

# Madison County Remembers...

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The other day a new 'motivational type' poster was put up at the place where I work. It simply said, "Assuming can get us into big trouble. Get the facts first." What we do as genealogists is to gather the facts on our families. We need to separate out the facts from the assumptions, the guesses, the myths, and the misspelled names.

In a courthouse record of a distant relative of mine in South Dakota there was a case of a misspelling. This simple written information had fifteen lines and of those I found 13 different spellings on this one document. Now if I did not know the family and looked at the record today it would be lots of wondering as to what the correct spelling should have been. As I knew the family I could find the correct spelling but how many times can a courthouse person write something down on one piece of document and have so many spelling changes.

When my grandfather arrived in the United States from Denmark he changed the name from Andersen to Anderson. Then when some of his siblings arrived some of them also changed it to Anderson. However, one of his brothers kept the spelling as Andersen. Another one who had changed it from Andersen to Anderson changed it back again to Andersen before he died. So a person needs to know changes can be made by a person or a change may be a misspelling by someone. If you know that something like this happened in your family make sure you write that information down so the ones who look for that information in the future will know what took place in our lives.

Earlier this year another event took place that made me think along some new lines. A friend's mother passed away and in her obit it stated her name. Now that is not unusual for we hope to find the person's name on an obit. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

**The March meeting** will be held on the third Saturday March 21 at 2:00 P.M. in the Norfolk Public Library meeting room. It will include a tour of the genealogical materials available at the Public Library.

**The April meeting** will be held on April 18 at the Norfolk Public Library meeting room. The program will be a video, part of the Ancestors Series that was on television, called "Records at Risk". It is a very interesting introduction to genealogy and the Ancestors Series.

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It was listed with her first name, middle name and then 3 surnames. The last one was the name I knew her by for many years. The surname after her middle name was her maiden name. However the other name suggested to me that she had a prior marriage that I was not aware of. So if years from now you would see this information for the first time you would likely do what I did and think of two marriages.

In visiting with a family member of this lady I mentioned I did not know she had been married before. The response was both interesting and enlightening for me; it was true she had been married only once. The last name was her married name and the only marriage she had. The first surname after her middle name was her maiden name. The other surname was the name of her mother's second husband. She had taken that name as well and the first time I saw it in the newspaper.

So be sure you check out all the information that is available on any record. People do make changes in their lives. Let us find our families with the correct information the first time. However, we know that is not going to be the case. So be diligent in your efforts and do not give up in your searching for information.

If you are able please join us at any of our meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

From your President,

**Richard Streng**

**MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The annual Christmas party was held on January 20 at the American Legion Club in Norfolk. There was a good turnout including several guests. The food was excellent. Entertainment and gifts were part of the fun of the evening. Everyone had a good time and got home safely.

The February meeting was held on Saturday February 28 at the Norfolk Public Library. The regular meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was called to order by President Richard Streng with 17 members and 2 guests present.

The November minutes were read, there was no December meeting and the January meeting was our Christmas party. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Old Business: The new Society website was submitted, it can have as many as 50-60 links to other sites. A request for activity suggestions was given to the members. A discussion was held on keeping the meeting time on the third Tuesday evening or change to Saturday afternoon. A decision was tabled to be decided at a future meeting.

New Business: A discussion was held about our Elkhorn Valley Museum membership which has come due. A motion was made and approved to go with the \$30 membership.

The March meeting will be the third Saturday afternoon at the Norfolk Public Library meeting room.

Refreshments were served by Bernice Walters and Nancy Zaruba. Next month's hosts are Marge Fuhrmann and Cleo Deuel.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

This month was a special program "Bad Census Takers" given by Cleveland Evans of Omaha.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Askew, Secretary

**NEWS FROM KAREN REED**

The Battle Creek Methodist Church closed recently and I took the old hymnals from the church and found names in some of them. I returned two to Cass County and there are others that perhaps some family member or descendant might like to have. If you know of anyone that might want one of these please contact Karen Reed or this editor for more information.

Some are from the Meadow Grove area.

Kenneth E. Wiese

Myrtle Crook Hayden

H. Mason

In honor of Mrs. Callaway by Max Amelang

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Hoover by Grace Hoover

In honor of Mr. F.H. Nichols by Ross Nichols

Presented to church by Mrs. Ethel Ossenkop

I gave two books to the Madison Museum and will hold on to the others for awhile.

I also wrote an article on school district #73, the Ray school, 5 miles west of Norfolk and was wondering if anyone had any old books from that school? I wrote the article for the new Battle Creek history book coming out next year. Please contact Karen Reed with more information at: [ktiedgreed@conpoint.com](mailto:ktiedgreed@conpoint.com) or 402-675-5213.

**Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference**

The 2009 Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference is being held in Scottsbluff on April 30-May 2. 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.

We were asked if we would be willing to host the State Conference in 2010 and we eagerly replied YES! 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.

**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 had no response from the Museum Board. Our membership to the Elkhorn Valley Museum expired March 1. It was voted at our February meeting to renew our membership to the Museum at a minimum \$30 level, since we were not receiving the museum benefits for the large membership we had. This will allow us to continue to receive the newsletter from the Museum.

## Headline Articles From The Past

Extracted by Richard Strenge

The Norfolk Daily News Tuesday, August 29, 1899 on page 3.

"The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Koerber, who live in Nenow's addition, died Sunday evening and the funeral was held from Christ's Lutheran church this afternoon, Rev. J. P. Mueller officiating. The little one was buried in the cemetery east of the city."

The Norfolk Daily News Monday, September 4, 1899 on page 3.

"Wm. Zachert, whose home is near Laurel but was formerly a resident of Norfolk, died at the home of his brother-in-law, L. C. Mittelstadt, Saturday night, of abscess of the liver. He was 47 years of age and leaves a wife and five children, besides numerous other relatives and friends, to mourn his loss. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Christ's Lutheran church, Rev. J. P. Mueller officiating and the remains will be interred in the cemetery east of the city. The deceased came to Norfolk some days ago, with the intention of going to Omaha and having an operation performed. The doctors here, however, advised him not to do so and he remained at the home of Mr. Mittelstadt awaiting the end. A number of out-of-town relatives and friends are here attending the obsequies."

## Area News from 1950

Compiled by Richard Strenge

### Funeral Services Held for William H. Pratt

Funeral services for William H. Pratt, who died at Norfolk on Wednesday of last week, were held at the Methodist church in Battle Creek at 2:30 Sunday afternoon with Pastor W. C. George in charge.

Mr. Pratt was born at Kankakee, Illinois, April 12, 1868, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt. His age at death was 81 years 10 months and 10 days.

In 1872, the family came to Madison county, Nebraska, and occupied a homestead south of Battle Creek. Mr. Pratt was married to Blanche Palmer April 8, 1891, and they lived on a farm near Battle Creek until 1908, when they moved to the John Crook farm near Meadow Grove. They moved to Lincoln in 1910 and after the death of Mrs. Pratt in 1944, Mr. Pratt lived at Meadow Grove and Battle Creek. About a year (ago) he became a resident of Norfolk, where he has purchased a home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, a sister, Mrs. Bertha Berg, and a brother, Arthur. Survivors are two sons, Harlan and Irven; two daughters, Mrs. Edith Stauffer and Mrs. Bertha Coleman; four brothers, George, Clarence, Jess, and Jacob; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Heath and Mrs. Lizzie Malloy. There are eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Excerpts from: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 2, 1950, page 1.

### Tuesday's Blizzard Does Little Damage Here

The raging snowstorm and terrific winds of Tuesday afternoon and night which played havoc in many localities over the state, found the Battle Creek area only slightly vulnerable to attack

Some of the smaller farm buildings were partially wrecked, but no serious damage to

farm and town residences has been reported.

Traffic was at a standstill until Thursday, when most highways were partially opened and essential traffic was resumed.

With many lines down, users of electricity were inconvenienced for a time, but service was resumed in a remarkably short time considering obstacles which had to be met by line-men and electricians.

Old-timers say they had never known a wind to equal in velocity that of Tuesday night. Weather bureaus recorded gusts reaching as much as 90 miles an hour, with an average between 55 and 60 during the night.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 9, 1950, page 1.

### **Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Foltz Married Fifty Years**

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Foltz, who were married March 7, 1900, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday by a family dinner at their home in Battle Creek and open house at Community hall from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Foltz's came to Madison county in 1904 from Elmwood, Nebraska, and have since been residents of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Foltz have four daughters, Mrs. A. E. Hall and Mrs. Clarence Papstein, Norfolk; Mrs. Pete Glandt, Battle Creek, and Mrs. Kyle Phipps, Martin, S.D. There are fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, which include twin granddaughters and two sets of twin great-grandchildren. Many relatives from out of town were guests at the celebration.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 9, 1950, page 1.

### **F. F. Flanagan, 91, Passes**

Funeral services for Fountain F. Flanagan, 91, former resident of Madison who died at the home of a daughter in Clarks, were held Friday afternoon at Trinity Methodist Church in Madison.

Married in Virginia in 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan were the parents of twelve children, four of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Flanagan passed away in 1945.

Surviving are two sons and six daughters, 28 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. Mrs. D. F. Lefavor, Battle Creek, is one of the daughters.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 16, 1950, page 1.

### **Richard Reeves Passes**

Richard L. Reeves, former resident of the Emerick community, died Friday at a Norfolk hospital after a lingering illness. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Hawes of the First Methodist church were held Tuesday and burial was in the Emerick cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Ellen.

In the early days, the Reeves family operated a typical country store at Emerick, thence one of the county's postoffices.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, March 16, 1950, page 1.

### **George Craig, 79, Dies at Council Bluffs**

Funeral services for George Craig, 79, at one time a resident of Battle Creek, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Church in Battle Creek with Pastor W. C. George of Meadow Grove officiating. Burial was in Union cemetery.

Mr. Craig died Sunday in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he had recently been under treatment. He had been a resident of Inman for many years, making his home with a sister.

Surviving are five sisters, among them Mrs. J. W. Demerritt of Battle Creek. Others are Mrs. Ollie Werner, Omaha, Mrs. John Gallagher, Inman, Mrs. Rhoka Decker, Norfolk, and Mrs. Ellice Halley, Seattle, Washington.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, April 27, 1950, page 1.

### Correction

Were George Craig alive today, which, regretted by all, he is not, he could claim the distinction of having his obituary published twice.

The notice of death and funeral as given in the Enterprise last week should have been that of Walter instead of George Craig. Mention of George's death was made several years ago.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 4, 1950, page 1.

### Foglesong Funeral Held on Tuesday

The funeral of Sidney P. Foglesong was conducted by Rev. John E. Stayton at the Resseguie Funeral home Tuesday afternoon, April 18. Burial was at Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Foglesong died at his home of a long-standing heart ailment on April 15, aged 78 years and 7 months. He was born September 13, 1871, in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, the son of Simon and Lamiar Foglesong. His parents had been born in Indiana but moved west, coming on to Plattsmouth after Sidney was born.

In his twenty-first year, the family moved to a farm near St. Edward and later to a homestead in Wyoming. After six years there, Sidney came to Madison with his younger sister Hazel and remained here the past twenty-two years.

The father and mother, two brothers and a sister preceded Sidney Foglesong in death. He is survived by the younger sister with whom he made his home and another sister, Mrs. Ida Niedt, of Murray, Iowa. Also four nieces, Mrs. Lucy Harsh of Platte Center, Mrs. Evard Dress of Sidney, Mrs. Helen Stephenson and Mrs. Charles Nutt in Iowa; and one nephew, Edwin Foglesong of Malad City, Idaho.

Excerpts from Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, April 20, 1950, page 1.

### Funeral Held for Mrs. Kate Adams

Funeral services were held at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Tuesday for Mrs. Kate Adams who died at Newman Grove Saturday.

Rev. George L. Smith was in charge of the services at the church as well as the cemetery at Battle Creek where burial was held.

Songs at the services were furnished by Mrs. Fred McGarvey of Norfolk.

Pallbearers were Ernest Ellis, George White, Harvey Jackson, E. E. Pugh, Irven Wyatt and Ray Hixson.

Katie Kopach was born in Washington county, Iowa, April 28, 1867, and died at Newman Grove, Nebr., on February 25, 1950, at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 27 days.

In 1885 she was married to Joseph Chada in Keyapaha county. Three children were born to this union, all of whom with her husband, preceded her in death.

She was married to Reuben A. Adams of Battle Creek on Sept. 20, 1898. Four children

were born to this union. One, Jimmie, preceded her in death on April 2, 1905. Mr. Adams died in 1935.

Survivors were two sons, Jesse of Meadow Grove and Harvey of Redondo Beach, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Boyer, also of Redondo Beach; a stepson, Frank Adams of Meadow Grove; 18 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, together with other relatives and a host of friends.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, March 2, 1950, page 1.

### **Charles Bunker Funeral Held Friday**

Funeral services were held at Tilden Friday for Charles Bunker, 91, who died at Tilden.

Mr. Bunker made his home at the Cozy Rooms for a time and will be remembered as the man who got his daily exercise rolling his wheel chair about town. He made many friends here in his short stay.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, March 16, 1950, page 1.

## **Nebraska State Genealogical Society News**

### **NESGS Tombstone Photo Project**

NESGS has downloaded and installed the open source Gravestone Photo Project software package. This web application will allow us to offer our website users the ability to upload and display tombstone photos taken in any Nebraska cemetery. Open Source means we can customize the software package to suit our needs. There are some features we would like to see implemented sometime in the future, but in the mean time, the site up and running using its default settings. The site is pretty self explanatory, but if you have questions, e-mail the Administrator. You can access the page at: <http://www.nesgs.org/tombstones/>

### **New NESGS Website!**

Welcome to the new home of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society. A lot of effort has gone into the design and functionality of our new website. As you browse around the site you will notice there are still quite a few items that need to be updated. We are trying to post the most accurate information as possible, but until then, you will continue to view the information as it was displayed on our old site. Please be patient with us as we work through all the updates. We have many exciting features planned for our new home on the world wide web. If there is something specific you would like to see, please feel free to contact us via e-mail and we will do what we can to accommodate you. [www.nesgs.org](http://www.nesgs.org)

### **Nebraska Society Websites**

The Nebraska State Genealogical Society Website will be allowing Genealogical Societies in Nebraska to have their website hosted on theirs at no charge and unlimited space. That means we will be able to have our Society website available from a link on their page as well as the one we've had at Rootsweb for many years. For the time being the two sites will be identical. We have hired McGee Designs of St. Edward, Nebraska to design a website for us. We have sent him a large amount of information to start with. Due to some family health issues our new site is not yet up and running but the old site is still available at both addresses. <http://www.nesgs.org/~mcgs> and <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/>

### Death Certificates at the Madison County Register of Deeds

Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page	Last Name, First, Middle	Book	Page
Bengtson, Albert J.	2	185	Dobbins, Hattie A.	2	203
Kell, Clara Louise	2	186	Christians, Sophia Louise	2	204
Bebensee, Else M.	2	187	Evers, Harry Leonard	2	205
Semlak, Thomas W.	2	187A	Apfel, Elton E.	2	206
Stewart, Frances Isabel	2	188	Siemsen, Albert Lee	2	207
Edens, Winifred L.	2	189	Pojar, Martha Genevieve	2	208
Mallory, Ruby Clara	2	190	Radenz, Gustave	2	209
Jones, Harry Wilson	2	191	Radenz, Louise	2	210
Mück, John	2	192	Holm, Bertha Elizabeth	2	211
Sobotka, Anna	2	193	Scheffler, Carl	2	212
Druck, Otto William	2	194	Wagner, Jacob	2	213
Ritter, Isabel Mary	2	195	Wagner, Emma	2	214
Christensen, Annie Elmira	2	196	Nohr, Inger, (NMI)	2	215
Broberg, Lloyd Arnold	2	197	Jacobi, Cecilia Kathleen	2	216
Brom, Edward	2	198	Lewis, DeWitt (Pat) Talmage	2	217
Loeffler, Lena	2	199	Loughrey, Dorothy Mae	2	218
Humphrey, John William	2	200	Wold, Albert Engebrecht	2	219
Lee, Helena Antonette	2	201	Pugh, Lyle Edgar	2	220
Wehenkel, Aaron Clement	2	202			

This completes Book 1 and 2 where the entire death certificate is pasted in. From here on the death certificates were not filed in a separate book but were filed strictly against the land files. We are completing an index of these and will have them available soon. We will combine the originals from Book 1 and 2 in with rest and the entire file available to be searched or sold. This will be current and up to the date we print it. Copies of these are available from the Madison County Register of Deed's office, 1313 N. Main, Madison, NE 68748.

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. Nancy Zaruba, 304 N. Cottonwood, Norfolk, NE 68701  
nzaruba@kdsi.net

#### Websites of Interest

Naturalization Information for Chicago (Cook County) Circuit Court

<http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/NR/>

Here is a new Cemetery Mapping site, it's just in the beginning stages.

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

Germany interactive map and research

<http://germanoriginality.com/heritage/genealogy.php>

<http://www.omahamarriages.wordpress.com>

<http://www.omahaobits.wordpress.com>

<http://www.labs.familysearch.org>



**Bad Census Takers: How to Check "Unusual Names" in census Records  
by Cleveland Evans, Bellevue University, 2009**

Mr. Evans' program was quite interesting. Using the book BAD BABY NAMES by Michael Sherrod and Matthew Rayback as his starting point he proceeded to research and show us how to research names in the US Census.

1. Hades Fryher?

A girl named "Hades Fryher" in the 1920 census of Long Island is featured on the cover of BAD BABY NAMES. The authors say the father Louis Fryher, a cook at a torpedo station, "may have believed in tough love"

Checking the 1930 census for the same Long Island town, we find the family's last name speller Frayher and the same daughter clearly listed as Gladys. Going back to 1920 and comparing other entries, we see the problem is the odd way the census taker made capital G's.

Census takers were not chosen for penmanship or ability to spell, often they took information from neighbors, they had to deal with interpreting information from accents they weren't familiar with and they often accepted what people told them on face value.

Records mislead in several ways: Bad handwriting can be misinterpreted as with "Hades Fryher". Census takers can misspell names, Census takers can mishear names, nicknames can be listed as given names and people giving information to the census taker can lie or joke about names.

2. Sexy Chambers

"When you name your daughter Sexy Chambers, what are you thinking?" say Sherrod and Rayback

Comparison of 1910 and 1920 census records for the Chambers family shows what they were thinking was "Texie"

There are over 3800 examples of Texie or Taxy in Ancestry.com vs 43 Sexie or Sexy  
Taxy is a very common name especially for girls in Texas.

3. Pete & Pumps

Pumps Duke in 1930 Georgia census has twin names Peter, the same family in 1920 has the twins listed as Hughie and Dewy

Another nickname example: Limbo Hollowway turns out to be Lemuel in other censuses.

4. Are Ghouls born or made?

A man listed as Ghoul Nipple in both the 1920 and 1930 censuses but as a child in 1900 and 1910 censuses both have him as Gould Nipple.

5. Another "hellish" name listed is Purgatory Stow. She is cleared listed as Purgatory in 1870 Louisiana as a four year old. In 1880, the same girl is listed as Ann Stowe. Was she Purgatory Ann? or just misbehaving?

6. Another one featured is Mars Nix of Franklin Co. Alabama born in 1828. Since only one census is available, I found a phone number for Lance Nix, older brother, in same town. Widow and daughter of Lance Nix said his brother was Mars Nix, "but it wasn't spelled that way" —Mars and Morris sound the same in Franklin County

Several other examples were given and discussed including rankings of popular names, finding the use of obscure but not unique names like Texie, and getting clues to the origin of names such as Semanthe.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 25, 2009 — Greater Omaha Genealogical Society** Spring Genealogy Workshop, Nebraska Methodist College, 87th and Burt, Roger P. Minert will speak on Civil Records in Germany; Communicating with Agencies and Individuals in Europe; Church Records in Germany; and Avoiding “Self-Defeating Behaviors” in German Family History. Greater Omaha Gen. Society, PO Box 4011, Omaha, NE 68104 [www.GOGSMembers.wordpress.com](http://www.GOGSMembers.wordpress.com)

**April 30-May 2 — Nebraska State Genealogical Society**

annual conference at the Harms Advance Technology Center in Scottsbluff. The feature speaker will be Julie Miller. Her topics will be: 5 Steps of a Genealogical Proof; Lost in Translation: How to Cite Genealogy sources; Chasing the Link: Passenger Arrival Lists; Firing Up the Next Generation of Genealogists; When Grandpa Went Off to War: U.S. Military Records. Other speakers and their topics will be: Crista Cowan: Indexing Manager at The Generations Network—discussing the new Ancestry World Archives Project and Getting the Most Out of Ancestry.com / Barb Netherland: The Paul & Helen Henderson Emigrant Trails Collection pertaining to the Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express Trails / Karon Harvey: Orphan Train Research, an exciting discovery / Travis Boley: An Introduction to the Oregon-California Trails Association and the new online database, Paper-Trail.org / Edward Lopera: HeritageQuest Training.

Contact: NE State Gen. Society, PO Box 5608, Lincoln, NE 68505-0608 or [www.nesgs.org](http://www.nesgs.org)

**May 13-16, National Genealogical Society, Raleigh, North Carolina,**

[www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009](http://www.ncgenealogy.org/blogs/ngs2009)

**July 10-11, Genealogy and Land Records Symposium**, a partnership between Homestead National Monument of America and Southeast Community College's Continuing Education Department. Location is SCC's Continuing Education Center in Lincoln.

## QUERIES

**Many of these queries have not yet been answered or are somewhere “in process”. If you would like to help with the research please contact Richard or Nancy for instructions on what needs to be researched yet. If you are related to any of these persons, that’s even better. You may also contact the person and correspond directly.**

**ECKERT/GABRIEL/RAUTENBERG**

Floyd Brown from Lyons, NE is seeking identification of photographs. The photos came from a picture album of William Rautenberg. The album was handed on to a nephew Elmer Rautenberg, and Elmer's wife, Mae, gave the album to her daughter (Judy Brown) in 1983. Mae could not identify any of the members and a Wilma (Rautenberg) Brown of Tilden could not identify any of the photos. I have shown them to many people in the Tilden area and no one can identify them.

The photo entitled Willie's book 19 has the name Chas. Routenberg on it. However there were two Chas. Routenbergs, the father and the son. The son was sickly the latter part of his life and the last few years he spent in Norfolk at the Verges Sanitarium. Possibly you have some of those records from the middle years of 1930s. [fbrown@huntel.net](mailto:fbrown@huntel.net).

(These photos will be posted on our new website as soon as it is up and running)

Queries continued on the next page

**QUERIES****SLAUGHTER**

Information is wanted on Dr. Guy P. and Dr. Pauline Slaughter, Dr. Earl and Nancy L. (Brown) Slaughter, John E. "Jack" and Margaret (Sullivan) Slaughter. Are there any photos of these people?

Copies of the obits from the Norfolk Daily News were found and sent for Dr. Guy Slaughter, J. E. Slaughter, Mrs. J. E. Slaughter, Dr. Earl Slaughter, and Nancy Slaughter.

This request was from Emily LaBeff, Department of Sociology, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX 76308. E-mail address is elabeff@yahoo.com The query was on behalf of Mr. Roger Hinesh who was born to the Hinesh family in Pierce, Nebraska in 1937.

**DRISKELL**

James Oliver and Dorothea Driskell, Frank and Anna Driskell, Lucy Driskell, Serle Driskell, Chester Driskell, George and Esther (Driskell) Reed, and John and Celia (Driskell) Witte...Witty...Witt. Julie Dedic, 310 E. Elm Street, Winfield, IA 52659 e-mail is cdljdedic@iowatelecom.net

**PETERSON, SOLSO**

Martin Mathias and Carrie (Larson) Peterson, John William Peterson, Lewis George Peterson, Edwin Peterson, Bertha Olson Solso and Mathias Solso, Ulrich Larson, Hilda Nelson Larson (all Newman Grove area) - Laura Moyer, plmoyer8@msn.com 37868 Green Mountain St., Sandy, OR 97055

**EDDY**

Seeking obits of Levi Henry Eddy and any of his descendants: Marvin Hansen, 10401 Stateline Rd. Guelph, ND 58474 mfhansen@drtel.net

**RILEY**

Bernard Riley, Mrs. Bernard (Margaret Dwellinger or Drollinger) Riley, W. W. "Wilberforce Woods" Riley, Mrs. W. W. (Jennie Whalen) Riley, Mrs. Hubert (Leila Orilla Moyer) Riley. This information is requested from Lynn Strickland, 5952 S. Emporia Circle, Englewood, CO 8011 stricklandfamilymail@yahoo.com

**STIRK**

Joseph Webster and Clara (Wells) Stirk, Willis Issacher and Laura (Ward) Stirk, George Edward and Jennie (Ward) Stirk, Florence Adelia Stirk, Ella Agnes Stirk, Walter Garfield Stirk, George and Mary Stella (Stirk) Tannahill, Joseph Webster and Nancy Jane (Carberry) Stirk, Joseph Patrick and Mary Drucilla (Tolman) Stirk, Patrick Ellis and Leonora Harriet (Stirk) Carberru, Howard Blaine and Clara (Kodosopic) Stirk, Mason Stirk, and Richard C. Stirk. This information is requested by Sue McMaster in England. e.im@btopenworld.com

**CARR**

Seeking obits and info on Clifford Carr and Hilda or Hulda (Kaplan) Carr buried in Battle Creek Union Cemetery Carolyn Lansdon carolynlansdon@yahoo.com

**MILLER/MULLER**

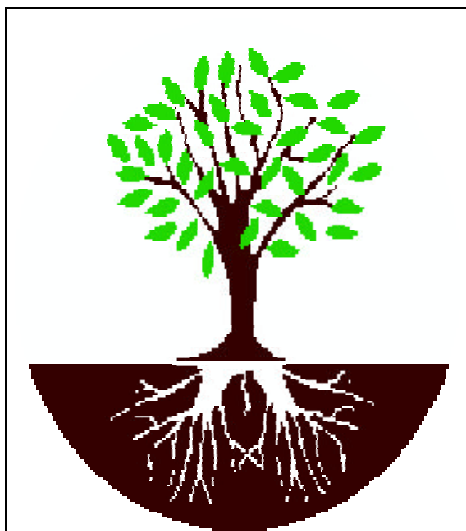
Can anyone identify these photos? Most of them are probably brothers and sisters of Henry Edward Miller, Sr., or possibly cousins, etc. The widow of Henry Miller's son, David Miller, had all the pictures in her possession and gave them to me to try to identify.

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(These photos will be posted on our new website as soon as it is up and running)

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