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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Researching to find family information can be both exciting and a time consuming adventure. A number of years ago when I first started my research I knew some information on my grandparents and great grandparents. The first place to start is with yourself and then add your parents' information. Gather all of the information on any particular line while you're researching even if you don't think you really want the information, such as extended cousins, etc. You will discover later that you will need this information to fill in gaps in your direct line research. Gather as much of it as you can when you can find the material. Then add information on your grandparents and great grandparents but do not forget to ask all of your relatives for information on your family. You should include those siblings for your relatives as well and even their ancestors. You just do not know when a missing piece will find its way into your records.

Talk with your relatives and ask questions but make sure you write down the information as to who you talked to and when the questions were asked. This can lead to some very valuable clues if you find yourself having a few missing pieces in your family tree. When I started with my families I started with notes on a piece of paper. I then went and recorded the information on a word processor and later it was done on computer. I knew my grandmother had a sister who lived in Illinois and I knew her first name. Back then I was able to talk to a live telephone operator so I asked her about the surname I was searching for. She said there were a number of them listed for the area where I was (continued on next page)

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Express in Norfolk at 7 pm. Come see what we're doing now!

This will be another interesting hands-on program.

(Don't forget to return your ballot by the meeting.)

The August meeting will be a visit to the Old Christ Lutheran and Zion Bauermeister Cemeteries.

Let's meet on August 18 at Johnson Park between 6:01 and 6:16 pm (north side by the picnic tables.)

Pack a brownbag picnic supper and we'll have a short meeting first while we eat then carpool out to the cemeteries.

These are the final resting place of some of Norfolk's first residents.

Where closed toe shoes as there are CACTUS out there!

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wanting and I asked her to read off the names. As she read the names I took a "stab in the dark" and asked for this one particular person and I needed her phone number. I actually had no idea if she was "family" or not but I took a chance. I called her and explained who I was and what I was doing. She then told me of a "cousin of her husband" who was doing family research and I needed to contact her. Of course, I did just that. Then the second lady told me of a guy who was doing a book on the family and I needed to contact him. He was living in Missouri so I made contact with him as well.

In doing this search I made contact with several people in Illinois who told me lots of information on the families there. One couple told me of a "Daniel Paul" and his birth date. Some one else told me a different birth date for him and then a third one gave me another date. I was getting a bit confused and wondering what was the correct information. By the time I was about to change his birth date I was really questioning my information. It was fortunate I had kept the notes from each of these interviews and found out I had all the correct information. Yes, I found out I had three "Daniel Paul's" living in the same general area as the parents for the three were different. In doing this research I found two of them were 2nd cousins to each other and the 3rd one was a 2nd cousin twice removed. The interesting thing is that they lived all within 30 miles of each other and it seemed some of the relatives did not know of the other ones. The relationship I have with them is that two of them are a half 3rd cousin and the other one is a half 3rd cousin twice removed.

The reason I share this is for you to know that information needs to be kept as given and not changed with every new lead. Some of that information may be wrong but others of it might just be true. So save those bits and pieces of information and one day the pieces that seem wrong might help you fill in the missing pieces.

An important event is fast approaching. Have you made plans to attend the Nebraska State Genealogical Society annual conference? It will be held right here in Norfolk, Nebraska on April 23 and 24, 2010. More information on all of this will be in some of our future issues of this newsletter and also look at the NSGS publication for news on this conference. We need your help now with publicity. If you can help us please contact our society at PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Richard Streng

Meeting Notes:

The Madison County Genealogical Society met on May 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express with 11 members and 1 guest present.

The meeting opened with the program "The Murder of Fred Reeves" given by Nancy Zaruba. Fred Reeves was shot August 27, 1895 by Frances Brant. Nancy showed a slide program of newspaper clippings and shared information and photos on the Brant and Reeves families.

New business: need a nominating committee to find new officers for the next year. We need candidates for officers. Election is held after the June meeting with results reported at the July meeting, and taking office in September.

Decisions will have to be made and a lot of work needs to be done for the Conference to be held April 23-24, 2010. We have to find speakers for banquet and for a program for Friday and a program for Saturday. Vendors will be in a separate room, tables will be rented. Discussion was held on possible different speakers that we should ask to speak at the confer-

ence. We need to gather a list of media outlets and persons or places in each county that we would like to contact for publicity and promotion purposes from Northeast area, perhaps from Hwy 281 East and south to the Interstate and East and North to the Missouri River. We also need a list of ideas for things for people to do in their free time. Lists were passed around for volunteers to select from to help with.

Bernice, Phyllis and Iola are on the nominating committee and they are to report at the next meeting. The next meeting will be presented by Richard Streng on the history and celebration of the founding of our Society and newsletter. It will be held here at the Holiday Inn Express. The meeting was adjourned.

The Madison County Genealogical Society meeting was held on June 16, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Express. Introduced was Arlene Charboneau, a member visiting from Oregon. The meeting opened with our program "The Organization and History of the Society". June 2009 is the 36th birthday of the society. Our first meeting was held June 25, 1973. The story of the wooden box used for refreshment donations was also included. It belongs to Harlow Butcher as a souvenir of his brought back from the war. The group decided to return the box to him. The members present enjoyed a birthday party with cake and ice cream.

The Chairman of the nominating committee nominated the following slate of officers for 2010. President: Richard Streng, Vice President: Nancy Zaruba, Secretary: Susan Askew, Treasurer: Bernice Walters as no one volunteered or could be persuaded. Ballots will be mailed to all members and are due back by the July meeting. The ballots will include space for write-in votes.

Nancy gave a report of the State Genealogical Conference to be held in Norfolk in April 2010. The main speaker has been selected, secondary speakers and vendors are being contacted.

Patty Eucker gave a museum report; they are publishing a cookbook in the fall and members were invited to contribute recipes. An informational packet was distributed to the members. Other society newsletters received were displayed to the members. The society received a query about the Hart family that lived in the Norfolk area around 1892.

The July meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Express. Suggestions for the August meeting were discussed, members liked investigating the Old Lutheran Cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Askew, Secretary

Early History of the Madison County Genealogical Society and Newsletter

Harlow Butcher in the late 1960's and early 1970's mentioned to friends of his attempts to find his grandmothers burial site. He had mentioned before of the need to find the oldest living relative in order to gain knowledge of the family history. In one of the conversations with Joyce Borgelt she told of an upcoming Everton's workshop/program in Omaha. It was decided that this would be something interesting to attend. Harlow and three women from the Battle Creek area attended the conference. One of the things they obtained from the meeting was a 1 year subscription to the publication, "Everton Helper". In visiting with the speaker some words were spoken about "starting a club" and putting an ad in the paper. From the time of the conference to the club being formed was about 6 weeks.

President pro-tem, Mr. Harlow Butcher, presided at the organization meeting of the Norfolk Genealogical Society. The meeting was held at the Commercial Savings and Loan Company, public meeting room, Monday, June 25, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Butcher proposed that the time of the Societies regular meeting be the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., for a time period of at least two hours. Sixteen interested persons attended the organizational meeting. Continued on next page—

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On July 16, 1973 the Madison County Genealogical Society met at 7:30 p.m. in the public meeting room at Commercial Savings and Loan Company, Norfolk. The meeting was called to order by President pro-tem, Mr. Harlow Butcher. The nominating committee presentation of the slate of officers as: President Mr. Harlow Butcher; Vice President Mrs. Leatta Stortvedt; Secretary Mrs. Mary Ellen Haas; and Treasurer Mrs. Joyce Borgelt. They were unanimously approved.

In 1975 the meeting was moved to the house owned by First Baptist Church at 412 Philip Ave. From the secretary's report for the meeting on March 20, 1977 there were 33 members and 6 guests present. The Feb. 20, 1979 meeting was held at the Norfolk Arts Center, 803 Norfolk Ave. It was at this meeting at the Norfolk Arts Center that "Because the Art Center is not open on Monday's, it is necessary to change our regular meeting night from the 3rd Monday every month to the 3rd Tuesday night."

The Sept. 18, 1979 secretary report showed a newsletter committee was formed. "Dianne Jaeger suggested a newsletter and offered to serve on a committee. Jaeger made a motion, Schroeder seconded it to have a quarterly newsletter. Jaeger, Becky Schroeder and Charlene Becker offered to work on it." On Oct. 16, 1979 it was decided to move the meeting to the First Baptist Church Educational Unit at 500 Philip Ave, for the monthly meetings.

Harlow Butcher and his son printed the newsletter for the first couple of years in Wahoo, Nebraska. There was a printing of about 40 copies and none of them were mailed out at the time. The size of the newsletter was 11 by 17 as it was easier to print them on the news office printer. This size was used until September 1983 issue when it was changed to the 8 x 10 format. The first publication of the newsletter was shown as "Madison County Genealogical Society 'Newsletter'". This name continued until the last issue in Jan-Feb. 2000. Then the name was changed to "Madison County Remembers..." in the March-April 2000 issue.

This is just some of the early history of our organization and our meetings.

A LOOK BACK TO 1938

Compiled by Richard Strenge

Local News and Events

John Fitch of Omaha visited over the weekend at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. C. S. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Snider of Lincoln visited over the weekend at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Kline and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ganser and Donald Ward spent the Fourth at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kohl, near Meadow Grove.

George Johnson of Atlantic, Iowa, was a guest over the weekend at the home of his brother, W. R. Johnson and family.

Mrs. J. H. Gabelman and her two children of Fremont are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Resseguie.

Mrs. P. H. Tyrell visited in Omaha last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Watt, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Larson of Omaha were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs. Larson's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Castner and children of Auburn spent the weekend at the homes of Mrs. Alice Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Will Robbins. Their daughter, Peggy, who has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Hall, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cropper of Sidney were guests over the weekend at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linn, attending a family picnic in Norfolk. Mr. Cropper is working with the NYA in the western part of the state. Mr. Cropper is a son of Mrs. Linn.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 7, 1938, page 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Helmberger returned Wednesday from Perham, Minnesota, where they were called because of the illness and death of Mr. Helmberger's father.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 7, 1938, page 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Busted of Plainview spent the weekend at the home of his mother, Mrs. Clara Busted.

Mrs. Winifred Henderson and daughter, Thora, of Lincoln spent the weekend at the home of her sister, Miss Ella Mae Elliott, and with other relatives and friends.

William Rowlett, who has been working on the western coast for some time arrived Sunday afternoon for a visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed Reeves, going on from here to visit his mother, Mrs. J. M. Leffler, at St. Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whisenand and daughters, Margaret and Alice of Peoria, Illinois, visited in Madison the first part of the week at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long. Mrs. Whisenand is a daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Long of Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ewing and Margaret and their niece, Dorothy Galbrieth, of Beemer, left Sunday morning on a vacation trip which will take them to visit their son, Dr. Eugene Ewing and Mrs. Ewing at Laramie, Wyoming, and their daughter and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Kiesselbach in Los Angeles.

Theo. J. Lemke left Sunday morning for Milwaukee to visit at the home of his son, Gene.

Vey Carol Reineccius of Norfolk visited last week at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Larson, who have been visiting at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Wilson, returned to their home in Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. Verba Speer and son, James Fraser, left Sunday morning for their home, Oklahoma City. Mrs. Speer had been called to Madison by the death of her mother, Mrs. Hannah Cleveland.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Brockhaus and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Steffes of Humphrey, spent the past two weeks on a fishing trip to Menasha, Wisconsin. At the same time they visited with Mrs. Brockhaus' sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Landgraf.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 7, 1938, page 7.

Mrs. Alvina Boysen has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Hahn, at Buhl, Idaho.

Mrs. William Howerly of Torrington, Wyoming, is visiting at the home of her brother, John Makelin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stennis of Deerfield, Kansas, are visiting at the John Makelin home. Mr. Stennis is a cousin of Mrs. Makelin.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Wycoff and family of Neligh are spending their vacation at the home of O. H. Gillespie, father of Mrs. Wycoff.

John Purtzer and his brother, George Purtzer of Norfolk, returned the first of the week from a visit to their boyhood home in Evanston, Indiana, and to the home of a brother in

Netawaka, Kansas, and a sister in Sedalia, Missouri. They also visited with two sisters and a brother living in the old home city of Evanston.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. Aug. 11, 1938, page 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Hoffman and children were at Verdigre Sunday to attend a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Vokac, parents of Mrs. Hoffman. The affair was largely in honor of Mrs. Hoffman's grandmother, 80 years old. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thur. July 14, 1938, page 1.

Fairview

Mrs. Arthur Fandreau, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Polenske, at Neligh Saturday.

Francis Hill, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is visiting here with his sister, Mrs. Graves. This is the first time they have been together for 33 years.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 14, 1938, page 2.

Alice Payder is spending her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payder. Mr. and Mrs. Pet Muff, Sioux City, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Stork.

Sunday afternoon two funerals were held at the cemetery. The funerals were those of Mrs. Schultz, and Mrs. Townsend. Mrs. Schultz was the mother of Mrs. Charles Witzel and Mrs. Townsend was the grandmother of Mrs. Raymond Schwartz.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 21, 1938, page 2.

Kalamazoo

Mrs. Frank Finkral and son, Mrs. Bill Geyer and daughter spent Sunday afternoon with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gross and family.

Eileen Pospisil is spending a few days with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Podliska, and daughter, Judeen.

Mrs. George Finkral spent Sunday afternoon with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Storek and daughter.

Mrs. Thomas Finkral and daughter, Donna Mae, spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frisch.

Mrs. Adolph Podliska and son spent Monday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pospisil.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 14, 1938, page 4.

Rites for Newman Grove Man Held

Funeral services for Levi Gutru, past 80, Newman Grove, who died Friday afternoon at the home of his son, George, at Newman Grove, were conducted Tuesday in Trinity Lutheran Church in Newman Grove. He had been in failing health for more than a year.

Mr. Gutru had been a resident of Newman Grove for many years, and at one time was engaged in business.

Surviving are his son and four daughters, Mrs. Arthur Robinson, Newman Grove; Mrs. William Staab, Omaha; Mrs. Robert Larson, Pilger; and Mrs. Lillie Howells, Brookings, South Dakota. Mrs. Gutru died several years ago.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 7, 1938, page 7.

Early Resident Is Dead In Oklahoma

James W. Vail came to county with parents in Year 1882; Left 1902

Word has been received of the death of James W. Vail, resident of the Fairview community from 1882 to 1902, when he moved to Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Mr. Vail died June 21 and funeral services were held at Kingfisher on June 24.

Born August 5, 1880, at Union, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Vail came to Stanton county in 1881 and then moved with his parents to Madison county where they lived on a place adjoining the Fairview cemetery on the east. He left Madison county for Kingfisher in 1902 and in 1908 was married to Miss Fannie Pemberton.

During the past four years Mr. Vail had been secretary-treasurer of the Kingfisher Co-operative Elevator association.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Helen; four brothers, Harvey, Edgar, Frank and George of Kingfisher; and two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Markley of Healey, Kansas, and Mrs. Phil Every of Piedmont, Oklahoma. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thur. July 21, 1938, page 4.

Norfolk City and Madison County Nebraska Directory 1930 ---1931

The following information was extracted from this directory by Richard Strenge. The names below are for those who were shown as being employed at the **Norfolk State Hospital**. These names are only a few of those who worked there. Names were typed as found in the directory. Their name is followed by their occupation as listed in the directory.

Angel, Louise, Mrs., attendant
 Angel, Roy E. (Louise), supervisor
 Ankenny, Evonne, waiter
 Applegate, Thomas, attendant
 Asbery, Nora, Mrs., attendant
 Baldwin, Edith, Mrs., attendant
 Baldwin, William (Edith), attendant
 Blackman, Clarence P. (Edna), attendant
 Blackman, Edna, attendant
 Blank, Herman (Martha), utilityman
 Boofer, Rosetta, Mrs., waiter
 Boofer, Thomas F. (Rosetta), attendant
 Bower, Albert F., chief engineer
 Broyles, Bessie, Mrs., attendant
 Broyles, William H. (Bessie), attendant
 Buckingham, Anna, Mrs., waiter
 Cantrell, John (Nellie), attendant
 Cantrell, Nellie, Mrs., laundress
 Casey, Helen, Mrs., attendant
 Casey, James M., (Helen), attendant
 Curry, Clara, Mrs., attendant
 Curry, John C. (Clara), attendant
 Daniels, Herma, Mrs., night watch

Daniels, W. Frank (Herma), night watch
 Douglas, Mary, Mrs., laundress
 Douglas, William (Mary), laundryman
 English, Margaret, cook
 Fairfield, Esther, Mrs., cook
 Fairfield, Herbert A. (Esther), baker
 Ferguson, Charles H. (Mary), attendant
 Ferguson, Mary, Mrs., attendant
 Ferris, Ada, Mrs., cook
 Ferris, Earl (Ada), fireman
 Frazier, Audrey, Mrs., attendant
 Frazier, Edwin (Audrey), attendant
 Gasser, Edith, Mrs., seamstress
 Gasser, Fred O. (Edith), assistant engineer
 Gaughenbaugh, Bessie, Mrs., attendant
 Grant, Juanita J., stenographer
 Grote, Evelyn, Mrs., attendant
 Grote, Theodore J. (Evelyn), attendant
 Harvey, Myrtle, Mrs., attendant
 Hill, Laura, bookkeeper
 Hodgson, Esther, Mrs., attendant
 Hodgson, Oscar (Esther), attendant
 Hunt, Joseph E. (Madge), attendant

Hunt, Madge, Mrs., attendant
 Kloth, Hans, painter
 Lovelace, Edward V. (Mary), poultry man
 Lovelace, Mary, Mrs., hydrotherapist
 McCloud, Carl (Martha), attendant
 McCloud, Martha, Mrs., attendant
 McDermott, Mary, waiter
 Mack, Isabel, Mrs., attendant
 Mack, Kenneth (Isabel), driver
 Mack, Nettie, Mrs., attendant
 Mack, William O. (Nettie), attendant
 Marks, Artemese, Mrs., attendant
 Marks, George (Artemese), attendant
 Merrill, Jennie, Mrs., attendant
 Murdock, Donald J., physician
 Nelson, Edith, waiter
 Nelson, George (Laverne), attendant
 Nelson, Juul C. Dr. (Rena), medical director
 Nelson, Laverne, Mrs., attendant
 Newsom, Edward, farmer
 Pasley, Leila, Mrs., attendant
 Paul, Jesse (Myrtle), attendant
 Paul, Myrtle, Mrs., attendant
 Pethel, J. Ray (Pearl), attendant
 Pethel, Pearl, Mrs., attendant
 Pinkston, Blanche, Mrs., domestic
 Pribnow, Herman (Augusta), mason
 Quirk, E. J. (Mary), attendant
 Quirk, Mary, Mrs., attendant
 Ragsdale, Beatrice, Mrs., attendant
 Ragsdale, Louis (Beatrice), attendant
 Reader, Charles (Martha), attendant
 Reader, Martha, Mrs., attendant
 Reardon, Mary, Mrs., cook
 Regan, David C. (May), supervisor
 Richey, Alva (Phyllis), attendant
 Ritchie, Phyllis, Mrs., attendant
 Sanders, Frances, Mrs., attendant
 Schimpf, Hettie, Mrs., attendant
 Siler, Chester A., utility man
 Stone, Allie D., Mrs., attendant
 Stone, Helen, Mrs., attendant, also instructor
 Norfolk Conservatory of Music
 Stone, L. P. (Allie), attendant
 Stone, Maurice (Helen), engineer
 Taft, Augusta, Mrs., attendant

Turner, Nettie, supervisor
 Vickery, Donn, Mrs., attendant
 Vickery, Herny P. (Donn), assistant supervisor
 Wagner, Reuben, assistant farmer
 Walker, Anna, Mrs., assistant supervisor
 Walker, Jesse (Anna), assistant engineer
 Waters, George, fireman
 White, Everett L. (Fairiba), attendant
 White, Fairiba, Mrs., attendant
 Worthington, Pauline, Mrs., attendant
 Worthington, Wesley (Pauline), attendant
 Wyatt, Cora, laboratorian
 Wyatt, Juanita, attendant

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Alder, Ruby, nurse
 Baer, Thora, nurse
 Bergh, Helen, nurse
 Boelter, Wilma, nurse
 Boschuldt, Dorothy, nurse
 Butterfield, Dorothy, nurse
 Carter, Helen, nurse
 Chase, Marjorie, domestic
 Conrad, Beata, nurse
 Dale, Ethel, nurse
 Dather, Margaret, nurse
 Donlavy, Faye, nurse
 Dubsky, Olga, nurse
 Ehlenberger, Kate (wid George A.), domestic
 Emley, Dolores, nurse
 Evans, Grace, nurse
 Faverty, Esther, nurse
 Fink, Florence, Mrs., cook
 Fischer, Edith, Mrs., bookkeeper
 Grady, Glenn, Mrs. nurse
 Graham, Mary, cook

Hansen, Carrie, nurse
 Heckman, Adeline, domestic
 Hoffman, Frances, nurse
 Holmgren, Frieda, nurse
 Johnson, Grace, nurse
 Johnson, Kay, Mrs., nurse
 Josiassen, Alice M., nurse
 Juhl, Leona, domestic
 Kern, Edith, nurse
 Kriefels, Helen, nurse
 Kumm, Reinhold (Louise), helper
 Lading, Edna, nurse
 Laubsch, Martha, helper
 Leigh, Elizabeth, nurse
 Long, Azelia, nurse
 Longe, Alvena, nurse
 McDonald, Katherine, instructor of nurses
 McNally, Eva, nurse
 Miksch, Cecelia, nurse
 Miller, Freda, nurse
 Mueller, John P., Rev. (Anna), chaplain
 Nagel, Marion, nurse
 Nellemann, Dagny O., supervisor
 Noffke, Emillie, nurse
 O'Neil, Genevieve, nurse
 Oestreich, Anna, domestic
 Parks, Wilmetta, nurse
 Peterson, Eleanor, nurse
 Pimken, Ruth, nurse
 Ploghaus, Mary, Mrs., domestic
 Porter, Elizabeth, nurse
 Rector, Wilma, nurse
 Reecker, Orletha, domestic
 Ritchie, Barbara M., Mrs., nurse
 Rodekohr, Adelle, supervisor of nurses
 Ruehter, Lillian A., nurse
 Schepler, Pauline, nurse
 Schimelpfenig, Minnie domestic
 Schwertfeger, Max E., engineer
 Seeck, Elfreda, supervisor
 Severn, Marie, nurse

Siemson, clara, nurse
 Souerweine, Alberta, nurse
 Stuckey, Ruth, Mrs., nurse
 Teadtke, Mary, Mrs., domestic
 Vakoc, Helen, nurse
 Waechter, Marie C., superintendent
 Wetzal, Nora E., Mrs., nurse
 Whitwer, Emma, nurse
 Wilson, Margaret W., nurse
 Witt, Irmintrude L., nurse
 Wood, Fay, supervisor
 Young, Thelma, nurse

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The following information was extracted from this directory by Richard Strenge. The names below are for those who were shown as being employed at the **Verges Sanitarium**. These names are only a few of those who worked there. Names were typed as found in the directory.

Their name followed by their occupation as listed in the directory. Wid is for widow.

Apfel, Leonard, orderly
 Braasch, Elte (wid Emil), laundress
 Carrico, Sidney C. (Hertha), chauffeur
 Cisler, Emma B., Mrs., masseuse
 Eppler, Dora (wid Otto), assistant cook
 Koch, Anna E., bookkeeper
 Ollendorf, Ruth, nurse
 Phillips, Ray, yardman
 Pitzke, Ida E. (wid Otto), housekeeper
 Root, Mabel M., Mrs., cook
 Smith, Henry J. (Verona), technician
 Smith, Mary E., nurse
 Sterns, Violet, nurse
 Thimgan, Mabel, nurse
 Verges, Carl J., Dr. (Hazel E.) proprietor
 Verges Sanitarium; Physician and Surgeon

A ncestors are the people that made us possible!

Conference Note:

It is not too early to consider how you can be of help to us and to your fellow genealogists. We are in need of people who can help us with making contact with various organizations such as museums, historical societies, genealogical societies and vendors with items of interest for the conference. **If you know anyone that has any genealogical type items to sell please let them know about the conference and pass their name and contact information along to Nancy or Richard.** We will also need help during the conference to be at the registration table, greet people and help with the set-up for the activities. If you have knowledge of who to contact for our outreach to other groups please contact us with that information. If you can be of help in any way to prepare for this great event please contact us. Thanks Richard and Nancy

Website Address Change

Please note the new address for one of our websites. The Nebraska State Genealogical Society moved their website to a new server which therefore changed the address. Our new address is now:

<http://mcgs.nesgs.org>

which stands for:

mcgs is Madison County Genealogical Society and nesgs for Nebraska State Genealogical Society and its an organization not a commercial business which is why its .org not .com - this might make it easier to remember actually.

(Note: there is NO www in front)

Open Request to Our Members:

Richard and I have been doing a lot (not all) of the research on most of the queries that have come in. We've run into a stumbling block and think we may have a partial solution.

Many of the research queries have been seeking information from Madison, Meadow Grove, Tilden and Newman Grove areas from prior to 1920. Our primary source for researching this is microfilm at the Norfolk Public Library. However, the problem is that the Norfolk Public Library does not own all of the microfilm that is available and is not interested in buying any of the rest of what is available. That means to research some of this, someone either needs to go to Tilden and look at the papers at the Newspaper Office or visit their public library (but they don't have a complete run of their microfilm either), or get special permission to research the old papers in Madison (which are basically unavailable to most researchers because of damage) or go to Lincoln to the State Historical Society Library (which is closed for two years for remodeling) or rent it for a month at a time per roll.

However, we can purchase the microfilm ourselves from the State Historical Society for \$50 per roll and then we would always have it available. We, or any member could take it to the library or any other microfilm reader and look at it. This would be immensely helpful to Richard and myself because of the queries, the newsletter research and program information.

The following list is our top priorities for purchasing: Madison Chronicle Roll No. 10826, 10827, 10828, 10829, 10830, 10831, 10832, 10833, 10834 (covers 1/3/1895-4/1/1921)

Meadow Grove Tribune Roll No. 18588 (11/15/1895- 5/20/1898)

Meadow Grove News Roll No. 20460 and 20451

Tilden Public Opinion Roll No. 11898 (1891-96)

Tilden Citizen Roll No. 11884, 28899, 11885 (1893-1920 various)

Newman Grove (any—there are several)

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of any of this microfilm please let us know. Even if you can't buy a whole roll (\$50) any amount, even \$5 would help and all monies will go towards the purchase of microfilm only. (We would also accept donations of actual rolls of microfilm if you happen to run across any at any sales at the St. Hist. Soc. etc.)

Strangers in the Box

Come, look with me inside this drawer,
 In this box I've often seen,
 At the pictures, black and white,
 Faces proud, still, serene.

I wish I knew the people,
 These strangers in the box,
 Their names and all their memories
 Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like.
 How did they spend their days?
 What about their special times?
 I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time
 To tell who, what, where, when,
 These faces of my heritage
 Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate
 Of the pictures we take today?
 The faces and the memories
 Someday to be tossed away?

Make time to save your pictures,
 Seize the opportunity when it knocks,
 Or someday you and yours could be
 The strangers in the box.

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(Submitted by Karen Rogat—Thanks, Karen!)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2-5, The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Arkansas Genealogical Society, Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock, Arkansas

April 23-24, 2010, Nebraska State Genealogical Society state conference, Norfolk, NE
www.nesgs.org/~mcgs

April 30-May 1, 2010—National Genealogical Society Annual Conference—Salt Lake City
 (Amtrak train/seminars to get there)

April 10, 2010, Burlington, IA Public Library
 George Morgan will be the 2010 speaker
<http://www.burlington.lib.ia.us/genealogy/workshop.htm>

Chicago Genealogical Society special programs and tours on the following Saturdays
<http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/calendar.html>
 Sep 12, 2009 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Oct 3, 2009 Bus trip.
 Nov 7, 2009 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Dec 5, 2009 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Feb 6, 2010 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Mar 6, 2010 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Apr 3, 2010 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 May 1, 2010 Newberry Library 1:30 pm
 Jun 5, 2010 Newberry Library 1:30 pm

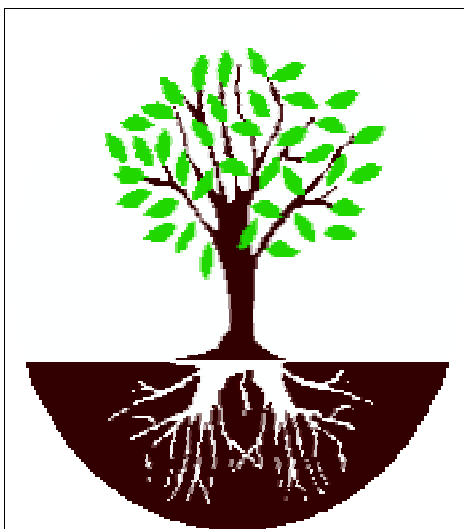
Federation of Genealogical Societies 2010 Annual Conference: *Rediscovering America's First Frontier*
 at the Knoxville Convention Center
 Knoxville, Tennessee, 18-21 August 2010

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