

# Madison County Remembers...

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## President's Message

Just a few weeks ago the Madison County Genealogical Society hosted the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. The last time the annual conference was held here was in 1980. So this was an occasion that for many of us was our first time to go to this event. If you missed this opportunity I hope you will try to make next years conference that is to be held in southeast Nebraska in Nebraska City. It will be held the first weekend in May on a Friday and Saturday.

Our event here was largely attended by people from many areas in Nebraska and even some from outside of the state. A special thanks goes to the many people in our society who helped with the arrangements, helped with the set up of the vendor room and library areas. Thanks also go out to the ones who help with signing people in and giving out the gift bags and our greeters. Thank you to the members of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society who were here for the conference. Our speakers for the conference were interesting and very informative.

I really did not have a president's message prepared ahead of time. It normally is something I think about for some time and then get ready before our newsletter publication. This one is a bit delayed in that a lot of time was spent in getting prepared for the conference and now I am getting back to a normal routine.

It takes some investigative work in preparing for the newsletter. Clues and ideas, along with some chance encounters give rise to the various items you will see in our publication. There is no set plan on what is going to be in the next issue or the one after that. I take it from day to day and maybe at the last minute something will come across my way and I bring that to you. In preparation for this newsletter I thought what would be good to find that would be of interest. Not suspecting that what I would find would be hitting so close to home for me.

When you read this newsletter how close do you read it? Did you find some clue or another direction to look for some relatives? As you read the rest of the material that is here see if you can find the answers to the following questions: 1. Who was a passenger on the

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first train into Battle Creek in 1877? 2. Who lived in Colton, South Dakota? ( I did back in 1961 to 1973 but I am not the one you are looking for. ) 3. Where was the graduating class that had the motto: "Before us lies the timber; let us build"? 4. What person with a long sought "29 hand" was rejected from membership because of a player had lived in Burlington, Wisconsin?

I trust as you go about looking for you ancestors, your family members and other relatives you will go back and read again the information you already have. There might be another clue there for you now that you may not have seen before. It is always good to go back and see the information you had collected earlier.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

Richard Streng

### **MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Our Society Election of Officers will take place at our July meeting. However we need to have several of our members be on a nominating committee to find candidates for the offices. This will take place in our May meeting. Then in our June meeting we will be told of those who are interested in holding an office. We then will prepare a ballot of all interested persons and submit these by mail to all of our members. This ballot will need to be sent back to our society mail box before the July meeting of our society. At this July meeting all the ballots will be opened and counted. If you are able to participate in holding an office, be on the nominating committee or work on the newsletter please send us that information.

The election will be for the following: President who conducts the meetings; Vice-President who is responsible for programs and helps to conduct meetings in the absence of the President; Secretary who notifies the media of our meetings and takes minutes of the meetings; Treasurer who handles the responsibilities of the financial affairs, newsletter committee who prepare the bi-monthly publication of our newsletter "Madison County Remembers..."; and membership chairman. Our current vice-president Nancy Zaruba and co-editor of this newsletter will not be able to continue holding either position. She has had a number of eye surgeries on both eyes and faces more surgeries to correct her eye problems. This healing process may take another 2 years or more for her vision to return.

### **Battle Creek Reminiscing Book Team presents**

**Battle Creek Reminiscing 1967—2010 & Smile.** A continuation of Centennial Reminiscing A Story of the People of the Community of Battle Creek, Nebraska 1867-1967. We hope that the book will be available by July 1, 2010. The cost will be \$25.00 plus sales tax and postage for each book. If you would like to preorder please contact: P. O. Box 340, Battle Creek, Nebraska 68715. Please include your name, address, City, State, Zip Code.

## Randolph is Celebrating

By Susie Wattier

Randolph's meager beginnings started in 1886 when it was announced that the Northwestern Nebraska Railroad Co. would put down a line from Wayne to Niobrara and the notice of incorporation for this railroad appeared in the Wayne paper and it was declared that the principal town on the line would be established about 21 miles northwest of Wayne in Cedar County, Nebraska. In June, Frank H. Peavey came to lay the town site. Mr. Peavy named the site "Randolph" in honor of Lord Randolph Churchill (1849-1895) of England.

Frank H. Peavey was president of Nebraska Land and Improvement Company. The Company filed a plat and dedication on October 6, 1886, setting out lots and streets. Thus Randolph was born.

Now almost 125 years later Randolph is preparing to celebrate. On July 1, 2, and 3, 2011 the inhabitants of Randolph will be hosting three fun filled days for young and old alike. A few of the activities planned are: a Kiddie Parade, King and Queen contests, a Bank Robbery re-enactment (Yes, Randolph had a real bank robbery in 1910), Teen Dance, 4-H Livestock Show and 4-H Project judging on Saturday, Antique Tractor show, Alumni Banquet, Street Dance with the Rumbles, a parade on Sunday afternoon, a Barbecue, and the festivities will end with Fireworks. There are many more activities in the planning stage. There are many Q125 souvenirs for sale such as: T-shirts, caps, glassware, garters, ties, and golf balls.

The History Book Committee is currently collecting Business, Organization and Family Histories. To date they have over 400 Family Histories which shows the rich heritage of the area families in the Randolph Community. Time is running out, but if your family is from Randolph or the surrounding farming community and would like to submit a history they can be e-mail to [Q125Randolph@hotmail.com](mailto:Q125Randolph@hotmail.com) If you would like to include a picture of your Randolph ancestors please contact the committee at the before mentioned e-mail address for picture format requirements. The History Book Committee hopes to have pre-sales of the book available in late fall 2010. If you would like to receive pre-sale information, again, e-mail the before mentioned address and the Book Committee will forward information to you.

Randolph is sprucing up its town, planning for a big Birthday Party and hoping to see you at our celebration on July 1, 2, 3, 2011.



### State Genealogical Society Conference held in April

The 33rd annual Nebraska State Genealogical Society Conference was held April 23 and 24, 2010, at Norfolk hosted by the Madison County Genealogical Society.

Two local members of the Madison County Genealogical Society were recognized for their extensive contribution to research and assistance with genealogy.

Nancy Zaruba currently serves as vice president of the Madison County Genealogical Society; is newsletter editor and membership chairman. Margerie Fuhrmann is a charter member of the Madison County Genealogical Society and serves on the board of the Madison County Historical Society located in Madison. Zaruba and Fuhrmann do extensive genealogical research for people all over the United States. (courtesy of Carol Robertson and Madison Star-Mail)



Preserving Norfolk's historic buildings, parks and other iconic structures is the goal of a new organization called "Preserve Norfolk."

Chris Amundson is spearheading the effort along with fellow Norfolkans' Leon Lauver, Lonn Atwood, Sheryl Schmeckpeper, Dennis Harmeier, and Karen Rogat.

"These buildings and structures are among the tangible reminders of our roots and heritage," Amundson said. They define, in part, who we are as a people, how we got here, and where we go next.

To help educate local citizens about the need to preserve our historic structures, "Preserve Norfolk" has hosted open houses at several significant buildings, including the McMill Building; the former Cinema Theatre (also has been called the Grand and the Rialto), which is being restored by the Norfolk Community Theatre; the administration building at Karl Stefan Memorial Airport; and Trinity Episcopal Church.

After the tours, speakers who are knowledgeable about historic preservation have presented programs on a variety of topics, including the process of having a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the challenges, benefits of operating a business in an historic structure and even the care and maintenance of brick and stone buildings.

On Thursday, May 6, Preserve Norfolk members and interested public toured the Kensington Hotel and talked to city officials about their plans for the building. The Preservation Sunday event took place on a Thursday evening because of May scheduling conflicts.

The Kensington is one of the few buildings in Norfolk that is listed on the National Register. Members of Preserve Norfolk would like to see the numbers of listings increase. "Many urban communities are spending big bucks to manufacture history, charm and ambiance. We already have it," Amundson said. Plus, utilizing historic structures makes good economic and environmental sense, Amundson added. He's confident that citizens will come to appreciate the need to preserve our heritage and embrace our past.

"Norfolk has a healthy pride in itself. We stick together and support what we have. Focusing a little love on our historic buildings, parks and neighborhoods is a natural extension of our community spirit."

The Preserve Norfolk core group meet once or twice a month to brainstorm ideas that we have, and to gather in more members. Please feel free to contact us about our group, if you have ideas that you would like to see implemented, or to join us in our endeavors. For more information on Preserve Norfolk, call Amundson at 402-371-5433.

Do you have any information or photographs of a building (business or home) here in Norfolk that may be considered "historical"? If so, would you please share with us?

You may send your items to 905 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska 68701 or contact Karen at [krogat@conpoint.com](mailto:krogat@conpoint.com)

## **The Nebraska State Genealogical Society's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference**

was hosted by the Madison County Genealogical Society, on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Express here in Norfolk. This is the first time in 30 years that Norfolk was invited to host the Conference, and we are delighted to report that it was a great success. The conference room was almost overflowing with dedicated and enthusiastic genealogists, not only from Nebraska, but they came from Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota and California.

The Conference was opened by NSGS President, Floyd Smith III, who welcomed all to a rewarding experience in genealogy and the opportunity to make new friends. He expressed appreciation that the attendees chose this Nebraska Conference at Norfolk, and thanked all members of the Madison County Genealogical Society for their work and contributions, as well as the Holiday Inn Express for their professionalism in arranging for this conference.

Paula Stuart-Warren was the featured speaker and her presentations were so lively and informative that no one lingered long on breaks. While all of her topics were stimulating, of special interest to many were her details on accessing WPA and railroad records. In addition to her tips and strategies for researching school and federal records, she provided valuable examples of how to organize genealogical and other research materials.

Russell Lang is an authority on land transfers in Nebraska, and gave an educational talk on the role of the many, various land grants in settlement of the west. His book, "Original Land Transfers of Nebraska; How the West Was Almost Given Away" describes how land grant colleges came into being--- by receiving free land in exchange for starting up a college. He also explained the process, along with humorous anecdotes, of how the railroads and "outsiders" such as Louisiana Acadians, acquired lands, and the social and economic impact of the different land transfers.

Friday noon was the presentation of awards from the Nebraska State Genealogical Society. Ken Mosman of Holdrege, Nebraska received The Nebraska Genealogist of the Year 2010 Award. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Margerie Fuhrmann and Nancy Zaruba, both of Norfolk, Nebraska, active members of the Madison County Genealogical Society.

Our Friday evening included an excellent banquet and a fun time for all. Sprinkled throughout the day were door prizes, and some good laughs as individuals related some of their unique genealogical experiences. Jeff Kappeler, sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council, spoke after dinner on some of the trials and tribulations of pioneers as they traveled through Nebraska. Stressed by him was the importance and value of recording details of the daily life of these pioneers, as later exploring these family stories often became just as vital and interesting as the names and dates themselves.

A highlight of concluding the Conference on Saturday afternoon was Judy Carlson's talk and explanation of "grave witching", followed by a car pool caravan of enthusiastic attendees to the Prospect Hill Cemetery where she demonstrated her talents of "witching" to the fascinated audience, who were transformed into true believers.

Reference and history books for our library were graciously loaned by the Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center, Norfolk Public Library and many of our own Madison County Genealogical Society members. Also receiving a lot of attention was the large vendor room, open to the public, and enjoying brisk sales.

This NSGS Conference was in the planning stages for well over a year, and the "State" did a superb job of selecting speakers and providing the overall format and planning, for which our Society is most thankful and appreciative. The success of this Conference rests on excellent State and local planning, not the least of which were the contributions and dedication of the Madison County Genealogical Society members who volunteered countless hours. A terrific "Thank You" to all of you who volunteered and served so well.

### **Newspaper Gleanings** **Compiled by Richard Streng**

#### **Thirty-one Seniors to receive diplomas.**

#### **Annual Commencement Exercises of Battle Creek High to be held Friday evening, May 12.---Thirteen Boys and Eighteen Girls in Class.**

Here is the Class Roll: Thomas E. Arkfeld, Doris D. Bierman, P. Gerald Bierman, Jeanette J. Bauer, Elwyn O. Church, David Darr, Delores J. Ertzner, Kenneth M. Glandt, Milton Gundermann, Mary A. Lenser, Colleen Northouse, Rebecca Z. Osborne, Ruth E. Osborne, Dale T. Osborn, Elaine A. Otjen, Grace A. Preusker, Lois H. Preusker, Arland W. Praeuner, Loren H. Prauner, Michael F. Rudloff, Rosalie D. Reitz, Helen M. Rodekohr, Ethel A. Rodekohr, Barbara J. Stolle, Marion L. Schmode, Leland D. Schlueter, Mary J. Stuckwisch, Henry E. Walz, and Loreen W. Wisch. The class colors are blue and white, the flower a tulip. The motto: "Before us lies the timber; let us build."

Source: excerpts from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 4, 1944, page 1.

#### **39 To Graduate**

#### **Commencement will be held next Thursday.**

Thirty-nine seniors will graduate from Madison High School during the coming week, with Baccalaureate exercises scheduled for Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church, and Commencement exercises for next Thursday evening, May 18, at the Capitol Theatre, according to Supt. W. A. Reynolds.

Members of the graduating class are Catherine Adams, Hazel Adkins, Marty Jean Baumgart, Lois Jean Bennett, Norman Bruce, Clyde Chittenden, Bill Donscheski, Genevieve Dorr, Wayne Dover, Mary Louise Farrell, Stanley Johnson, Robert Kamrath, Jim Kilgore, Betty Jo King, Betty LouKnull, Harriett Leu, Carol Linn, Bernice Maurer, Mary Ellen Nahrstedt, David Neely, Joan Palmateer, Adeline Platt, Helen Pavlis, Dale Poehlman, Peggy Poehlman, Dean Purtzer, Caroline Ray, Clyde Reikofski, Arven Reynolds, Bonnie Sanderson, Lillian Scheer, Ted Scheer, Shirley Schwank, Lee Strom, Velma Sohl, Dale Walkenhorst, Bernice Weiland, Darlene Weiland, and George Wolfgram.

Two members of the graduating class will not be present to take part in the commencement

activities. The tragic death of Norman Bruce a few weeks ago deprived the class of one of its outstanding leaders, and another prominent member, Dale Poehlman, was called into the army last week to begin his training as an aviation cadet.

Source: excerpts from Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, May 11, 1944, page 1.

### **The Class of 1944**

Fifteen members of the Class of 1944 of the Meadow Grove High School will graduate next Thursday. The members are: Dorothy Jeanne Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ballard; Joyce Schulze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schulze; Arlie Novotny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Novotny; Vance Dunivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunivan; Bernard Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Osborn; Ava Nell Fowlkes, daughter of Mrs. Sophia Fowlkes; Gertrude Pfisterer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfisterer; Lorraine Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pratt; Eileen Werner, daughter of Mrs. Elmer Werner; Bill Sessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Sessler; LaDonna Wieting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wieting; Imogene Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stewart; Shirley Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams; Donald Warnke, son of Mrs. Emil Kuntze; and Una Lee Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dar Wright.

Excerpts from: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, May 4, 1944, page 1.

### **A look at local news events**

The following items were taken from the Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 8, 1944 on page 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Ross Louthan and children have moved to Meadow Grove. Rev. Louthan will serve as pastor of the Methodist churches at Meadow Grove and Battle Creek. He had served as supply pastor at Dakota City.

T. D. Preece spent a few days at Waterloo, Iowa, visiting at the home of his son, Dr. Wade Preece, and family. Mrs. T. D. Preece, who went to Waterloo a few weeks ago, remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Levina Skelton and daughter, Miss Doris, of Missoula, Montana are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Burch, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Keeney, Mrs. Skelton is a daughter of Mr. Burch.

Mrs. Louise Agana of Sheldon, Iowa, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Boebel, in Battle Creek this week.

Mrs. Gerald Wright and children and Mrs. Glenn Cross and daughter of Seattle, Washington are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hale, in Battle Creek. Mr. Hale is the father of Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Cross.

Leo Connelly arrived in Battle Creek last week to remain indefinitely. He has been at the home of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Grimm, at Harrison, Nebraska, for several months.

### **Neligh Man Gets Perfect Cribbage Hand: Pegs 29**

In a game of cribbage between Edw. Wanek, Os Hauser, Harry Beckwith and Bill Bolts at Beckwith's cozy apartment last Thursday evening, the host held the long-sought "29 hand," which happens to a cribbage player approximately once in a lifetime. Harry held three fives

and the jack of hearts, and the five-spot of hearts was turned up. Application for membership in the New York 29 Club was immediately wired in but was rejected early this week because of "poor witnesses." The rejection was based on the faulty hearing of Wanek, the fact that Os (OPA) Hauser was easily influenced and Bill Boltz had once resided in Burlington, Wisconsin, birthplace of the famed Liar's Club.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 25, 1944, page 1.

## **Rites for Cal Gilland on Monday**

### **Resident of county since 1881 died Friday at age of 86**

Funeral services for Cal Gilland, Madison county resident since 1881, who died at his home here Friday morning at the age of 86 years, were held Monday afternoon. While he had been ill for the past two months, his condition became critical only a few hours before his death.

Mr. Gilland was born March 10, 1858, near Winterset, Iowa, the son of James and Susan Gilland. He came to Madison county in 1881, and soon was employed at the farm of John George, who had taken one of the first homesteads in Fairview precinct, in 1874. On Nov. 28, 1885, he was married to Flora Mae George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John George, at Madison, and they farmed until 1894 when the family moved to Madison.

He worked 28 years at the lumber yard of Hume, Robertson & Wycoff and its successor, the St. Anthony & Dakota Lumber company. Ill health forced him to give up his work in September 1925. He and Mrs. Gilland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1935.

He is survived by his wife, Flora Mae, three daughters, Mrs. Pearl Belling, Mrs. Nora Dowling and Mrs. Jessie Conley, and one son, James Gilland, all of Madison. He was preceded in death by a son, Louie, who died in 1918 at the age of 30, and by a son and daughter who died in infancy. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Cpl. Millard Dowling with the army in Italy, Curtis Gilland of Colton, S. D., Mrs. Ruth Baker of Cascade, Idaho, and Donna Mae Gilland of Madison, and nine great grandchildren.

Source: excerpts from Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, May 4, 1944, page 1.

## **News Bits Of Information**

The following items were taken from the Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 25, 1944, page 1.

Mrs. Aage Petersen arrived in Meadow Grove the latter part of last week to remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hamley, during the summer. Her husband, Lt. Peterson, is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton of Los Angeles arrived here Monday to visit relatives. While in Battle Creek they are staying with Mrs. Hamilton's sisters, the Misses Gertrude and Laura Wright.

E. A. Hagstrom, seaman first class, of Port Hueneme, Calif., is in Battle Creek visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Rika Koester, and uncle G. A. Koester.

Mrs. Nelda Brechler has returned to Battle Creek from a four weeks' trip to California. She



visited her niece, Mrs. C. A. Mills, at Balboa Island, and relatives in Los Angeles. She was accompanied on the trip by her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hoffman, of Norfolk.

Corp. and Mrs. Darrell Braun of Battle Creek, Mich., are spending a few days at Meadow Grove with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Braun, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Inness.

Miss Shirley Chrisman left for her home at Heyburn, Idaho, after having spent the past year in Battle Creek with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Boyer.

The Misses LouElla and Eleanor Eyl and Mrs. Fred Burton of Omaha spent the latter part of last week in Battle Creek with their mother, Mrs. Anna Eyl.

Miss Ruth Walz is visiting her aunt, Miss Lena Walz, at Orchard this week.

**Mrs. Caroline Lund dies at Valentine  
Was Pioneer Resident of Battle Creek, Passenger on First Northwestern Train to  
Reach Town in 1877.---Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.**

Mrs. Caroline Lund, 87, pioneer resident of Battle Creek, died Wednesday night at Valentine at the hospital operated by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Tyler, She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Lund, whose maiden name was Caroline Beck, was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1857, and was seven years old when her parents came to the United States and located in Iowa. She was a neighbor of Kate Shelly of railway accident fame, and knew where the famous heroine traveled that night on her hands and knees over the treacherous bridge to flag the train and save the lives of many passengers. Mrs. Lund was acquainted with the heroine many years.

Incidentally, she was a passenger on the first train into Battle Creek on the Northwestern in 1877.

On April 4, 1880, she was married to Nicholas Lund. They lived in Battle Creek where their eight sons and daughters were born, five of whom are still living. During the early days of Battle Creek, Mrs. Lund was called on by the late Dr. Edward Tanner, pioneer physician, at births in the community, for which she would never accept pay. Mrs. Lund's parents were Battle Creek residents until their deaths. At Battle Creek she was prominent in civic and Catholic church activities. She had a fine memory of early days in the Battle Creek community, and possessed a rare sense of humor enjoyed by her many acquaintances.

Surviving are three sons, Dr. Frank, Phil and Jack, all of Omaha; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Tyler, Valentine, and Mrs. Joe Maas, Norfolk, with whom she made her home many years; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Margaret Hughes, Battle Creek; Mrs. Eliza Taylor, Los Angeles; Mrs. Elizabeth Pennewell, Portland, Ore., and John Beck, Revelstroke, Canada.

Source: excerpts from Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 22, 1944, page 1.

**Query:** I am sending this email seeking information about my maternal family. The last name is Hamley. The great grandfather was Montague Townsend Hamley who moved to Nebraska from Iowa but was originally from Cornwall, England. Many of his descendants are in this state. We have a Hamley Family reunion every year!

I am including some info to give you some background. Taken from: "They Called It Meadow Grove" (Meadow Grove, NE.)

Montague Townsend Hamley, born 1850, in Cornwall, England, came to the United States in the early 1870's to Maquoketa, Iowa, to an Uncle Nathaniel Hamley who had a dry goods store. There he met Lucy Rebecca Blake and was married to her. Lucy and her family were prosperous farmers. Because of Lucy's father's health (they feared he might have tuberculosis), they came by wagon through Sioux City to homestead south of Meadow Grove. (The Blake's homestead was east of the Hamley's).

According to records, Laura Hamley was the first white child to be born in this district. School District no. 27 was first located on the Montague Hamley farm. It was first held in a shed on the farm. In 1874 and 1875 Montague Hamley was director and teacher of the school. There is an old-timer still living who recalls Mrs. Montague Hamley (Lucy) going across the prairie with a basket on her arm administering to her neighbors.

District No. 61 was called "Blakely" and closed a few years ago. It was named after Montague's father in law, William Blake. Montague Hamley purchased another farm west of the homestead. He also bought the farm that the George Orlando Hamleys later lived on for a number of years.

I am interested in obtaining information regarding any Hamley and Blake homesteads, and in the school named Blakely. Any other pertinent information about these families would be appreciated.

Please inform me about payment or costs. Thank you in advance for your help.

Regards, Anita Burbank-Jenkins profesoras2001@yahoo.com  
5981 S. Detroit St., Centennial, Co 80121

**Query:**

Would you have any information about the births and/or deaths of the three CRUM children that were probably born in Norfolk, Madison County, NE? Their parents lived in or near Norfolk for about five years before leaving for Iowa.

Parents: Emery (Emerson Frederick) and Martha (Moore) Crum

Their marriage was registered in Antelope County, NE, on April 26, 1889. They were married in the living room of Emery's parents, William and Isabella (Megonigle) Crum near Millerboro, 8 miles west of Creighton NE in Miller Township, Knox County, NE.

Later they moved to Norfolk (in or near?), Madison County, NE, where it's likely that these three children were born, and two of them died. Emery was a farmer and Martha may have been a midwife or nurse.

Children: 1. Vernon Crum, born December 21, 1890, at Norfolk, Madison County, NE. This information is based on his World War I Draft Registration Card. He never married, and died in Minneapolis on May 25, 1959.

2. Willie (probably William) Crum, born and probably died in Norfolk, NE, per family stories, but not after 1895. The Iowa State Census shows only Emery, Martha, and Vernon at Fremont, Osceola County, IA.

3. Elsie Crum, born and probably died in Norfolk, NE, per family stories, but not after 1895. The Iowa State Census shows only Emery, Martha, and Vernon at Fremont, Osceola County, IA.

Edith, the next child, is born on December 5, 1895 at Osceola County, IA., never married, and died in Minnesota on September 20, 1966. And the 1900 US Census shows that Martha Crum had six children, with only four living.

Please let me know the charge for your research as well as the charge for any copying, if you are lucky to find information. Please also let me know if I can do some research for you at the Montana Historical Museum Research Room.

And you are welcome to refer anyone researching this family to contact me, as I'm always pleased to share. Thank you. Joan Crum, 665 Faw Road, Helena, MT 59602, 406.442.9110

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**Memberships** are \$15 per year.**Research Requests:** \$10 and a family group sheet to:  
MCGS, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031**Meeting Information:** Subject to change  
Call Nancy 402-379-4654 or Richard 402-371-9216**Website:** www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/  
or <http://mcgs.nesgs.org>**2009-2010 Officers**

President: Richard Streng

Vice-President: Nancy Zaruba

Secretary: Sue Askew

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Newsletter Editors:

Nancy Zaruba &amp; Richard Streng

**Website Address** 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)

**Membership Reminder**

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**

June 11-13, 2010 - Burbank, CA - 41st Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree - Speaker: Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak- <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/>

June 25-26 2010 Shawnee, Kansas - The Gottscheer Heritage and Genealogy Association will meet June 25 and 26, 2010 <http://gottschee.org> or contact Elfriede Stonitsch at stonitsel@aol.com.

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

September 18-25, 2010 - 6th Annual Genealogy Conference and Cruise, hosted by Wholly Genes, Inc. - Voyage through the Caribbean [www.whollygenes.com/](http://www.whollygenes.com/)

September 23-25 2010 The Montana State Genealogical Society's Conference, Lewistown Montana, September 23, 24, 25, 2010. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/mtmsgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/mtmsgs/) or [blgsmarket@aol.com](mailto:blgsmarket@aol.com)

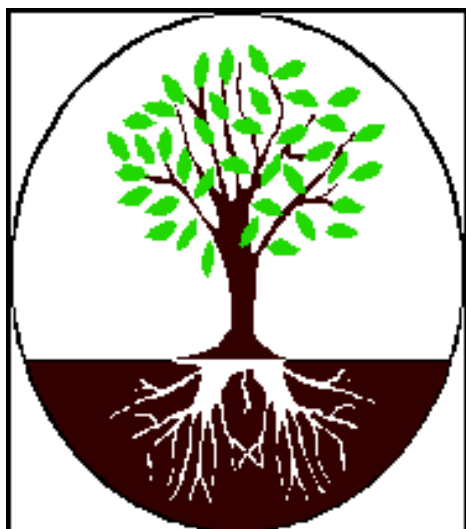
October 1-2 2010 The Polish Genealogical Society of America's conference will be Friday and Saturday, 1-2 October 2010 at the Hilton Hotel, Oak Lawn, Illinois, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

October 1-2 2010 The Minnesota Genealogical Society 2010 North Star Genealogy Conference in South St. Paul, Minnesota. Contact J. H. Fonkert, [jfonkert@aol.com](mailto:jfonkert@aol.com), or [www.mnsgs.org](http://www.mnsgs.org).

Nebraska State Genealogical Society 2011 Annual Conference, Nebraska City, NE, first Friday and Saturday of May 2011, [www.nesgs.org](http://www.nesgs.org)

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## **MCGS Meeting Announcements**

**We will have our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 18th at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express.**

**Our June meeting will be once again held at the Holiday Inn Express on Tuesday, June 15th at 7 p.m.**

**July meeting will be on the 20th with election of officers. We also have the opportunity to map (and witch) a cemetery. This will need to be done on a Saturday during July or August.**

**August meeting will be our annual outing. Do you have an idea as to where we should go?**

**Your attendance at our meetings is encouraged. We hope to see you there. The future of the society depends upon membership and participation.**

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