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Old Time Memories From The Files of Bygone Days

The Madison Chronicle

May 20, 1880

Jessie McElhoes has been appointed postmaster at Clarion.

William J. Barnes has quit the hotel business and has moved into his house on the north side of Mill Creek.

Frank Martin has erected a dwelling house north of his livery stable and has moved into the same.

Madison can now boast of two millinery stores and the ladies of the surrounding country will have no trouble in finding goods to suit in both price and quality.

June 24, 1910

The Misses Mable Horsham and Euphrosyne Planck returned on Saturday from a visit to the J. M. Giltner home in Fairview.

J. B. Donovan has resigned his game wardenship to take effect July 1.

June 26, 1930

As a special feature of the band concert on Tuesday evening the Green Garden Male quartet will present several numbers.

The Madison Star

June 29, 1900

Ben Carson has let the contract to Joe Adams for the erection of a ten room residence on his lots in West Madison.

George Kreitman went to Omaha on Tuesday with three carloads of cattle of his own raising. He struck the market at \$5.15.

A very high wind struck Madison last Wednesday morning. Great clouds of dust filled the air and many people sought caves and

cellars fearing a cyclone. At Norfolk the storm was more severe and several buildings were damaged.

R. A. Maloney has sold his brick building on Pearl Street to the Fred Klug Brewing Association.

Frank Kubik, for a long time the compositor of this paper, left Wednesday morning for the northwestern part of the state where he will work for the Chicago Portrait Co.

Source: The Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, June 29, 1950, page 6.

The Madison News

1880

David Robertson has had a veranda built in front of his butcher shop to protect it from the hot sun.

The contract for building the new school house was let to A. C. L. Davis for \$635.40. This includes painting, plastering and all.

Fred Kaul has erected a building 16 x 24 feet, north of T. J. Magilton's tin shop and will open up a harness shop in the same.

Two hundred and eighty-two carloads of freight were received and shipped at Madison since the first of last December. This made 2,820 tons. Just think what time and money it would have taken to haul that amount to and from Columbus, besides the advantages derived from a home market and then say whether you would rather have the railroads or the bonds you voted.

The Madison Star

Friday, July 6, 1900

The following market quotations by O'Shea and McBride, dealers in coal, grain and live-stock. Wheat 57c, oats 20c, corn 33c, and hogs \$4.50. Memories continued on page 3

President's Message

Greetings to our members,
Changes are a part of life. Our field trip plans had to be moved to a new location. See the "News Update" in the Society notes below. We are looking for information to be put into our Newsletter. If you have anything you like to share with us please send it to us. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Richard Strenge

Society notes

Bobette Ferguson, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 20th at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasure's report was accepted and filled for audit.

Officers were elected: President – Richard Strenge; Vice President – Phyllis McCain; Treasure – Bernice Walters; Secretary – Bobette Ferguson

Ideas for a field trip or program were discussed. The Winside Museum will be checked into. After the meeting, the members discussed the history of the Madison County Genealogical Society.

The monthly meeting was held at 10:00 a.m. on August 17th at 208 Willow Way. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasure's report was accepted and filled for audit.

The field trip was discussed. If we can get it setup for our September meeting, we will meet at the museum and car pool to Winside Museum.

Karen is making arrangements for Chad Lenox to be our speaker for the October meeting. He will talk about the bombing range north of Meadow Grove. He will also be having a display at the museum in October. Pian now on attending this very informative meeting.

Information about the Midwest Family History Expo 2013 at Kearney on September 6 and 7 was received. The society's dues for the use of the museum's room are due in September. It was voted to pay the \$125 and continue to using the room for the next year.

News Update: Our field trip (Sept. 21) will now be going to the Platte Co. Historical Society museum at 2916 16th St. in Columbus at 11 a.m., cost is \$3 per person admission. Meet at Elkhorn Valley Museum for car pool rides at 9:45 a.m. Pay for your own lunch after museum visit. May make one other stop after lunch and then travel back to Norfolk.

KUHL-KLUCKHOHN family history. Mr. William G. Myers of Faulkton, S.D., has sent our Society a copy of the family history on his mother's paternal uncle, Gustavus Adolph Kuhl and wife, Emma Kluckhohn, in appreciation of research assistance from this area. Although research on these family lines is still ongoing, he felt this information may be helpful to others researching the Kuhl lines in this area. Some names locally familiar are the Gillette families, as well as Kell, Pronneke, Murphy, Krueger, and many Kuhl. This Kuhl information is included in the more complete but still in progress *Family History of William Edwin Myers and Harriet Constance Kuhl*, which is available online in World Family Tree Maker.

Gustavus "Gus" Adolph Kuhl was born December 5, 1855 in Prussia (Germany), and died April 2, 1941 in Norfolk, Nebraska. He is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk, Madison County, NE. He married Emma S. Kluckhohn in 1880 in Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin. She was born August, 1858 in Wisconsin or Illinois, and died October 5, 1918 in Norfolk, NE, and is buried in the family plot in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk, NE.

Ancestors of Gustavus Adolph Kuhl are John Gottlieb Kuhl (1827-1910) and wife Amelia Louisa Wagner, (1833-1919). Both were born in Prussia, emigrated to the United States, and are buried in Sioux County, Iowa.

This section is extensive and interesting Kuhl family history and we are thankful to Mr. Myers to be able to include it in the collection of our Madison County Genealogical Society, and have it available for research.

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August Buettner bought a \$100 carriage from Herman Fricke yesterday and is now equipped with one of the most comfortable vehicles in this vicinity.

John Dieter, Jr., is one of the happiest farmers in the Green Garden Community. His fine new residence is completed and ready for occupancy.

Peter Enist bought a new top buggy in Humphrey the past week.

The Madison Chronicle

July 8, 1910

George R. Wycoff has laid off two blocks of ground he owns south of the courthouse and will sell them off in lots. They are well located and lay well and the existing demand for good building lots will no doubt result in their selling rapidly.

The Star-Mail now appears with the name of John B. Donovan once more at the mast head as editor, Otto W. Wolf as local editor, Archa K. Donovan, business manager and Lydia W. Donovan as secretary treasurer. May the new combination meet merited success.

The movers have the George Kreitman house, on the lots recently purchased by R. G. Mossman, on the way to its new location on the hill near the Seth Arnett residence.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, July 6, 1950, page 3

The Madison Chronicle

June 1880

A. B. Bender has moved onto his timber claim on upper Taylor Creek.

Stuart and Akin has a large fire and burglar proof safe placed in their new bank building yesterday. The burglar proof safe has a time lock on the inside.

The lumber for the new addition to the Huylar House is on the ground. It will be 20 by 30 feet and will be attached to the south end of the building making it just again as large.

A detachment of Company F under Lieut. Henderson has been drilling this week for the

fireworks display on the evening of the Woodmen log rolling. If there are any dead weeks in your yard they should be cut down. The town should look its best during the M. W. A. picnic.

The old rifle range on the Christian farm east of town will again be fitted up and used by Company F. The company will engage in target practice one day next week.

A fine 12 foot cement walk has been built around the Hein Opera House in front of the Madison Steam Laundry.

July 15, 1910

A meeting was held last Friday evening for the purpose of organizing a new cemetery by thirty-five men who had agreed to take \$100 stock each in the new enterprise. A board of trustees consisting of George Wycoff, F. A. Long, W. E. Taylor, D. K. Robertson and Jacob Henderson was chosen. Much good work in planning and improving the grounds will be done. The very appropriate name of Crown Hill Cemetery has been chosen.

W. J. Malory is moving into the Polenski house on Depot street which as just been vacated by William Craig.

A. V. Smith made a trade Tuesday by which he disposed of his horses, Nabisco and Prince Arena and became the owner of a half section of land near Wessington Springs, S. D. The horses figured in the deal at \$3,00 for the two.

Commissioner Henry Sunderman entertained a part of friends at the courthouse on Monday evening in honor of his forty-second birthday anniversary. Refreshments consisted of ice cream, pop, cake and cigars.

The Madison Star-Mail

July 11, 1940

The strip of land across the Herman Fricke Jr. farm through which new No. 81 highway will pass was valued at \$448 an acre by the appraisers. Eight acres will be needed for the new road.

The following prices were being paid here on Thursday morning; cream 25c, springs 13 and roosters 7c. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, July 27, 1950, page 6. Memories continued on page 4

Memories continued from page 3**The Madison Chronicle**

June 24, 1880

F. W. Barnes is having the picket fence around his block painted.

J. K. P. McCallum's concrete building is almost completed and will make a fine office. It is 16 x 24 feet and cost \$350 on contract.

Con Dieter has successfully burned his first kiln of one hundred thousand brick and they will be ready for delivery in a few days.

Mauritz Gross brought in a sample of wheat from a large field which measured four feet and nine inches high.

August 5, 1910

Plank benches have been placed on the lawn at the Methodist church and the extension lights arranged so that hereafter during the warm season all evening services will be held out of doors. Good new hitching posts have been set in the alley behind the church to accommodate those who come to services by team.

The Madison Star

August 3, 1900

A carload of stone arrived last week which will be used for crossing material on Pearl street and another car is on the road.

Buettner and Zessin, and M. F. Thomas will both build new brick sidewalks.

The following market quotations are furnished O'Shea and McBride, dealers in grain, coal and livestock and are the latest up to Friday morning: Wheat 53c, oats 16 1/2c, rye 35c, corn 28 1/2c and hogs \$4.50.

The Madison Star-Mail

August 1, 1940

Engineers from the state highway department at Lincoln arrived in Madison this week to supervise construction of the new route of Highway 81 south from Madison to the Platte county line.

The following market prices were posted in Madison on Thursday morning: Cream 23c, eggs, graded 16c, 13c and 9c. Hens over 4 1/2 pounds 12c and under 4 1/2 pounds 9c. Source:

Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 3, 1950 page 1

The Madison Chronicle

July 8, 1880

Conrad Dieter sells bricks at ten dollars per thousand.

Fred Kaul has had a sign painted in front of his harness shop.

Joseph Adelman, living southeast of Madison had the misfortune to break his collar bone. He was chasing a wolf when his horse stepped into a hole, and stumbling, fell to the ground.

There will be a meeting of the Madison Town Hall and Court House Association and citizens generally, at the Presbyterian church next Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of considering the question of erecting a two-story Town-Hall and Court House. Let's everybody turn out and see what can be done in this matter.

August 12, 1910

A. F. Beatty of Fort Dodge, Ia., has been in the city for several days negotiating with Phil Neihardt for the purchase of the Madison Steam Laundry. Mr. Neihardt is selling out because of ill health.

As regards the prospects for a Carnegie library in Madison, A. E. Ward informs us that he received a letter in response to the one he had written to Andrew Carnegie on the subject, stating that Mr. Carnegie is now in Europe but would be back in September. At that time he expects to take up the subject. There seems to be no reasonable doubt that Madison will get a library as soon as Mr. Carnegie can have the matter properly looked into, and know that the usual requirements, suitable site, maintenance, etc. will be provided. Neligh's new Carnegie library is now nearly completed and is quite an ornament to the town.

The Madison Star-Mail

August 14, 1930

Two old pioneer business buildings are being wrecked by order of the state fire inspector.

The wooden building a the corner of Lincoln and

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Third streets, just west of the Star-Mail office, and the old building back of Aaron Henry's implement store adjoining the corner building must go the way of all worldly things after they have survived their usefulness. Mr. Henry states that a new building will replace the one to be torn down.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 31, 1950, page 6

{ Editors Note: The following items did not show the name(s) of the paper these came from. It only showed a date. }

August 12, 1880

After next Sunday you can shoot prairie chickens.

Madison County has the largest population of any county in the sixth judicial district.

The first money order issued from the Madison post office was for the sum of seventy-five cents.

J. E. Douglas is erecting a building 20 x 40 feet just north of the post office. It is understood that it will be used for a hardware store.

A. C. Tyrrel has had a well dug on his place and has instituted a fountain. Lon has the finest block in town and has an assortment of trees and shrubs which cannot be beat in the state.

Sept. 2, 1910

Owing to an increase in the price of feed and hay the undersigned have decided to make the following new scale of prices to be in force after September 1, 1910.

1 team to hay 25 cents, 1 team feed and hay 50 cents, 1 horse hay 15 cents, 1 horse to hay and feed 25 cents, 1 team to lay overnight 50 cents, 1 horse to lay overnight 25 cents. Prices for all night after midnight. Feed yard after midnight 25 cents. Signed, U. D. Mathews, Wahl Bros., W. M. Halsey.

Sept. 4, 1930

Little is left of the old store building at the corner of Third and Lincoln streets but the dust. It is reputed to have been one of the pioneer buildings of this city and to have been in service for over fifty yeas. Fire damaged it last spring

and it was condemned as a fire hazard.

Sept. 5, 1940

Ulric D. Mathews reports that he has received a cane, over 90 years old, which was at one time owned by Clause Young, a Civil War veteran, who moved to Madison from Fremont, Ind., in the early 70's. Mr. Young served on the city council and as commander of the G.A.R. post. His cane was given to Mr. Mathews by Mrs. William Isenhower. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, September 7, 1950, page 6

Birthday Picnic Dinner in Honor of Horrocks Families

Members of the Horrocks families had a picnic dinner last Sunday at the Will Hoffman home in honor of those whose birthdays are in April.

They are: Mr. Samuel Horrocks, Sr., Mrs. Sam Horrocks, Jr., Mrs. Bessie Beal, Mrs. Hazel Davis and baby boy, Ralph Switzer, Dorothy HORrocks, and Miss Louva Hoffman (a guest).

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Horrocks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Horrocks and family, Sam Horrocks and son Wilbur, Miss Mildred Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Orson Davis and family, Mrs. Linnie Horrocks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dye and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Berg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sewell, Mrs. Vivian Madske and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshal, son, and mother, Mrs. Marshal, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffman.

A most bountiful dinner was served to the crowd numbering more than fifty, and all present reported having a good time. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 25, 1929, page 1.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched.

They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

Sullivan School Celebrates

The patrons of District 21 known as the Sullivan school, met Friday afternoon to celebrate the granting of a standard plate to their school.

A delicious supper was served at 7 P. M. After the tables were cleared away, the pupils under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Audrey Higbee presented a short program.

The meeting was then turned over to the school board. J. L. Blair, moderator presiding. Mrs. Emma Sullivan, the director, gave a short history of the district. The early school house was made of cotton wood logs. In 1876 this building was reported as being only six feet high, with a door so low that pupils could not enter without stooping, with a dirt floor that was being constantly swept, with the result that the stove soon sat on a little hill several feet above the level of the floor. Some of the former teachers, among them, Miss Anna O'Gorman and the former Miss Cora Hines, gave their impressions of the past. The present teacher, Mrs. Higbee, has also been a resident of the district and a teacher, twenty-one years ago.

County Superintendent Alice Hall in presenting the standard plate stated that the rural schools should endeavor to give their pupils a good education as any city system.

Miss Emma Miller, a former county superintendent of Cuming county, and who was an invited guest, then spoke of the interest of rural life and schools.

This standard plate is the thirty second to be granted in Madison county.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, May 2, 1929, page 1.

Native American Indian quote:

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced.

Live your life so that when you die...the world cries and you rejoice. —White Elk

Dye's Home in Canada Burned

An extract from a letter to Mrs. Hoffman from Mrs. Homer Dye contains the following information. The Dye family have been in Canada the past month attending to their farm interests.

"We were over to Lizzie Reeves last Thursday and Friday returning Saturday evening. Sunday we were cleaning up and packing. They had left so many old clothes in closets and one room upstairs was about full of paper. We thought we had better burn them in the furnace and clean things up before we left.

The roof of the house caught fire and not having any ladder nor water on the place we were just helpless to try and save it.

All the neighbors came and they tore off the porch and saved a few doors and windows. Seems such a shame, 'twas the best house in this district. We had had such a good time it was just like being home. We came and went when we wanted; had our trees all trimmed and had fixed things around the house that had needed repairs, but 'tis all gone now."

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, August 27, 1931, page 1.

37th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, Aug. 26th, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Tiedgen celebrated their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Osborn, where a picnic dinner was served to the entire family including Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tiedgen; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tiedgen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Everette Tiedgen and son; Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Osborn; Misses Janet and La Nell Tiedgen; Mr. Irvin and Howard Tiedgen. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, September 3, 1931, page 1

People who claim they don't have the time to do things right somehow find the time to do them over.

Donald McKee Wyatt

Donald McKee Wyatt was born at Polk Co., Wis., Jan. 7, 1914. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Wyatt of Meadow Grove, Nebr.

Donald had been ailing for a few weeks, he was taken to Norfolk Sunday evening and was operated on Tuesday morning for appendicitis at the Lutheran hospital. The death angel called for his soul Sat. evening April 6, 1929.

He was an obedient child and interested in his work both on the farm and at school this was his first year at high school, he will be missed by his friends and classmates.

Donald found his Saviour in his youth, he would take part in prayer at the family altar, the last two mornings he lived his strength failed him, he said he was too tired to pray, a few hours before his death, he told the Lord if he would let him live, he would be willing to do anything the Lord wanted him to do. His parting words to his loved ones, as he kissed them good bye were: "Meet me in heaven."

He leaves to mourn his departure his parents, sisters and brothers, Beulah, Hazel, Irvin, Ardys and Howard, also his grandparents and other relatives and friends.

"The world can never give
The bliss for which we sigh;
'Tis not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.
Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years
And all that life is love."

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church Wednesday at 2 p.m. conducted by Mable Vaage of Newman Grove. Arle Braggs and Miss Vaage sang a very tender, beautiful way "Does Jesus Care, It Pays to Serve Jesus, and No Disappointments in Heaven." Ruth Anderson presided at the piano.

The High School attended in a body in respect to their schoolmate and friend.

Many beautiful floral offerings were presented that banked the casket.

Interment was made at Tilden.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 11, 1929, page 1.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our deepest gratitude to all those that gave their assistance and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother Donald. Grateful are we for the beautiful floral tokens sent by friends, high school and churches. And to the Methodist Pastor and people for the use of their church for the services.

Special thanks for the bouquet sent by his class to the hospital. If you could have seen the glad smile which enveloped his face when he received them, it would have paid you for your sacrifice. He loved flowers dearly.

GIVE ROSES TO THE LIVING

I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of my friend
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth shall end.

I would rather have the kindest words
Which may be said to me
Than flattered when my heart is still
And this life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile
From friends I know are true
Than tears shed around my casket
When this world I've bid adieu.

Bring me all your flowers today
Whether pink, or white, or red:
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than a car load when I'm dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Wyatt and Family

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 18, 1929, page 1.

New Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at Norfolk Dedicated

Norfolk, Nebraska—The Most Rev. Gerald T. Bergan, Archbishop of Omaha, officiated when the Missionary Benedictine Sisters dedicated their new \$700,000 Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 27, at Norfolk.

After the dedication ceremony, open house was held and the public taken on a tour through the hospital.

This 60 to 70 bed fireproof modern hospital has both private and semi-private rooms with bath, a few wards, a special ward for children, maternity department with two delivery rooms glass-enclosed nursery, one minor and two major surgery rooms, as well as a receiving and emergency operating room, modern well-equipped laboratory and x-ray department.

Only new equipment will be installed in the building at a cost of about \$65,000. Of that sum, a federal grant of \$34, 722.88 is expected. Construction of the four-floor building was complete without federal aid.

The Missionary Benedictine Sisters have operated a hospital in Norfolk since 1935, when they purchased the old General Hospital building which had facilities for 20 to 25 patients. A short time later a new wing was added to the frame structure to accommodate additional patients. That made 30 to 35 beds available. The old building will be used to provide a much needed home for the sisters.

Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 31, 1950, page 1.

Brief Locals

Merle Dye is spending a few days in the country at Allie Horrock's home.

Miss Effie Neibuhr is spending the weekend with her sister at Winnetoon.

Leo Beiler of Long Beach, Calif., is visiting at the home of his uncle, Clifford Collins.

The Yellow Banks Park will hold a big celebration on the 4th of July. Thousands will attend from all sections of the state. Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, June 27, 1929, page 1.

Celebrate 56th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Purdy observed their 56th wedding anniversary with a picnic dinner at the IOOF Hall on Sunday with thirty guests present for the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Purdy were married in Stanton on August 28, 1894, and have made their home in this vicinity during that time.

Four generations were present for the dinner. Descendants in direct line are Watson Purdy, Oliver Purdy, Earl Purdy and Ronald Purdy. There are six great grandchildren.

Out of town relatives attending were Miss Francis Purdy of Fremont and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jensen of Wayne. Source: Madison Star-Mail, Thursday, August 31, 1950, page 1.

Man strives for glory, honor, fame,
That all the world may know his
name,
Amasses wealth by brain and hand;
Becomes a power in the land.
But when he nears the end of life
And looks back o'er the years of
strife,
He finds that happiness depends
On none of these, but on the love of
friends.

(Author unknown)

Always be a little kinder than
necessary. —James M. Barrie

You must give some time to your
fellow men. Even if it's a little
thing, do something for others—
something for which you get no
pay but the privilege of doing it.

Albert Schweitzer

George Berry, Pioneer Stage Driver, Is Dead

Is Laid at Rest by Friends and Neighbors in Cemetery at Battle Creek.

Friend of Early Settlers.

Drove Stage From Wisner to Norfolk and Kept Line of Transportation Open to Early Comers as the Railroads Built Lines Westward.

George Berry, prominent Madison county farmer, sheep raiser and pioneer stage coach driver, was laid at rest in the Battle Creek cemetery Monday afternoon following impressive funeral services conducted at 3 o'clock in the family home by Rev. John H. Andress, pastor of the First Congregational church of Norfolk. A large number of friends and neighbors attended the services and neighbors and close friends acted as the pallbearers.

Death came to George Berry at 6:20 Saturday evening after a week of unconsciousness from which he did not revive and following a year's illness from a malady against which he fought bravely. About six weeks ago he left a local hospital where he underwent x-ray treatment and had been in his beautiful farm home near Battle Creek ever since, attended by his wife, his brother-in-law, Dr. Edward Tanner of Battle Creek and Mrs. Tanner, a sister of Mrs. Berry and his cousin, Mrs. L. Sessions of Norfolk, the only surviving relatives. Pioneers of Madison county felt keenly the departure of this wonderful man of the west and the pang of sorrow which came to neighbors reflects the character of this pioneer.

George Berry was born near Boston, Mass., seventy years ago. He came from a sturdy family the head of which was a seafaring man of strong heart and wonderful experiences of deep sea sailing. George Berry attended the public schools of Massachusetts and in 1870 he joined his cousin and his aunt, Atlanta A. Rollins, coming directly to Norfolk and

immediately taking up a homestead in Antelope county which was located just east of the present site of Oakdale.

Began Hauling Mail

Mr. Berry spent the summer of 1872 in Norfolk and then went to Wisner where he associated himself with George Canfield who had government contracts for hauling mail from the end of the railroad to points west Berry became the stage coach driver. He was adept with the horses and every pioneer of this locality will recall the days when the passengers and mail were loaded onto the Concord coaches at Wisner and when the young athletic youth sprang to the seat, grasped the reins and with a crack of the whip started the ponies toward Norfolk.

Mr. Berry maintained his home with the MacMillan family in Wisner in those days. The MacMillans conducted the hotel there and Mr. Berry was the star boarder. The stage driver was a man of service and of importance then and Mr. Berry was equal to the occasion. Many a lift the early pioneer received from him and many a story is told by the old German pioneers of this locality of "the days when George Berry drove the stage coach".

The days when the railroad terminated at Wisner and hard times were combated with the same ferocity as s men fought threatened Indian raids, found many a Norfolk pioneer making the trip afoot from Wisner. It was on some of these occasions that the big heart of the old-time stage driver was exhibited and nothing is lost in telling of the tenderness which he mixed with the exactions of rough pioneering.

Pioneer Postmistress His Bride

One picture which will remain in the memory of the primitive Norfolkans will be the ford of the Northfork river near the site of the flour mill, with the stage coach dashing a spray over weary passengers; the dash of the coach around the corner to the post office; the greetings to passengers and driver and the delivery of the mail personally by the driver

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through the general delivery window where Postmistress Mary Hurford reigned supreme. Old time Norfolkans are persistent that a romance of many days was carried on through that window and eventually the postmistress became Mrs. George Berry.

A daily stage service was established later from Wisner and when the Canfield contracts ran out Mr. Berry took charge of the service. Railroads became active with the coming of the settlers and Berry became the trail breaker, extending the mail and passenger service ahead of the road. He continued this work far into Wyoming and to Dakota points and establishing a freight hauling service from the end of this road as it crawled westward. He supplied the important forts in Wyoming with freight and mail. He maintained the roads and many a winter day found him on the dreary trail making repairs. His way stations constituted the only places of habitation for hundreds of miles and it was during those days that the romantic stories of the "Long Horse station," were written.

Mr. Berry eventually, through persuasion of Mrs. Berry, gave up strenuous work and returned to Madison county, settling on a farm near Battle Creek. Here he became prominent as a sheep raiser, winning the reputation of being the best posted sheep man in the state. He was the first to use ground alfalfa as a substitute for high price bran. He built one of the most beautiful farm homes in the county and took an active part in developing the county, working strenuously in the interests of the farmer.

Headed Farm Bureau

He served two terms as president of the Madison county Farm Bureau and during the war his patriotism was demonstrated in his work as a member of the County Council of Defense. Every patriotic war drive found George Berry hard at work. No person will ever know the many miles of road over which he traveled to help the nation's cause in the war. He made

Deaths**Mrs. Anna M. Weekes**

Mrs. Anna M. Weekes died in the home of her son, W. H. Weekes, at 6:40 Thursday evening from complications due to old age. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the family home 113 Madison avenue.

The death of Mrs. Weekes marks the passing of one of the oldest Norfolk women—in point of years. She was of historic family, her ancestors purchasing farm lands from sons of William Penn.

Mrs. Weekes was born in Hartsville, Pa., in September 1829. Her husband died in 1861 and she has lived since then among her children. Forty-six years ago Mrs. Weekes took up a homestead ten miles northwest of Grand Island and lived there until 1901 when she sold the place and has since been living with her son here and who is the only survivor of her family. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Fri. June 13, 1919, page 2

Funeral Record**Mrs. Anna M. Weekes**

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Anna M. Weekes in the home of her son W. H. Weekes at 113 Madison avenue. Rev. J. H. Andress, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiating. Interment was made in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The pallbearers were G. F. Durland, John Friday, W. R. Hoffman, P. M. Kenney, W. J. Gow and J. H. Lough. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Mon. June. 16, 1919, page 2

the Red Cross his hobby and worked strenuously for everything that organization wanted. His liberal donations to all funds placed him in the roll of honor in all campaigns. The continued praise of this remarkable man by his neighbors indicates the manner of man which the county has lost in the death of George Berry.

Source: Then Norfolk Daily News, Mon. May, 26, 1919, page 5

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Old Time Disease Names

There are many sources of information. This is just a sample of old time disease names.

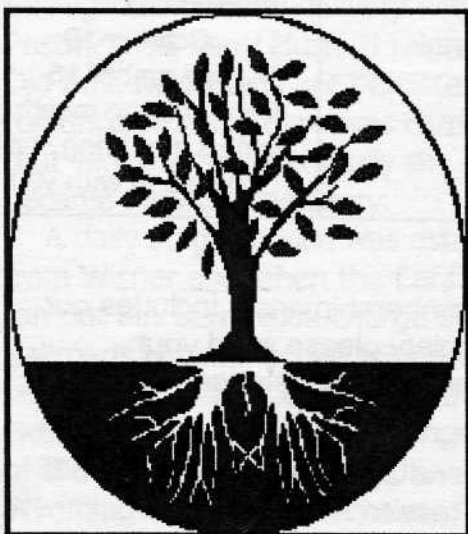
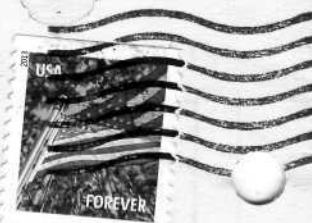
- Ague** - Malarial Fever
- Apoplexy** - Paralysis due to stroke.
- Bad Blood** - Syphilis.
- Bright's disease** - Chronic inflammatory disease of kidneys
- Consumption** - A wasting away of the body; formerly applied especially to pulmonary tuberculosis.
- Diary fever** - A fever that lasts one day.
- Flux** - An excessive flow or discharge of fluid like hemorrhage or diarrhea.
- Grippe/grip** - Influenza like symptoms; the flu; influenza.
- Grocer's itch** - Skin disease caused by mites in sugar or flour.
- Hospital Fever** - see typhus.
- Infantile paralysis** - Polio.
- Lagrippe** - Influenza.
- Lung fever** - Pneumonia.
- Lung sickness** - Tuberculosis.
- Milk fever** - Disease from drinking contaminated milk; fever which effects lactating women (mastitis?).

- Milk sickness** - Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds.
- Myocarditis** - Inflammation of heart muscles.
- Nepritis** - Inflammation of kidneys.
- Pott's disease** - Tuberculosis of spine.
- Rose cold** - Hay fever or nasal symptoms of an allergy.
- Rubeola** - German measles.
- Ship fever** - see Typhus.
- Summer complaint** - Diarrhea, usually in infants caused by spoiled milk.
- Water on brain** - Enlarged head.
- Winter fever** - Pneumonia.
- Yellowjacket** - Yellow fever.

Source: <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/glossaries/diseases1.html>
 There is also a section on occupations that may be of interest. It can be found at <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/glossaries/occupations1.html>

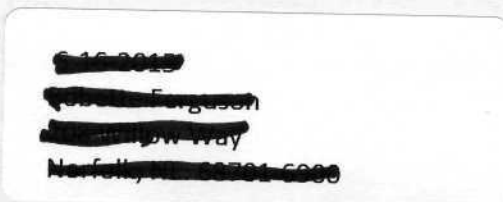
You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love. Henry Drummond

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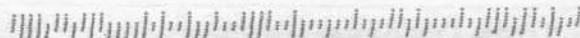
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US Marine Corps Deaths Reported on 9 August 1918

Rank	Soldier	Kin	Emergency Address	Cause of Death
Pvt	James S. Hodges	Amy Stryker	Overton, NE	KIA

US Army Deaths Reported on 9 August 1918

Rank	Soldier	Kin	Emergency Address	Cause of Death
Cpl	L. H. Robertson	Mrs A. Sorenson	Mason City, NE	KIA
Pvt	W. H. Crosier	Mrs M. Crosier	Edwards, NE	KIA
Pvt	Charles Gifford	Mrs C. B. West	Yerington, NE	Accident/ other

US Army Deaths Reported on 5 October 1918

Rank	Name	Emergency Address	Cause of Death
Cpl	Verlin W. Taylor	Red Cloud, Nebr.	Wounds

US Army Deaths Reported on 14 November 1918

Rank	Name	Emergency Address	Cause of Death
Sgt	Elsa Dawson	Home Fork, NE	Wounds
Pvt	Roy C. Hensley	Lincoln, NE	Disease
Pvt	Charles H. Reisinger	David City, NE	Disease

US Army Deaths Reported on 25 May 1919

Rank	Name	Emergency Address	Cause of Death
Cook	Garnet L. Bray	Mason City, Neb.	Disease

Source: <http://www.genealogy-quest.com/military>

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