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President's Message

The first day of March began for many people with changes in their lives. Today we are more mobile and have many changes facing us anytime of the year. The first twenty-two years of my life I spent on farms. March represented changes in my life and in the lives of my parents. Changes also were in hand for many farmers during the time I was younger. Many people today might recall the time when the farm and/or the land changed hands on March 1st.

During the early years of my life I did not really take note of the changes going on around me. However, as I grew a bit older they were evident. The end of the lease occurred on March 1st and the new lease began on March 1st. Why then? I supposed it was the best time for many people to be moving. The crops were already in the bins or already sold to the elevator. The spring work was not yet ready to be started. So taking advantage of the in-between seasons the owner-renter relationship might have some changes in it.

The first four years of my life I lived in three houses. The first one was only 1 and 1/2 miles away from the other two that were on the same farm place. When we moved the first time it was a change in landlords. Then a big move at the age of four of about 45 miles. Here was another change in landlords but also a landlord who was my aunts father-in-law. We stayed with him for many years. In the process of being his tenant we lived in 3 places spanning some 45 miles. Then another move after being with him for some 18 years my parents moved to another farm. For a period of time we had two different landlords. As I did not move with my folks this last time from one farm to another as I also had just moved before to begin my new life as a young adult.

Changes in our lives happen. Have you wrote them down on paper or shared them with one of your relatives who is working on your family history? Have you thought about the events in your life as being important? For many of us the day to day events mean very little. But consider what information we seek today of our family lives and the history of our ancestors.

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Where did they live? Why did they live there? What did they do there? Where they farmers as many of my relatives were? Did they live in town and why did they decide to be there? In that community? What about social or religious activities? What about the past for them in being together here in this area? Were they neighbors or relatives back in the "old country" before came to America and settled in the area where you have found them?

The future generations will be looking back upon our time today as something in their past. Will you pass on the knowledge of your life, your living and your endeavors to a relative who you do not know about today? Today consider writing, or at least begin to write, about your life and the events in your life. I know that my life seems plain to me but for some one looking back to our time today will never have the experience we have today. Changes have happened to our ancestors. Changes are going on around us today. Changes will be occurring to those in the future. Write them and let them know what our lives were like today.

Hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Richard Streng

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Meeting News

The Genealogical Society met on Jan. 23rd for our Christmas party at the American Legion. There was several handouts on related Christmas theme and genealogical word search puzzles that were enjoyed by those in attendance. There were even some to take home and enjoy. We also had two guest who joined our group as members for this new year. We welcome Bobbi Mullen and Joanne Morris to our group. A game called 'take away bingo' was also done with the gifts going to those in attendance. No official business was done at this meeting.

Our group met on Feb. 27th with the main item being our preparation for the Nebraska State Genealogical Society annual conference to be held here in Norfolk on April 23-24, 2010. Volunteers will be used to help with the conference as greeters, registration, vendor sales, and in our genealogical library that will be set up for the conference. Plus we need some volunteers to help at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center for Thursday, April 22nd. If you can help in any capacity please contact us. Together we can make this conference a great success.

We are planning on having another meeting for our group on March 20 at 2 p.m. This will be also held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suite.

Final details for the conference will be worked out at our meeting to be held on April 17th. Volunteers will be assigned their duties at this meeting. Plus we will be having special shirts that will be handled out at this time. We will be needing volunteers to help move items that our society will be having plus helping those vendors who need any assistance for their displays on Thursday April 22.

Let's show the State how we can pull together and a rural area can host a successful conference.

The first ten recorded marriages at the Madison County Courthouse

are as follows:

Frederic **Sporr**, West Point to Fredericka **Wagner**, Norfolk May 3, 1868
John Henry **Miller**, Omaha to Wilhelmine **Pasewalk**, Norfolk November 10, 1868
Martin **Doering**, Norfolk to Willhelmine H. **Braasch**, Norfolk November 29, 1868
Wm **Bickley**, Madison County to Margaret **Jones**, Union Creek January 19, 1869
Frederic **Degner**, Madison county to Wilhelmina **Zastrow**, Madison County July 24, 1869
August **Zendt**, Madison County to Minnia **Maltz**, Madison County August 11, 1872
Elias W. **Ives**, Madison County to Nancy **Hopkins**, Madison County August 14, 1869
Allen **Hopkins**, Madison County to Francis L. **Riley**, Madison County August 14, 1869
LeRoy S. **Rounds**, Columbus to Mary E. **Flowers**, Columbus January 15, 1870
Lewis H. **Wachter**, Madison County to Mary E. **Dederman**, Madison County, March 3, 1870

Extracted from the Madison County Clerk's Office by Karen Rogat

We received this email on Feb. 2, 2010.

There is an August Zendt, this should be August Wendt
Related to me, Karen Tiedgen Reed
Thanks

Research Center News

Submitted by Karen Rogat

HAPPY springtime from the Elkhorn Valley Museum's Research Center...

The research center's facility has been very busy lately helping the museum's volunteers remodel the timeline display. We are implementing photos and informative descriptions from libraries collection to enhance the museum's display. The first half of the timeline will be done in the next week.

David Mayer Gradwohl wrote a very interesting article about his ancestors and their time in Norfolk. This was published in *L'Dor V'Dor* (Edition 14, Summer 2009), the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society's newsletter, and he allowed us to reprint it in the Elkhorn Valley Echoes, January-February & March-April 2010 issues, along with donating a copy of the original newsletter for our collection. Sol Mayer established the Star Clothing Company, in 1891, which was located at 311-313 Norfolk Avenue. The family resided here until 1928.

We had a research request for the Thomas Hide and Ferdinand Conrad families from Debbie Day in Great Falls Montana.

The Nebraska State Historical gave us some publicity photos and newspaper articles of Maurine Seymour or locally known as Maurine Hansing. She was a Norfolk girl who became a performer in opera, radio, oratories, and concert appearances in Chicago. These are a wonderful addition to the library's family files.

The library is running low on storage space so we are deleting some of our books of which we have more than 2 copies and making it more specialized for the region. In doing this, we will have some items available for sale at the conference.

Genealogical Research at the Nebraska State Historical Society

THE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES HAS BEEN CLOSED DURING OUR BUILDING RENOVATION

OPENING MARCH 9, 2010Check our website www.nebraskahistory.org for updated Information.**Regular Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9-12 a.m., 1-4 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Closed on State Holidays)****SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR RESEARCH TRIP TO THE NSHS***A Guide to Genealogical Research at the Nebraska State Historical Society*http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/guide1.htm

The **Library** catalog is available online at <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/librarycatalog.htm>. Over 90% of the library collection is in this catalog. Try checking for your family name and county in Nebraska where your family lived in the Search area (**Anywhere**) or use **Enhanced Search** (top of page) for Boolean searching.

1) The Library has the largest collection of Nebraska state and local histories including Nebraska atlases, plat books, flat maps, city directories and phonebooks. Most of these titles are not available on the Web.

2) We have over 3000 genealogies/family histories collected during our 131-year history. We have a general collection of non-Nebraska genealogy guides and histories from other states. Again, many may not be available on the Web and you can use them right here in Lincoln.

3) The microfilm collection includes the largest collection of Nebraska newspapers in the state. Check out the online Nebraska newspaper listing at <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/library/newspapr.htm> or the online Library Catalog. Contact us for exact holdings of issues that are available.

4) Contact our staff about the Nebraska Statewide Cemetery Registry and cemetery tombstone transcriptions in the Library.

Government Records at the NSHS include various federal, state, and county records used in family research.

The **Finding Aids for County Records Map** http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/public/county_finding_aids/index.htm may be used to review inventories for county records (such as marriage, naturalization, school census, divorce, probate records and tax records). Government records include all available Nebraska census records (we also have territorial and state census records), land tract records (useful in locating homestead records) military records and their related indexes. If you cannot locate your Nebraska family in census records found on the Web, use the originals on microfilm in our L/A Reference Room!

The use of data in the **Archives** collection for genealogical research may be reviewed within the **Archival Collection Database** <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/nhprc/index.shtml>. Follow the links on this homepage for the following areas: 1) Our **Manuscripts** include church records and family papers (published church histories are in the Library); 2) We are **the source** for Nebraska **Photographs**, **Moving images**, and **Sound Recordings** that may pertain to your family or their life in Nebraska.

For more details about the sources listed as well as additional indexes to various records in the Library/Archives, check the **Currently Available Searches** homepage <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.html>. Also, check the Library/Archives Publications homepage http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/index.htm.

If you have questions, send an e-mail to nshslibarch@nebraska.gov or phone 402-471-4771. Our Library/Archives staff will respond to your requests!

REMINDER: The NSHS has a limited number of original records available on our website. Plan now for a research trip to Lincoln to use our material.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO THE NSHS LIBRARY/ARCHIVES REFERENCE ROOM!

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Remembers When Hoppers Made Farmers Quit Land by Alice Leffler

Work, while possibly no harder in early days was much different than now, according to Mrs. F. A. Preuss, whose people homesteaded in Green Garden, where she was born. Because the grasshopper damage was so great for seven years in that vicinity, her grandfather and an uncle returned to Iowa. Again coming to Madison, they found their homesteads had been taken up by others, so they did not remain.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Buettner, stuck it out as did two uncles, Martin and Gottlieb Buettner and their families. Among other neighbors who weathered this difficult period were the Polenske, Maurer, Schwartz, Wells and Teske families.

The cost of a 160 acre homestead was only \$16.50 but this small sum was more difficult to pay than the cost of land today, for it was so hard to get hold of even a few cents. Timber claims were given to those willing to plant 80 acres, or half of the land, in trees. Seedlings were scarce, it was hard to get the trees to grow in the newly turned sod and only two persons to the knowledge of Mrs. Preuss, ever attempted to get a tree claim until the government lowered the number of acres of trees to be planted to 40 acres.

None of the Preuss stock was lost in the blizzard of 1888, although she believes her father had a close call himself while trying to get the stock into the open sheds. He fell into a soft drift and his brother had to assist him out. In the morning the cattle were safer, but huddled in the rear of the shed which was otherwise packed with snow.

One year there was no market for barley and, after Mr. Buettner had taken a load to Columbus where he could find no buyer, his impulse was to empty it on the prairie rather than make the team haul it home. Thriftiness revolted at the waste so he cached it in the granary and the next fall again attempted to see it to have room for his new grain. To his surprise it brought 75 cents a bushel, as breweries using barley had begun operating.

A fall task was making mattresses of the soft inner husks of corn. The men would snap a load and the children would shred the husks and restuff mattresses. Instead of comforters, many families used feather ticks and all but the softest of downy feathers were stripped. In stripping feathers, one pulls the fuzz from the quills which are discarded.

Women knit socks and mittens, many of them using a spindle to work wool into yarn. Men's clothing was also handmade by many pioneers before sewing machines came into general use, or store clothing was low enough in price to permit the poorer people to get it.

Mr. Preuss was born in Germany and came to Madison county when a small boy. His parents lived in the neighborhood of Battle Creek, having a log house until shortly after he was married, when they erected a frame structure. There were not many log houses in the territory, but many sod shanties, some of which were plastered and all of which were warmer and in some ways more comfortable than frame buildings.

A cyclone which came through here in the early days, doing considerable damage in Madison, destroyed the Charles Preuss homestead. It lifted a granary building off the fanning mil which was undisturbed. A grass mower, much heavier than the mowing machines of today, was ruined. The Young place was torn up and Mrs. Young injured. She was found by Mr. Weinberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Preuss farmed in this vicinity until they retired and moved to town.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, January 15, 1942, page 3.

Long Walk Through Drifts To Town Recalled By Hide by Alice Leffler

People whose cars won't start and must walk, don't need to look to Ed Hide for sympathy. He has known the time when people walked five miles to town for groceries which they carried back home in a gunny sack, making the trip to Madison in tow days as the drifts were so bad that a 10 mile walk in one day would have been foolhardy.

His sister, Mamie, now Mrs. Carr of Crofton, was at school the day of the blizzard, only one pupil, Effie Smith (now Mrs. Alex Cunningham) attending. The child was ill and went home and the teacher soon followed her example.

Mrs. Carr arrived home 10 minutes before the blizzard struck with intensity. The family was living west of Enola at the time and Mr. Hide believes the drifting snow did a great deal of damage in his locality because of the barren prairie, as fires had been numerous that fall, burning off grass which otherwise would have held much of the snow.

He recalls one fire which burned for days, workers thinking it was extinguished, then would come a gust of wind which would flame a smoldering weed and, as the wind shifted constantly, it would often find dry grass to again start the fire. Once it burned nearly to a sod chicken house before it was extinguished.

Mr. Hide came to this vicinity with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hide from Elgin, Ill., when he was seven years old. He has two brothers, Joe of Madison, James of Manhattan, Kan., and two sisters, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Lizzie Scott of Canada. Four sons, James, John, Robert and Kenneth, live in Madison.

Mr. Hide's brother, James, was leveling boss for the Elkhorn railroad, now the Northwestern, when it was built.

Later the three Hide brothers engaged in carpentry work in Madison, the first house they built being one now owned by Mrs. Yeazle.

He recalls three court house fights and says the official courthouse was in the second story of the Stevens bank building while the present structure was erected.

Among early residents who were his friends were Andy Thatch, John Duncan, John Douglass, and Peter and Bill Barnes.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, January 8, 1942, page 4.

Was Boy of 9 When Caught in Blizzard Paul Kingsley, Stanton, Recalls 'Bachelors' Hall Jan. 12, 1888

Paul Kingsley, Stanton, is among the northeast Nebraska residents who was caught in the Jan. 12, 1888, blizzard, fifty-four years ago today, and forced to remain over night at a neighbor's home in Stanton county. He was 9 years old at the time.

Before the blizzard struck, Mr. Kingsley's father told him to go to the home of the Milligan brothers, neighbors about three-fourths of a mile away, and ask them to return some wheat they had borrowed.

Mr. Kingsley recalls just after he reached the Milligan home, the blizzard struck and George Milligan told him to come inside the house because of the storm. "Somehow I took the much-needed advice. I remember in a few minutes you couldn't see anything but blowing snow. Shortly after I went inside, a team was driven into the farm yard. It was Eric Miller, who lived about six miles over the line in Wayne county. A brother of his made his home with the Milligans that winter. A short time previous one of his feet was badly frozen. His brother was not aware of the mishap, and had come to get him to assist with the work. We can see Eric, like myself, reached the Milligan home just at the

right time. It there is such a thing as good luck, it was certainly with us."

The Milligan boys, Mr. Kingsley said, "kept bachelors' hall that night. There were Sam and George Milligan, Eric and August Miller and myself. George did the housekeeping and I remember well his baking delicious biscuits and serving them with bacon. I can recall Sam remarking he was going to the barn, a distance of about 200 feet. He was out a short time and came back to the house. He said he went as far as the wagon, a distance of about thirty feet from the house, got afraid and returned to the house.

"We remained up until past midnight. My companions told stories that caused the hair on my head to raise up. Being a small boy, I didn't allow anything for fable or fiction, all statements being taken for granted."

Mr. Kingsley remembers for a light lard was burned in a saucer on a peach can. "My folks spent the night worrying about my whereabouts. Dad took his faithful horse and made two attempts in the afternoon to reach the Milligan home, but the horse refused to leave the place. The next morning he reached us bright and early. On reaching the place, he figured I was o.k. for the first to greet him was old Shep, our faithful dog, who accompanied me on the trip, and also spent the night at the Milligan home. After learning I was safe Dad returned home, breaking the news to mother."

Mr. Kingsley remembers his teacher, Miss Stella Kenworth said County Supt. C. S. Coney set Feb. 24, 1888, as a day to collect funds for the aid of maimed teachers who would be unable to teach because of the loss of hands and legs in the blizzard. "I do not remember the amount raised by our school, but I put 32 cents into the fund, Stanton county teachers and pupils collected \$75. If I remember correctly, the teachers were in Holt, Pierce and Madison counties."

Mr. Kingsley said he has never seen weather or storms that could compare with the historic blizzard. "I realize how fortunate I was in reaching the Milligan home when I did."

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, January 12, 1942, page 2.

Saved Herd of 23 Cattle in 1888 Blizzard

Arthur Papstein, 129 Monroe avenue, could tell an interesting story about the Blizzard of 1888 club which is meeting in Lincoln next Monday, the fifty-fourth anniversary of the destructive storm. For as a boy of 24 he had a thrilling experience that day.

When the storm struck, Papstein was in the shoeshop of Herman Haase in Norfolk, but he managed to make his way to the Papstein farm, on the hill, 1 ½ miles east of Norfolk.

When he arrived his mother told him in alarm that they would lose all their cattle, as they were all out in the storm.

Though his mother tried to prevent him the young man started out to round up the cows. "If I don't come back, don't look for me," he said. I will be all right."

With his two dogs Fido and Turk, he faced the blizzard and found about half of the cattle behind a clump of trees on the neighboring farm. Leaving them there he and the dogs continued the search and finally located the rest of the herd behind another clump of trees near the neighbor's farmhouse, a half mile from home.

Young Papstein wiped the packed snow from his face and ordered his faithful dogs to "heel" the cows. The dogs clawed at their faces to clear their eyes and they started toward the other half of the herd. With the dogs' help he consolidated the two bunches and got them safely into the barn. After feeding them and the horses he went back to the house.

"When I told my mother I had all the cows in the barn, she threw her arms around my neck and kissed me," says Mr. Papstein, relating the story.

"I would like to be at that meeting, but I can't make it., he added.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, January 9, 1942, page 7.

Information below is continued from our Jan-Feb. 2010 issue:

Merle Dye Funeral

Funeral services were held here Saturday for Merle Dye who died suddenly Thursday morning after a brief illness. The services were held at the home at 1:30 and at the M. E. church at 2:00. Rev. David Scott being in charge.

Songs for the services were furnished by four girls, Margaret Kauffman, Edith Hannen, Eva Hansen and Ann Hamley with Miss Ruth Crook as accompanist.

Pall bearers were five of her classmates, Ben Hamley, Pat Blair, Dale Horrocks, Jack Daniel and James Beech, the sixth being Gordon Higbee.

Burial was in the Emerick cemetery.

Merle Edith Dye

Merle Edith Dye was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada on March 8, 1917 and passed away at her home in Meadow Grove, Nebraska, on February 4, 1937 at the age of 19 years, 10 months and 26 days.

Her mother passed away when Merle was 18 days of age. When two years of age she came to Meadow Grove with her parents and has lived here ever since. She attended school here and graduated with the class of 1936.

For some time she has been ill with diabetes but her condition was not considered critical until Wednesday when she dropped into a coma from which she never awakened.

Survivors are her father and step-mother; one brother, Wayne of Spokane, Washington; two half brothers, Klair and Reed; three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Twiss of Penticton, Canada and Mrs. J. W. Long of Ida Grove, Iowa; together with many other relatives and a host of friends.

Probably the outstanding characteristic with Merle was her great love for children and many of them are to be counted as her intimate friends.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1937, page 1.

Former Citizen, Mrs. E. L. Twiss, Dead

Mrs. E. L. Twiss died on Feb. 8 at her home in Canada. Death came following a stroke a few days before.

Mr. and Mrs. Twiss were residents in the Emerick community from 1883 to 1910 and the family left many friends in this community who mourn her passing.

On Nov. 16, 1873, she was united in marriage to Edward L. Twiss. In 1883 they came to settle in Nebraska where they lived until 1910 when they moved to Canada, later moving to Penticton, Canada, which has since been their home.

The following is taken from a newspaper in Penticton:

Josephine Elizabeth Twiss, aged 82, died at her home on Scott avenue on Monday morning, February 8, following two years of illness.

Mrs. Twiss, who came to Penticton with her husband, E. L. Twiss, in 1922 was born in Maquoketa, Iowa, and lived in the state of Nebraska before moving to Chaplin, Sask., in 1910.

Stricken with a paralytic stroke ten days ago, Mrs. Twiss mind remained clear up until a short time before her death.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Twiss is survived by five children and several grandchildren. One son, Floyd, and a daughter, Mrs. L. J. Wood, reside in Penticton. There are two

daughters, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Stevens, in Saskatchewan, and another son in Ohio.

Beside those mentioned in the above article there are about 30 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Mr. Twiss is 86 years of age.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, and burial was at the Lakeview cemetery there.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1937, page 1.

Conquering the Wild LNUS

By Janet Nelson

Your article about using LMU, MNU, NMI, etc. when a name is unknown did not go far enough. A couple years ago you ran an article about replacing such acronyms with [--?--].

[Editor's note: See "In Search of the Wild LNUs" <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/review/20030827.txt>]

Made sense to me, so I made a week-long project of going through my two Family Tree Maker data bases and putting in [--?--] wherever a first name, maiden name or last name was unknown. So I have things like Mary Smith married [--?--] Jones abt 1857 or Mary Smith married Roy [--?--]. It is amazing how many relatives can give the first name of someone who married into the family, but not the last. Later, when I find the marriage record or death record, it is easy to correct with the proper name.

Of course, my Family Tree Maker software had a fit, but I soon got used to its queries about the symbol and continued merrily along. It is great. Instead of Unknowns or _____ and various acronyms, anyone can look at a page and see what is unknown easily by the [--?--] and finding them in the index is not a guessing game as to what acronym was used on that one.

It is a wonderful help when working out families off the censuses before 1850 as I can enter each child as [--?--] Smith, M, born Betw 1810-1820 and where or [--?--] Smith, F, born Betw 1810-1820 and where.

When there are two or more of the same sex for the same time period the software will query me, "Is [--?--] Smith, M b. between 1810-1820 the same as [--?--] Smith, M b. between 1810-1820? I simply click "No" and both are placed on the family group sheet. Eventually many are replaced by names, but the others remain in the tree to be found by other genealogists or by queries from other researchers who have the family history of the missing [--?--] Smith.

I can't recommend your suggested system highly enough. It took me a week to go through more than 15,000 entries in my database, making the change, but it was well worth it.

Source: RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine 14 December 2005, Vol. 8, No. 50 (c) 1998-2005 RootsWeb.com, Inc. <http://www.rootsweb.com/>

Quote of the day:

"Too soon old, too late smart."

by Oleta Regina Albrecht (grandmother of Nancy Zaruba)

Deaths and Funerals

Henry Kampe, age 22, son of Mrs. August Suckstorf, died Monday morning at a Norfolk hospital following a motorcycle accident at Pilger, Nebraska. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 19, 1935, page 1.

William Seiffert, age 79, died at a Norfolk hospital Tuesday. He came to Madison county when 19 years of age. Mr. Seiffert was married twice. His second wife passed away about ten years ago. Surviving are eleven children: Chas., William, Henry, and A. E. Seiffert. Mrs. Lizzie Dewes, Mrs. Lena Muller, Ernest Seiffert, Mrs. Hattie Livingston, Mrs. Anna Klein, Mrs. Bertha Kent, and Royal Seiffert. Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Interment was made at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, September 19, 1935, page 1.

Mrs. Frank P. Hughes, Sr., died Oct. 10, 1935. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's church with burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery at Battle Creek. Her husband passed away October 29, 1933. Sarah Agnes Donahoe was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1866 and had reached the age of 69 years, 2 months and 4 days. Survivors were one son, Joseph E., three daughters, Mrs. George Kent, Missess Lucile and Margie, Mrs. John J. Hughes is a sister, and two sisters and three brothers reside in Pennsylvania. There were also seven grandchildren. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.

Mrs. Drucilla Osborn died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Boyer. Burial was made at the Osborn Cemetery southwest of Battle Creek. She was born in Grayson county, Virginia on December 2, 1856. She reached the age of 78 years, 10 months and 11 days. She married Zachariah M. Osborn, May 10, 1877 and the two came to Madison county, Nebraska in 1883. Survivors were two sons and two daughters: Allen C., Clyde C., Mrs. W. L. Boyer, and Miss Maude Osborn. Also surviving were her brothers and sisters: Allen R., Robert L., Hoyt, Mrs. Alf Reeves, Mrs. J. M. McMillan, R. F., and Charles Osborn. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.

Mrs. William Daniel, 75, was a native of Virginia. She was married to W. R. Daniel in Virginia on November 22, 1876 and came to Nebraska in 1885. She died Oct. 13, 1935. Survivors were her husband, four daughters: Mrs. Lewis Braun, Mrs. Guy Duel, Mrs. Harry Beal, Mrs. Eddie Jockheck, and one son, Homer, and nineteen grandchildren. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 17, 1935, page 1.

William R. Daniel died early Sunday morning just one week after the death of his wife, with whom he spent 59 years of married life. Mr. Daniel was born January 5, 1854, in Montgomery county, Iowa. On November 22, 1876 he was married to Miss Alice Murray in Virginia. At the time of his death he had reached the age of 81 years, 9 months and 15 days. Burial was made in Deer Creek Cemetery. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, October 24, 1935, page 1.

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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)

Is your membership expiring ?

The date above your name on the mailing label shows when your memberships is expiring. Membership renewals will continue your membership for one year after your expiration date.

Thank you for your renewal. Your donations to our society are greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10, 2010 Beginner's and Advanced Genealogy Sessions. Genealogy Networking: Person to Person—using family sheets to gather information form families to friends; **Person to Archive**—locating verification and proof of data in various archives; **Person to Cyberspace**—searching for clues and additional possibilities on the web.

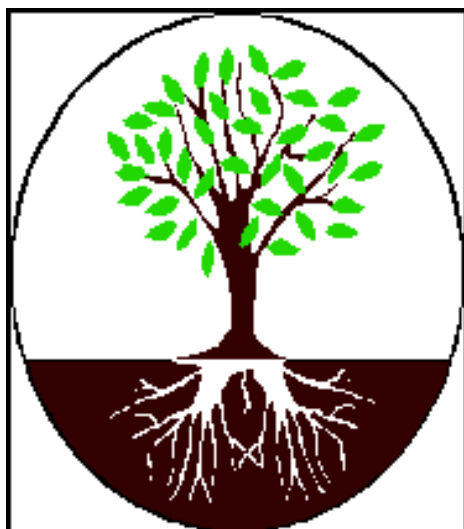
To be held at the Keene Memorial Library in Fremont, NE., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.00 for handouts. Contact Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 541, Fremont, NE., 68026—0541 **Registration required and due by April 5th.**

April 23-24, 2010, Nebraska State Genealogical Society conference, Norfolk, NE <http://mcgs.nesgs.org>

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

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MCGS Meeting Announcements

Our next society meeting will be Saturday March 20th at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express.

Our April meeting will be held on the 17th at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. This meeting will be very important to attend as we will be having final preparations for the upcoming State Conference.

Place on your calendar now the dates of April 23rd and 24th to attend the Nebraska State Genealogical Society annual conference. This is being hosted by our society and will be held in Norfolk, Nebraska. Plan on attending this event.

Have you sent in your registration form? Do it today!

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