

Madison County Remembers...

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This issue of the newsletter contains part two of the news items of interest to genealogists and local history buffs as found in the Madison County Review Chronicle newspaper and its further name changes from 1874 to 1894. Part one was published in the November-December 2014 issue. Keep in mind that some issues of the newspapers were missing and were not available to be microfilmed and as such are now unavailable. A massive thank you to Karen Tiedgen Reed for this huge indexing project, which concludes in this issue.

1882 Madison County Chronicle

- Jan 12 **Born** son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Huyler, last Sunday 4 lbs
- Jan 26 **Born** at Deer Creek, a son to Mr and Mrs Thomas Beed
- Feb 16 **Died** Esther Wells, Tues. Feb. 14 of diptheria, dau. of Mr and Mrs D.H. Wells, 4 yrs.of Kalamazoo
- Died**-Norfolk News: Mrs. Messerschmidt 71 years. Left Germany in 1852 with her husband, came to Madison, Wisc., until 1872, then Madison, Nebraska. Funeral was at her son's house.
- Feb 28 **Died** Arnold Jaeggi, Mrs. John Horst attended funeral of her brother in Polk Co. He lived in NE Valley Pct. His little son found him sick in the stable. His mother went out and found him dead. He died either of apoplexy or heart disease. About 37, 2 small children-his wife died sometime ago.
- Mar. 16 **Died** Herman Hellbush of Stearn's Prairie. Died last Fri. 22 years old, horse kicked him in the head
- Died** Margaretha Schwank, Mar. 12, 6 miles s.w. of Madison, wife of George, 59 yrs. 2 days Came with her husband to America & little ones in 1868. First Illinois and then Nebraska in 1869, She also leaves 6 grown children
- Mar 30 **Died** Louis Guerin, March 29 at Madison, 60 years old, heart disease
- Apr 5 **Died** Freddie C. Lamb youngest child of Mr and Mrs Silas Lamb, 10 yr 3 mos 1 day died of diptheria
- Apr 13 **Died** Mrs Margaret Earp on Apr 9 at the residence of J.F. Alstadt. Wife of Willam Earp, 28 years, died from consumption
- Died** At West Point, little girl of Mr and Mrs Silas. Their little boy and little girl ate the sulphur off matches and the little girl died.
- Apr 20 **Died** Stephen W. Fleharty-son of Rev. J.Q. A. Fleharty. Born on East Shore of Maryland, Dec 28, 1799, then came to Illinois, Galesburg.
- Probate:** H.A. Craig-Administor-A.T. Reigle
- Apr 27 **Born** a daughter to Mr and Mrs William Willis
- Probate:** David W. Sumption
- June 8 **Died** Infant son of Mr and Mrs J.T. Brown, June 4, 5 mos, funeral was at residence of the parents

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GREETINGS from our MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

We hope all of you had a very enjoyable Christmas Season, and are entering into the New Year 2015 in good health and spirits. December was a busy month for everyone with Christmas rushing in, but our local members were able to take a break from holiday activities and enjoy coffee and Christmas cookies December 20th, at the home of Bernice Walters.

Everyone's 'Christmas doings' were interesting and made the rounds of the table. Then we backtracked to items that would have been on the November agenda, except that we did not have a November meeting as it was cancelled due to a bad, stormy snow day.

The Norfolk Public Library has digitized the Norfolk Daily News for the years 1887 to 1955 and several members have used that service in their research and it worked well. This service is currently only available on computers IN the public library (not from home). This is a much faster and easier way to search for information in the Norfolk Daily News than using the old microfilm, but you can only search 1 hour at a time, so you still may have to use microfilm if you want to do a lot of research.

There is also an article about the digitized Homestead records that are now available online. This article is on page 35 of this newsletter.

The Madison County Genealogical Society will meet on January 17, 2015, at The Granary on So. 13th Street, Norfolk, NE, at 11 a.m. We will have a short business meeting, and then our Christmas lunch. No games or gift exchange will be held, but instead, sharing latest genealogical news and events will be more rewarding, as well as planning upcoming summer projects. All members are invited to attend, lunch at your own expense.

The Treasurer's report was approved, and the Nebraska Sales & Use Tax form for 2014 was filed by telephone as customary, indicating no taxable income and no tax due.

The next meeting will be Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10 am, at the Elkhorn Valley Museum.

SOCIETY NOTES

The photos taken August 24, 2014, of the Best Cemetery Civil War Headstone Dedication were displayed for all to see; some to be held in our Best Cemetery file for reference. Karen Reed organized this headstone dedication to honor two Civil War veterans buried in Best Cemetery that did not have their military markers. Karen also has more photos that can be viewed and more information about the Best Cemetery and its burials.

There have been several queries received recently and more information on these will be shared in the next issue.

DID YOU KNOW—

THE CHEAPEST WAY TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY TREE TRACED IS TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

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- June 22 **Died** Susie M. Morrison, June 21, wife of J.P. Morrison, 25 years 4 months 18 days
- June 29 **Born** a daughter to Mrs and Rev. A.Braerechle, Monday June 26
- Card of Thanks:** Husband and Mother of Susie Morrison, J.P. Morrison & Mrs. S. Aldrice
- July 27 **Died** Mrs. Joseph Lintner (Lindner) 35 yrs(?) consumption, funeral was at the residence.
- Died** daughter of William Smith. Lightning struck the house of William Smith "The Plasterer" of Lost Creek and killed his oldest daughter.

August and September missing

- Oct 19 **Cards of Thanks-** Wife of J F Duncan
- Died** Margaret Mae Duncan 28 yrs. Died Fri. morning Oct 13, Obituary Infant of Mr and Mrs Herman Fowler
- Oct 26 **Died** Martha Davis wife of Wm Davis, Died Oct 17 at Emerick
- Charley Grant
- Maria Francis Abts
- Charles Rodebach
- Nov 16 James W Roberson son of Callin and Margaret, buried Forreston, IL
- Nov 23 Dolphine Virginia Lyons
- John Dahlstein 16 yrs.
- Infant of G W J Hall
- Nov 30 Julia Pearl Hall dau. of G W J and V K Hall
- Magdalena Wilhelmina Rasp dau. of Adam and Wilhelmina Rasp
- Dec 14 Adelia Sophia Clausen dau. of Mr and Mrs Henry Clausen
- Dec 28 Sarah Parks teacher at Deer Creek #10

1883

- Feb 1 Dave Bishop son of J W and A J
- March 8 4 week old son of T J Malone
- April 5 Infant of Mr and Mrs Bruner
- Amelia Church
- April 12 Simonson Berntina 39 yr. 9 mo. 26 days of Newman Grove, wife of Christian
- April 26 Wallace J. Blakely
- May 3 2 week infant of Mr and Mrs George Earl buried at **Madison Cemetery**
- May 31 Joseph Stibley of Kalamazoo precinct
- June 24 2 year old son of C C Wyatt
- July 12 Died on the 8th, old man 60's on the P H Fedderson farm
- Marietta daughter of Charley Kaul, 1 yr and 6 days
- July 26 Irad Cole - teenager

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1884

Sept 3 Son of D K and Anna Robertson
 Sept 17 Dora Mary wife of Fred Litke
 Harry son of N L Bryant
 Infant of Mr and Mrs S P Tyrrel

1885--

1886--

1887

Aug 24 List of School teachers

1888---

1892

Jan 27 5 week old child, 3 miles w. of Madison, father-Henry Peterson-**Clausen cemetery**
 Fred Wolf Sr. marries Mrs. Michaels of Ackley, IA
 Walter Elly's mother died Schleswig-Denmark

Feb 3 Born to Mr and Mrs Al Holmes of Manitou Springs, CO., a girl on Friday Jan. 22,
 1892. Mr Holmes is a son-in-law of J F Henderson, formerly residing near Madison. (From
 Newman Grove news)
 Ernest Messerschmidt of Omaha, in charge of Uncle Ernest Messerschmidt's body,
 87 years old, died in Omaha buried next to wife in **Green Garden precinct.**

Feb 10 Silas Lamb 64 yrs. buried **Clausen cemetery**

March 2 Margaret Lulow died Emerick, 58 yrs. Buried German **Lutheran cemetery**

March 16 Mary Wehenkle wife of Joseph , west of Madison, buried **Catholic cemetery**

March 23 Infant son of Herman Morris, brother of J G Morris, the blacksmith. Died in this city
 Sunday and was buried yesterday near **Hale Post Office.**

April 13 Mrs. John Lynch's baby daughter buried next to father at Browntown, Wis. Baby's
 name is Jeanne Wesley Lynch. Mr. Yeasel accompanied them to, as far as, Sioux City.

May 4 Mrs E F Prince 62 years

May 11 Fred Wolf's 35th birthday

May 18 Hazel Cox Infant daughter of Mr and Mrs George Cox, the only colored family in
 Madison. Buried at **Clausen cemetery**

May 25 Michael Bauch **Madison cemetery**, laid to rest next to wife, who died 10 years
 ago. children Phil and Ollie M

June 15 George Cox, 38 yrs. buried **Clausen cemetery**

July 7 Wm. C. Best peddling without a license, fined \$1

July 7 William Dawson buried at Norfolk. sons-John, Charlie, and Isaac is from Blooming
 ton, IL

- July 14 Mark Ritta of Newman Grove, Liquor habit-Hagley Institute.
 August 4 Mark Ritta and C L Bellinger, graduated from Hagley Institute
 August 25 J H Smith, son of Charley, died from cholera at Burnett
 List of teachers names
 Sept 8 Mrs J F Tiedgen died Monday Aug. 26, at Pleasantview, MO
 John Weber died at Richmond, VA. Uncle of Mrs Frank Neidig-brother-in-law of H
 E Becker
 Annie daughter of Robert Kilpatrick at Randolph, IA
 Sept 15 Mae Vorhees, 28 yrs. daughter of Van Vorhees
 Sept 22 Mrs Louisa W. Hayhurst, wife of Rev. Isaac W.
 Sept. 29 County Fair winners
 Oct 13 Mrs. M B Elliott, services at Fairview School house, Mrs. Craig is a daughter
 Oct. 27 Morris Richards died at Norfolk.
 Charles Herden from Kalamazoo, died at Platte Co.
 Dec. 1 Ruth N. Wycoff, dau. of George and Jessie Wycoff, buried **Clausen cemetery**
 Ambrose Malone, buried Catholic cemetery
 James Ridgely Wagner buried Clausen cemetery both these young men drowned
 in Taylor Creek, on their way to school
 Dec 8 Cecil Thompson and Lulu Potter, married Methodist church in Madison, they are
 both from Battle Creek
 Dec 15 Wm Jones died, father of Mrs. H C Church, he was from Ransom, IL
 F E Cramer, father of Mrs George Chittenden, west of Madison, Methodist church
 Dec 22 son of Ralph Palmer, 10 months, now of Newman Grove
 Kittie Dawson wife of John Dawson, 44 yrs. Born Jan. 15, 1848, Indiana, buried
Clausen cemetery, 2 daughters and 1 son

1893

- Jan 12 Pearlie George, sister of Mrs Cal Gillem, 20 yrs old. One year ago Monday, her
 mother died. Buried **Fairview cemetery**
 Mable C Sprout, 6 yrs. daughter of Charles and Mary Sprout. buried at **Clausen
 cemetery**
 Jan 19 Richard Athen - alias - Ashen, died at Nebraska Penitentiary-had robbed saloon in
 Newman Grove
 Feb 2 Mr and Mrs Fred Wolf- a son
 Feb 16 Rev Gottfried Allstadt died at Oakdale
 March 2 Mrs Dennis Flynn nee- Maud Taylor, died at Newman Grove, buried **Catholic
 cemetery**-leaves a husband and one week old
 March 23 Wm Mailler, father of Mrs Isaac Powers, died at his home at St. Joseph, MO
 Carrie Dale died at Chicago, buried Columbus, her dad is Will B Dale
 March 30 Howard Miller sisters are Mrs. Dr. Long and Mrs. M C Garrett
 Harold A Bender, 2 yr old of Mr and Mrs A B Bender
 Apr 6 John Dawson moved his family into Mrs Bohannon's residence in West Madison
 Thomas Blakely accidently shot himself with revolver, his uncle and aunt are,
 Wm McMahon and Mrs James Johnson
 Apr 13 Bertha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gross, buried **Clausen cemetery**

- Mrs Louisa Wilberger died at Scottsbluff, her son is Ed
Wm Besk, 6 miles northeast of Madison, buried at **cemetery** near his home.
- Apr 20 Andrew Hanson of 3 miles north of Hoskins, hung himself
- Apr 27 Jesse Fields and dau. Hattie, of Deer Creek-visiting W C Elley's home in Madison
Mrs. Wm Springstube of Broken Bow, daughter of Mr and Mrs Valetine Schmitt of
Kalamazoo
- May 11 Mr Frank Barnes of San Diego, founder of Madison
Child of Earl Fichter, living 11 miles west of Madison, buried **Clausen cemetery**
Mrs Delora L Prather 29 yrs. buried **Clausen cemetery**
- May 25 Mrs Cramer and children taken to Poor Farm
- June 1 Infant of Jens Jensen-his wife died 6 days earlier
Patrick O'shea, dad of Micheal, Thomas and Ed, buried **Catholic cemetery**
- June 8 John Dawson bought Bohannon property
Fred Sargent shot and killed his wife in Battle Creek, leaving her son an orphan
- Jul 6 Mrs Edith Hurlburt, wife of Railroad conductor
- Jul 13 Elias E Marquardt, son of Julius-sent to Asylum, 3 miles north of Norfolk
- Jul 20 Chris Madsen died at Monroe, Wis..Died from alcoholism and morphine, buried in
Norfolk
- Aug 31 Mrs Sarah E Barnes, wife of Richard. buried **Clausen cemetery**, funeral at
Methodist church
- Sept 7 Mrs Cole visiting Mrs W Forsaith, both of Elgin, IL
- Sept 14 Fred Wolf and wife came from Murdock, Ne to visit son-Fred and go to the fair.
Infant of Mr and Mrs Chris Schwank, 9 days old, **Clausen cemetery**
Charlie Olney died at Norfolk, son of J E Olney, 13 yrs
Infant of Mr and Mrs Wm Jilg
Murder in Newman Grove-mystery-Johnny Shoemaker of Bloomfield-hermit
- Sept 21 Delia Johnson of Newman Grove married B F Witt
- Sept 28 Cyrus Barnes, brother of Edward Barnes, 77 yrs old
Frank Young son of Claus 27yrs, buried **Clausen cemetery**
John Quincy infant of Mr and Mrs J J Adams, 2 yrs, buried **Clausen cemetery**
- Oct 5 Mrs Peter Knapp 52 yrs **Green Garden cemetery**
- Oct 19 School reports
Father of Bud James, about 70 yrs. died 4 miles southwest of Battle Creek and
was buried in **Clausen cemetery**
Gottlieb Schauer 62 yrs, lived in Madison 5 years, buried in **Clausen cemetery**
- Oct 26 Ada Brown-nee Spence, buried at Stanton
Wm Arnold incest, married niece, Bertha Tucker from Battle Creek
- Nov 16 May E Bley wife of A A Bley, 22 yrs, her parents were Mr and Mrs Phillip Lacormu,
buried **Clausen cemetery**
John Knull, Emerick precinct, about 70 yrs.
- Nov 23 Mrs Adelia Lewis, sister of Dr Heath, buried at Meadow Grove
- Nov 30 Miss Perwilla J Cypher, 53 yrs. buried at **Clausen cemetery**
- Dec 7 Mary A Hewett - aunt of Mrs Wm Robertson died at Forreston, IL
Clara Brewer about 20 yrs old, buried at **Fairview**
Joe Choutka 11 yrs, 11 miles south and 2 west, kicked by a horse-may prove fatal
- Dec 14 John Dawson sold home

1894

- Jan 18 Infant child of Capt. Brown died at Grandmother's. Mrs A Spence at Stanton
- Jan 25 Born to Mr and Mrs A Spence of Stanton, Saturday January 13, 1894, a daughter
- Feb 8 George Schwank died. George's wife died in 1882, buried in **Clausen cemetery**,
son-in-law Charles Gross
- Feb 15 3 week old son of Mr and Mrs R A Lewis died, buried **Clausen cemetery**
- Feb 22 Infant son (Ralph) of Mr and Mrs N A Cleveland, buried **Clausen cemetery**
- Mar 1 Death of Mrs Mary A Searles-mother of Judge Searles formerly of Madison, died at
Madera, CA
Father Wells-John Wells-son J F Wells, 83 yrs, Ed his son, Mrs Frances Lewis a
daughter, buried **Clausen cemetery**
- Mar 8 Jack Giltner, 8 yrs, buried **Clausen cemetery**
Sam Fletcher and wife owned hotel in Battle Creek
- Mar 22 Mr and Mrs Ralph Palmer of Newman Grove lost son
- Mar 29 Mother of Altstadt, 80 yrs
Grace May Bley 18 months, buried next to mother at **Clausen cemetery**
- Apr 5 Miss Clemmie Dawson got burnt, will recover
Clara Maurer 3 yrs old of Mr and Mrs Henry Mauerer, buried at **Green Garden**
Mrs Wm Pasewalk died at Norfolk
- Apr 12 22 month old of Frank Humlicek buried at **Clausen cemetery**
- Apr 19 Arch Best witness fees in Commission Proceedings
W B Ray didn't show up in Court, he used foul language in front of Mrs George F.
Myers
Frank C Huyler 22 months, son of Mr and Mrs C A Huyler, buried **old cemetery**
- May 10 Daughter of Mr and Mrs W E Kinsella, 2 days old
- May 24 Mrs S B Glen, 89 yrs., her sons are John, Charles, and George. buried Clausen C.
Son of Albert Coleman, 4 yrs old, lost 4 ends of fingers in corn planter, 5 miles NW
of Madison
- June 7 Thomas McCurdy died at Stanton, buried at Leigh
- June 21 E O Whitmore of Ransom, IL was murdered there. He is brother of Mrs H C Church
of Hale.
Mrs Jasper S Robertson died after surgery. 37 yrs, obituary on page 5. Nee-Roda
J Saylor, buried **Clausen cemetery**
- July 5 Jacob Stege formerly of Madison, now living NW of Elgin, tornado did damage on
his farm
- July 12 Father and son by the name of Hill, from Holt Co., missing and probably lynched
for stealing cattle
- July 19 Charles Wahl 18 yrs, buried at **Catholic cemetery**
- July 26 Commissioners minutes: Poor Farm use to be Herman Hogrefe's land
Mrs Andrew Reed Newman Grove died
Claudie H Cole infant son of E F Cole 8months buried **old Madison cemetery**
- Aug 16 Robbie Martin 15 yrs shot gun wound to thigh
- Sept 6 John Dawson lost horse, second one in several weeks
- Sept 13 Mr Demmel accidently shot Mrs Demmel
- Sept 20 Mrs F A Rubendall left for Susquehanna, Penn with father's remains. Mr R Wood

who died Nov 11, 1890, reburied next mother.

- Sept 27 Mr Marsh of Norfolk died, Mrs John O'Banion is his dau., buried at **Prospect Hill**
Battle Creek News write-ups
- Oct 4 Battle Creek news write-ups
- Oct 11 High School News
Battle Creek news write-ups
Mr A Antisdell, 54 yrs, his sons are Clark and Dell
- Oct 18 Battle Creek news write-ups
Funeral of A Antisdell buried at **old cemetery** next to his first wife and daughter
- Nov 8 Madison Public school list of students, honor roll students listed
Charles Calmer auction
David Christian, brother of O S, died Sept 28, 1894, 44 yrs, \$2000 from A.O.U.W.
Inventory of a drunkard
- Nov 15 List of students
- Nov 22 Mrs Olaf Johnson, 4 miles south of Clearwater, 60 yrs, got lost
- Nov 29 John Phillips attempted assault and rape
Schools Dist. 44 and 70
Mathew Reeves, 8 miles n of Norfolk died, son-in-law of James Bussey and his
sons are Andrew and Edward, buried at **Clausen cemetery**
- Dec 6 School Honor roll and Dist. 56
- Dec 13 School Dist. 19, 72, 74 and Madison High school
- Dec 20 Carrie E Goodwin 24 yrs, died at Madison and buried at **Crete**. Husband and 7
month old child survive her
Insane man-Ignatz Moykelvts—Polish. One time was in Norfolk insane asylum and
later was at Hastings
- Dec 27 P H Carberry of Warnerville sold corn to L B Baker of Battle Creek
11 yr old son of D Wardenberger living on Underberg homestead east of Madison,
severely kicked by cow
School Dist. 28 and 70
Ed Neidig at Hastings Insane Asylum

This concludes these two roles of microfilm. If you find something here of interest please contact the MCGS for a copy of the article.

My Nebraska: Memories of the Elkhorn Valley

The Elkhorn Valley Museum has received a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation Fund to do an oral history project. During the *My Nebraska: Memories of the Elkhorn Valley* oral history project, the Elkhorn Valley Museum is conducting oral history interviews specifically targeting people from Northeast Nebraska who have first-hand knowledge of life and events in the region. The Elkhorn Valley Museum is collecting two different kinds of oral histories. There will be twenty people from the area interviewed about their life from childhood to adulthood. These interviews will be about an hour and a half. They are also collecting shorter topic-based oral history interviews, which should last from 15-30 minutes and are less formal. The Museum is seeking volunteers to help with selecting interviewees, conducting interviews, transcribing interviews and editing digital files. There will be a free oral history workshop on February 7th from 10am to 11:30 am. Please register by February 5th. Call 402-371-3886 or email: info@elkhornvalleymuseum.org for details.

NORFOLK BUSINESS COLLEGE—A BIT OF HISTORY

Researchers have been busy this month with queries, and one in particular I found interesting was a question about the Norfolk Business College, and one of its former teachers in 1939. After some digging I found old newspaper clippings that Brown's Business College of Sioux City, Iowa, opened a branch business college here on September 1, 1901. It was located on the 3rd floor of the original 'Cotton Block', a 3-story building on the southeast corner of Norfolk Avenue and Fourth Street. Mr. O. H. Cook was the president and it was the only privately operated business school in northeast Nebraska, offering young people of this area the opportunity of getting complete commercial training in stenography, secretarial, accounting and even civil service. Its success over the years had established for it an enviable reputation for accuracy and speed by winning first place in 1927-28 among private business colleges in the state. Thousands have received their business training, and through the civil service provided, many students received appointments to federal positions.

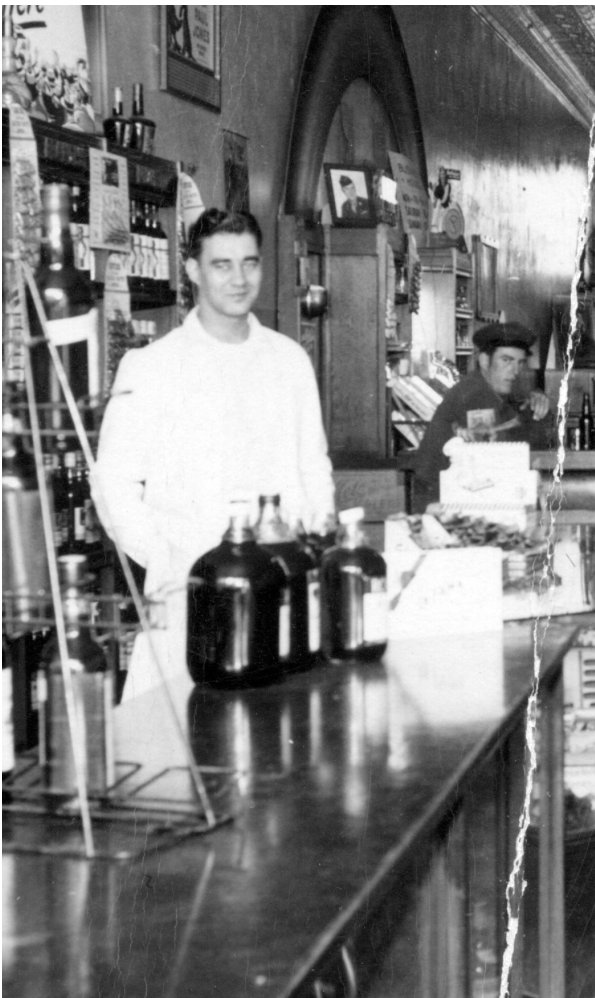
In 1939 Mrs. Neva Townsend was in charge and taught in the college, while Mr. Cook took a 6-week leave for medical reasons. The college continued on through the years and in 1950 was operated by Milton C. Rockwell. His wife, Mrs. Letha B. Rockwell was an excellent instructor in stenography and secretarial skills. However, within a few years they moved to Denver, and the college closed its doors.

In those earlier years the business college was on the third floor, along with a public hall; the local telephone office occupied the second floor; and the first floor was a fine department-clothing store, well known originally as Killians, then in the memory of many of our current readers, it was Hutchinson's (I can still remember the elegant women's hats—it was the place to go for stylish hats). Hutchinson's closed its doors as Norfolk downtown business development continued along the entire south side of that block, and that historic corner was replaced by the current U. S. Bank, 333 Norfolk Avenue.

O. H. Cooks on Trip—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cook expected to leave Tuesday for Los Angeles to spend about six weeks with their daughter, Jacqueline. They decided to make the journey after a doctor had advised Mr. Cook, president of the Norfolk College of Business, to take a six-week rest on account of failing health. During his absence, Mrs. Neva Townsend, Ponca, will have charge of the business college. She received her degree from the University of Nebraska and has ten years' teaching experience to her credit. She has taught in a number of high schools in Nebraska and Michigan, and the National Business Training school of Sioux City, "I feel most fortunate in finding one of her ability and I feel confident she will continue the policies that we have always maintained," Mr. Cook said. **NORFOLK DAILY NEWS** January 10, 1939, pg 5

BRANCH BUSINESS COLLEGE IS PLANNED
G. W. Brown, Jr. proprietor of Brown's Business College of Sioux City, Iowa expects to open a branch business college here the 1st of September, although workers will be here July 1. Mr. Brown is negotiating for the 3rd floor of the Cotton Block on a year's lease. These rooms will be specially fitted up for school during the summer.
Norfolk Daily News,
April 30, 1901





WHO AM I? Our Society member, Jeanette Koehn, recently sent us a photo of the earlier Fifth Street Tavern, with a question: who are the men shown in the photo? We have enlarged and cropped that photo and if anyone recognizes either of those faces please contact us.

A bit of history which may be helpful: A "Fifth Street Tavern" has been on the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Norfolk Avenue for many years. The street address is 500 Norfolk Avenue. A huge fire in 1948 destroyed that entire block, including the lumber yard, café and the 5th Street Tavern, and possibly another structure. New brick construction of all buildings followed, and the Fifth Street Tavern again located on that corner. It is popular and occasionally has live music entertainment.

The question is –who is the man in the white shirt in forefront of the photo? Does anyone recognize him, or the other man? We would like to know what you remember of those early years of the Fifth Street Tavern, and any employees who may have worked there. It appears that this photo may have been taken in the 1940s, before the big fire of 1948.

We have returned the original photo to Jeanette, with our thanks for sharing it with us. And we have a copy in our file.

2014—2015 Officers

Phyllis McCain, Bobette Ferguson, Bernice Walters

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P. O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702—1031**Our Society Website** is at <http://mcgs.nesgs.org> or
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/**Our future meetings**January 17 Christmas
lunch at The Granary-11 am

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

Join us and bring a friend

Memberships are \$15 per year. Our membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st annually and includes our newsletter. Joining anytime is welcome and your first year membership will be pro-rated to expire on August 31st. If you would like to join our society please send your payment to our mailing address. Please include your email address. Let us know if you prefer an email newsletter or a paper printed copy.

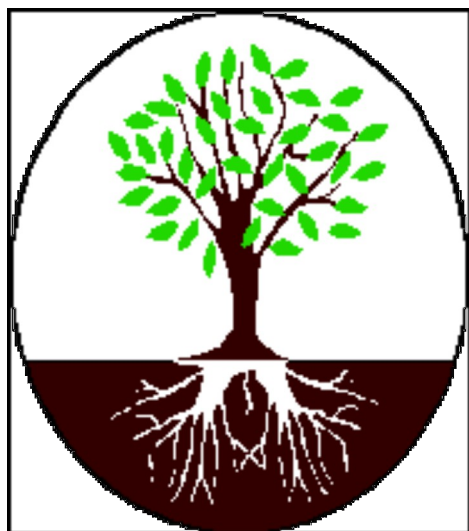
Meetings on 3rd Saturday of each month except December and January, at 10 a.m. at 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE., in the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

Queries, Society contact, Change of address, or Newsletter submissions can reach us by mail at our mailing address P. O. Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031, or by email at mcgs@telebeep.com. We are here to help you in your research for your ancestors in Madison county.

**HOMESTEAD RECORDS BEING DIGITIZED.**

Mark Engler, Superintendent of the Homestead National Monument, had the original idea of making homestead records at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. more available to genealogists, historians, scholars and the public. Five years later his dream has come true, and Nebraska is first in the nation to digitize their Homestead Records of the 30 states with homestead land, as Nebraska has the largest percentage of land under the Homestead Act of 1862. Illinois and Indiana homestead records have been digitized and will soon be on line along with Nebraska. Some of those records will provide priceless information—new and unknown details affecting our historical understanding of the settling of the American West. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/home/historyculture/homesteadrecords.htm>

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TEMP RETURN SERVICE FIRST CLASS

Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

Upcoming Events:

**February 5 Registration, Feb. 7, 2015
Oral History Workshop** at Elkhorn Valley
Museum, 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE

**Feb. 11-14 RootsTech and FGS 2015
conference**, Salt Lake City, UT for details:
<https://www.fgsconference.org/>

**April 23-25, 2015 Nebraska State Ge-
nealogical Society conference**, Mid-Town
Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE George Morgan
is the speaker— more information soon

**May 13-16, 2015 NGS Family History
Conference**, St. Charles, MO for details:
<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

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Watch the second season of GENEALOGY ROADSHOW on PBS, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Part detective story, part emotional journey, this series pairs up a professional genealogist and an everyday American to see what research, science and genealogical know-how can uncover about their family's place in history.