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Dederman School

In the September-October 2014 issue we printed the teachers and a class photo from the Dederman School (Madison County District 24). In 1982 the school celebrated their 100th anniversary with an all-school reunion. That information is published here courtesy of Ruth Kment and this issue will showcase the students that attended until the school closed in 2005/2006.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE! WE'RE 100 YEARS OLD

Madison County School District #24 (Dederman school), having been in existence since 1882, is celebrating its Centennial year with an open house and reception from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Sunday, September 26, 1982. At 2:00 O'clock there will be a special program given by the present students with some special recognitions.

All events will be held at the school premises (3 miles West of Gibson's on U. S. 275 (3 miles North and 1/2 mile West). All past and present students, teachers and patrons of District #24 are invited to attend.

Since many records were destroyed by fire, it has been impossible to locate all names of former members, so therefore if you know of others, would you be so kind as to invite them and let us know the names (and addresses if possible), living or deceased, of such persons.

Also if you have any recollections of special events, anecdotes, or pictures that we could use for the day we would certainly appreciate them. (Be sure to label and identify pictures if you want them returned to you.)

We would like to make a directory of names and addresses of those who have attended and taught at Dist. #24, living or deceased, and have it available to you, either on or following September 26. If you would like such a copy, please so indicate.

Please send any correspondence to:

Mrs. Ruth Kment

Sincerely,

Dist. #24 School Board

PUPILS OF DISTRICT 24

(from the beginning to 1982 as could be determined at the time as some records were lost in a fire)

The information by some names is their address or status as of the 1982 reunion. The students from 1983 until 2005 are appended at the end of this article.

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Clara Amen Klein Deceased

Ruth Amen Deceased

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Kenneth Amen RR #3, Norfolk, NE 68701

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Ann Amen Schnoor

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Becky Amen Christiansen Hoskins, NE

Donna Amen RR #3, Norfolk, NE 68701

John Amen RR #3, Norfolk, NE 68701

Kathy Amen Finkral

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Susan Amen McManigal Creighton, NE

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GREETINGS from our MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Our reserved table at the Granary was completely filled January 17th with our Madison County genealogists who took advantage of the mild winter weather to venture out. January/February newsletters were handed out and the article on the Fifth Street Tavern brought forth some memories and comments, but so far, no recognition of the man in question. The history of the former Norfolk Business College was also news to some.

The conversation moved on to topics of interest with decisions yet to be made. All agreed that a program on grave witching should be arranged. It was also suggested that a summer field trip to the Czech Museum at Clarkson would prove very interesting. The 2016 sesquicentennial is a major historical project, and will be the center of many city and state celebrations, as well as by our local churches. Any ideas and suggestions by our Society members for our genealogical participation will be much appreciated, as we do have a considerable archive of local histories on the original pioneers, and founding and settlement of Norfolk, and Madison County. A new member, Diana Stannard Huenerbein, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, wrote of her interest in early Norfolk grammar schools, which is receiving attention of our researchers. Welcome to our Society Diana, and we wish you success in your research.

The oral history project of the Elkhorn Valley Museum & Research Center was receiving minor interest from some members. Everyone had an enjoyable dinner and we closed our meeting with delicious pie dessert as a post-Christmas treat for all by the writer.

It was a short meeting February 21st at the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center. We welcomed our guest, Betsy Broekemeier, who was quickly immersed in obituaries by Karen Reed, and shown resources available for research through our Society. We hope to see her again. Still to be decided are dates for the grave witching, and which cemetery, as well as which month for the Czech Museum field trip, both of which are enthusiastically endorsed.

We had a larger than usual attendance and everyone was out the door at 11 o'clock heading for the Norfolk city auditorium and the annual Lions Day pancake feast. It is a favorite of our community and was the usual success with people arriving early for breakfast. The varied entertainment and music on stage brought in crowds that kept the grills going all day.

MEMBER RESEARCH

It has just come to my attention that John D. Bentz of San Diego, CA, died December 24, 2014. He was very active in the San Diego Genealogical Society and German Research Association, publishing several books on his German research. I am forever in his debt as he gave me the first and only detailed maps of Leipzig and eastern Germany that I was able to obtain in my beginning research. He had been a Navigator on B-17 bombers in WW II and was quite familiar with that area of Germany; knew exactly the villages I needed to find, and freely gave detailed maps from his own war collection, to anyone who asked. He received numerous medals and flew 35 missions. He was born in Spencer, Nebraska, 1917. His wife, Edna Meyer of Omaha, (deceased 1999) wrote the popular book in 1982: "If I Can You Can, Decipher Germanic Records", which I still use. I corresponded with him for years and will never forget his assistance in finding my German villages, and am saddened by his passing.

Bernice Walters

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Oscar Dederman	Deceased	Lizzie Deuss	
Ralph Dederman	Deceased	Minnie Deusa	
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Maggie Jordan		Tom O'Gorman	Deceased
Michael Jordan		James O'Gorman	Deceased
Winnie Jordan		Katherine O'Gorman	Deceased
Ella Keiser		Maye O'Gorman	Deceased
Bessie Kenerson		Ann O'Gorman	Deceased
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 Gerald Wichman 1217 Sunnydell Lane, Norfolk
 Helmer Wichman Deceased
 Marlin Wichman Inman, NE 68742
 Emma Wildy



3 generations at the 1982 reunion:
 Don L. Dederman, Nick Dederman, Delores
 Dederman



Teachers
 at the
 1982
 Reunion

L to R: Present teacher Ron Synovec, Edna Saltonstall,
 Dawn Ditter, Marie Neal, Lois Hinzman

The following were the students and teachers that attended or taught after the 1982 reunion until the school district was disbanded after the 2005 school year.

Students

Abbenhaus, Beth
Acklie, Janelle
Acklie, Timothy
Amen, Benjamin
Barnett, Chad
Barnett, Jason
Baumann, Angela
Baumann, Blake
Baumann, Brooke
Baumann, Kayla
Calvert, Ethan
Calvert, Jacob
Dederman, Adam
Dederman, Brittney

Dederman, Max
Dederman, Nicholas Don
Dederman, Sam
Droescher, Ann Marie
Droescher, Kari Leah
Ellenberger, Adam
Ellenberger, Matthew
Haase, Chad
Haase, Jason
Haglund, Alicia
Haglund, Angela
Hille, Melissa
Huisman, Tyler
Kment, Patricia
Kment, Tamara

Olmer, Kallie
Olmer, Katrina
Olmer, Ryan
Reifenrath, Shane
Risinger, Jennifer
Risinger, Jolene
Sandall, Nathan

Teachers

Corrine Swogger
Claribel Wulf
Leland Vawser
Lynal Franzen-Krueger
Jean Ellenberger

NORFOLK DAILY NEWS, Norfolk, Nebraska - September 1982

District 24 School marks 100th year

More than 100 people attended the open house and centennial celebration at District 24 School northwest of Norfolk Sunday afternoon.

A program was presented by the present students about the school's history. Recognition was given to former teachers, students and board members. In attendance were former teachers from as far away as St. Petersburg, Fla., and students from as far as Toledo, Wash. The teacher from Florida was Marie Mashek Neal and the student from Washington, Alvin Peters.

Several three-generation groups were in attendance. Included were the Dedermans who donated the land for the school five generations ago.

The oldest student present was John Amen, Norfolk, who attended in 1904, and the youngest, the present kindergarten student, Kristi Amen.

Besides reminiscing, a center of attraction was the display of old pictures and letters from former students and teachers unable to attend.



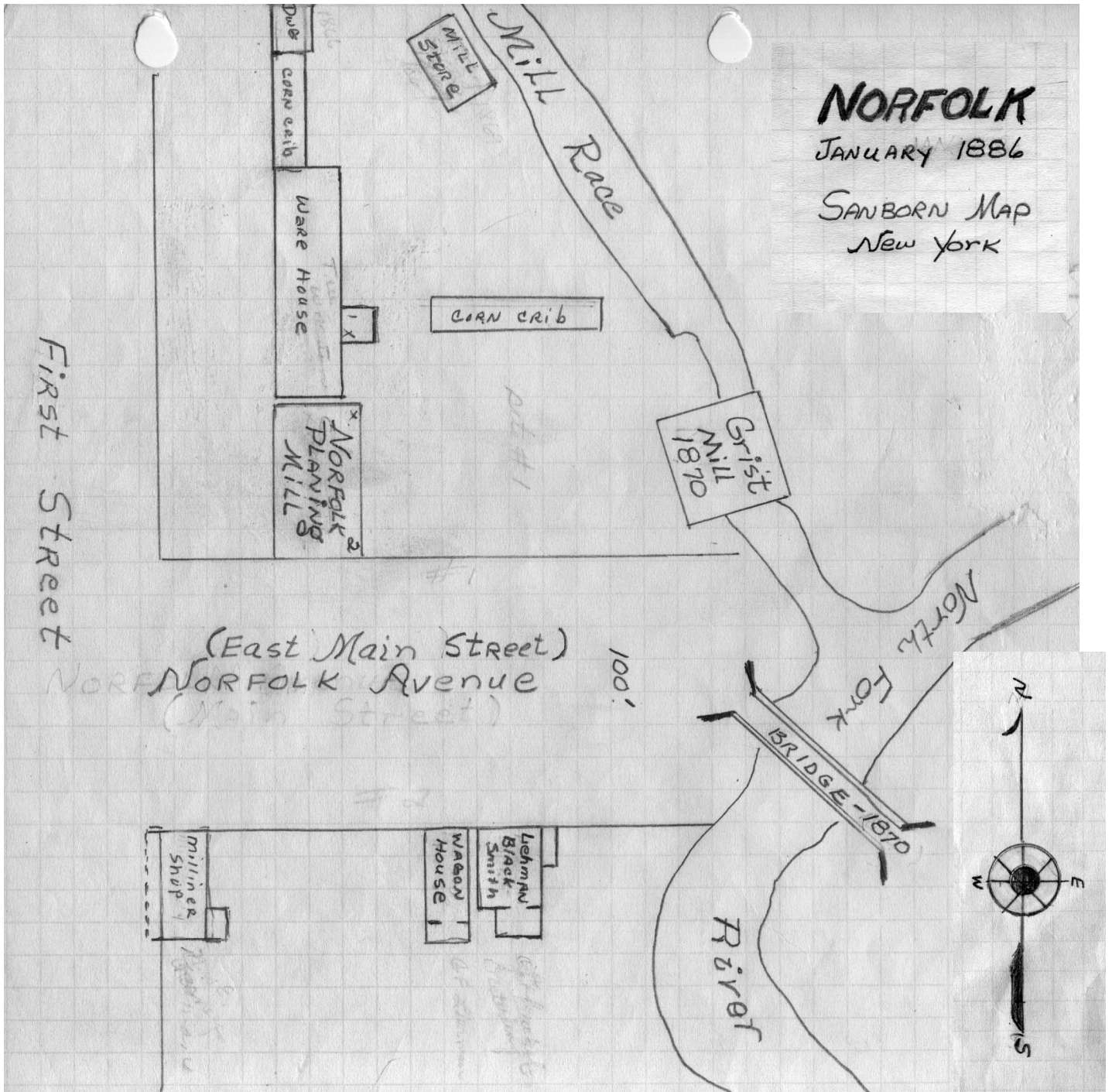
Christmas Program 1981 at Dederman School: Jennifer Risinger, Kevin Kment, Tonja Leathers, Rick Kment, David Acklie and Diane Acklie



After the school was closed in 2006, it was moved to Verges Park at the Elkhorn Valley Museum along with the Dederman Cabin which was moved previously and restored.

NORFOLK HISTORY—William H. Warneke, former newspaperman and Associate Editor of the Norfolk Press during the early 1900s, writes his memories of the original Norfolk development and civic life in its stages of farming, building and booming. These were published from August 1916 to September 1917. What follows are excerpts from his columns with additional information and photos provided for clarity. Future newsletters will continue Mr. Warneke’s history.

At first Norfolk was a small hamlet nestled two blocks west of the North Fork River, and a block north and south of either side of Main Street (Norfolk Avenue), with hills to the northwest a distant view from the town. The Elkhorn River and wild woods were the southern vision. Here and there homes of the pioneer settlers dotted this expanse of country.



Summertime with nature at its best showed the rare beauty of the hills and plains bedecked with luxuriant growth of grasses and flowers, with fields of grain and corn towering above the native prairie. River banks were fringed with prolific growths of native trees including abundant wild fruit. East of the river were two pretty homesteads, Ruehlow on the north side and Machmueller on the south side. These surroundings inaugurated Norfolk's history.

Agriculture has always been the basis of Norfolk's growth and prosperity, and its economic life can be said to have had its inception with the establishment of the Roller Mills. The Wisconsin colony, as well as other settlers, had to haul their grain to Omaha by ox team to have it ground or exchanged, until later West Point and Wisner became available, as well as Columbus. The Mill eliminated the hardships and inconvenience of those long trips, and by furnishing a local market for products of the soil, created demands for every line of business, as well as the professions. In addition to business with the settlers, trading was done with the Indians who still roamed about quite freely.

Only direst necessity brought the settlers to buy at the tiny dugout on the North Fork which was managed by Trapper Erastus Jones. The stock in his Indian trading post, unattractive and high priced, consisted of a poor grade of brown sugar, tobacco, brooms, overalls, matches, coffee & tea, two pieces of calico and darning needles which cost 5 cents each. Money was in paper of varying denominations from five to fifty cents, three-cent copper, or gold pieces.

In 1868 Colonel Charles Mathewson arrived with his family. A makeshift sawmill was set up and the mill store was constructed in 1869, and run by his son-in law, John Emery Olney, who came



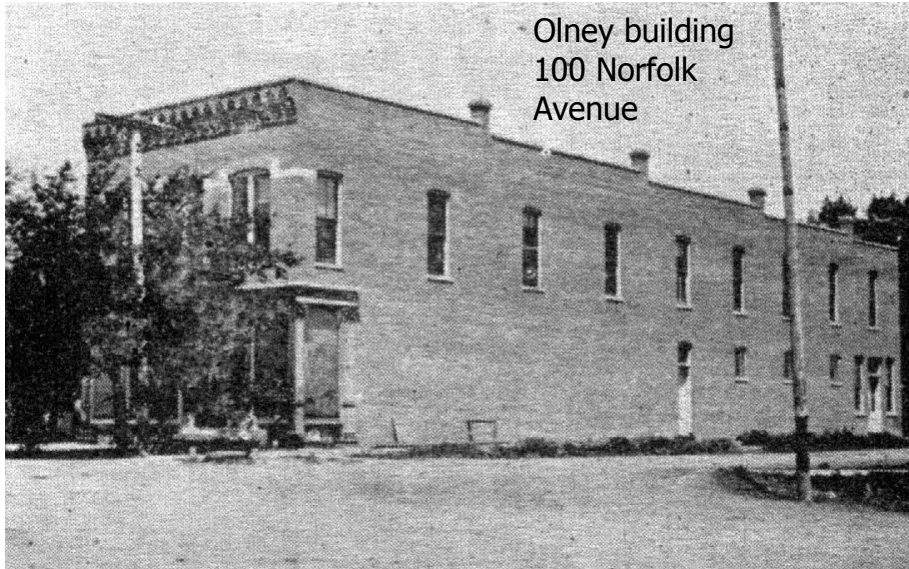
This photo is of the Mill Store and Mill as they appeared in 1871. Nicholas Gardiner is shown sitting on a log being hauled by team and sled to the sawmill nearby.

from Illinois. It was during the construction of the mill in 1870 that the first person was killed here. The worker was along the bank and the ground shock of the piles striking caused the quicksand along the bank to shift, completely covering him. His only name was "Confed", and he was buried west of town in a plot, which was set aside by James W. Kidder in 1882 to be called Forest Hill Cemetery, but which soon became known as the Kidder Cemetery.

The location of the grist mill and mill store determined the present location of Norfolk and were the leading businesses of the community. A modest one-story frame building was first constructed at the northeast corner of Main (Norfolk Avenue) and First Streets. In the course of a few years the increased business from the large territory required additions, so that the building covered almost the entire length of the block.

In later seventies (1870s) the stock was moved to a new building on the opposite corner. This

building was the historic Olney building at 100 Norfolk Avenue, and was the first brick business block erected in Norfolk, two stories and basement, which is still a substantial structure (1916). It was completed in 1879 at a cost of \$16,000. In middle eighties (1880s) it housed Norfolk's first wholesale grocery established as a branch by Paxton and Gallagher of Omaha. In January, 1881, John E. Olney withdrew his partnership in the Mill and became sole owner of this store. It had an outside stairway on the west side which led to the Olney Hall where many social activities were held, such as dances, theatrical plays, and even roller skating. Although it was considered one of the finest retail stores in the state, it was discontinued after a short existence, due to excessive freight rates. The Olney building was replaced in later years (1970s) by the Mapes Office building.



Olney building
100 Norfolk
Avenue

In 1869-1970 the Colonel first built his home on the corner of First and Main Streets (south side), and February 9, 1870 he purchased 8 acres of land from C. Ruehlow and his wife Christine, adjacent to and including the river. He used the makeshift sawmill to build the grist mill and mill race using timbers cut and hauled from Yellow Banks for the foundation of the mill; lumber for the mill was purchased and freighted from Columbus. By April of 1870 the mill was completed and open for business and began grinding farmers' grain. The Colonel took great pride in showing his mill, and didn't hesitate to say that he didn't think it was slandering any other mill to say that "we have the best mill in the state". The Roller Mills were kept in operation by his two sons, Joseph and Charles Payson, remaining in the family until 1885 when it was sold to Charles S. Bridge and his father-in-law, A. T. Birchard. The new owners remodeled the Mill by removing the huge millstones and putting in modern equipment. By 1900 the Bridge family became sole owners of the mill. In 1929 a modern hydroelectric power plant was built at the dam site, replacing the old water wheel. The Norfolk Roller Mills were now well established as one of the most valuable and prosperous anchors of the Norfolk community.

William Warneke's story and more details will be continued in future issues of this newsletter.

This millstone is one of two that were given to the Elkhorn Valley Museum. It no longer exists.



2014—2015 Officers

Phyllis McCain, Bobette Ferguson, Bernice Walters

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Our future meetings

March 21
 April 18
 May 16
 June 20
 July 18

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.

Notes on the Kidder Cemetery

The Kidder Cemetery was started by James W. Kidder and he had planned to name it Forest Hill Cemetery. Located west of Highway 81 and about Campbell Drive and the Bel Air Development, it was never formally platted as a cemetery but was the first burial ground in Norfolk. It was not well maintained nor cared for from the 1920s through 1960s and the known graves were subsequently moved to Prospect Hill cemetery in the 1960s. Other bones were found as the land was developed and these were given to the owner of the property T. C. Campbell. There were 6 headstones left at the Kidder Cemetery when it was moved to Prospect Hill Cemetery. There were apparently many other burials but no markers were left to remember them. The remains that were moved were all placed in a common grave with the 6 markers placed on top. Those are listed below. As noted in the story on page 45 both Nicholas Gardner (who was seated on the log in the mill photo) and "**Confed**" the worker that was killed during construction were buried in the Kidder Cemetery.

Headstone: Thomas C. Curtis d. Oct. 7, 1875	Fannie Curtis Fannie Rouse d. June 9, 1901	Headstone: Wilhelm Fischer 1835-1871
Headstone: Louise Pasewalk Geb. Sell 24 Jan 1822 20 Dec. 1867	Ferdinand Pasewalk 2 August 1864 12 Nov. 1868	Headstone: Anna Melcher 1795-1875 Hier Ruhet in Gott.
Headstone: Nicholas Gardner	d. Oct. 13, 1878 age 60 yrs.	
Headstone: Susie A. Gardner	d. Sept. 12, 1878 age 23 y 5 m 2 da	

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TEMP RETURN SERVICE FIRST CLASS

Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

Upcoming Events:

April 23-25, 2015 Nebraska State Genealogical Society conference, Mid-Town Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NE George Morgan is the speaker, sessions include: CSI genealogy, orienteering using maps, bits about obits, US Agricultural census, Use the news—digitized newspapers, — Lineage Society Panel, Genealogy program panel discussion,
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May 13-16, 2015 NGS Family History Conference, St. Charles, MO for details:
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Please be thinking about future plans for our group. When do you want to have a grave witcher come for a program? When do you want to tour the Clarkson Czech Museum? Other ideas? Please note 2016 is 150th Anniversary of the founding of Norfolk and 2017 is 150th of Nebraska Statehood.