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Ravenscroft family

Mrs. A. F. Ravenscroft

Funeral services for Mrs. Arthur F. Ravenscroft, Burbank, Calif., formerly of Norfolk, who died Wednesday night, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Forest Lawn in Glendale, Calif.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, Sept. 22, 1961, page 13.

Ravenscroft, Ex-Manager of Store, Dies

A former Norfolk man, Arthur F. Ravenscroft, who was manager of the F. W. Woolworth Store here for 33 years, died Jan. 31 at Los Angeles.

Funeral services were conducted there Friday at 10 a.m. at Church of the Hills, and burial was in Forest Lawn-Hollywood Hills Cemetery.

Mr. Ravenscroft, who retired at Norfolk in 1953, and his wife moved from Norfolk to California to be near their son, Thurl Ravenscroft, and his family. Mrs. Ravenscroft died in 1961. Mr. Ravenscroft had not been well since suffering a stroke in 1964.

Besides his son, Thurl, he is survived by two grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Faith Davison, Mrs. Wealtha House, Royal and Cleland Ravenscroft.

Thurl Ravenscroft, a well known singer who has appeared in many movies, on television and been the "voices" of characters in Walt Disney productions, was in Norfolk last summer to participate in the Centennial observance. His wife and two children Ron and Nancy, were also here at that time. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, Feb. 6, 1967, page 1.

Cancer claims life of Norfolk native Ravenscroft

Fullerton, Calif. (AP)—Thurl Ravenscroft, a Norfolk native known for providing the rumbling "They're Grrrreeeat!" for Tony the Tiger in countless Kellogg's ads, has died. He died Sunday, at age 91, of prostate cancer, said Diane Challis Davy, director of Laguna Beach's Pageant of the Masters.

"I've done a million things," Ravenscroft said last year in a phone interview with the Daily News from Fullerton, Calif., where he lived in a retirement community. His wife, June, died six years earlier. In his 65 years in show business, Ravenscroft did voices for the animated films "Cinderella," "The Jungle Book," "Mary Poppins," "Alice in Wonderland," "Lady and the Tramp," and many others. As a student at Norfolk High School, Ravenscroft acted in plays and sang in musicals. In 1933, his father, Arthur, who managed the Woolworth Store, sent him to live with family members in California to pursue a career in set design.

But first came World War II, where Ravenscroft served as a pilot for Gen. George Marshall

In Memory of Harlow Butcher

Harlow Butcher was one of five people who started the interest and development of our genealogical society. He passed away Oct. 29, 2013 at the age of 89. When the first newsletters were printed it was under his direction and guidance in the printing office where he worked at the time. He was buried at Prospect Hill cemetery here in Norfolk, Nebraska.

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President's Message

from Richard Streng

Greetings to our members,

Have you given any thought to what will take place this year? What plans are you making toward the goals or objectives you are thinking about? Better research or are you just beginning to look into the family lines of your relatives and ancestors? Just beginning is a great start as we all started there at one point in time. Day by day we add ideas, knowledge, and especially history to our families. Write down the day by day activities of your life and then in the years ahead your descendants will be rewarded with knowledge of who you were and what your life was like. Yes, we consider the day by day activities mundane but do we not look for clues of our ancestors lives and what their life was like when they were here? What about that party that our friends and relatives attended? What about the birthday gatherings and when they occurred? What about the weddings or anniversaries of our families? Years from now those will be precious items to be found and to read about them.

Our society can be a wealth of information to many people. Have you considered that some of the information might only be available from you. Your knowledge and experience in looking, researching, and putting together your family history can be of benefit to others you may not even know yet. Join us and we can share together the wealth of information we hold in our hands and in our heads.

As always we do look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Society News and Notes

from Bobette Ferguson, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:00 a.m. on November 16th at 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.

Richard presented a program on the location of downtown business during 1948 and 1950. There was more discussion from the group about what businesses are located there today.

The Christmas party will be held on January 18th at 1:00 o'clock at the Granary.

The museum dues were \$125 and the rent for the post box will be coming due.

Information about the Genealogists Focus Group Study meeting at the Norfolk Library on October 29th was given. The library would like to expand and is considering a genealogical area/room in the addition. Information was given and questions were asked about what materials would be in the room and the room's uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Our **January 18th meeting will be our Christmas party. It will start at 1 p.m.** with our meal, order and pay for your own choice from the menu, and then followed by fun, games, and fellowship. **It will be held at The Granary.** Join us and bring along a wrapped "white elephant" item(s) for the gift exchange. Our February meeting will be on the 15th at 10 a. m. at 515 Queen City Blvd. We will have a special speaker for our program. Details on page 36.

May you ask the right question of the right person at the right time.

There is no such thing as a useless piece of information.

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and, later, as part of a squadron of Mustangs and Spitfires that escorted Winston Churchill to a conference in Algiers, Algeria, to plan the Allied invasion.

For a short time after the war, he was a pilot for Trans World Airlines in Washington, D. C., where he met his wife,

They later returned to Hollywood, where Ravenscroft sang with the Mellomen, a group that performed with Frank Sinatra, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Elvis Presley.

In 1952, Ravenscroft's voice appeared in the first Frosted Flakes commercial, and he continued taping new commercials through 2004. IN the interview last year, he said Ton the Tiger was his favorite character over the years and he even had "They're Grrrrreeeat!" on his answering machine.

He also narrated the summertime Pageant of the Masters at Laguna Beach for 20 years and lent his voice to character on thrill rides at Disneyland, including the Pirates of the Caribbean, Splash Mountain, the Enchanted Tiki Room and the Haunted Mansion.

Thurl Ravenscroft's voice can be heard in the following shows and movies:

Dumbo (1941) singing voice of "Look Out for Mr. Stork"

Cinderella (1950) singing voice of the mice, Gus and Jaq, and Bruno the dog.

Alice in Wonderland (1951) Card Painter

Peter Pan (1953) Chorus singer

Lady and the Tramp (1955) Dog and Al the Alligator

South Pacific (1958) Stewpot

Sleeping Beauty (1959) singer

101 Dalmations (1961) Captain the horse

The Music Man (1962) Man

The Sword in the Stone ((1963) knight at tournament

Mary Poppins (1964) Pig

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966) singer of "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

The Jungle Book (1967) singing voice of Shere Khan

The Aristocats (1970) Russian Cat

The Cat in the Hat (1971) Thing 1

The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh (1977) singer

The Brave Little Toaster (1987), The Brave Little Toaster Goes to Mars (1998), and

The Brave Little Toaster to the Rescue(1999) Kirby the vacuum.

Source: Norfolk Daily News, Tuesday, May 24, 2005, page 1 and 8.

Editor's Note: Thurl Ravenscroft was born Feb. 6, 1914 (Norfolk, Nebraska)
and died May 22, 2005 (Fullerton, California)

Norfolk Sanitarium

110 South Twelfth Street

Reopened October 26, 1903

DR. P. H. SALTER, Surgeon

DR. F. G. SALTER, Physician

MISS SHERROCK, Head Nurse

The above ad was found in The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, Dec. 12, 1903 on page 5

A Close Call

A Fire that Was Discovered Just Soon Enough to Avoid Being a Disastrous One.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock last night, fire was discovered in C. B. Walters carriage shop, and the alarm was at once sounded. By the time a stream from the hydrant on the corner near by was brought to play the whole interior of the shop was in a blaze, but notwithstanding a display of lack of discipline, the flames were soon subdued. In the shop Mr. Walters had stored a large amount of cushions, wood and other trimmings for the manufacture and repair of carriages, and this is all more or less damaged, while it will take a new floor and new side to put the building in good repair. Mr. Walters estimates his loss at \$400. He had no insurance.

The fire was started in a pile of hard wood materials lying on a shelf on the east side of the building, and was without a doubt the work of an incendiary. Every effort should be made to ferret out the miscreant, and no punishment should be too severe for him when caught.

The shop closely adjoins W. M. Hale's livery barn, and when first seen the flames were bursting through the side of the shop next to the barn. Ten minutes more and both structures would have been in a blaze and a fire going that might have wiped out a goodly portion of the business portion of the city.

The firemen displayed a lack of discipline that might prove disastrous at a fire that was under bigger headway. This was augmented by the noise made and by the giving of orders by people who had no business to say anything, thus confusing the men and interfering with their control by the proper officers. The best fireman is the one who can keep his mouth shut and obey the orders of his superior at a fire. The best outsider at a fire is the one that lets the firemen do the work for which they are organized, and doesn't try to run things and then blame the fire department for mistakes

that are made. The two notices published by the chief engineer today is directly in point, and it is to be hoped that he will have discipline established before another fire occurs. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1889, page 3.

Research in Ireland

This Irish Government supported, official web site, is dedicated to helping you in your search for records of family history for past generations.

<http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Ireland's Largest Family Records Database Over 20 million records online. This website contains a unique set of Irish family history records including Birth, Death, Marriage and Gravestone records the majority of which are only available online on this website and cannot be found online elsewhere.

This website was created by the Irish Family History Foundation (I.F.H.F.), an all Ireland not-for-profit organization, that is co-ordinating the creation of a database of Irish genealogical sources to assist those who wish to trace their Irish ancestry.

Its county genealogy centre members are based in local communities and work with local volunteers, historical societies, clergy, local authorities, county libraries and government agencies to develop and preserve a database of genealogical records for their county. By using this website you are supporting that work and the communities from which your ancestors originated.

This website provides access to an index of Irish records and digitized versions of the original source material; it does not contain images of original documents.

<http://www.rootsireland.ie/>

Genealogy websites. Having explored the pages in this genealogy section, readers may also find the following list of genealogical links useful. Please note that the National Archives does not accept any responsibility for the services offered on these sites.

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy1/genealogy-websites/>

THE BABY OF COMPANY G

An Army Comrade Pays a Fine Tribute to H. C. Matrau.

Was not 16 When He went to War

Said he would be 18 on his birthday, not stating which Birthday—Became the Youngest, Smallest and Bravest Captain His Regiment Ever Had—The Recent Meeting in Milwaukee.

J. A. Watrous, an old army comrade of H. C. Matrau of this city, contributes the following sketch of that gentleman's army career to the Chicago Times-Herald:

In the old days the coming of the threshing machine and the threshers was the even of the year with the children on the farm. In the old days another event with the children in the backwoods school district was the last day of school, with its exhibition. Another eventful day, in 1861, was the coming of the mustering officer to look the men over, have them walk past him, and then swear them in. Remember it? It were easier to forget a birthday than that time. There was one old man of 55, though he called himself 44. For three days before the mustering officer came he was up before daylight, those hot July days, practicing in straightening himself up and in stepping off like a soldier. Why? Because he would rather die than fail of muster. With head thrown back, chest thrown out, he promptly passed before the company, but was called aside by McIntyre, the mustering officer. "How old are you?: "Past 44." "Your hair is gray." "Yes, sir; family characteristic." "Can you stand the hardships?" "Yes, sir." "Take your place." There was a broad happy smile on the old man's face as he marched back to his position in the rear rank. A lad of 16 took him by the hand and said: "Uncle, I am awful glad they took you; now I'm safe." And the lad was safe, though a year and a half under age.

There was a very little fellow in company G, a farmer boy. He was not quite 16 and small of his age—a baby-faced chap. No one took deeper interest in the drill. He missed no duty, even sought extra duty that he might show that he was fit for a soldier and be the more certain that he would be accepted.

"What are your going to do with that round-faced baby?" asked a six-foot pinery man.

"Watch and see for yourself," said a G man.

"Do you think they will take me, captain?" asked the boy the morning the mustering officer arrived. "I hope so, Henry." "Thank you, captain." What distress there was on the little one's face when the mustering officer said: "Step this way, young gentleman," as Henry passed for examination.

"Are you old enough for a soldier?" "Yes, sir." "Are you 18?" "I will be 18 on my birthday, sir." "Does your captain want you in the company?" "Ask him, please." "There is not a man in the company whom I think will make a better soldier. It will please me greatly to have you muster him in," said Captain Northrup, when called. "We will take him," said McIntyre. And then the round-faced boy of company G was a baby in face—cried like one—but he cried for joy. He seemed only too glad to have a chance to be shot at.

Little as he was, no man in his company had a larger knapsack; he never fell out on a march, no matter how long or how hot the day. He never missed a battle. "Captain, there is good material in Henry for a noncommissioned officer." said the sergeant. "Rather too young, isn't he?" "He is old enough to be a good a solder as there is in the regiment."

The next evening, when the regiment was on dress parade, the adjutant read off the promotion of Private Henry "C. Matrau to be a corporal.

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What a hero he was at Gettysburg, in the Wilderness and at Spottsylvania ! He had grown some but was still a mere boy. In August, 1864, the captain commanding the regiment—the field officers were dead or prisoners—said: "Sergeant major, I will dictate a letter to the governor asking for the commissioning of several officers to fill vacancies." He said, among other things: "The first and second lieutenants of company G have been killed in battle. I respectfully request that First Sergeant Henry C. Matrau be commissioned first lieutenant of said company." In the same letter several lieutenants were recommended for captains, and the sergeant major was named for adjutant. The commissions came in due time. That evening five of the young fellows went to the tent of one of their number and celebrated—celebrated all night. It was at a time when the surgeons counseled against drinking much water and when it was easy to fill canteens at the commissary's. The next day they went up to corps headquarters, found the mustering official, were sworn into the service as officers, put on shoulder straps and took their new stations. What a proud day it was for the youngsters; what a handsome officer company G's boy soldier made ! Ah, me, that was long, long ago !

A few months later company G and company D. were consolidated. In the next battle the captain was killed; Matrau succeeded him. He was the youngest and smallest captain the regiment ever had; it had none braver.

I was reminded of this story of a real hero upon meeting Captain Matrau a few days ago. He lives {unreadable} out in Nebraska; is a railroad {unreadable} Norfolk. He saw in the Times-Herald that one of his old brigade commanders was to visit the state from which he enlisted, called the family together and said: "Children, your mother and father are going to be absent a week." Then he took the train and rode 700 or 800 miles to meet that old commander and

other men with whom he had served his country when his country needed such servants.

Glorious little Matrau !

A dozen or so of gray-haired but young-hearted men met him at the station, and one of them, who had been a private in the rear rank when his regiment went to Washington in July, 1861, but who had become captain of company D, and later lieutenant colonel of the regiment, took him to his arms with a royal hug, and then himself and his wife to his home, and there was a series of happy reunions for several days.

The afternoon of Captain Matrau's arrival he joined then others of his brigade in meeting General Bragg. It was only a handful of men, so to speak, who met the general at the station, but they gladdened his heart. One of them said, after the general rode off with his entertainer: "If the governor and his staff and all of the national guard of the state had turned out to welcome him he would not have been so well pleased as he was to see those aging men who followed him in four years of war." Source: *The Norfolk Daily News*, Monday, Feb. 24, 1896, page 3.

Danish Research

Having explored the pages in this genealogy section, readers may also find the following list of genealogical links useful. Please note that the National Archives does not accept any responsibility for the services offered on these sites.

Information on Family History in Denmark, Genealogy, Resources, Research Guides, Tips and Tools to help you get started.

<http://www.mydanishroots.com/>

Swedish Research

Swedish Genealogy Sites

<http://www.augustana.edu/general-information/swenson-center-/genealogy/links>

Prospect Hill Parked

The City of the Dead Made a Place of Beauty

Extensive Work Has Been Done

Roadways Graded, Trees and Shrubs set out, Blue Grass Lawns started, and the Grounds transformed from a Grave Yard into a Park, Where man can be content to rest forever.

All the spring except when prevented by wet weather, workmen have been engaged in beautifying and improving Prospect Hill cemetery. The work is now nearly completed and the grounds have been transformed into what will become a handsome park as soon as the trees and shrubbery which have been set out shall have had an opportunity to grow for a few years. Water has been placed in the grounds through a main leading from the stand pipe of the city waterworks plant, a distance of 2,500 feet. There are 2,100 feet of distributing pipes on the grounds with sufficient hydrants and hose to reach every lot which is likely to be used for some years to come. This item alone cost the cemetery association \$864.

The roadways and walks have been nicely graded with gutters on either side to carry off surplus water, while blue grass has been started on all parts of the grounds. Many of the graves have been nicely rounded or leveled so that a lawn mower can be run over them. A large number of trees and shrubs have been artistically set out in groups about the grounds so arranged that the best effects will be attained when they become larger. There are 1,600 trees now set out, consisting of red cedar, Scotch, Austrian and dwarf pine, sugar and soft maples, blue and white ash, birch, elm, European larch, American red oak, English hawthorn and 50 specimens of Japanese sycamore. Of the 700 shrubs there are mock orange, three varieties of lilacs, two of spireas, snow balls, red bud, hydrangeas, two varieties of berberries, etc.

The plans for the improvements were made by J. Y. Craig of Omaha and the chief thought running through the work is to give the cemetery the appearance of a well kept park, rather than that of a grave yard. Mr. Craig is a practical man in this line, being superintendent of one of the largest and handsomest cemeteries in Omaha, and the adoption of his ideas means a great improvement in Prospect Hill.

To Messrs. Sessions, Cotton, Spiecher, and Iles, members of the cemetery association, is due much of the credit for the improvements that have been and are being made at Prospect Hill, although the substantial interest manifested by the Ladies' Auxiliary society, which contributed important suggestions and \$275 in cash must not be forgotten, nor the assistance and \$80 received from the Ladies' Columbian club. All concede, however, that if it had not been for the active interest and personal attention given to the work by Mr. Sessions, that the grounds would not be in as good conditions they are now. The cemetery as it stands at present is one to which every citizen can point with commendable pride while alive, and which he can be satisfied to rest his weary bones when he shall cease the struggle for existence and wealth. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Saturday, May 16, 1896, page 5.

Swedish Research

Swedish Roots
Swedish Abbreviations

This is a guide to help you understand the most commonly used abbreviations that you will find in the Swedish Church records. This section lists key abbreviations in Swedish and the English words with the same or similar meanings. For example, in the first column you will find the Swedish abbreviations, in the second column you will find the Swedish word and in the third column the definition/translation.

<http://www.genealogi.se/roots/>



Hoyt and Alice
Osborn
family photo

Left to right:

Alice, Fielden "Buster", Dixie (sitting), Haskel, Ida Mae, Hoyt Jr, Fielden Hoyt Osborn/e

Some of these Osborn's spelled the name without the e and some with it!!!

Hoyt and Alice Osborn

by Barbara Draucker- Ogallala, NE 7-27-2005

Hoyt and Alice Osborn were parents of 6 children: Ida Mae (Press) Galyen, Dixie Ave (J.J.) DeLay, Fielden Zack, Haskell Bryon and Hoyt, Jr., and Florence Alice. He also raised his niece, Hazel Osborn.

Fielden Hoyt Osborn was born in Grayson VA, February 20, 1871. He was the 13th of 14 children of Enoch and Irena. Twelve of the children came west and Hoyt was the 12th to come west. He had older brothers and married sisters in Nebraska and his mother felt he had a better future in Nebraska after the Civil War, than in Virginia. He was 14 when he came to Nebraska. Before Hoyt left his home in Virginia to come to Nebraska, he took a shot gun and shot into the granary bin door. He told his mother, Irena, that he wanted them to remember he had been there. The granary bin and door were still standing in 1990 as was a pole barn built in the late 1700's or early 1800's.

I don't know when or how Hoyt acquired his farm but he was on his farm in 1898 when he married. They remained on that farm until they retired and moved to Norfolk. Margaret Alice Keeney was born in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, the daughter of Mary and Frank Keeney. The family was planning to come west but shortly before they were to leave, Frank Keeney was killed in a buggy accident in New London, Wisconsin. Sometimes later Mary and her 2 daughters, Margaret Alice, age 4, and Ella, age 2, came west. Again, I do not know the details of the story but they stopped in Illinois for a while. I think Mary had relatives there. Later they moved to Stanton, Nebraska. Mary Keeney married Isaac Wilson King. Wilson King had 2 children, Will and Nell. Together Mary and Wilson had Oma (Henry Shaffer), Ruth (George Webb), and John. We know they lived in Stanton, Newman Grove, Madison and Norfolk.

Margaret Alice received her education in Madison and Norfolk. She attended Wayne State teachers college and taught school in Newman Grove. Alice and Hoyt were married March 9, 1898 and they lived on a farm southwest of Battle Creek. **Osborn family** continue on page 33

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Grandma Alice was a serious, hard working woman. She was well organized and exacting in her actions. Grandpa Hoyt was a good natured, big hearted, fun loving man. He would sing song little ditties as he walked. It wouldn't be very long and he would put his hand in his hand in his pocket and pull out 2 pink peppermint candies. He gave one to the child and he ate one. He had patience, endurance and always a happy face. He gave us rides on his foot singing "two dup two dup my new britches". He always commented on nicely combed hair, a pretty dress, good manners, etc. He would say he had the "best grandchildren who walked the earth". He made us all feel very special. I remember when I was first using lipstick, Grandpa Hoyt called me over and said very softly that I didn't have my lipstick on straight. I hustled away to take it off and reapply. He told me it was much better and to always be careful when I put it on. What a Grandfather!!

Osborn/e family information

The following information comes from Donna (Collier) Dietrich, Barbara Draucker, obits from Norfolk Daily News, and findagrave website.

Enoch Burton Osborn born Jan. 15, 1826 and died May 14, 1883. He is buried at Coxs Chapel Cemetery, Independence, Grayson county, Virginia. He married Irena Cox and she was born Oct. 1, 1829 and died April 21, 1912 at the home of her son in Schoolcraft township, Madison county, Nebraska. She is buried at the Osborn Cemetery in Madison County, Nebraska. Fielden Hoyt "Hoyt" Osborn was born Feb. 20, 1871 and died Oct. 2, 1960. He was the 13th child of Enoch Burton and Irena (Cox) Osborn. He was married on March 9, 1898 to Margaret Alice Keeney. She was born May 12, 1869 and died Apr. 13, 1952. Their children were: 1. Ida Mae born Dec. 24, 1898, died Jan. 1987, was married to James Preston "Press" Galyen [1890-1965]; 2. Dixie A. born June 25, 1901, died Jan. 16, 1992, was married to Jerome J. "J. J." DeLay [1883-1970]; 3. Fielden Zack "Buster" born Jan. 22, 1903, died Mar. 30, 1953, was married to Lucille Halsey [1905-1986]; 4. Haskell Bryan born Feb. 18, 1908, died Mar. 10, 1981, was married to Dorothea Tiedgen [1910-1951]; 5. Hoyt, Jr., born Jun. 30, 1912, died Apr. 14, 1993, was married to Opal Sebastian [1913-1994]; 6. Florence Alice born Nov. 23, 1910, died Feb. 26, 1911.

Frank and Mary Keeney had Margaret Alice and Ella. Frank Keeney was born in 1844.

Later Mary Keeney married Isaac Wilson King who had already 2 children, Will and Nell. After their marriage Mary and Isaac King had 3 children: 1. Oma [married Henry Shaffer], 2. Ruth [married George Webb], and 3. John.

Mary E. {Keeney} King was born Jun. 14, 1841 and died Jun. 3, 1925. Isaac W. King was born Jan. 17, 1840 and died Mar. 20, 1923.

Irena Cox Osborn, "Grandma Osborn" was born Oct. 1, 1823 in Grayson County, Virginia and died at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 21 days. She was married to Enoch Osborn on Sept. 11, 1845. To this union were 8 sons and 6 daughters, all of whom survive. She is also survived by 67 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Grandma Osborn was a typical southern lady, far-famed for her hospitality and her readiness to lend aid to all in times of sickness or trouble.

Burials in Osborn Cemetery:
Irena Osborn and Florence Alice Osborn

Burials in Prospect Hill Cemetery:
Dixie and J. J. DeLay, Ida and Press Galyen, Mary and Isaac King, Alice and Hoyt Osborn, Fielden "Buster" and Lucille Osborne, Haskell and Dorothea Osborne.

TO HER FATHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. John Ballantyne Again Summoned by Tragedy

Father's death comes hard

Mr. Ballantyne has just returned from funeral of his Mother, his Brother and Brother-in-law, Making the Affair Doubly Hard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ballantyne of this city left at noon for Tekamah where they were called by the announcement of the tragic death of Mrs. Ballantyne's father, Solomon Paddock. Word was received by telephone at the Ballantyne home shortly after the fact had been learned at Tekamah and Mrs. Ballantyne made ready at once to leave on the first train. Mr. Ballantyne arrived at 11 o'clock from Wayne and returned at 1 to Tekamah, He had heard nothing of the affair until he reached home.

In this connection rather a remarkable incident was noted. It was clearly a case of mental telepathy, which produced a strong effect. Mr. Ballantyne had come from Bloomfield to Wayne on the morning train and was bound for Sioux City, together with his son. He had given the conductor mileage as far as Wayne and started into the station there to purchase a ticket for the rest of the trip. Suddenly he hesitated, stopped and turned to the son. "I have a notion," he said, "to go back to Norfolk. I feel as though something there needed me and I shall go back." At once the two entered the Norfolk train and reached the city at 11 o'clock. When they did arrive, they learned of the terrible disaster which had befallen the family but a few hours before.

Series of Disasters

That troubles never come singly is certainly true in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne. On Thanksgiving W. S. Paddock, the brother of Mrs. Ballantyne, was shot by his father during a visit of the mother in Norfolk; only last week Mr. Ballantyne was called to attend the funeral of

his mother; on Monday of this week he made a long trip to reach the funeral of his brother at Bloomfield, only arriving in time to see the casket lowered into the earth, and now the elder Paddock has added to his tragedy by taking his own life and ending the work of the courts.

Mrs. Ballantyne has suffered terribly since the first shock and the news of her father's death was very hard for her to bear. Her mother, Mrs. Paddock, is in an exceedingly serious condition from the strain of the past few weeks and the sympathy of all north Nebraska goes to them now.

Was Kindhearted

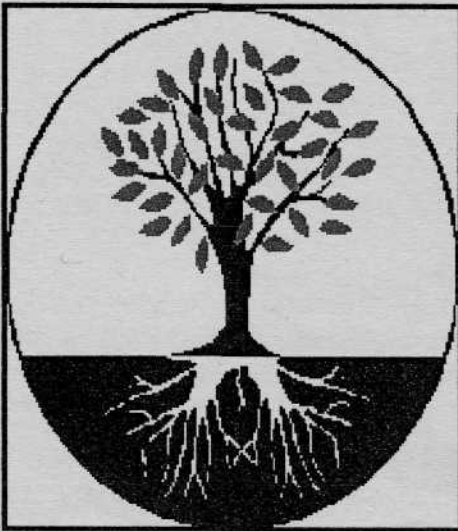
Those who knew Solomon Paddock say that he was, when he was himself, kindness itself. No more generous or considerate man was known in the community. A veteran of the civil war where he fought for his country, he had contracted a taste for liquor which he could not thoroughly overcome and it was the clutch of this alone by which he was subordinated on that Thanksgiving day, which allowed him to lose all self control and in one rash and terrible moment to shoot down his own son. The younger Paddock was outspoken and when his father came home with a jug, he broke the jug into bits with an axe and an instant later gave up his life.

The deed was done during a visit of Mrs. Paddock with her daughter in Norfolk—a visit which she had been waiting three years to make. As a result of the momentary passion, Solomon Paddock was given a room in the jail at Tekamah, and here, after considering the matter evidently with deliberation for more than half a month he finally took the case into his own hands and relieved his neighbors and the courts of determining the question of his guilt and its degree.

Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1903, page 8

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<p align="center">ELDER PADDOCK SUICIDES</p> <p align="center">Man who Murdered His Son is Overcome by Remorse</p> <p align="center">Hung Himself In His Room</p> <p align="center">Shot his son on November 17 While in a Rage and Decided that Life Was No Longer Worth Living—Tied a Muffler Around His Neck.</p> <p>Tekamah, Neb., Dec. 16—Special to The News: Solomon Paddock, who was in jail at this place for killing his son on November 17, suicide last night in his room at the jail. Mr. Paddock had not been confined to a cell in the jail but had been assigned a comfortable room. The shutters of the window open in and by throwing them back one came over his bed. He had drawn the shutter over his bed, tied one end of a woolen muffler around his neck and the other over the top of the shutter, and thrown the weight of his body upon the muffler. When found this morning he was lying on the bed. His head was slightly raised by the muffler and life was extinct. Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1903, page 1.</p>	<p align="center">Genealogical websites:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Britain Historical Geographical Information System (GBHGIS) www.port.ac.uk/research/gbhgis/ 2. A vision of Great Britain through time www.visionofbritain.org.uk/ 3. Canadian genealogy www.olivetreegenealogy.com/can/ 4. Olive tree genealogy www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml 5. European genealogy http://genealogy.about.com/od/europe/ 6. The Rest of Europe by Kimberly Powell http://www.netplaces.com/online-genealogy/locate-records-abroad/the-rest-of-europe.htm <p align="center">In the family, happiness is in the ratio in which each is serving the others, seeking one another's good, and bearing one another's burdens. HENRY WARD BEECHER, Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit</p>

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**Please note special speaker for our
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Special Speaker:

Our Feb. 15th meeting will include a special speaker, Ilene McCallson from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who will share with us about a new genealogical website that is now available. This program will last about 1 hour so plan on coming to our meeting and learning some new things.

Our Christmas Party
will be held on
Jan. 18, 2014 at 1 p.m.
It will take place at
The Granary,
922 S. 13th Street in Norfolk.

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship. You pay for you own meal from the menu choices. We hope to see you there.

**A family with an old person
has a living treasure of gold.**
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