

# Madison County Remembers...

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## Correction

Please note that a typing error occurred in our Jan.— Feb. 2013 newsletter. The "Vol. 34" is correct. The issue number should have been shown and published as 161 and not as 165.

## In Memory

One of our early members of the Madison County Genealogical Society Earl H. McNare died on Feb. 16, 2013. He was from Oakdale, NE., and was buried at the Oakdale Cemetery.

## Tilden Man Perishes When Home Burns

Albert Preuss, 67, was burned to death in a fire shortly before 6 o'clock Monday morning which destroyed his one-room home.

Mr. Preuss, a bachelor, had lived in this vicinity for seven or eight years and the past few years had lived in his small dwelling on the Marvin O'Dey acreage in the southwest part of Tilden.

Floyd Carlisle, whose residence is to the east of the O'Dey acreage, discovered the fires as he was leaving for Omaha early Monday where he is employed. He notified Don Jensen, a neighbor, who turned in the alarm. The Tilden Volunteer Fire Department arrived immediately but the blaze had too much headway and all of the contents were destroyed.

It was not known until the flames were under control that Mr. Preuss was a victim of the fire.

Evidence indicated that Mr. Preuss had been using gasoline to start a fire in a heating stove and an explosion resulted. The door was gone from the stove and a gasoline can was nearby.

Carl Polenske, who takes care of the chores at the O'Dey place, stated he had visited Mr. Preuss about 7:00 Sunday evening and found him in good health and spirits at the time.

## In Memory

One of our charter members of our society, Joyce Borgelt died on Mar. 10, 2013. She was one of our newsletter editors which she did for many years. She was also involved in our Cemetery project of recording the graves in Madison County back in the late 1970's. She was from Battle Creek, NE., and was buried at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Norfolk, NE.

## Visiting in Iowa

Mrs. Eva Kibler left Friday for Segourney, Iowa, where she will spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kutrina and daughter. Mrs. Kutrina is a granddaughter of Mrs. Kibler.

Mrs. Eelra Haight is staying at the Kibler home caring for Mrs. Florence Haight during her absence.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 28, 1956, page 1.

Before removing the body Antelope County Attorney Ralph Kryger and Antelope County Sheriff Lawrence Rittscher of Neligh were called and made an investigation. They determined that Mr. Preuss death was accidental.

Burial was made Tuesday morning at 10:30 by the Marshall Mortuary and graveside services were in charge of Rev. Orin Watson.

Mr. Preuss was born two miles south of Meadow Grove and had always lived in this community. He is survived by brothers and a sister. Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, May 17, 1956, page 1.

## President's Message

Greetings to our members,

Our newsletter is being published a little later than usual. I was about to do the final preparations for getting it put together, getting it printed and sending it out when my computer decided to act up. The end result was that everything planned on being in the newsletter was lost. Taking the tower to my computer man he found the mother board had failed but thanks to him he was able to save my material. So now having the material back I can continue to do the newsletter. The important item is make sure you have saved your material in more than one location.

Our April meeting will have a program presented on a book review from Phyllis McCain. It will be of interest to anyone doing genealogical work. Plan on attending and bring any questions you may have on your research projects.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

*Richard Strenge*

## Society notes

from Bobette Ferguson, Secretary

### Minutes January 19, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 1:00 p.m. on January 19 at the Granary for our Christmas party. The 6 members present ordered off the menu and enjoyed the great food. Games were played and gifts were exchanged. Everyone had a good time.

### Minutes February 16, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 a.m. on February 16 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. There were 4 members and 2 guests present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasure's report was not available.

Fold 3 was discussed. Karen showed us what is available on the site. We will discuss purchasing it at the next meeting.

Selling chips for grave stones was discussed. Information about the person can be put on them. The information can be accessed from smart phones. It was decided we don't have enough information at this time. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Our website has not been updated. The website goes through Nancy. Do we want to continue having it go through her? Richard has developed a personal website and showed it to us. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

Phyllis suggested that we get the newspaper to do an article on the society to see if it would help attract membership. It was discussed having the article in April. The newspaper will be contacted about an article.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

**C. F. Shaw Dies Shoveling Snow**  
**Promenient Norfolk Citizen ..... Suddenly Thursday**  
**Was Shoveling his sidewalk**

**Mr. Shaw was at work shoveling now from the sidewalk at this home on South Eighth Street During the Forenoon when he fell dead.**

C. F. Shaw, for twenty-five years a prominent resident of Norfolk, and for years one of the best known commercial travelers in the state, dropped dead while shoveling snow at his home on South Eighth street Thursday morning.

Mr. Shaw was cleaning the snow from his sidewalk at about 9 o'clock when he suddenly was seen to fall. Men rushed to his assistance and found that life was extinct.

Mr. Shaw was a heavy man, weighing perhaps 225 pounds. He was 52 years of age.

The "Black Cat" hosiery line was Mr. Shaw's specialty when he was "on the road." He acquired a competency and retired two years ago. His son-in-law, Fred Gettinger, succeeded him on this territory.

C. F. Shaw was born in New York state on Nov. 18, 1860. When Mr. Shaw was about 12 years old he moved with his parents to Roscoe, Ill., where he was educated. After leaving school, Mr. Shaw became connected with the Chicago-Kenosha Hosiery company and was the company's traveling salesman for about six years, when he left the service of the hosiery company and bought a grocery store in Beloit, Wis., which he conducted until 1886.

In 1883, Mr. Shaw and Miss Grace Ransom were united in wedlock at Roscoe, Ill. To this union three children were born. A son, Ransom Shaw, died in infancy and two daughters, Miss Ruth Shaw and Mrs. Fred G. Gettinger, both live in Norfolk. After disposing of his grocery business, Mr. Shaw again associated himself with the Chicago Kenosha Hosiery company as traveling salesman.

**Here Twenty Years Ago**

His territory extended into Nebraska and other western states and because he was kept away from home too much, Mr. Shaw moved to Norfolk with his family in 1887, securing employment in the store of Morris Mayer. He worked in this store until 1893 when he again took up the work in this territory for the hosiery company. His work was so satisfactory and his ability in his line was so marked that traveling men all over the country knew "Shaw, the Black Cat man," as one of the foremost men on the road. It is well known among traveling men that Mr. Shaw had always been "top man" for his firm. Two years ago Mr. Shaw retired and his son-in-law, Fred G. Gettinger, succeeded him, and is now covering the territory so long maintained by Mr. Shaw.

For several nights Mr. Shaw has been complaining to his family of heart trouble and this caused some worry on the part of the family. Thursday morning Mr. Shaw had shoveled a path through the deep snow to the barn in the rear of his Eighth street home and fed the horse. He then shoveled a path to the chicken house. At 8 o'clock he called to City Clerk Ed Harter, who lives across the alley from the Shaw home, saying, "It's pretty deep, isn't it Eddie," and he seemed in the best of health. He then finished the work of shoveling a path to the fowl house. Ten minutes later John Lobenstein, a neighbor, saw Mr. Shaw lying prostrate on the ground and rushed to his side, followed by Mr. Harter. From all indications he was the victim of apoplexy according to Dr. P. H. Salter, who was immediately summoned.

Indications were that Mr. Shaw had just stopped shoveling and was about to open the door to the chicken house when stricken.

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Immediately after reaching his side, City Clerk Harter felt of the pulse and found it motionless. The heart beats had stopped and it is believed that death came instantly. Neighbors rushed to the scene and assisted in carrying Mr. Shaw into his home. Members of the family were not aware of the fatal scene until they saw Mr. Lobenstein and Mr. Harter in the yard.

### **Was a lovable Man**

Funeral services will not be held before next Saturday. A sister of Mrs. Shaw living in Tennessee has been notified and the funeral arrangements will be made later. Mr. Shaw is a member of the traveling men's orders, was a stockholder in the Norfolk National Bank, owner of fine lands in Wayne county and owner of a number of Norfolk residences. His business career has been a success.

"He was an honorable man, shrewd in business, and one of the "most lovable of men." says a prominent Norfolk business man who has been connected on many occasions in business transactions with Mr. Shaw. This expression is one held by all who knew Mr. Shaw. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday, March 21, 1912, page 2.

Editors Note: The name on the individual marker shows his name as Clarence F. In an article written beside the one on Mr. Shaw's death it was reported that the snow storm had left a blanket of snow a foot and a half deep.

### **Funeral of C. F. Shaw**

#### **Simple Service are held at the home Sunday afternoon**

Very simple services were held over the remains of C. F. Shaw at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick of the First Methodist church. The Shaw home at 612 South Eighth street was filled by a great throng of friends of Mr. Shaw, including traveling men and railroad men to whom Mr. Shaw had endeared himself in his active business life. The tributes in floral offerings were beautiful.

The traveling men, marshaled by S. F. Erskine, jr., and M. W. Beebee, marched in a body from the Pacific hotel to the Shaw home, and later escorted the remains to Prospect Hill cemetery, where interment was made.

The pallbearers were: E. E. Miller, S. F. Erskine, F. H. Beels, O. L. Hyde, A. Ranklev, J. T. Thompson.

The honorary pallbearers were: C. E. Doughty, A. E. Chambers, Charles A. Blakeley, C. H. Taylor, F. G. Coryell, Samuel Anderson.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, March 25, 1912, page 2.

### **Mrs. C. F. Shaw**

A telegram was received Thursday morning by Cleo Lederer telling of the death at Rockford, Ill., of Mrs. C. F. Shaw of Norfolk, who was visiting there at the home of her brother, Dr. W. L. Ransom. Mrs. Shaw left Norfolk several months ago to visit relatives in Tennessee and from there went to Rockford. She was taken ill with typhoid fever and rapidly grew worse.

She leaves two children: Mrs. Cleo Lederer of Norfolk and Mrs. Fred Gettinger who, with Mr. Gettinger, is at present in Nashville, Tenn. Word has also been received here that the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Gettinger is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Shaw's body probably will be brought to Norfolk for burial. Mrs. Shaw was 56 years old. Her late husband was a prominent traveling salesman and was known all over north Nebraska.

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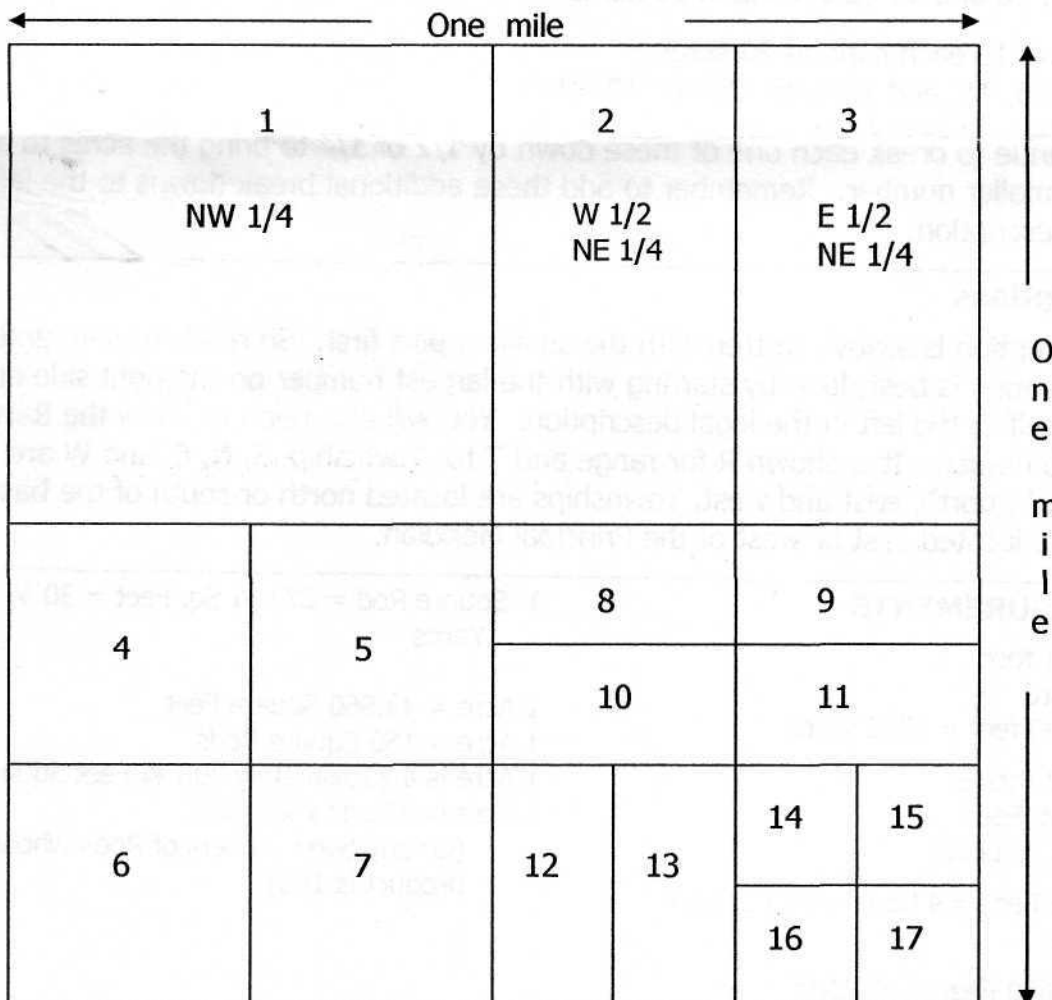
### Land Records

A guide to finding information on land records. In the map drawn below you will find both a legal description and some numbers. Due to the fact some legal descriptions can be rather long I have chosen to show some of them in the guide below with a reference number. That reference number is then shown on the map.

One square mile contains 640 acres. Each section or part thereof can be divided into 2 or 4 pieces. The map below represents one square mile or one full section in the county. The Northwest section (NW) is shown as 1. It contains 160 acres. The Northeast section (NE) contains numbers 2 and 3. Each number contains 80 acres. The Southwest section (SW) contains numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7. Each number contains 40 acres.

The Southeast section (SE) contains numbers 8 - 17. Numbers 8, 9, 10, and 11 each contain 20 acres. Numbers 12 and 13 each contain 20 acres. Numbers 14, 15, 16, and 17 each contain 10 acres.

An example of a legal description that shows the following: W1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 30 is located where on the map below? If you read it from right to left you can find it is in Section 30 in the SE 1/4 then go to the SW 1/4 and then go to the W1/2. In this example it would number 12 on the map.



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**Land Records** (continued from page 41 )

Number 4 is the Northwest (NW) 1/4 of the SW 1/4. Number 5 is the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4  
 Number 6 is the Southwest (SW) 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Number 7 is the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4

Number 8 is the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 9 is the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 10 is the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 11 is the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 12 is the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 13 is the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 14 is the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 15 is the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 16 is the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

Number 17 is the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

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You can continue to break each one of these down by 1/2 or 1/4 to bring the acres to a smaller and smaller number. Remember to add these additional break downs to the left side of the legal description.

**Land Descriptions**

The land description is always written with the smallest part first. So reading them and finding the location is best done by starting with the largest number on the right side and working yourself to the left in the legal description. You will also need to know the Range and Township number. It is shown R for range and T for Township. S, N, E, and W are for directions south, north, east and west. Townships are located north or south of the baseline and Range are located east or west of the Principal Meridian.

**LAND MEASUREMENTS**

12 inches = 1 foot

3 feet = 1 yard

1 mile = 5,280 feet = 1760 yards

1 Link = 7.92 Inches

1 Rod = 16 1/2 Feet

5 1/2 Yards = 25 Links

1 Chain = 66 Feet = 4 Rods = 100 Links =  
792 inches

1 Furlong = 660 Feet = 40 Rods

1 Mile = 8 Furlongs = 320 Rods = 80 Chains  
= 5280 Feet

1 Square Rod = 272 1/4 Sq. Feet = 30 1/4 Sq.  
Yards

1 Acre = 43,560 Square Feet

1 Acre = 160 Square Rods

1 Acre is approximately 208 3/4 Feet Square

1 Acre is 8 Rods x 20 Rods

(Or any two numbers of Rods whose  
product is 160)

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He died at his home here five years ago. The Shaw family came to Norfolk from Illinois in 1887.

About three months ago Mrs. Shaw went to Tullahoma, Tenn., where she visited with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Worden. While there she became ill and hastened to Rockford to be treated in a sanitarium conducted by Dr. Ransom.

It is likely that Mrs. Gettinger will return from Tennessee to attend the funeral services for her mother. A telegram making known the funeral arrangements was expected by Mr. Lederer Thursday afternoon.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Thursday, January 11, 1917, page 2

#### **Mrs. C. F. Shaw**

The funeral services for Mrs. C. F. Shaw, who died at Rockford, Ill., Thursday morning, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church, Rev. E. J. T. Connely officiating. The relatives and body will arrive this evening.

Grace A. Ransom was born in Roscoe, Ill., Aug. 30, 1860, growing up to young womanhood at that place. On Nov. 22, 1883, she was married to C. F. Shaw, the two coming to Norfolk in 1887. Mr. Shaw, who was a prominent traveling man known throughout this section of the state, died five years ago. Mrs. Shaw was an active member of the Methodist church and the Norfolk Woman's club and was one of the organizers of the Y. W. C. A.

The surviving children are: Mrs. Kathryn Gettinger of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Ruth Lederer of Norfolk. A son, Ransom, died in infancy. She also leaves two brothers, Dr. W. L. Ransom of Rockford, Ill, and C. A. Ransom of Roscoe, Ill., and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Wordem of Tullahoma, Tenn.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, January 13, 1917, page 2.

#### **Mrs. C. F. Shaw**

Funeral services for Mrs. C. F. Shaw who died at Rockford, Ill, were held Sunday at 2:30 at the Methodist church, Rev. E. J. T. Connely officiating. David Rees, E. A. Amarine, J. H. Lough, Burt Mapes, M. Owens and S. F. Erskine were pall bearers and interment was made in Prospect Hill cemetery. Out-of-town relatives present at the services were: Dr. W. L. Ransom, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. Kathryn Gettinger, Kansas City; Mrs. A. M. Wordem, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Mrs. S. Dragook, Omaha; Miss Florence Ransom, Rockford, Ill.; Frank Wishard, Sioux City; Mrs. J. G. Gibbon, Garnett, Kan. A large concourse of friends was also in attendance.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, January 15, 1917, page 2.

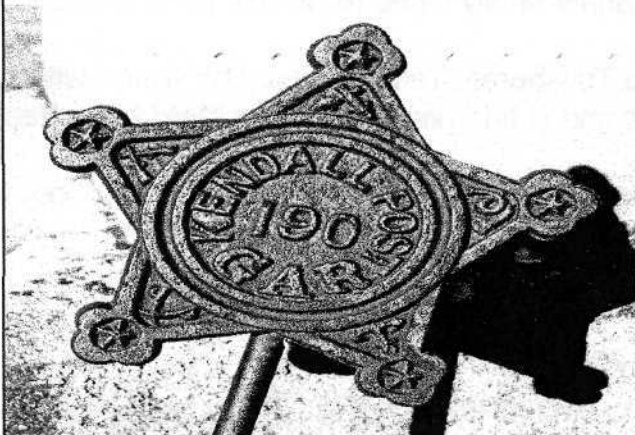
### **Helmberger Funeral Services Saturday**

Funeral services for George E. Helmberger, age 61 at his death on Wednesday will be held at the Resseguie Funeral Home and tghen at Trinity Lutheran church Saturday afternoon. The first service will be at 1:30 o'clock Rev. W. J. Oetting will officiate at both services. Interment will be in the new addition to Prospect Hill Cemetery at Norfolk.

Mr. Helmberger had been ion failing health for over a year and was at home on his farm three miles west and five north when his death occurred. The Helmbergers had lived for 26 years at this location. Mr. Helmberger was born at Petoskey in Michigan to Peter and Millie Helmberger on June 12, 1888. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, May 25, 1950, page 1.

[ Additional information on this will be in our next issue of the newsletter. ]

### Emblems and Monument Symbols part 2 of 2



Two different Civil War veteran emblems from Kendall Post 190 above



Three different World War I veteran emblems are shown



in the two pictures above and the one on the left.

World War II veteran emblem below



Vietnam War veteran emblem below





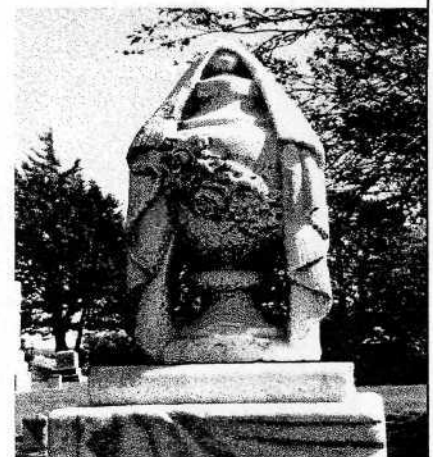
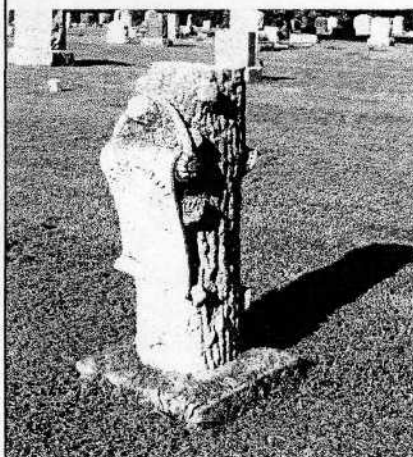
Pictures below for Civil War veteran, Woman's Auxiliary G. A. R. and D. A. R. emblems.



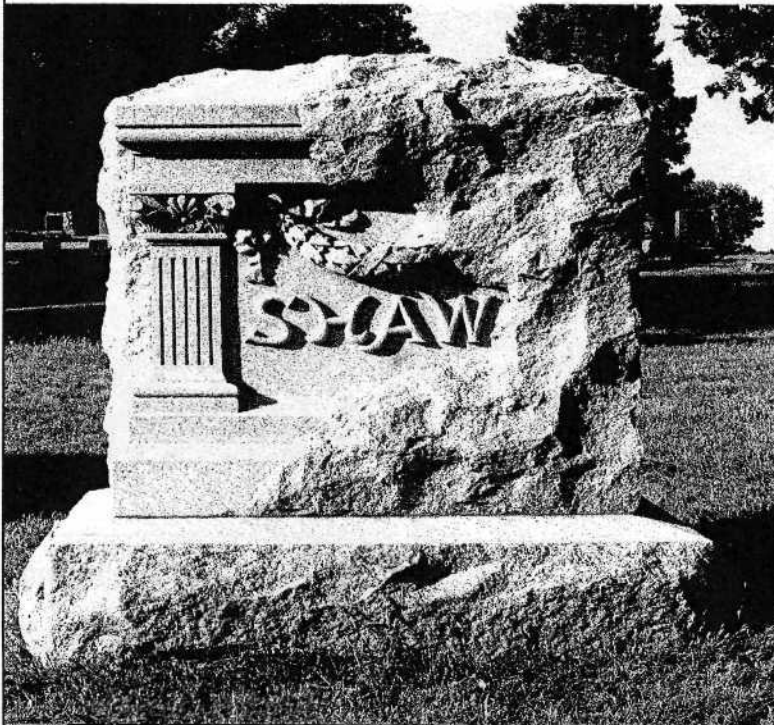
Pictures below for Civil War veteran, Spanish War veteran, and Fire department emblems.



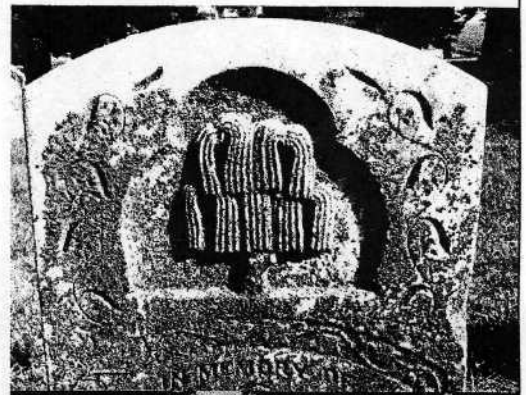
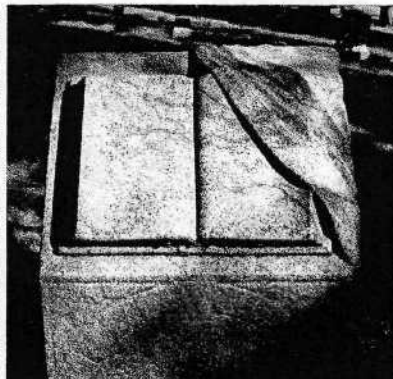
Pictures below of Tree monument from Woodman of the World, Draped urn on top of monument that has a tassel draped curtain and open book on it, and front side of the draped urn.



**Emblems and Symbols** continued from page 45



Below a draped opened book one with writing, one without.



Above are 2 forms of a Weeping Willow tree.

The 2 pictures on the left of the partial completed monument shows a life incomplete/cut short.



Many emblems on picture above showing arch, pillars, cross, clouds, and a human figure.

**2012—2013 Officers**

President: Richard Streng    Vice-President: Phyllis McCain  
 Secretary: Bobette Furguson    Treasurer: Bernice Walters

**Our future meetings**

March 16  
 April 20  
 May 18  
 June 15

Join us and bring some  
 one along with you.

**Madison County Genealogical Society**  
**PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702—1031**

MCGS established in June 1973

**Memberships** are \$15 per year starting at the time of your membership and it includes our 12 page bi-monthly newsletter. It you would like to join our society please send your payment to our mailing address. Please let us know if you want your newsletter by mail or by e-mail.

**Meetings** on 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** at <http://mcgs.nesgs.org> or [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/)

**Newsletter** submissions and change of address are to be sent to [mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net](mailto:mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net) or to our mailing address.

**Queries and Society contact** can reach us by mail at our mailing address or at either e-mail address: [mcgs@telebeep.com](mailto:mcgs@telebeep.com) or [mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net](mailto:mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net). We are here to help you in your research for your ancestors in Madison county and in the nearby counties.

The top photo below show a cross within the circle of the crown. The bottom photo has a wreath with FLT within a chain link from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I. O. O. F.) representing Friendship, Love, and Truth.



### **Attend Graduation of Son-in-law From Medical School**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bauermeister, accompanied by Mrs. Don Bauermeister of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeve of Madison attended the graduation exercises of their son-in-law, Gordon Adams, at a medical college in Omaha on June 16.

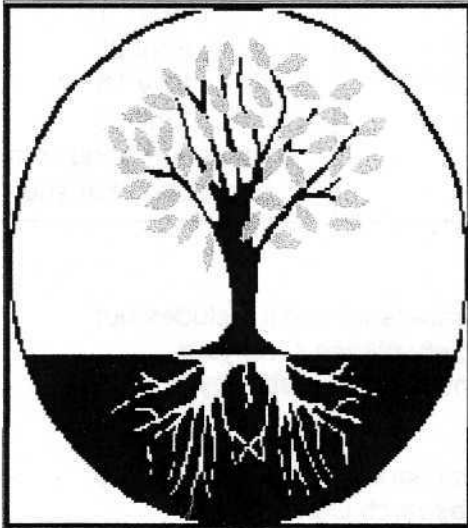
Dr. Adams will intern for a year at the Wayne County Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Adams is also to be employed at the same hospital at technician.

Mrs. Adams is the former Gloria Bauermeister.

Source: Battle Creek Enterprise, Thursday, June 28, 1956, page 1.

Join us as **we celebrate our 40th year** as the Madison County Genealogical Society **at our June meeting.**

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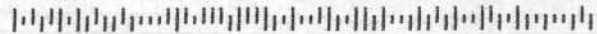


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**Long ago I made up my mind to let my friends have their peculiarities.**

True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable.

Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand. ~Emily Kimbrough

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