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Boy Plays with Dynamite Stick, Loses Fingers

**7-year-old son of Battle Creek farmer
finds explosive near bridge**

Escape is Miraculous

**Not knowing danger boys toss
Dangerous Substance from one to
another—blast occurs while stick is held
in boy's hand.**

Leonard Hayes, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hayes who live on a farm east of Battle Creek, had the thumb and first finger blown from his right hand when a stick of dynamite which he found near the bridge which is located near his parent's home exploded. He has recovered sufficiently to be removed from a local hospital. The boy's hand was badly bruised and he was rendered unconscious for several hours as a result of his experience. He will be a cripple for life.

It is believed that workmen who have been employed on the bridge neglected to remove all of the dynamite when they left the scene. The boy with two other companions was playing near the structure and one of them found the dynamite. Not knowing they were toying with deadly explosive, the youngsters tossed the dynamite back and forth. It finally came into possession of the Hayes boy and it exploded while he was holding it in his hand. No satisfactory explanation has been made as to just what caused the dynamite to explode. Those who investigated the accident declare that only a miracle saved the life of the boy. The blast was evidently a heavy one and ordinarily would have been fatal.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. July 27, 1920, page 5.

War Romance Ends At Marriage Altar

**Miss Merle Kisling weds ex-service man
who received sweater she made.**

A war romance culminated Saturday morning, when Miss Merle Kisling of Norfolk and Harry J. Rule of St. Paul, Minn., were married at 10:30, Rev. Fr. Moriarity officiating with the ring ceremony, which was held in the parochial residence.

During the war Miss Kisling was active in canteen service and with the Red Cross, and following the custom of attaching the knitter's name to a sweater, Miss Kisling sent hers along with one of her Red Cross garments. It was received by Mr. Rule while at Camp Dodge and a correspondence followed, which continued after Mr. Rule was sent to France. Upon his discharge from the army last November he called upon Miss Kisling and has been here a number of times since.

At the wedding the bride wore a traveling suit of peachblossom cloth in reindeer color, with hat, and had a corsage bouquet of tiny roses in shaded red. She was attended by Miss Olive Nicholson of Winner, S. D., and the bridegroom was attended by Leo Degner of Norfolk. The bridesmaids wore dark blue.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the Kisling home, which was decorated tastefully with bowls of sweetpeas, with roses and greenery upon the table, which was laid out for nine.

Miss Kisling is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kisling and came here about four years ago with her parents and has been employed in the office of her father's store.

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President's Message

from *Richard Strenge*

Greetings to our members,

Another year for our newsletter begins with this issue. As many of you have been readers of this newsletter for many years there has been a few changes made to it over the years. However, the one wish that I have is that it is useful, informative and of benefit to our readers. A look at our society which began in June 1973 and the volume number of this issue (34) shows that for a few years the society did not have a newsletter. Over the years the publication was on a quarterly basis and then it was changed to a bi-monthly format.

If you are wondering how the system works here is a brief explanation of what I see. The volume number tells me that this is our 34th year of publication. The issue number for this particular issue is 159 which means we have now published 159 issues from when our society began publishing a newsletter. The one piece that seems to be a bit confusing is the page numbering system that is used. If you take a look at the total issues printed per publishing year (6) times the number of pages per issue (12) the result will be 72 pages. When you look at our issues from some prior years you will find the first issue (Sept.-Oct.) contains pages 1-12 with the following issues of (Nov.-Dec.) with pages 13-24, (Jan.-Feb.) with 25-36, (Mar.-Apr.) with pages 37-48, (May-Jun.) pages 49-60, and our (Jul.-Aug.) issue having pages 61-72. What this all means is that we number our pages from the beginning of the publishing year to the end and not by each issue. Either way of numbering the pages by issue or by year is acceptable and can be found in many other publications.

With any organization membership numbers rise and fall over time. We have experienced that with our group. Our members represent many hundreds of surnames across the United States. It would be good to update our files in order to help others in their search for family information. Would you send us your information of the families your are searching for and the location of them. There might be somebody out there also looking for the same family you are not even aware of at the current time. We can keep them and refer others back to you or we can provide brief information in a future newsletter so others may see it.

Our members are vital resources regardless of where you live. So keep in touch with us and let us know what items you have in your area that might be of help to others. It might be some personal information or maybe someone to contact when you are looking for information on cemeteries, family histories, libraries, courthouse, funeral homes, etc.

The October program will be on doing a family tree and researching.

The society news/notes are sometimes shorten/edited due to space by the news editor of what takes place at our meetings. So join us and take part in our discussions and our decisions. **Always remember that we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.**

Society news

from Bobette Ferguson, Secretary

The MCGS met on July 21st at 10 a.m. Our Vice-President Phyllis McCain conducted the meeting in the absence of the President. The minutes of the June meeting were not available. The treasure's report was given and filed. The August field trip was discussed but a final decision was tabled until our August meeting due to possible heat issues.

There was a discussion about the name of the Zion/Bauermeister Cemetery. There was originally one Christ Lutheran Cemetery and it was divided into Christ Lutheran and Zion/Bauermeister.

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Who's Who In Norfolk

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John Koenigstein, three times mayor of Norfolk and a retired business man, was born in Rheine Pfalz, a small Bavarian state, on November 3, 1838. Between the age of 6 and 14 he attended the common schools and later he was educated in the Latin schools, where languages were taught. His father died in 1850 and his mother with her six sons came to America in May, 1854, to save compulsory army service which would be exacted of her boys in the old country. It took a journey of forty-two days to cross the Atlantic and the family landed in the United States on July 2.

They remained in Cincinnati for about a year and later the mother moved to St. Louis, near which place she purchased a farm in Monroe county, Ill. Mr. Koenigstein worked on this farm until a year before the war, and on September 2, 1861, he enlisted in the medical corps of the Forty-third Illinois infantry. He was badly wounded at Jenkins Ferry on the Saline river on April 30, 1864, by a bullet in his shoulder blade, from which he lost the use of his arm for several years. He was also for some time a prisoner of the confederates. On April 20, 1865, he became a private citizen and went back to the farm of his mother for a long rest.

In 1867, he was married to Mrs. Hardi, who owned a farm near his mother's place, and on this farm he worked for some time. It was on this farm that the late Daniel J. Koenigstein was born. Mr. Koenigstein was left a widower two years later and in 1869 he was married to Miss Magdalene M. Behrens in St. Claire county, Ill. From Illinois he moved to Watertown, Wis., and engaged in the drug business. In 1873 he sold his store and moved to Norfolk, opening a drug store on Norfolk avenue and two years later he built the Koenigstein block at a cost of \$20,000.

Four years afterward the block was destroyed by fire and in 1887 he rebuilt the block as it now stands.

Mr. Koenigstein owned much property in this city and was owner of several fine farms in this vicinity. He laid out four additions to Norfolk. He bought the farm which the late Frederick Dederman homesteaded which now includes part of The Heights and a considerable strip of Norfolk avenue.

Mr. Koenigstein is the father of seven sons and one daughter, of whom four sons are living---Jack Koenigstein, Ludwig Koenigstein, William Koenigstein and Arthur Koenigstein. The two former live in Norfolk.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. Jun. 15, 1911, page 1 and 4

J. S. McClary, one of Norfolk's first pioneer business men and now retired from active life, was born in Onondago, N. Y., February 17, 1833. His father was a farmer, and four years after the birth of Mr. McClary, he moved to Madison county, N. Y., where Mr. McClary received his first education. In 1849 he came west, locating near Belvidere, Ill. At the age of 18 Mr. McClary joined the engineering party which ran the preliminary line from Savannah to Freeport, Ill., the first line that was run to the Mississippi river. The following year Mr. McClary helped to locate the Chicago-Northwestern railroad from Marengo to Freeport, Ill. For three and one-half years he was a conductor on the railroad between Centralia and Dubuque, Ia., and later he was engaged in the same capacity on the Burlington road. In the spring of 1861 he resigned the railroad employment and enlisted in the Thirteenth Illinois infantry and on June 18, 1864, he was mustered out at Springfield, Ill. On September 26 of the same year he was married to Miss Lettie C. Hayes.

Three children were born to this union. They are J. W. McClary, S. H. McClary and Mrs. L. M. Keene, jr.

Shortly after the wedding Mr. McClary went to Minnesota and took a place as road-master of the railroad between Winona and Oxatana. He resigned in 1868 and came to Fremont, Neb., with Col. S. W. Hayes. They owned a merchandise store in Fremont. Two years later they drove up the Elkhorn to take a look at the country. Norfolk had just been started and there were only about twenty-five people here. The country looked good and they built a store where the H. A. Pasewalk brick building now stands. Ten years later Mr. McClary built the McClary block on Third street and Norfolk avenue. Mr. McClary retired from active business life about twelve years ago, but he still maintains an enterprising spirit for the uplifting of this city. Among the positions held by Mr. McClary was that of receiver of the United States land office, to which he was appointed by President Grant in 1875 and reappointed in 1879.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Jun. 16, 1911, page 1 and 5

W. H. Widaman, ex-postmaster and councilman, was born at Miamisburg, Ohio, September 1840. He was educated in the common schools of Ohio and worked in his father's cooperage establishment, learning the trade of a cooper. While a small boy he worked on a farm, earning twenty-five cents per day. While still a young man he learned the trade of a brick mason. He worked at both the cooper and brick mason trades in 1859 when he went to Illinois. He had joined the Miami light guards before he went to Illinois and in February, 1861, he returned to Ohio. In April of 1861 the light guards responded to Lincoln's call for 75,000 men and the guards were mustered in at Columbus, becoming known as Company C, First Ohio infantry.

Mr. Widaman enlisted twice and during the war he saw much active service and was engaged in many exciting battles. Six times bullets pierced his clothes, but he was never wounded. Before his last enlistment expired he became a sergeant. In November, 1864, he turned his face homeward, but his parents had moved to Madison county, Ill., and he followed them there, working as a miller until 1869. He became deputy sheriff of Madison county and continued in that capacity until 1873, when he moved with his parents to Boone county, Neb.

In November of the same year, Mr. Widaman came to Norfolk and worked as miller for John Olney for three years. In 1878 the firm of Widaman & Daniels, druggists, was formed, and in 1879 he was appointed postmaster. He first conducted the post office in his drug store and in 1880 he sold out to Mr. Daniels and moved the government office to the building now occupied by the Schenzel meat market. Mr. Widaman was postmaster here for a dozen years. Later he was actively engaged in the real estate business. In 1882 he was instrumental in organizing the Mathewson post, G. A. R., here, and was the first commander. He was one of the organizers of the volunteer fire department. Mr. Widaman was also at one time Norfolk's chief of police.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Jun. 20, 1911, page 1

B. C. Gentle, deputy postmaster, was born at Corning, Ia., on September 4, 1874. When 5 years old he moved with his parents to Creston, Ia., where he entered the public schools. He was just about ready to graduate from the high school in 1892 when the opportunity presented itself for a position as bookkeeper in the Creston National bank. He held this position until 1895, when he took up the business of the Anchor Insurance company as general agent. He was with this company until the fall of 1898, when he came to Norfolk to take up the position as bookkeeper in the Norfolk National bank. In 1902 he was appointed deputy postmaster of the Norfolk

post office, in which capacity he has served Uncle Sam ever since. On June 22, 1904, Mr. Gentle was married to Miss Frances Davenport. To this union two sons have been born.

Mr. Gentle is secretary of the local lodge of Elks and has served the organization in this capacity for the past six years. Mr. Gentle will have charge of the postal saving bank here when it is established on July 1.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wed. Jun. 21, 1911, page 1

John Friday, who has just won a legal battle to retain his seat as mayor of Norfolk for the third term, was born in New Glarus, Wis., on November 26, 1860. He parents were farmers, but he learned the hardware business in Monroe, Wis. In the spring of 1888 he came to Nebraska, going into the hardware business at Ponca. He sold out after a few years and moved to Hartington, Neb., where he was in the hardware and implement business for three years. In the spring of 1895 he came to Norfolk and bought out the McDonald Bros. hardware store, which he is conducting at the present time. He was once city treasurer and has served two full terms as mayor, which office he is now holding.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. Jun. 22, 1911, page 1

J. S. Mathewson was born in Comfret, Conn., March 4, 1875. His father, Joseph Matheson, was in the milling business. In 1881 he came with his parents to Norfolk. His father was then manager of the mill. He attended the Norfolk schools and is a graduate of Wesleyan academy. He also took a course in the Nebraska university. On October 12, 1902, he was married to Miss Frances Margaret Johnson. Mr. Mathewson in the year 1894 and prior to that time engaged in the farming and cattle business. In 1895, with his cousin D. Mathewson, he purchased the W. W. Roberts insurance business in the Mast block, the firm being known as Mathewson & Co. Mr. Mathewson served a term as councilman under

Mayor Friday's first administration.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Jun. 23, 1911, page 1

Carlos S. Hayes was born in Derbyville, Vt., on February 19, 1855. At the age of 17, he engaged with A. C. Taylor of Cedar Rapids, Ia., to learn the jeweler's trade. In 1875 he started a shop of his own at Blainstown, Ia., and six years later came to Norfolk and went into the jewelry and music business in which he is still engaged. His first location here was in the Koenigstein block. From there he moved to the Beels building on Norfolk avenue and Third street, and in 1889 he erected the brick block in which he now has his store. Mr. Hayes is an exempt fireman, for some time was on the board of directors of the racing association and is now vice president of the Norfolk Industrial company.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. Jun. 26, 1911, page 1

C. F. Eiseley, police judge, was born on a farm in Wittenberg province, Germany, on July 3, 1838. He came to America alone at the age of 15 and learned the bakery and confectionery business in Pittsburg, working in one establishment for three years as an apprentice. The next two years he spent in various parts of the middle states working his trade. In 1856 he was employed on a steamer plying the Ohio river, as a baker. He went to Iowa in 1857 and in 1858 he came to Dodge county, Neb., where he bought a farm on which he worked until 1863, when he enlisted in the Second Nebraska cavalry, which did duty at Devils lake and in the Black Hills country for over a year. After being mustered out he returned to Washington county and in 1867 he represented that county in the territorial legislature, the last of its kind, which was held in Omaha. In 1877 and 1879 he represented Dodge county in the state legislature and in 1887 Madison county was represented by him in the legislature.

Mr. Eiseley came to Norfolk in 1882 and bought out the August Pilger hardware store. He built one three story brick and one two story brick building on Norfolk avenue during his business career and in 1896 he retired. Judge Eiseley was elected justice of the peace in 1902 and since that time has held the office of police judge.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Tues. Jun. 27, 1911, page 1

J. C. Engelman was born near Oldenburg, Germany, May 2, 1848. In 1855 he came to this country with an uncle, when he was 7 years of age, and lived in Jackson county, Ia., on the farm, attending common schools until he was 17 years of age, when he enlisted in the regular army in January, 1866, and was assigned to Company C, Thirty-first regiment of the regular infantry. In the spring following his company was sent to the northwestern part of North Dakota, where his company built Fort Bufort, near the mouth of the Yellowstone river, where he served until January, 1869, when he was discharged from the army. Soon after his discharge he went to Harrison county, Ia., where he again attended the common schools for some time, and afterwards entered the high school at Magnolia, Ia., and from there he entered the law school at Iowa City, where he graduated and received his diploma on June 29, 1875. After graduating he located at Bellevue, Jackson county, Ia., his old home county, and opened up a law office, practicing his new profession until 1877, when he located at Carroll, Ia., where after practicing for several years he was twice elected county attorney for Carroll county and served two terms as public prosecutor. After the expiration of his term of office he continued the practice of law in Carroll county for a time.

In 1892 Mr. Engleman located at Hartington, Neb., where he engaged in the practice of law for some years, and in 1907,

after the death of his wife, he came to Norfolk, where he now resides. Last year Mr. Engleman erected a brick block on Norfolk avenue consisting of two store rooms on the first floor and the second floor is arranged for a rooming house.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. Jun. 30, 1911, page 1

A look at some of the death and funeral notices for some of the people mentioned in the *Who's Who In Norfolk* follows.

Mrs. John Friday, wife of a prominent hardware man of this city, died at her home on the west side, at 10:15 this morning. While she has not been well for some time, her condition has not been considered serious until the past few days and not until yesterday afternoon was it realized that she could not recover.

She submitted to an operation Tuesday morning for removal of a tumor but her system was in such a weak condition that she gradually sank away.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family residence, conducted by Rev. J. F. Poucher, pastor of the M. E. church.

Julia Sullivan was born in Monroe, Wis., forty-three years ago. She was married to John Friday March 6, 1889, and went direct to Ponca, Neb., where her husband was engaged in the hardware business. From there they removed to Hartington and came to Norfolk about eleven years ago.

Besides her husband she leaves two little girls, Helen age 13, and Fannie aged 9. Two sisters, Mrs. John Staley of Freeport, Ill., and Mrs. May Clemmons of Coon Rapids, Iowa, and one brother, Ed. Mackey of Monroe, Wis., survive her. All have been notified of her sudden death and will probably be here in time to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Friday's mother, Mrs. John Mackey of Monroe, Wis., arrived yesterday afternoon to be with her daughter.

Mrs. Friday was of a social disposition and was well liked by her many friends, to whom her untimely removal will be a severe shock.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. July 8, 1904, page 6

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Friday was held from the family residence on North Tenth street yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. W. Turner of the First Congregational church and Rev. J. F. Poucher of the First M. E. church.

Many beautiful floral offerings covered the casket and the music was impressive. Interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Among the out of town people present at the funeral was Mrs. Friday's mother, Mrs. John Mackey of Monroe, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reyner of Omaha, Mr. Reyner being a cousin of Mr. Friday and on the World-Herald staff; Mrs. J. H. Faley of Freeport, Ill., a sister of Mrs. Friday, and Lee Cummer of Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Many expressions of sorrow were shown and the sympathy of many friends was extended to the bereaved husband and the motherless children in their hour of suffering.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. July 11, 1904, page 6

After an illness which started during the holidays, but which did not show signs of being serious until two weeks ago, **Mrs. D. Mathewson** passed away at the family home, 1102 Koenigstein avenue, at 6:15 Friday evening. D. Mathewson was at the bedside of his wife when the end came. Robert Mathewson, his nephew, was also present, as were a number of other relatives and close friends.

Funeral services will be held at the family home at 12 o'clock Monday and the body will be taken to the old home in Pomfret, Conn., for interment. Rev. Edwin Booth, jr., of the Congregational church will have charge of the services.

Mrs. Mathewson's first illness was caused by severe stomach trouble, followed by an extreme form of neuralgia which changed to a severe cold accompanied by cough. The stomach trouble reappeared recently and during the last two days Mrs. Mathewson was in a semi-conscious condition, suffering from an unusual attack of brain trouble which Dr. Salter pronounced meningitis this morning.

Mrs. Mathewson, whose maiden name was Mary Ellen Baldwin, was born in Exeter, Ill., Jan. 31, 1849, Both of her parents died while she was a child and at 12 years of age she went to live with an uncle and aunt at Pomfret, Conn. In 1872 she married Mr. Mathewson and in 1884 they came to Norfolk and have lived here since.

She was a lifelong member of the Congregational church and since coming here has been affiliated with the First church. She has been prominent in the social life of the city and her circle of friends extends widely over northeast Nebraska.

Robert Mathewson will accompany the body to Pomfret.

The family has requested friends to omit flowers.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Sat. April 26, 1913, page 9

Funeral services for Mrs. D. Mathewson were conducted by Rev. Edwin Booth, jr., at the family home on Koenigstein avenue at 12 o'clock today. At 1:15 this afternoon the body, accompanied by D. Mathewson and R. H. Mathewson, was taken to Pomfret, Conn., by way of the M & O road to Sioux City, and thence east.

Among the out of town friends and relatives present at the services were Mr. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Haskell, Charles Mathewson, Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Mathewson,

Walthill; C. _ . Haskell, Gregory. The pall bearers were George D. Butterfield, C. E. B___ham, F. E. Davenport, C. B. Durland, C. S. Parker, C. S. Bridge.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. April 28, 1913, page 5. [Editors note: The underline___ is there as the print on the microfilm was too dark to make the letter(s) clearly visible to read them.]

Charles F. Eiseley, pioneer Nebraskan, once a member of the territorial legislature, for many years judge of the Norfolk municipal court and for a long time a justice of the peace, prominent Mason and once one of the most important business men of Norfolk, died at a local hospital at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was suffering from a severe attack of bladder trouble, infection of the leg and complications due to old age. He is survived by the widow who is in poor health and three sons, Clyde of Aurora, Francis of Anoka, and Horace of Omaha. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at the family home 1116 Hayes avenue.

Judge Eiseley was 79 years old and had been in poor health ever since retiring from the municipal court bench here about a year ago. So aggravated became the condition of himself and his aged wife, that friends and relatives have been taking care of them during the past few months. A week ago it was decided to remove Judge Eiseley to the hospital where his condition grew worse.

Judge Eiseley maintained a pride and independence up to the last moment which was admirable. Notwithstanding the helpless condition of himself and his wife, he maintained that he was not an object of charity and that except for his feeble condition he was in need of no help. Notwithstanding these protestations, friends made the family comfortable. The fight the veteran of the Civil War put up against failing health was noticeable for several years past by the employees of the city hall who found him unconscious several times. Upon recovering from an attack in the court room he often refused to go to his home and went to work on his docket declaring that he was still in fighting trim.

So popular was Judge Eiseley with Norfolks that he was elected again and again to the municipal and justice benches. Many a man has Judge Eiseley to thank for leniency and fair and impartial administrations of the law. The old judge was so widely known and knew so many Norfolks that he frequently was surprised when a grown man appeared before him in court.

"Why how the time flies, I knew your father when you wore short dresses," the judge told one prisoner. "Your father was a mighty good man and there is no reason why you should not be the same."

In-variable after these conversations in court the prisoner would find tears in the old judge's eyes as an impartial sentence was announced.

Back in the early days when Judge Eiseley was in the hardware business in Norfolk he was considered one of the most enterprising and progressive of business men. He was "keen competition" and was prominent in the boosting of several new industries in this city. As years passed by he became more retiring and eventually went out of business altogether. He was a familiar figure in the Masonic hall having been tyler of Mosaic lodge for many years and sentinel of the Masonic chapter.

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in 1858 he came to Dodge county, Neb., where he bought a farm on which he worked until 1863 when he enlisted in the Second Nebraska cavalry which did duty at Devil's Lake and in the Black Hills country for over a year. After being mustered out he returned to Washington county and in 1867 represented that county in the territorial legislature, the last of its kind which was held in Omaha. In 1877 and 1879 he represented Dodge county in the state legislature and in 1887 Madison county was represented by him in the legislature.

Mr. Eiseley came to Norfolk in 1882 and bought out the August Pilger hardware store. He built one three story brick and one two story brick building on Norfolk avenue during his business career and in 1896 he retired.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. Feb. 4, 1918, page 5

The funeral of Judge Eiseley was held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. E. J. T. Connely officiating. The local Masonic lodge was in charge of the services. Burial was in Prospect Hill. The pallbearers were: Herman Gerecke, S. G. Dean, S. R. McFarland, S. T. Martin, F. A. Beeler and A. N. McGinnis. The G. A. R. was represented at the funeral and floral offerings from the Masons, Civil War veterans and friends were in evidence.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thur. Feb. 7, 1918, page 2

Willis I. Stirk and Miss Laura Ward, both of Battle Creek, were married last Tuesday. Mr. Stirk is one of Madison county's most promising young men and his bride is a most charming and accomplished lady. The MAIL extends congratulations.

The new church on the Marshall Field ranch east of town will be dedicated next Sunday at 11 a.m. The services should be well attended. To the incessant labor of Mrs. Thomas Mortimer are the people of that locality indebted for this commodious house of worship. Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, May, 2, 1902, page 5.

Fred Zessin's new naptha launch has arrived and will be appropriately launched next Sunday at the foot of Pearl street. It is a very trim craft and is capable of carrying ten persons.

Marriage licenses were issued by Judge Bates this week to the following parties: Corties L. Daniel and Anna E. Clayton, Battle Creek; Edward N. Vail and Mae A. Templin, Norfolk; Fredrick C. Prauner and Minnie Beerman, Battle Creek. Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, May 9, 1902, page 5

Battle Creek

Thomas Wade, general agent for the Western Wheeled Scraper Company, came home Friday evening and remained with his family in this city until Tuesday.

Willard Brink left Thursday evening for Rapid City, S. D., where he has obtain a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wade accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Preece, visited Norfolk relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Curas of Norfolk spent Wednesday and Thursday with their parents in this city.

Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, May 9, 1902, page 5

Tilden News

Miss Gertrude Wade of Battle Creek, spent a few days with Tilden friends last week.

On Tuesday evening Miss Ryan entertained a large number of her friends at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. C. Warren.

Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, June 27, 1902, page 5.

Websites

Check out these websites:

www.ladyresearcher.com/

Braasch, McCumber, Raasch and Weinberg surnames and other information is available here.

www.ellisland.org/default.asp

Ellis Island website

www.jewishgen.org/

An affiliate of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A living memorial to the Holocaust

www.cfgs.org/

Central Florida Genealogical Society, Orange County, Florida

This vicinity was visited by a severe electric storm Saturday night, about 9 o'clock, the lightning striking the street line of the electric light plant badly damaging the wire and putting out the lights for the night. Several meters were ruined and lights in many houses were extinguished for a moment. Will Jones was nearly knocked down by the current, while Paul Grant sprawled out as though he had got the worst of it in a prize fight. The lights in Albert Zessin's house were extinguished and Mrs. Zessin was shocked to the extent of necessitating the attendance of a physician. She has fully recovered. Col. Jack Horsham declares that Nat Cleveland, his assistant, who was between the large wheel and dynamo at the time, gave vent to his feelings in several ear piercing screams. Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, Aug. 8, 1902, page 4.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Seaman, a sister

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Mr. Rule is traveling salesman for Morris, Mann and Riley company of St. Paul, his territory being in Minnesota and North Dakota.

The couple left Saturday for St. Paul where they will visit, going from there for a trip on the lakes, and will be at home at Fargo, N. D., in a month.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Sat. July 31, 1920, page 6

of Miss Simons who is teaching in district No. 27, there was no school in that district last week.

Rev. Hornady went to Maple Grove last week to assist in the revival services, and owing to the death of Mrs. Seaman the meetings were discontinued.

Miss Maude Whitehorn is dangerously ill. She has been sick for about ten weeks and it was thought by all that she was out of danger until a few days ago.

Miss Zimmerman of Battle Creek is teaching in the Blakely district.

Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, Jan. 24, 1902 page 4.

Maud, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Whitehorn living south of town who has been dangerously ill for a few weeks with abcess of the stomach, had an operation performed last Tuesday. She underwent the operation successfully, although being quite weak she is getting along as well as could be expected.—Meadow Grove Press. Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, Jan. 31, 1902, page 4.

Judge Bates issued marriage licenses this week to the following: Job Harper and Flora V. Morgan, Platte County; Charles E. Palmer and Agnes J. McCallum, Emerick; Willis I. Stirk and Laura Ward, Battle Creek; Harry Hemleben and Minnie M. Kost, Norfolk; Adolph Mijck and Elizabeth Hassman, Kalamazoo; Frank Z. McGinnis and Minnie A. Miller, Warnerville.

Source: The Madison Mail, Friday, May, 2, 1902, page 5

<p align="center">2012—2013 Officers</p> <p>President: Richard Strenge Vice-President: Phyllis McCain Secretary: Bobette Furguson Treasurer: Bernice Walters</p>	<p align="center">Our future meetings</p> <p align="center">September 15 October 20 November 17 December no meeting Join us and bring some one along with you.</p>
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<p>MCGS established in June 1973.</p> <p>You may reach our society by mail at the address above or by e-mail at mcgs@telebeep.com</p> <p>Send your newsletter information to mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net</p> <p>Memberships are \$15 per year starting at the time of your membership and it includes our bi-monthly newsletter.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: http://mcgs.nesgs.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/</p>	

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Phyllis McCain presented a program about her Great Aunt Beradette Woods Bryant. She has a box of interesting items her great aunt had saved over the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The MCGS met on August 18th at 10 a.m. with 7 members present. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given. The Research library has three new binder books of Cumming County cemetery information. The Stanton County information is at the Stanton Library. The museum is trying to get a copy of that information for the library. The museum has a new website.

The obituaries are being changed from Newspapers listings to alphabetical order by last name. Norfolk Daily News obituaries will be separate. Volunteers are needed to help Alphabetize the obituaries.

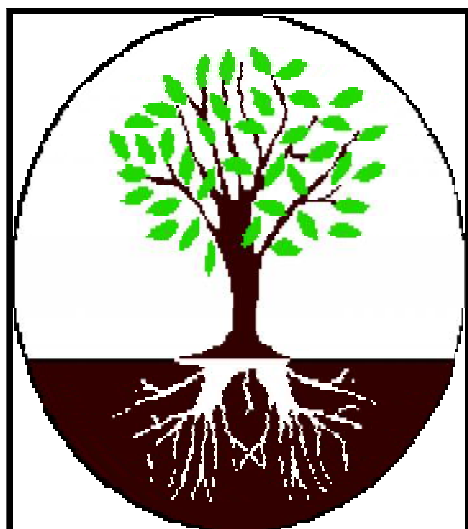
Received information from the Omaha Genealogical Society on their Fall Workshop on October 27th and the National Genealogical Society meeting in Las Vegas in May 2013.

We received three new members: Joseph and JoEllen Mandl and Gregory Money and welcomed back Patty Eucker as a member.

The next meeting will be Sept. 15 with a program at Prospect Hill cemetery following the business meeting.

<p align="center" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Newman Grove</p> <p>About a week ago Lew Young, while on duty in his drug store, got a lighted match and a gallon measure of gasoline in too</p>	<p>close contact with each other and as a result Lew looks something like the hired girl who started the fire with kerosene and feels like the boy that pulled a mule's tail.</p> <p>Source: <u>The Madison Mail</u>, Friday, May 16, 1902, page 5.</p>
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Notice for our Sept. 15th
field trip below.

REMINDER

The MCGS will be having a
**cemetery field trip, weather
permitting, on Sept. 15th.**

We will have our **business
meeting at 10 a.m.** and then go
out to Prospect Hill cemetery for our
program.

After the cemetery tour we will go
out to eat . The eating place to be
decided that day. You pay for your
own from the menu choices.

When we die we become stories'
in the minds of other people.

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