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## Art Thomas, 66, Former Manager of WJAG, Taken Was in Charge of Norfolk's Radio Station 19 Years

Art Thomas, 66, who retired as manager of WJAG, The Norfolk Daily News radio station, last March after holding the position 19 years, died at 7:30 Sunday evening at a Norfolk hospital. He had been in failing health for some time, and had been in the hospital since May 15. He had been hospitalized several times in recent years.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at Trinity Episcopal church here. The body will lie in state from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Norfolk Home for Funerals. Brief burial rites will be held at the Forest Lawn cemetery chapel at Omaha Wednesday afternoon. The family requests that no flowers be sent, and suggests that contributions be sent to Trinity church instead.

Mr. Thomas came to Norfolk from Omaha in 1932 to direct activities of the Northeast Nebraska drouth committee. A short time later he became manager of station WJAG, and had been a resident of Norfolk since.

## **Native of Illinois**

Born at Odin, Ill., April 22, 1885, Mr. Thomas was 16 years old when he got his first job with the Fasig Tipton company, the world's largest horse auctioneer firm. He later was a reporter in New York and Boston for "The American Horse Breeder," editor of "The Horseman" and "Spirit of the Times" for three years at Chicago, and was general sales manager of the Houghton Sulky company of Marion, Ohio.

# **Orville Clark, 64, Retires:** Worked for 13 Railroads

"The only unusual thing about my railroad career is the fact that I have worked for 13 different railroads during my 42 years of service."

These are the words of Orville Clark, 64, who retired recently from the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The last 29 years of Mr. Clark's railroad duty has been spent in the Norfolk area.

Mr. Clark, who lives at 825 South 12th Street, says that he has worked "all runs around Norfolk" since he first came here in June 1, 1922.

## Often "Borrowed"

A fireman until he became an engineer five years ago, Mr. Clark was somewhat in demand as a coal fireman until his retirement. He was often "borrowed" by other railroads, sometimes out of this area, to fire coal engines.

"Those diesel firemen aren't much good in a coal-burning engine," says Mr. Clark, "and that's where I come in."

The veteran railroadman reports that he had had only routine experiences during his employment. He does admit, however, that four years ago on New Year's eve his engine hit a car at Fremont. He has also struck a few cows.

# To Operate Sawmill

Now that he is retired, Mr. Clark will operate a sawmill north of the state hospital. He and his wife plan to live in Norfolk "from now on."

The first railroad job held by Mr. Clark was in the Milwaukee roundhouse at Ottumwa, Ia. The job began April 1, 1909, and by July 15

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### **President's Message**

Greetings to our members,

We appreciate hearing from you, our members, on what you have in research material for your area. As our membership goes across the United States we can all benefit from learning from you what resources are available in your area. So send us the information and we can include it in a feature in one of our newsletters. If there is any items you like to see in a future newsletter please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Richard Strenge

# MCGS Meeting Minutes, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Frances Beck, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 am on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Elkhorn Valley Museum with 8 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the February meeting were distributed and accepted as written with a motion by Jeanne Rix, seconded by Phyllis McCain. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

Queries accepted and processed: Harrison Morris. Phyllis McCain showed samples of family record sheets and will bring copies for the members next month. The Civil War records mentioned last month are no longer available and are not to be sold or given away.

Newsletters - It was suggested that some special issues be produced. The possibility of producing a brochure or alternately, extra copies of the newsletters to be distributed to various organizations such as medical clinic waiting rooms was presented. This would allow us to let people know who we are and what our plans are for the future. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

### Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 am on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elkhorn Valley Museum with 6 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the March meeting were distributed and accepted as written with a motion by Bernice Walters, seconded by Phyllis McCain. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit. A CD matured April 20 and was renewed for 12 months.

Queries accepted and being processed: Harrison Morris, the McKibbon family, The King family (King's Ballroom), and Brinkmans from Newman Grove area. There was a short discussion on the Civil War records mentioned last month along with Civil War records in general and websites such as <u>www.swvcwdb.org/home/records</u>.

Our guest, Kathy Lewis, mentioned she is searching for the grave of a relative, Maria (Mariah, Eliza, Medicine Woman, Mary) Thatch who was buried in Norfolk, maybe Kidder Cemetery or Alberry Cemetery. She also joined our society.

The annual conference of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society will be held in Grand Island on the first weekend of May. Ruby Coleman will be announced as Genealogist of the Year.

It was decided to place copies of our newsletters in places such as nursing homes, Vet's Home, doctor's offices, etc. to let people know who we are and what our plans are for the future. Members should suggest appropriate places to President Richard Strenge. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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## What did Norfolk look like in 1936–1937?

Source: Norfolk City Directory from the Kieter Company

For a look at the people and businesses in the downtown area see the listing below. The even numbers are on the north side of the street and the odd numbers are on the south side of the street.

Norfolk Avenue going from east to west with First Street our starting point.

- 100 Norfolk Hatchery102 104 H. A. Schmode108 110 H. A. Pasewalk Est.
- 122 Skalowsky's Auto Parts Fritz Berger
- 124 G. L. Carlson
- 126 Green Lantern Cafe
- 128 Sinclair Refining Co.
- 200 H. R. Cornell
- 202 W. R. Hoffman
- 204 Ben Skalowsky
- 206 H. W. Meink & Son
- 208 Heckman's Auto Supply
- 210 Farmers' Union State Exchange
- 214 Norfolk Granite Works J. C. Larkin & Co.
- 216 Blue Bell Inn
- 218 Maas Wall Paper and Paint Store
- 220 A. R. Moats Hotel North Mrs. Louise Brandhorst
- 224 The Gambles Store
- 226 W. F. Faubel C. E. Munson
- 228 Doell Bros. Hotel Elkhorn
- 230 O. H. Krahn R. E. Keith Hartwig & Eiben
- 232 O. H. Anderson
  - Mrs. Itasca Roland

- 101 R. H. Harrison
- 107 Priess Grocery
- 109 City Tire & Battery Service
- 115 Coulson Motor Co.
- 117 Ballou & Griffiths
- 119 Norfolk Bottling Co.
- 123 James Gostas
- 125 James Gostas
- 127 E. A. Baier
- 127 Rev. LeRoy G. Comstock Full Gospel Assembly
- 129 vacant
- 131 Square Deal Produce Co.
- 201 203 Oxnard Hotel
- 205 W. W. Maas Jones Piano House
- 207 E. A. Seiffert Mrs. Edith Hansen M. R. Hanson
- 209 Paul's Cash Market
- 213 W. S. Mordhorst
- 215 E. C. Shaffer
- 217 Johnson, Thenhaus & Howser
- 219 Norfolk Building & Loan Association Dr. W. H. Pilger
- 221 The Trade Center R. S. Benish W. H. Newkirk
  - W. H. Newkirk
  - A. R. Benish
- 223 Henning Bakery Odas Yeshuron Synagogue
- 227 R. E. Graves H. R. Crow
- 229 Rasley's Inc.
- 233 235 Safeway Stores Inc.

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300	Corner Beer Tavern	301 - 303 Brown-McDonald Co.
	M. A. Norman	Lederer-Straus Co.
	Ohlmann & Allen	307 - 309 F. W. Woolworth Co.
302	- 304 Richards Blocks	311 E. L. Moore Book Store
302	J. R. Watteyne	313 Star Clothing Store
	Ideal Shoe Service	315 National Bank of Norfolk
304	M. P. Wine and Liquor Shop	315 Norfolk National Bank Building
306	G. S. Olson	1. Dr. W. R. Hall
308	- 310 Council Oak Store	2. Northwestern National Life
312	— 314 The Durland Trust Co.	Insurance Co.
316	F. E. Hansen	C. D. Young
	F. W. Lau	Hayes Insurance Agency
	C. O. Seder	I. M. Hayes
	L. D. Henry	Mrs. Myrtle M. Dixon
		3. E. G. Machmuller
		4. L. P. Pasewalk
		4 - 5. Receiver Norfolk National Bank
		Forrest Lear
		6 - 7. Madison County Abstract &
		Guarantee Co.
		Mapes & Mapes
		8. Dr. W. A. Weber
		9 - 10. M. S. McDuffee
		11. H. S. Salter
		12. vacant
		13. vacant
		14. State Laboratory
		15 - 16. J. C. Stitt,
		Knights of Columbus.
318	The Style Shop	rear, E. E. Haines
	Three Twenty Club	317 Wide Awake Clothiers
322	Merchants Cafe	319 Buck's Booterie
	Yellow Cab Co.	Reynolds Russell School
	Merchants Cafe Rooms	of Beauty Culture
324	Michael Kempkes	321 Sheeler's Drug Store
	C. C. Becker	323 - 325 A. T. Hutchinson Co.
328	Norfolk Cocktail Room	
neo	corner Fourth, Hotel Norfolk	335 - 337 Killian Block
	K. A. Diekelmann	1. J. E. Hullinger
	Hotel Barber Shop	2. Dr. C. F. Hansen
	Norfolk Pharmacy	3. Dr. W. H. Heaton
	Bow and Arrow Coffee Shop	4 - 5. Dr. R. C. Simmons
	Barkalow Bros.	9. Dr. C. R. Mullong
	Norfolk Chamber of Commerce	11. vacant
		14. vacant
		15. vacant
		Third Floor, Norfolk College of Business

n w corner Fourth, Bishop Block (see 101 N. Fourth for names) 400 - 402 The Fair Store 404 Hinky-Dinky Store W. A. Mouritsen 406 Public Market (George Roman) 408 R. A. Mittelstadt 410 F. W. Schmiedeberg J. W. Tannehill 412 The Golden Rule C. W. Stoeber F. G. Wills 414 Wetzel & Putters Inc.
416 Perrigo Optical Co. E. N. Hewer S. N. Marcum
420 Hal Robbins
<ul><li>422 Kruetzfeldt Bros.</li><li>424 Rialto Theatre</li></ul>
<ul> <li>426 B. N. Brown <ol> <li>Dr. G. A. Young</li> <li>Dr. V. L. Siman</li> <li>Mrs. Cora Baumann</li> </ol> </li> <li>428 Gillespie Bros.</li> <li>430 Boyden Pharmacy</li> <li>432 Koehn Building <ul> <li>Wolt-Berge Mortuary</li> <li>I-3. Evans Audit Co.</li> <li>Evans Insurance Service</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Pearl's Beauty Shop <ul> <li>Nebraska State Volunteer</li> <li>Fireman's Association</li> </ul> </li> <li>6-7. Farmers &amp; Bankers Life <ul> <li>Insurance Co.</li> <li>O. H. Meyer</li> <li>Spillman &amp; Ptak</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
436 S. N. Melcher
438 - 440 J. C. Penny Co.

- 401 DeLay National Bank 403 Hested Stores Co. I. O. O. F. Building & Hall 405 Coast-to-Coast Stores 407 J. A. Ballantyne 409 O. E. Bullis Drug Store Drs. Salter, Brush & Salter 411 Karl Stefan L. W. Nichols E. E. Graves W. H. Miner 413 Carl LoCastro Anderson & Miller 415 J. W. Maas 417 Norfolk Loan & Insurance Agency, Inc. **Central Finance Corporation** Central National Farm Loan Association' Equitable Life Assurance Society Miss Jane E. Leonard G. P. Parish I. L. Marshall 419 William Tranos 421 C. W. Scofield Dr. E. B. Drost Dr. J. S. Schroder 423 Edward V. Hulac Clothing Co. National Re-Employment Service 425 Matt Furniture Co. 427 Norfolk National Land Co. Webb Rice Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. 429 C. W. Childs Dr. J. C. Devine 431 Norfolk Shoe Co. Dr. W. E. Crane S. E. Tonseth Dr. A. J. Schwedhelm 433 Fleming's Pharmacy Drs. Howley & Conwell J. J. Cleland 435 Earl E. May Seed Co. 437 Peter Xanthis 437 - 439 B. P. O. E. Building & Hall G. H. Burton
  - 439 Loosbrock Wall Paper & Paint Co.
  - 439 1/2 J. E. Murray

<ul> <li>s w corner Fifth, Koenigstein Building (see Fifth street for names)</li> <li>n w corner Fifth, H. L. Jones</li> <li>500 O. E. Koehn</li> <li>502 G. G. Jewett</li> <li>504 - 506 Chicago Lumber Co.</li> <li>508 C. L. Brittain</li> <li>510 Krueger Electric Co.</li> <li>522 Omaha Cold Storage Co. David Jorgensen W. C. Glaser</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>501 S. S. Green</li> <li>503 Norfolk Music Co.</li> <li>505 Gettman's Radio-Music Store Gettman's Typewriter Exchange</li> <li>507 Union Cafe</li> <li>509 - 511 Pay and Take It Food Market</li> <li>513 Sunshine Food Market</li> <li>515 vacant</li> <li>517 New Way Cleaners</li> <li>519 Mrs. Amy B. Beckenhauer</li> <li>521 D. P. Timperley J. F. Margolis</li> <li>523 Swift &amp; Co. (cream station)</li> <li>527 vacant</li> </ul>
602 Finley Coal & Grain Co.	601 Joyce Lumber Co. (Nebr.) C. St. P. M. & O. Ry crosses U. P. R. R. crosses
<ul> <li>700 Standard Oil Company</li> <li>704 - 708 Sidles Co.</li> <li>710 - 712 U. S. Royal Tire Service</li> <li>714 Mrs. Alvina Bruhn <ul> <li>Harley Koehn</li> <li>Roy Moore</li> <li>Percy Growe</li> </ul> </li> <li>716 W. W. Wasson</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>701 - 705 Iowa-Nebraska Light &amp; Power Co.</li> <li>707 - 709 Boehnke Bros.</li> <li>711 - 713 Koenigstein Tire &amp; Battery Co.</li> <li>715 R. O. Marshall K. F. Wehenkel Yee Leo</li> <li>719 Warnecke Battery &amp; Radio Service</li> <li>723 Kell Grocery</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>800 C. A. Boehler</li> <li>802 Switzer Grocery</li> <li>804 Mrs. Lillian J. Coyle</li> <li>J. C. Hall</li> <li>806 John Schelly</li> <li>810 G. W. Wichert</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>803 Norfolk Public Library</li> <li>811 Frank Smizer Southeast corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Norfolk Ave., Phillips Petroleum Co.</li> </ul>

## **Research Requests:**

Augusta and Christopher Brinkman in the Newman Grove area. The King family "Kings Ballroom" in Norfolk. Krong and Rood families in the Newman Grove area. LaFleurs family in Madison.

If you have any information to share on any of our research requests please let the society know of about it.

# George Dudley Funeral Will Be Held Friday

Funeral services for George M. Dudley, 78, prominent Norfolkan who died at 2:30 p.m., Monday of old age complication,s will be conducted at 2:30 Friday afternoon at Trinity Episcopal church by the Rev. E. J. Secker. Mr. Dudley was born Feb. 17, 1873, near La Porte, Ind., the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dudley. He came to Norfolk March 31, 1887, with his mother and two brothers to meet his father who had located here previously. When he was 17 or 18 years old he started working for the A. P. Pilger store. He received his education in Norfolk High School.

### Married in 1900

He was married March 6, 1900, to Hattie Boeck at Norfolk. Their first home was in the 400 block South Third St. At that time Mr. Dudley owned the Bon Ton restaurant, located where the Penny Store now stands. About two years later, he quit the restaurant business and went to Omaha to work for Swift and Company for about a year and a half. They returned to Norfolk where Mr. Dudley purchased the Brun\_on Transfer Company in September, 1903. He had 10 head of horses, hacks, busses and buggies. He sold that business 13 years later in 1916, when he realized that automobiles were replacing horse-drawn vehicles. He then started the Dudley Laundry Company, hiring seven employees. Today the Dudley Company has more than 100 persons employed in its various departments.

## Was Church Officer

Mr. Dudley was a member and officer of Trinity Episcopal Church, past president of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce and YMCA. Mr. Dudley also was past president of the Nebraska State Laundry Owners' association and the Credit Bureau of Norfolk. Surviving are his wife; one son Darrel D. Dudley, who was associated with his father in business; one daughter, Mrs. Frank Denton, Grapevine, Tex.; four grandchildren and one brother Charles, Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Denton arrived Sunday in Norfolk to be at her father's beside. Friends of the family who wish to pay their respects other than floral tributes may make contributions to a memorial fund to Trinity Episcopal church. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Tues., Jan. 8, 1952, page 1.

**Dr. J. W. Plummer** died at his home in this city yesterday morning at 8:15, after a brief illness, though his health has been poor for some time. He had lived in Norfolk for several years, following his profession as a dentist, and had made many warm friends during that time who honored and esteemed him for his upright life and character. He was an old soldier, having served as a captain during the war of the rebellion, and on that account the G. A. R. post furnished the pall-bearers and had charge of the funeral which took place at the Baptist church this morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. S. F. Sharpless, of the Presbyterain church, conducting the services. Source: <u>The Norfolk Journal</u>, Fri. Aug. 6, 1897, page 6

# **Boone County communities**

Arden, Akron, Dublin, Primrose, Cedar Rapids, Garner, Roselma, Raeville, Petersburg, Loretto, Neoma, Olnes, Oxford, Closter, Coone Prairie, Bradish, Sandalia, Boone, Hammond, Waterville, St. Edward, and Albion. More information on the communities and their location can be found in "The Scout". Source: "The Scout" from Boone–Nance County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 231, Belgrade, NE 68623-0231, Volume 18, No. 3, January 2012, published quarterly

# **Birthdays Today**

This is a look at birthdays as mentioned in the newspaper <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u> during the month of January 1913.

Fri., Jan. 3, 1913, page 7 Vincent Barney, 1894 Hazel Lahe, 1904 Esther Wille, 1899

Mon. Jan. 6, 1913, page 7 Dorothy Drebert, 1903 Herman Hass, 1903 Cadwell King, 1902 Frankie McAllister, 1905 C. B. Brown, 1904

Tues., Jan. 7, 1913, page 5 Kenneth Barrett, 1902 George Fricke, 1899 Frank Odiorhe, 1900 Reuben Steffan, 1905

Wed., Jan. 8, 1913, page7 Verna Coryell, 1890 Hazel Josiassen, 1898 Arthur Southwick, 1904

Thur., Jan. 9, 1913, page 2 Emma Brueggeman, 1893 Max Christian, 1897 Lawrence Canote, 1906 Alice Josiassen, 1900

Fri. Jan. 10, 1913, page 2 Helen Campbell, 1903 or 1905 ??

Sat., Jan. 11, 1913, page 2 Sophia Nethway, 1894 Lawton Phinney, 1903 Leoretta Bender, 1904 Tue., Jan. 14, 1913, page 2 George White, 1902 Helen Whitmore, 1900 Phoebe Stewart, 1898

Thur., Jan. 16, 1913, page 7 Venita Harter, 1901 Ruth Crosier, 1897 Roland Frasier, 1907 Eva Goldworthy, 1902 Celia Hurd, 1897

Sat., Jan. 18, 1913, page 3 George Berner, 1896 Thomas E. Cox, 1907 Walter Poole, 1898 Paul Witzigman, 1901

Mon., Jan. 20, 1913, page 2 Ralph Beitz, 1900 Clara Bartz, 1903 Maurine Hull, 1898 Harry Meister, 1898 Paul Otto, 1905 Ralph Roseberry, 1901 Louis Hartman, 1899 Norman Westrope, 1906 Opal L. Antrim, 1896

Tues., Jan. 21, 1913, page 2 Florence Clements, 1897 Fred F. Rummell, 1904 Elmer Snyder, 1904

Wed., Jan. 22, 1913, page 2 Genevieve Adams, 1906 Harry Heckman, 1905 Lee Moore, 1903 David Morton, 1900

Thur., Jan. 23, 1913, page 2 Alice Richert, 1902 Wylie Dubbert, 1907 Hannah Steainmier, 1898 Maud Blayne, 1890 Lowell Beaton, 1903 Doris Burton, 1891 Goodwin Dryden, 1898

Fri., Jan. 24, 1913, page 2 Ida Busch, 1891 Phillip Collins, 1900 Lisle Holden, 1903 Evelyn Mollencoff, 1904 Lloyd Rouse, 1898 Dorothy Crosier, 1902 Russell Montgomery, 1902 Edith V. Monroe, 1906

Mon. Jan. 27, 1913, page 6 Daniel Schmedeburg, 1900 Elaine Mather, 1897 Guy Summers, 1897 Ruth Van Scoik, 1906 Frederick Wheeler, 1903 Walter Young, 1903 Claybourn Anderson, 1906 Claybourne Anderson, 1906

Fri., Jan. 31, 1913, page 7 Morris Adams, 1897 Anna Huth, 1902 Barton McCloro, 1902 Lester Napier, 1907

My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.

It is hard to understand how a cemetery can raise its burial cost and blame it on the cost of living.

Family history: a quilt work of lives.

# **Married Fifty Years**

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1873, **Mr. William McIntosh and Miss Frances Gordon** were united in marriage near Kankakee, Illinois, in the spring of 1884 they moved to Madison County near Emerick, where they remained until about ten years ago when they moved to Meadow Grove.

The children planned an anniversary surprise for their parents last Sunday, but Mr. McIntosh became wise to their intentions and beat them to it, by suggesting to his better half that they take their first honeymoon trip to Hot Springs, South Dakota, which was cheerfully acquiesced in by Mrs. McIntosh. They left town Saturday evening on the 8:32 train amidst a shower of rice, lovely bouquets of roses having been placed on the bride and groom of fifty years ago before they boarded the train, and all present wishing them an enjoyable trip and a safe return home.

Prior to their departure on their honeymoon trip to children and grand children had presented the happy couple with a beautiful gold clock, in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. This clock requires no winding---it being run by a battery. To say that they appreciated this gift would not express the feelings of love which filled their hearts and could not be expressed in words. Source: <u>Meadow Grove News</u>, Fri. August 17, 1923, page 1.

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He was also secretary-treasurer of the Western Association of Trotting Horse Breeders.

He was later editor and publisher of the "Boston Times" at Omaha; general manager and secretary-treasurer of the Stroud Road Machine company of Omaha, and held a responsible position with the Byrne-Hammer Wholesale Dry Goods company at Omaha. For five years Mr. Thomas was publicity chairman of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and was prominently identified with a \$1,000,000 campaign put on by Ak-Sar-Ben. He was graduated from the Omaha Business college.

## On "Voice" Programs

After Karl Stefan of Norfolk was elected to congress Mr. Thomas succeeded him in conducting the famous "Voice of the Street," program over WJAG which later became the present "Voice of the People" feature. Mr. Thomas participated in many special broadcasts over WJAG, many by remote control from other towns, and interviewed many famous personages over the station. He was a leader in the organization of Norfolk's American War Dads chapter, as well as several others in northeast Nebraska. He served as a director of the national organization.

### **Organized Broadcasters**

Mr. Thomas helped organized the Nebraska Broadcasters' association in 1934 and was its first secretary-treasurer, serving in this position 13 years.

Mr. Thomas married Mrs. Adah Leonard of Norfolk, July 18, 1948. He is survived by his wife; one son Bob, who succeeded his father as manager of WJAG last March; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene F. Carrigan of Omaha and Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon of Washington, D. C., and one brother Henry Thomas of Westbury, Long Island, N. Y.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. June 4, 1951, page 1.

**The little daughter of Jas. Wasson**, who lives on South Second street, fell into a privy vault nine feet deep yesterday afternoon while at play. A gentleman from Stanton, whose name could not be learned drove by shortly after the accident happened, and realizing that the child would suffocate if not promptly gotten out, bravely jumped to the rescue and soon had the little one safe on solid ground. Thought his duty was unpleasant, he did not hesitate a moment to perform it, and The Journal would like to know his name. Though nearly dead and badly bruised when rescued, the little one, it is hoped, will get through without any serious consequences.

Source: The Norfolk Journal, Fri. July 16, 1897, page 4

**A man whose name could not be learned** was brought here from Beemer last evening and taken to Dr. Salter's sanitarium to be operated n for an injury received in a peculiar manner. He had driven over to a neighbor's to assist in threshing and when he arrived threw a pitchfork from the wagon in such a manner that the tines penetrated the ground and held the fork erect. When the man himself alighted from the vehicle, he leaped upon the fork handle, which penetrated his body several inches, lacerating and rupturing the rectum. All that was possible was done for him, but the injury is one from which very few recover. Source: <u>The Norfolk Journal</u>, Tues. Sept. 7, 1897, page 4.

**Fred Lehman**, of Stanton county, one day last week went home from Norfolk crazed with drink, and immediately on his arrival started a row with his wife. He did not stop to unhitch his team, but rushed into the house, seized a butcher knife and stared in pursuit of Mrs. Lehman, threatening to kill her. The frightened woman fled for her life, and in order to avoid a blow from the murderous weapon in the hands of her husband dodged quickly under the heads of the horses. The knife missed its object but landed on one of the horses, inflicting a wound from which the animal died soon after. This accident diverted the attention of her fiendish pursurer and gave her an opportunity which she made good to escape. Her leave taking, though abrupt, is permanent, and she will hereafter make her home with relatives. Lehman has been drinking heavily every time he came to town of late, and when under the influence of liquor is always in an ugly mood. There ought to be some way to prevent such men from obtaining drink under any circumstances. Source: The Norfolk Journal, Tues. Jan. 11, 1898, page 4.

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of the same year Mr. Clark had been promoted to fireman. After a year in Iowa, he worked near his parents' home in Burlington, Colo., and later for the Rock Island line in Goodland, Kan.

### First Job in 1910

Mr. Clark's first Nebraska job, that of Northwestern fireman at Chadron, which he held for two years, began in 1910. He returned to Nebraska in 1917, when he took a position with Northwestern at Fremont. Since that time he has worked almost all parts of the Chicago and Northwestern system

Other railroad lines for which Mr. Clark has worked are Illinois Central, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Colorado Midland, Santa Fe, Denver and Rio Grande, New York Central and Chicago St. Paul M. and O.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. June 5, 1951, page 1.

### 2011-2012 Officers

President: Richard Strenge Secretary: Frances Beck

## Vice-President: Phyllis McCain Treasurer: Bernice Walters

# Madison County Genealogical Society PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702–1031

Our future meetings: May 19 June 16 July 21 August 18 Join us and bring some one along with you.

You may reach our society by mail at the address above or by e-mail at mcgs@telebeep.com

Send your newsletter information to mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net

**Memberships** are \$15 per year starting at the time of your membership and it includes our bi-monthly newsletter.

**Meetings**: 3rd Saturday of each month except December and January at 10 a.m. at 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE., Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

Website: http://mcgs.nesgs.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/

# **Pleasant Valley Items**

Fred Schilling ships two car loads of fat cattle today (Monday) to South Omaha.

Miss Maud Tannehill who attends school in Norfolk visited at home Sunday.

G. B. Salter was circulating among our farmers last week in quest of porkers.

Miss Nettie Dortch is visiting friends in the valley this week. She leaves soon for Missouri.

W. M. Olmstead makes a trip every two weeks through Pleasant Valley with his buckstering wagon. He reports a good trade.

Some of our farmers are having to replant their corn on account of using poor seed. Too much care can not be given to the selection of seed for that is one of the starting points for a good crop.

Pleasant Valley contains a prairie dog town; something not very generally known and something coming to be very rare in this part of the state, it being the only one this correspondent knows of. Anyone wishing to see the little fellows frolicking around can do so by visiting the town any bright, sunshiny day. It is located in section 36, Warnerville township, near Fred Chandler's. Sauve.

Source: The Norfolk Journal, Tues. May 25, 1897, page 4

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FIRST CLASS

#### Surname Trivia

Surnames were once taken from the location where they lived. For instance John who lived over the hill became - John Overhill. So names that end in -ford, -wood, -brook -well are placement names.

Surnames that end in the word "son", Williamson, etc., are the "son of". Other countries used this also Armenians used ian; Danes & Norwegians used -sen; Finns -nen; Greeks - poulos; Spaniard -ez; Poles -wiecz.

Surnames that have prefixes donating "son" are the Welsh -Ap; Scots & Irish -Mac; the Normans -Fitz. The name David ap John, meaning David son of John, became David Upjohn. The name John fitz Gerald means the son of Gerald and now would be John Fitzgerald

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