friends. Some of them were expected and others were sudden and caught us of guard and not prepared for them to leave us.

Over the past year did you get that note written to say Hi to the people you are wanting to see but may live some distance from you? Did you make the phone call to talk with them if you could not see them? This year take the time and give them that message of love, hope and faith. Write them, call them or even see them in person and share with them. We lost the opportunity to do that with those who are now gone before us. The opportunity is still available to us to visit with our family and friends that are still alive.

Today contains three events: the past, the future, and the present. Today will be in the past when we are here tomorrow. Today was in the future when we were here yesterday. Today is the present when we are here today. Give someone today the gift of your letter. Give someone today the gift of your voice.

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As we go back and look at the history of our families lives we search for paper records of them. Paper records found in photographs, newspapers, courthouse records for births, marriages, and deaths are a few among the many records. Even letters written by them to another family member or a friend of theirs is a record we treasure in our searching. What items do you want to find this year? Go out and explore the area where they lived. In your searching for items that reflect upon your relatives write down what you did and what you found. Your relatives that will look upon our today as a part of their past will be thankful to find your recording of the happenings in your life.

We look forward to see our members and guests at our meetings.

Richard Streng, Society President

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2008

This month's meeting began with a program on "Kinship" presented by the Vice President, Nancy Zaruba.

The November meeting was opened by the President, Richard Streng with 8 members and 1 guest present. The September minutes were read as they were not available at the October meeting. The October minutes were read. The Treasurer's Report was read.

A report on our website was given by Nancy. The old site will be updated until it can be redone. Norma Suckstorf and Nancy will be learning the procedures to update the new website once it is up and running.

A report on the recent field trip to the State Historical Society in Lincoln was given, 7 members made the trip.

Our Christmas Party has been finalized; it will be Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the American Legion in Norfolk. There will be a 5:30 social hour with dinner at 6:30.

The motion at last month's meeting to discontinue snacks was declared null and void, it was made by a non-member.

The February meeting will be a special program "Names and Naming Patterns in Census Records" to be given by Cleveland Evans of Omaha. Mr. Evans writes a column on Names for the Omaha World Herald and is also a member of the American Name Society. It will be held on Saturday, February 28, at the Public Library meeting room. The public is invited. This will be the regular February meeting instead of on the third Tuesday.

The members present discussed the Society website and what do we want to include. A report on a centennial book from Battle Creek was given by Karen Reed. She also told us about the Methodist Church that just closed.

Refreshments were served. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Askew, Secretary

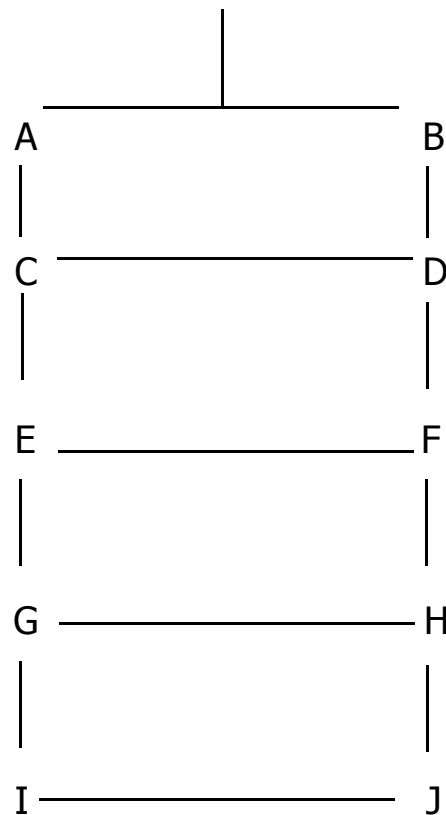
Let's Celebrate

In our July-August 2008 issue of our newsletter we mentioned that this was the 30th Year of our Society. It really is the 30th year of our society newsletter. We are planning on a celebration to be held in June 2009 to celebrate this milestone.

If you have any memories of the founding of our Genealogical Society or have memories of the activities of early years of the society please share them with us. We will share them at our June meeting and in our newsletter.

Kinship

Common Ancestor

**Relationships**

A to B are siblings

C to D are children of siblings and are 1st Cousins to each other

E to F are children of 1st cousins and are 2nd Cousins to each other

G to H are children of 2nd cousins and are 3rd Cousins to each other

I to J are children of 3rd cousins and are 4th Cousins to each other

Relationship of C to F is 1st Cousin Once Removed

Relationship of C to H is 1st Cousin Twice Removed

Relationship of E to J is 2nd Cousin Twice Removed

The above chart is a much easier way to determine relationships than the usual chart that you find all over the internet and in many books. Starting with the common ancestor you just count your generations down, from siblings, to 1st cousins, 2nd cousins, etc. When your generations are no longer even then the number of generations from the last even relationship is the number "removed".

Headline Articles From The Past

Extracted by Richard Strenge

Last Civil War Vet Celebrates 91st Birthday Doesn't Like Cold Weather Because He Must Remain Indoors

"It's too cold for me to get out-of-doors as much as I like," is the answer Golden B. Groff, Madison's only Civil War veteran, gives to the universal query, "Is it cold enough for you?" For Mr. Groff loves the out-of-doors and except in the coldest weather has been able to take daily walks.

March 9 has always meant a family birthday party in his honor, but the weather made that impossible this year, his ninety-first birthday. The disappointment was somewhat softened, however, by the visit of Mrs. Maud Kneeland of Allen, Nebr., his youngest daughter.

Before enlisting on the northern side during the Civil War, he was held captive by rebel forces but was released when he pleaded illness.

Upon his enlistment he went into service on a ship named the Monitor, not the one of historic fame that engaged in battle with the Merrimac, but one of the largest, three-turret ships in the navy. A year later he turned to the west as the land of opportunity.

Born with the spirit of adventure that urges pioneers onward to seek and conquer in frontier country, Mr. Groff left Maryland, his home state, in 1866, to settle in Dubuque, Iowa.

Three years later he made his first trip to Nebraska. For many months he was the only white man in Cedar county, where he traded with Sioux Indians.

In Kansas and Missouri also he has pioneered. Dugouts, tents, sod houses, and fine framed houses have sheltered him and his family. Only the far southern and western part of the United States he has not seen. There he would "go tomorrow" if he could.

Mr. Groff's health is good, probably because of his excellent health habits and out-door exercise. He says, "I feel better now than I did a year ago."

Ten years he has lived in Madison this time, a beloved character to all who know him. And ten years is the longest he has ever stayed in one place.

He has a sister living in LaCrosse, Wis., who will be 99 years old this May.

Representatives of the Jones-Radant post of the American Legion called on Mr. Groff Wednesday, presented him with a cake, and extended best wishes.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, March 10, 1932 on page 1.

Emory Munson Son of Pioneer Family, Dead Operated Jewelry Store at Mendota, Illinois for past Forty Years

Emory Munson, 72, a pioneer resident of Madison county, passed away Feb. 18th at Mendota, Illinois. Death was due to asthma and a heart attack.

Mr. Munson will be recalled by many early pioneers here as the son of Henry A. Munson and wife, early Madison county settlers.

Leaving Madison county, Mr. Munson moved to Mendota in 1887. For the past 40 years he operated one of the leading jewelry stores there.

Born in New York he moved with his parents to Madison county in 1869. The family lived for sometime on what is now known as the Hume ranch. The father, H. A. Munson, old timers here recall, sold the ranch to Roderick McKenzie who some years later sold it to the

late James B. Hume. From the Hume ranch the Munson moved to a farm in Grove precinct.

Mr. Munson was married to Bridget Manning, pioneer Madison county rural school teacher. Mrs. Munson was one of the first teachers of the Red School House in Fairview precinct.

Henry A. Munson, the deceased father, a civil war veteran, was buried in Emerick precinct. Warnerville, before its name was changed, was named "Munson" for a brother of the elder Munson. The uncle was an early day Union Pacific employee.

Mr. Munson leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two sons, Dr. Lewis Munson of Chicago and F. E. Munson. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mendota.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 25, 1932 on page 1.

D. A. Ommerman Norfolk Pioneer Dies at Norfolk Homesteaded on Farm West of Norfolk in 1867

David A. Ommerman, 86, Norfolk, a resident of Madison county for sixty five years passed away at his home in Norfolk at 4:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

He had been confined to his home for the past two weeks. Death was due to general infirmities of old age and heart trouble.

Mr. Ommerman was considered as one of Madison county's wealthiest men and was an extensive land owner. He came to Madison county from Blair in 1867 and homesteaded on a farm six miles west of Norfolk. Funeral services will be held this (Friday) afternoon.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 25, 1932 on page 1.

William Busted Resident Here 40 Years, Summoned Came to United States from Ireland—Well Known in County

Funeral services for William Busted, for forty years a resident of Madison county, were held Sunday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock at the home and at 2:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Rev. S. N. Horton, assisted by Rev. L. V. Hassell, officiated at the services.

Although a severe storm raged during the day, hundred of old friends and neighbors gathered to pay their last respects to the deceased.

Mr. Busted, one of Madison's most beloved pioneers, passed away at his home in north Madison early last Friday morning following a short illness. He was one of Madison's best known citizens, and his sudden illness and death was a severe shock to the entire community.

Mr. Busted was born at Cross Haven, Cork county, Ireland, Nov. 1, 1852. He came to America when but a young man, remaining in New York City until about a year later when he returned to Ireland. Returning again to America he settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where on Nov. 1, 1879, he was married to Miss Susan Brown. Four years after their marriage they moved to Randolph, Iowa, residing on a farm there about eight years. Mr. Busted with his wife made his second trip to his old home in Ireland while living near Randolph. In all, he made fourteen trips to his old home. On his last trip in 1911, he was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Fannie Schwank.

Mr. Busted came to Madison county about forty years ago, locating on a farm in Fairview, where he lived until he moved to Madison about fourteen years ago.

He was a member of the Episcopalian church here until the church was abandoned. Since then he has attended the Presbyterian church.

He is survived by five sons, Charles, Kansas City; Richard, Cody, Wyo.; Thomas, Elgin; William, Newman Grove, and John, Madison; four daughters, Mrs. Susan Reigle and Mrs. Fannie Schwank, Madison; Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Battle creek, and Mrs. Loretta Demmel, Omaha; and thirty-four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He has two sisters living in Ireland. Mrs. Busted preceded her husband in death in September, 1929.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 18, 1932 on page 1.

Herman Kohl, Early Settler Here Dead; Funeral Tomorrow Came to Madison County with Parents Sixty-Four Years ago

Funeral services for Herman Kohl, pioneer Kalamazoo precinct farmer, will be held this (Friday) afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home and 2 o'clock at the German Methodist church, Kalamazoo precinct, the Rev. H. H. Laeger, of Brainard, Nebr., former Kalamazoo pastor and an old friend of the deceased and Rev. L. V. Hassell of Madison will officiate.

The remains will be laid to rest in the family lot in the church cemetery. Mr. Kohl, in ill health for the past three years, passed away Saturday at Norfolk.

Mr. Kohl, born in Germany on Feb. 14, 1861, came to the United States with his parents when but a small child. The family settled on a homestead in Kalamazoo in 1868. Except for about a year spent in Madison the deceased and his wife resided on the old homestead.

Mr. Kohl was united in marriage to Miss Martha Gansko on Jan. 20, 1888. He was one of the oldest continued residents of Kalamazoo precinct and had a wide acquaintance among early settlers in the territory west of Madison.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Richard of Norfolk and William of Madison; one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Mock, Tilden; two brothers, William of Omaha and Albert of Meadow Grove; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Grounau, Sisseton, S.D., and Mrs. Martha Seip, Madison. He also leaves fourteen grandchildren.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, February 18, 1932 on page 1.

Diary on the Family Calendar

After my mother passed away, I was going through her belongings and started pitching old bills and such. I also started throwing away some old calendars she had kept. For some reason, I looked through one of them and found she had recorded many facts on the calendar such as the acquisition and death of every family pet, the graduation date of grandchildren, the anniversary of family relatives as well as all birthdays in the family. She even recorded the date the gas man came to read the meter! I quickly went to the garbage can and retrieved the calendars I had thrown away. They have been a blessing in finding the birthdays and anniversaries of friends and relatives. So look carefully at those old saved records before you pitch them. You may find a mini-diary on an old calendar.

Almeda Reams

Source: Ancestry Weekly Journal, Sept. 8, 2008

AGREEMENT filed Nov. 8, 1919 at 4 p.m. No. 18516.

This agreement made this fourth day of October, 1910, by and between Richard Wachter and Louis Wachter, witnesseth that in consideration of the conveyance to me Richard Wachter by Louis Wachter of the North half of the North-east quarter (N 1/2 of NE 1/4) and the North half of the North-west quarter (N 1/2 of NW 1/4) of Section four (4), Township Twenty-four (24) North, Range one (1) West of the 6th Principal Meridian situated in the County of Madison, Nebraska on the date above mentioned I, Richard Wachter, hereby agree to deliver to said Louis Wachter and his wife Maria Wachter during the term of their natural lives, annually, the following: --

600 lbs. of flour

One hog, 250 lbs in weight, Dec. first

Potatoes, 25 bushels, October 15th

Oats, 75 bushels

Corn, 50 bushels also

Two pounds of butter per week

Two quarts of milk per day

Two dozen eggs, per week

Barn for one horse and cow per year and feed for one horse and cow, and the said Louis Wachter in consideration of the agreement to be performed by Richard Wachter hereby accepts the provisions of this contract as above provided.

Witness our hands this 4th day of October, 1910.

Witness J. C. Engleman

Richard Wachter

The above item was found in the land records of Madison County while doing a title search for a piece of property that was being sold. I have copied it exactly as it was found. There are many interesting items to be found in the land records, including wills, divorces, affidavits of identity, contracts and all sorts of agreements. By Nancy Zaruba

More on Catholic Given Names

When our daughter was baptized in 1962 we told the priest that we had named her Karen Marie. The pastor said that Karen is derived from the name Catherine, and Marie is derived from Mary. Then he further commented that since Mary is the mother of God her name had to come first. So Karen Marie is stated as Mary Catherine on her baptismal certificate, but has never gone by either of those names. If you were looking at her baptismal certificate and trying to find her by that name, you never would.

Louise Source: [Ancestry Weekly Journal](#), June 23, 2008

Look for the Neighbors

I had trouble finding my great-grandparents in the 1920 census. They were listed in the same house in 1910 and in 1930, so instead of searching for them, I entered their neighbors' names. There they were, right where they should have been only with a completely different spelling. The enumerator's handwriting was such that when someone read it, it went from Thacker to Thoeper.

Linda Creeden Source: [Ancestry Weekly Journal](#), February 25, 2008

Death Certificates at the Madison County Register of Deeds

Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page	Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page
Chapman, Kerwin Edward	2	13	Wilson, Irene	2	59
Boe, Martha Angela	2	14	Krueger, Myrtle Lorraine	2	60
Munsterman, Johanna W.	2	15	Hoelscher, Frank P.	2	61
Stolle, John Bernard	2	16	Greentree, Leo U.	2	62
Pugh, Mitchell	2	17	Krueger, Willard A.	2	63
Myers, James T.	2	18	Thomas, Herman Charles	2	64
Bendixen, Matthias August	2	19	Dieatrick, Harry R.	2	65
Gabelman, Alvina M.	2	20	Robbins, William F.	2	66
Kaul, William Julius	2	21	Robbins, Rose Elizabeth	2	67
Hammond, Marry Jane	2	22	Hekrdle, Emma	2	68
Denny, Charles	2	23	Bronzynksi, Emma Bertha	2	69
Plisek, Mary Elizabeth	2	24	Kouba, Estella Lucille	2	70
Weber, Clara	2	25	Summers, Grace	2	71
Nelson, John Jasper	2	26	Kleider, John C.	2	72
Fankhauser, Mrs. Laura	2	27	Anderson, Ella Martha	2	73
Fankhauser, John	2	28	Vaage, George L.	2	74
Whitwer, Alfred	2	29	Sohl, Clara Lillian	2	75
Haight, Elera Blake	2	31	Carson, Richard Barnard	2	76
Barkdoll, Charles Cecil	2	32	Hartwig, Minnie	2	77
Praeuner, Henry	2	33	Hartwig, Herman	2	78
Klein, Victor Julius	2	34	Boettcher, Marie A.	2	79
Mollhoff, John	2	35	McKeown, Mae	2	80
Smith, William Julian	2	36	Cary, Chester E.	2	81
Walton, Esther L.	2	37	Gronau, Arthur Edward	2	82
Bolton, James E.	2	38	Cary, Chester E.	2	83
Prince, Edna A.	2	39	Bley, Gus D.	2	84
Prince, Frank P.	2	40	Bley, Ella Bertha	2	85
Baller, Ernest O	2	41	Schlueter, Herman P.	2	86
Heiszenbittel, Sarah Eleanor	2	42	Wagers, Mary Ethel	2	87
Heiszenbittel, Ida Mae	2	43	Kennedy, George Edward	2	89
Coleman, Emerson Ellsworth	2	44	Doyle, Alta	2	90
Mayer, Harriet Green	2	45	Conwell, George Dewey	2	91
Anderson, Fred Albert	2	46	Heggemeyer, Katie	2	92
Broberg, Adeline Annie	2	47	Graffis, Virginia Kathleen	2	93
Schmadeke, George R.	2	48	Koppl, Joseph	2	94
Heiszenbittel, Ida Mae	2	49	Rogers, William E.	2	95
Upton, Richard H.	2	50	Biehle, Frank E.	2	96
Broberg, Lawrence Magnus	2	51	Upton, James Allen	2	97
Stevens, Janet Rae Strong	2	52	Hales, Hazel O.	2	98
Fountain, Emray B.	2	53	Jacobi, Benno Peter	2	99
Childs, Walter E.	2	54	Jacobi, Mary G.	2	100
Anderson, Tony	2	55	Krieger, Anna R.	2	101
Johnson, Irvin F.	2	56	Rouse, Thomas Walter	2	102
Goering, William Ernest	2	57	Rouse, Erna	2	103
Blunt, William T.	2	58	Wendt, Mrs. Mary	2	104

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Richter, Lillie	2	105	Howley, Abbie F.	2	152
Nenow, Alfred	2	106	Schinck, John August	2	153
Bernhard, Carl A. H.	2	107	Lich, Eliza	2	154
Gabelman, Alice Mathilda	2	108	Tannehill, Lloyd H.	2	155
Gerling, Anna	2	109	Tannehill, Harold W.	2	156
Homann, Florence Charlotte	2	110	Maurer, Karl Jacob	2	157
Holst, John August	2	111	Bernhardt, Raymond O.	2	158
Kelley, Eugene Ellis	2	112	Brogan, William E.	2	159
Anderson, Ralph LeRoy	2	113	Miller, Alice	2	160
Druck, Jennie S.	2	114	Austin, Harold G.	2	161
Galyen, Ruth Elizabeth	2	115	Rouse, Maude B.	2	162
McCaw, Frances Standish	2	116	Hoppe, Albert E.	2	163
Tesley, Olive Marian	2	117	Phipps, Eleanor J.	2	164
Cisler, August G.	2	118	Morris, Minnie	2	165
Cisler, Emma	2	119	Christian, Walter	2	166
Spencer, Rose M.	2	120	Taylor, Lucy	2	167
Kent, Peter N.	2	121	Finn, Mary Ellen	2	168
Hilpert, Herman Anton	2	122	Boldt, Hedwig Fredoline	2	169
Bernstrauch, Agnes Amanda Irene	2	123	Auwerter, George	2	170
Wilcox, Velda Lucille	2	124	Tighe, Maryellen	2	171
Daniel, Raymond Ralph	2	125	Stengel, Paul H. C.	2	172
Schwank, Margaret	2	126	Kiester, Samuel M.	2	173
Sachtjen, John Frederick	2	127	Drevsen, Ella	2	174
Rees, Florence Marie	2	128	Finley, Elizabeth	2	175
Rowland, Flora E.	2	129	Miller, Ida	2	176
Koehler, Frank August	2	130	Thomas, Victoria L.	2	177
Spulak, Joseph	2	131	Wilde, Marie A.	2	178
Penwell, Clyde Aaron	2	132	Ahlman, Albert Stephen	2	179
Burley, Lovell S.	2	133	Duncan, Lee	2	180
Bennett, Alma A.	2	134	Fredrickson, Walter Emilous	2	181
Stamm, Ambrose H.	2	135	Wetjen, Henry William	2	182
Schmitt, Minnie Louise	2	136	Grote, Margaret M.	2	183
Boysen, Siegfried A.	2	137	Kleinschmit, Ivo John	2	183A
Paege, Arthur Ralph	2	138	Stanley, Elizabeth	2	184
Kleveland, Carrie Nicolienne	2	139			
Panek, Thomas	2	140			
Kanzler, Vida M.	2	141			
Thompson, Gertrude Margaret	2	142			
Dillman, Lyle Bernard	2	143			
Cress, Albert	2	144			
Chamberlin, Oliver	2	145			
Bruggeman, Genevieve	2	146			
Long, Frances Louise	2	147			
Haase, Carl F.	2	148			
Basse, Eva Margaret	2	149			
Schlack, Jacob	2	150			
Schlack, Caroline	2	151			

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If you find names of death certificates
that you would like copies of please con-
tact me and I can get them from my of-
fice for a \$1.00 copy charge from the mi-
crofiche. 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
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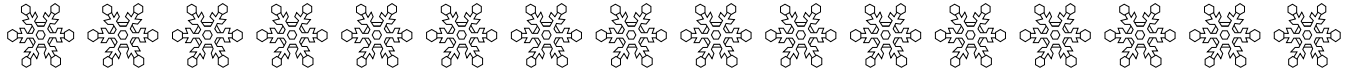
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 Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Gen. Society Lincoln, NE*
 Nebraska State Gen. Society Lincoln, NE*
 Plains Gen. Society Kimball, NE*
 Prairie Pioneer Gen. Society Grand Island, NE*
 Rebecca Winters Gen. Society Scottsbluff, NE*
 Southeast Nebr. Gen. Society Beatrice, NE*
 Tri-State Corners Gen. Society Humboldt, NE*
 Wayne County Gen. Society Wayne, NE*
 Woodbury Co. Gen. Society Sioux City, IA*
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Those names with one star (*) are ones we exchange newsletters with.

Those with two stars (**) are honorary or for National archival purposes.



UPCOMING EVENTS:



The Society Christmas Party will be held Tuesday evening, January 20 at the American Legion (non-smoking room). Happy hour at 5:30, meal at 6:30, games and fun.



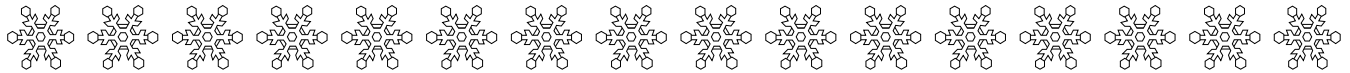
February Meeting:



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. The date will be SATURDAY, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Norfolk Public Library in the big meeting room.



Website:

Census records online: www.census-online.com This website offers more than 38,000 links to US enumerations, plus lesser collections of census pages for Canada and the British Isle.

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!

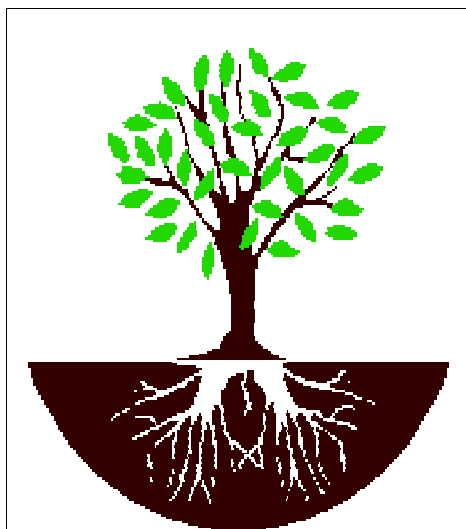
We were asked if we would be willing to host the State Conference in 2010. YES! YES! YES! Was the eager reply. What a great way to bring high quality professional genealogy speakers closer to home! The DATE IS SET for **April 23 and 24, 2010**.

The 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?

The Genealogy Society officers met with the Elkhorn Valley Museum officers on November 5. Genealogy Society officers presented a proposal designed to keep our Society involved with the Museum. Discussions were held and the Museum Executive Board officers were to present our proposal at their next regular board meeting. It is unknown if this occurred. We have not heard by letter or phone what if any decision has been made. We have recently read in the Norfolk Daily News that the Museum is now closed on Sunday and Monday. We have also heard the Research Center is now available only on Friday and Saturday.

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