

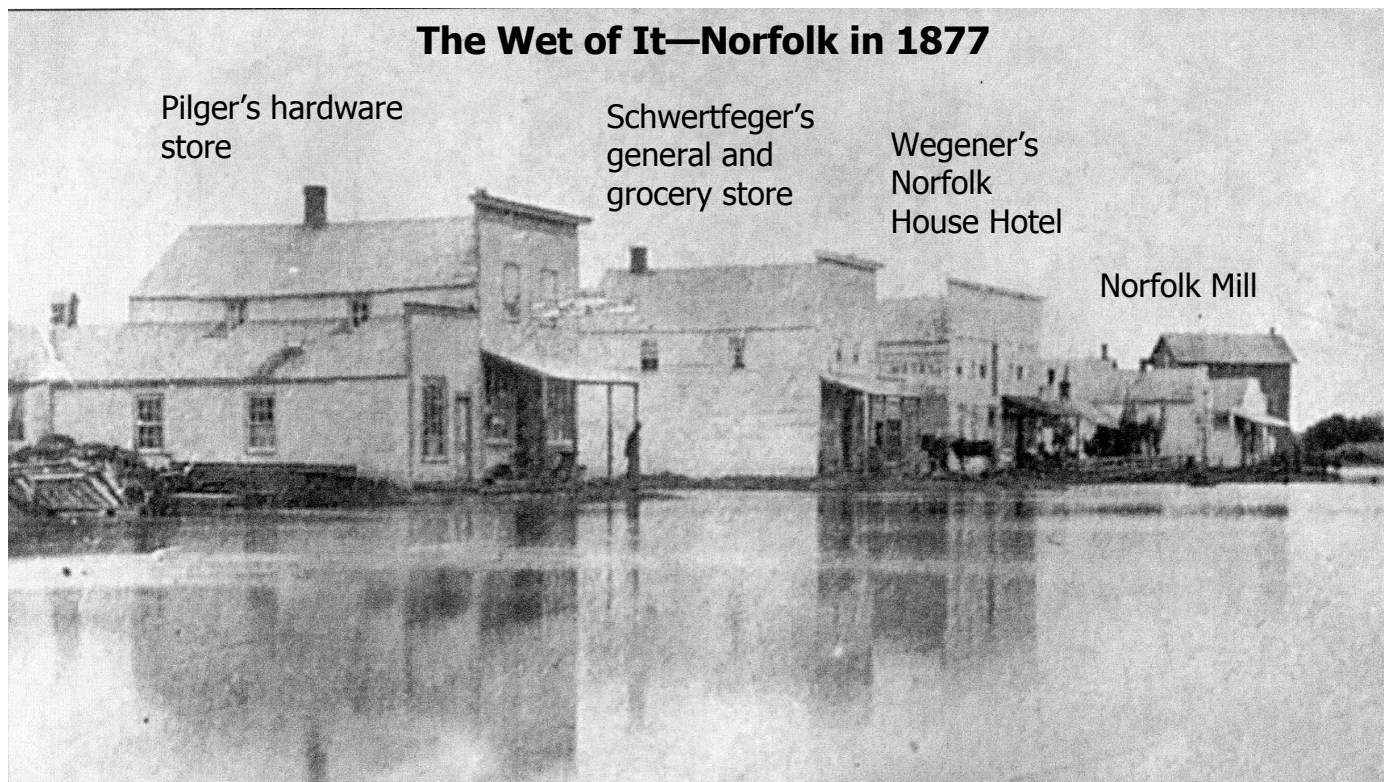
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The Wet of It—Norfolk in 1877

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store

Schwertfeger's
general and
grocery store

Wegener's
Norfolk
House Hotel

Norfolk Mill

Ernst Schwertfeger, Early Norfolk Settler and Businessman

Ernst Schwertfeger was born in Germany on March 13, 1843, son of John Schwertfeger and Katrina Milken. He immigrated to America in 1868, first settled in Wisconsin, came to Nebraska a year later and made his home in Norfolk from 1869 on. Ernst was a miller by trade and worked for eight years in the Norfolk Mill after it began operations. On June 2, 1871, he married Amelia Griebenow, daughter of William Griebenow and Wilhelmine Felkenhauer of Wisconsin. Ernst and Amelia first lived on a homestead north of Norfolk while Ernst worked at the mill. They decided to move to Norfolk and Ernst built their house near the northeast corner of 2nd Street and Main (Norfolk Ave.), and they lived there for 20 years.

Ernst gave up his mill work due to a lung problem, and formed a partnership with John Koenigstein and August Pilger. They operated a general merchandise and grocery store on the north side of Main near 2nd Street, across from the Pilger hardware and implement store (1877). He sold his interest in this business and constructed a brick building next to their home, and briefly operated a saloon. His stock was one of the best in the country as he would not handle any but the purest of liquors. He ran a "clean" establishment with no tolerance for boisterous or indecent language, and would refuse to sell liquor to a man who he knew needed his money for other purposes. Thus he was much respected and held a prominent position in the commercial affairs of the city.

In later years Mrs. Schwertfeger spoke of their early difficulties, especially the floods—"in 1877 before our house was raised the floods would cover the floor and I waded around in it ankle deep." Ernst and Amelia were the parents of eight children; however, childhood diseases claimed all but three sons. Ernst suffered from sciatic rheumatism and died at his home January 8, 1893. The funeral was held at their home with burial in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Amelia lived in their home for the rest of her days, with her sons William, Max and Arthur, caring for her.

August P. Pilger was born in August 1849 on the pioneer farm of his parents, John Peter Pilger and Elisabeth Young (Jung) in Washington County, Wisconsin. He received his education in district schools in Wisconsin and took up the trade of blacksmithing. On August 2, 1870 he married Bertha Gerecke, daughter of Friedrich and Dorothea (Merten) Gerecke of Germany. Shortly thereafter they came to Nebraska and settled in Norfolk. He built his hardware store in 1871 on the northwest corner of Main (Norfolk Ave.) and 2nd Streets, and with hard work succeeded in overcoming the bad luck of a train wreck, which had ruined his first load of hardware. He expanded into farm implements and the next year brought the first agricultural equipment into this part of Nebraska. In the financial panic of 1873 he persuaded implement companies to not foreclose on local farmers, carrying on his own books their indebtedness, most of which was paid. He had a flair for merchandising, achieved financial success and invested in real estate, including Pierce County land, and made an actual loan to Pierce County. During the gold rush to the Black Hills he financed supply trains of thirty wagons each, which carried flour, ham, bacon, corn and potatoes, until the railroads eliminated that profitable venture.

Later he and Herman Gerecke operated one of the early lumber yards. Pilger's first brickyard on 13th and Norfolk Avenue was closed after Deacon Ward's horse while backing up slipped into the 30 foot clay hole. Herman Gerecke to the rescue with tripod over the well, rope around the horse's neck, and by block and tackle brought out the horse, unstrangled and able to work the next day. August then invested in the Norfolk Brick and Tile Company, producing better quality bricks. When Norfolk was incorporated as a village August P. Pilger was appointed as a trustee along with other prominent businessmen: Charles P. Mathewson, John Koenigstein, Frederick Lucas and John E. Olney.

Our neighboring town of Pilger, founded by and named in honor of the Pilger family, stands on some earlier ancestral farmland of John Peter and Elisabeth Pilger, who had emigrated from Germany and settled in Stanton County.

August and Bertha raised their family of seven children, two of whom died young. August died 22 September 1905 and Bertha died 17 December 1917. Both are buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Norfolk, NE.

Ferdinand Wegener came to Norfolk in 1870 and first opened a boarding house/saloon on the southwest corner of Braasch Avenue and First Street. A few years later this was moved to the north side of Main (Norfolk Ave.) near Second Street, reconstructed with the typical high false front and became known as the Norfolk House. The first liquor license in Norfolk was issued in 1871 to Ferdinand Wegener in his Norfolk House. In the photo "HOTEL" can be seen, with other buildings between it and the First Street Mill corner. It is considered to be the first real hotel in Norfolk built in 1871, and received favorable comments from the traveling public such as good accommodations at low rates. A livery and feed stable was also advertised.

Mr. Wegener had an ice house on Braasch Avenue where he cut ice from the river in the winter and stored it in sawdust and straw which kept it cool enough to last through the heat of the summer. The ice house was moved forward to the corner of First Street and Braasch Avenue where it was turned into a home for William H. Widaman who occupied it for many years. (This is where the City Auditorium now stands).

Ferdinand Wegener was born in Albrechtsburg, Prussia in 1828 and came to America in 1850. He was a good neighbor, kind hearted to a fault and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His wife Wilhelmina (Amelia) Hans was born in Germany in 1835. They had two sons, Gustave and Eddie, and a daughter Mrs. W. H. (Minnie) Widaman. Ferdinand died April 7, 1890 of consumption (tuberculosis) and is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Following is a list of guests at the Norfolk House Hotel as enumerated in the June 1880 census.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>PLAGE OF BIRTH</u>
WEGENER, Ferd	51	Hotel Keeper	Germany
Amalia	47, wife		Germany
Gustav	24, son	Laborer	Wisconsin
Minnie	23, dau	At home	Wisconsin
Edmund	14, son	At home	Wisconsin
HAUS, Evert	18	Hostler	Wisconsin
NINOW, Mathilda	19	Servant	Wisconsin
GAUL, Annie	20	Servant	Germany
PUALFAL, Ulrika	17	Servant	Germany
LEERS, Bertha	18	Servant	Germany
DUFFEY, James	29, boarder	Laborer	Maine
RYAN, Michael	27, boarder	Laborer	New York
KIRBY, Ed	23, boarder	Laborer	New York
WILLIS, C,	26, boarder	Brick Mason	Pennsylvania
CAFFERTY, S. C.	24, boarder	Laborer	New York
HILL, John	35, boarder	Laborer	Pennsylvania
GAYLORD, L. M.	37, boarder	Brick Mason	New York
HOR__K, John	41, boarder	Stock Dealer	Ohio
Mc LEAN,, James	25, boarder	Brick Mason	Illinois
BEAR, Alex	39, boarder	Physician	Virginia
FITZGERALD, P.	23, boarder	Laborer	Pennsylvania
LAMBERT, W. B.	37, boarder	Miller	Pennsylvania
FIELDS, Wiley	21, boarder	Hostler	Virginia
O'NEILL, S. E.	30, boarder	Bookkeeper	Ohio
MAYER, Moritz	40, boarder	Dry-goods Merchant	Germany
FELIFS, August	31, boarder	Carpenter	Germany
LOESCHER, Theo	37, boarder	Carpenter	Germany



First Circus in Norfolk—The time was perfect—the 1877 flood was gone-- and Norfolk made the news with its mill race providing the setting for the first ever circus in this frontier village. The Leon Montague Circus enroute from Sioux City to Denver stopped here overnight. They gave afternoon and evening shows of juggling, trapeze and tight ropewalking, plus horseback exhibitions, all so titillating that they were never forgotten. After that, any mention of a circus coming here meant other activities would be postponed. For years after, Norfolk was treated to traveling circuses, large and small, setting up on whatever vacant space was available. In 1883 the first 'railroad' circus of John Robinson set up south of Madison Avenue, and first-timers to a real circus were astonished to see the menagerie of wild animals in their colored wagons, and performing horses and dogs. Elephants were the great novelty of Cole and Sell circuses. But the best of all arrived in 1887—the great Ringling Brothers—not only professional in games and personnel, but the artistically painted animal wagons by which people judged the high tone of the circus in the parades. Painting circus wagons was no small, amateur work, but a distinct branch of art, and vital to the circus public image. Veteran circus performers say that circus lifestyle gets in your blood—it's like a childhood fantasy come true.

Barnum & Bailey here in 1893 drew the largest crowds ever. Circus competition became intense-- three at a time would swamp the town by occupying all available tent space, and every shop window, wall or vacant building was plastered with posters. (This gave the owners free tickets to the shows.) Eventually Ringling bought out most of the competition. Where originally as many as 200 huge draft horses pulled the wagons to their location, the railroads had become the norm and removed some of the mystique and romance of the old circus wagons. And gone were the days of crowds and first time children seeing many animals walking to their stations.

Business and advertising loved it all, for weeks in advance, but local papers took a dim view of jitneys charging higher than normal rates on circus days (from 10 to 25 cents). But they "made hay while the sun shines".

A local circus aficionado recalls vividly the elephants he watched as a youngster—how "each big girl would duck her head down, test the air with her trunk and use it to make sure the ramp was safe. Only then would she proceed ever so slowly down the straining ramp, urged along not so gently, by the still half asleep grumpy attendant. Then to the annoyance of the attendant, her wonderful appendage was put to use searching among the rocks at track side for anything green that might have survived the hard soil." (Don Ballard-in his own words-the oldest living graduate of Ringling's Clown College.)

A history note on our own memorable Dr. Richard Tanner: In 1894 Campbell Bros. Circus with Hatfield and Green, joined with Richard Tanner, a former frontier scout, known then as Denver Dick, in a small medicine show which was "Denver Dick's Sioux Indian Medicine Co." Richard Tanner was the "doctor" with Campbells furnishing the acts and entertainment with help from a couple of professional vaudeville troupes. Tanner as "Denver Dick" continued to perform in the successful medicine show for several years, as the Campbell Circus developed its round top acts and performing elephants.

In researching Dr. Tanner—"Diamond Dick", for the booklet on his life printed by the Elkhorn Valley Museum, our library learned that the Cody, Wyoming Museum of Buffalo Bill does list Richard Tanner as an employee in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Shows, although none of Buffalo Bill's posters included his name and act.

Since 1950 Norfolk has been able to boast a circus every year. The Shriner's circus promotes and supports Shriner's hospitals for crippled children, their transportation, and such necessities. Occasionally a few other circuses also come but the Shriner circus has been consistent every year without fail.

The 1870s came alive as the village of Norfolk continued to grow. The settlers lived through onslaughts of nature, from drought to floods, grasshoppers, prairie fires and blizzards. These were disasters, yes, but temporary, and did not discourage the villagers from building the businesses they knew were needed to support the settlement. Madison County records show an amazing whirl of activity in real estate transactions, merchandising and construction, as businessmen realized the advantages of locating in the rapidly growing community.

Norfolkans soon needed a place for their cash. In 1872 Joseph Mathewson (son of the Colonel) opened Norfolk's first bank in a small frame building on the south side of Main between First and Second Streets, next to the Koenigstein drugstore. A few years later brothers Joseph and Charles P. Mathewson built a new brick bank on the southeast corner of Main and Second Streets--the Norfolk National Bank, with brick vault and fireproof safe. This historic building is still standing, well

known for years as the Brass Rail, but now vacant. The Norfolk National Bank moved west to 315 Norfolk Avenue (the Mast Block complex) in the early 1900s. New quarters and bank name changes continued, and today it is well known as the Wells Fargo Bank NE, with its final move to the southeast corner of Third Street and Norfolk Avenue.



Koenigstein drug store and Mathewson bank in 1873. Floods were frequent then and editors in rival towns advised their readers to take a boat when they went to Norfolk. This picture was taken during a time of high water.

Henry G. Bruggeman came to Norfolk from West Point and opened his first farm machinery and agriculture implement shop on the south side of Main, near the tiny bank, and also followed later with a new brick building next to the Norfolk bank on the Third Street corner. With sons Alex, Edward and Lorin, he formed a partnership as the Norfolk Electrical Construction Company. Dr. Daniel moved into the Mathewson house at 101 Main Street and opened the Daniel/Widaman drugstore nearby. Mrs. Rissman had a millinery shop on the southeast corner of First and Main Streets, with Lehman's blacksmith shop between her and the river bridge, about where Hy-Vee East Grocery is today.

Norfolk's story will continue in the next issue with Lehman's Blacksmith Shop, Moldenhauer's Shoe store and the doctors.

NORFOLK'S FIRST COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS IN 1877

What a busy year—floods, the marvelous circus, new businesses almost daily, and now at year's end **Christmas!** Yes, Christmas was coming. The German pioneers had old time traditions of trees and gifts. The first few years they had only a very limited Christmas with plum bushes for trees, a few new homemade clothes, nuts, cakes and the traditional Pfeffernusse, with the specialty for the children-- rice cooked in milk and served with brown sugar and cinnamon. It was decided to now have a real community Christmas, with a tree and gifts for the children. Committees were formed. The Hurford girls formed a choir and George Beels as well as Clara Hazen sang. A real tree was brought in, either from Columbus or Wisner, and it was a big tree reaching almost to the ceiling of the little Congregational Church, which allowed most all denominations to hold services there.

Many hours were spent laboring over handmade decorations for the tree, such as gilt silver stars, and wood cutouts of stars and bells, balls and blocks of wood, all painted bright colors. Popcorn was strung, yards and yards, some laced with dried berries. All kinds of fabric scraps were hand sewn into miniature toy animals, and women made mosquito net stockings which when filled with colorful fabric and yarn balls, gave the tree a bright festive look.

Cora Beels relates that "At that time, 1877, there were 150 or possibly 200 people in Norfolk including the children. This first Christmas tree was a real 'community tree' in the truest sense of the word as every child in town had some gift from this wonderful tree. To many of them it was the first tree they had ever seen and it was truly a great event. Every child had a gift; knives for the boys and real dolls for the girls—and the dressing of these dolls occupied our spare time for several weeks." One of the scenes that lingered in the memories of those present was the joy of one little girl when she received her doll. She had been looking at them with longing eyes and her hopes of having one were gradually fading as other girls received theirs. When at last her name was called she rose quivering with excitement and when the doll was handed to her, her exclamations of joy brought tears to the eyes of everyone present. Her parents were too poor to buy one for her, and her only doll was a homemade one. The candies handed out that night were bought in large pails and were bright and gay, but no ill effects were reported from eating such highly colored sweets.

Christmas Eve was clear and cold and guests arrived early, in lumber wagons with ox teams. As they entered the Church their eyes rested on the large white banner across the end of the church with the words 'MERRY CHRISTMAS' in large gold letters. People were amused that one letter in the banner was upside down-but no matter. This was the first banner displayed in Norfolk. The choir and Sunday School gave programs while the children waited impatiently for the end of the programs, and had eyes only for the tree. Mr. Lew Taylor was Santa Claus and royally did his part. The gifts were simple and inexpensive as the committee did not have a large amount of money, but careful planning provided for every child and the spirit of good will and kindness compensated for any lack. The toys and pleasures of those pioneer days were so simple that any gift was something to be prized and treasured. Thus ended the first community Christmas celebration in Norfolk, and it lingered as a happy memory with all those who had a share in the festivities.

A WW II Hero and Son of Madison County

Born in Norfolk on August 6, 1915, Howard John Snyder Jr. lived at 511 Philip Avenue until he and his family moved to Southern California in 1929. During World War II, he became a B-17 bomber pilot, and his son, Steve Snyder, has written an award winning book about the experiences of his father and the other members of the B-17 crew entitled, *SHOT DOWN: The true story of pilot Howard Snyder and the crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth*.

Set within the framework of World War II in Europe, *SHOT DOWN* recounts the dramatic experiences of each member of a ten man B-17 bomber crew after their plane, piloted by Howard Snyder, was knocked out of the sky by German fighters over the French/Belgium border in 1944. Some men died. Some were captured and became prisoners of war. Some evaded the Germans for awhile but were betrayed, captured, and shot. Some men evaded capture and were missing in action for seven months before being liberated by the U.S. Army. Their individual stories and those of the courageous Belgian people who risked their lives to help them are all different and are all remarkable. To help readers visualize the story, the book contains more than 200 time period photographs of the people who were involved and of the places where the events took place.

Steve Snyder visited Norfolk last month in October to trace his family roots which go back to when his father's maternal grandfather, Carl Zuelow, came to Norfolk from Germany in 1880 and married Augusta Kruger. Augusta and three of her children are buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. One of the Zuelow's daughters, Minna, was baptized, confirmed, and married to Howard John Snyder Sr. from Cherokee, Iowa at St Paul's Lutheran Church. Howard Jr. was baptized at St Paul's, confirmed at Grace Lutheran, and attended Lincoln Elementary School, Roosevelt School, and Norfolk Junior High School until moving west.

Growing up, Steve knew the basics of his father's war history; His father was a B-17 pilot and stationed in England with 8th Air Force. His plane was named the "Susan Ruth" after Howard's daughter who was one year old at the time he went overseas. He flew bombing missions over Europe and was shot down over Belgium. He was missing in action for 7 months but evaded capture.

However, it wasn't until Steve retired in 2009 that he had the time to delve deeper and to learn more details about his father and the "Susan Ruth" crew. Initially, he just wanted to go through and organize all the information his parents had kept from the war years. The most significant were a hand-written diary about the plane being shot down that Howard wrote while missing in action and all the letters his father had written to his wife, Ruth, while stationed in England.

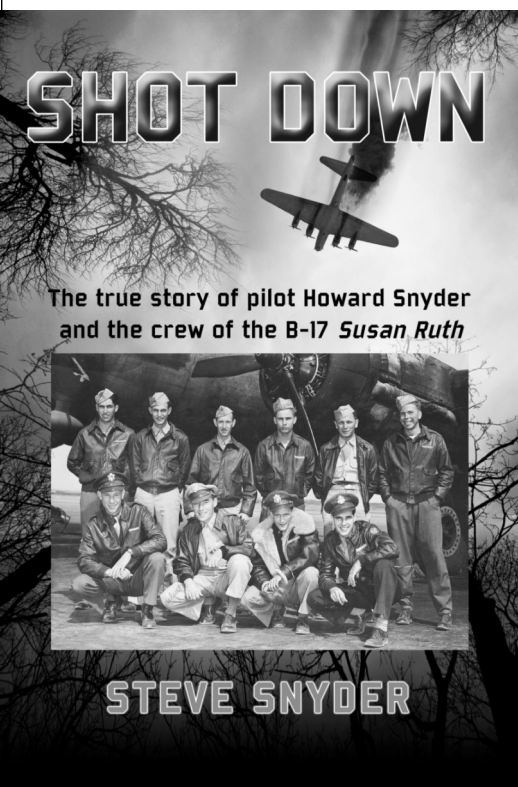


Reading those letters, Steve became fascinated and his passion about the subject grew and grew.

He went on a quest to find relatives of the crew members and asked them for information. He read book after book about the air war in Europe and spent countless hours on the internet doing research and downloading declassified military documents. He joined numerous WW II organizations and started attending their reunions where he listened to veterans tell their stories.

Steve even found the German Luftwaffe pilot, Hans Berger, who shot down his father's plane and interviewed him for the book. Fortunately for Steve, Hans became an interpreter after the war so he speaks fluent English and was able to provide Steve with some wonderful insight about what it was like to go up against the 8th Air Force.

Finally in 2012 after all that he had learned, Steve decided to write a book. He felt that the story about his father, the crew, and the Belgian people who risked their lives to help them was so unique and so compelling that it had to be told and people needed to read about it. It was 4 ½ years from the time he stated his research until the book was released in August 2014.



Steve has visited Belgium three times. His first visit was in 1994 with his parents to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Liberation of Belgium and of the B-17 "Susan Ruth" being shot down. He met some of the people who helped his father evade capture, saw first-hand several houses where his father stayed, and visited the memorial to the crew that was erected in 1989. Steve and his wife, Glenda, visited again in 2004 for the 60th Anniversary Celebrations and then last fall with his entire family for the 70th.

SHOT DOWN is available on Amazon.com, at Barnes & Noble, and at other independent book stores. Although lacking all the photographs, eBook formats and an audio book are also available. For more information, visit Steve's website at SteveSnyderAuthor.com

MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA MARRIAGE RECORDS Book One #1 - 1868 to 1888

Page (Note: spellings are as in the original records not as we know and use them today)

66. Charles H. Harris, age 22; born Indiana; son of Warren Harris and Mary Demoss. Caroline Barney, age 21; born Pennsylvania; dau. of H.P. Barney and Sallie Barney. Lisc. issued: 30 Dec. 1872 Married: 1 Jan. 1873 at Warren Harris res. By Jabez Charles, Meth. Min. at Madison
67. John Oesterling, age 23; born Indiana; son of Joachim Oesterling and Mary E. Grigar. Caroline W. Machmiller, age 18; born Wisconsin; dau. of Martin Machmiller. Lisc. issued: 18 Jan. 1873 Married: 19 Jan. 1873 by Judge S.T. Thatch. Witnesses: J. Martin Machmiller, Henry Tietgen, and N. Gardner.
68. William Wills, age 26; born Vermont; son of William Wills and Pebe Roach. Sarah J. Harris, age 21; born Indiana; dau. of W.H. Harris and Mary Demoss. Lisc. issued: 22 Jan. 1873 Married: 25 Jan. 1873
69. David A. Ommermann, age 25; born Ohio; son of Samuel Ommermann and Nancy Doherty. Jane Curtis, age 18; born Michigan; dau. of Thomas Curtis. Lisc. issued: 8 April 1873 Married: 10 April 1873 Witnesses: Moses L. Kidder and Sherburn Kidder.
70. George N. Real, age 26; born Indiana; son of John Real. Margaret E. Craig, age 20, born Pennsylvania Lisc. issued: 22 May 1873 Married: 28 May 1873 at John Real res.
71. Thatcher M. Krum, age 27; born Ohio; res. Madison County. Father: H.J. Krum Mother: Mary Colby. Catherine Baird; age 26; born Ohio; res. Madison County. Father: John Baird Mother: Catherine Flagher Lisc. issued: 30 Oct. 1872 Married: 30 Oct. 1872
72. Fred W. Lehman, age 23 born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: Fredrich Lehman; mother: Louisa Davis. Emelie Huebner, age 20; born Wisconsin, res. Pierce County. Father: Christian Huebner; mother: Louisa Lehman Lisc. issued: 14 Sept. 1872 Married: 23 Oct. 1872
73. John S. Ricker, age 35; born Indiana, res. Madison County. Father: Rubin Ricker, Harriet C. Rutherford; age 21; res. Madison County. Father: Rubin Rutherford. Lisc. issued: 11 Oct 1872 Married: 13 Oct. 1872
74. Fredrick Wichman, age 23; born Germany; res. Stanton County. Father: Charles Wichman; Mother: Paline F. Lawdwich. Minnie Nenow, age 22; born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: Charles Nenow, Lisc. Issued: 26 Aug 1872 Married: 15 Sept. 1872
75. D.C. Herington, age 23; born Wisconsin; res. Madison County. Father: Robert Herington; Mother: Phebe Phillipps. Katie L. Cramer, age 15; born Illinois; res. Madison County. Father: James Cramer; Mother Liddie L. Law. Lisc. Issued: 24 March 1873 Married: 31 March 1873
76. Jack Andrews, age 24; born New York, res. Madison County, Father: Rian Andrews; Mother: Mary Webster. Bettie E. Nash, age 19, born Illinois; res. Madison County, Father: Isaac Nash; Mother: Anna Hana. Lisc. Issued: 29 March 1873 Married: 2 April 1873

77. William Donar (Donner) born Germany; Father: Friederick Donner; Mother: Friedericke Bars. Albertine Klug born Germany; Father: Johann Klug; mother: Emelie Knak. Lisc. Issued: 30 May 1873 Married: 13 June 1873
78. Gottlieb Hecke, age 33; born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: Fred Hecke; mother: Dorotha Nachgall. Louisa Kinow, age 18; born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: Charles Kinow; Mother: Caroline Sailing. Lisc. Issued: 24 July 1873 Married: 24 July 1873
79. August Bruntrock, age 28; born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: William Bruntrock; mother: Mary Bailey. Caroline Kaun, age 23; born Germany; res. Madison County. Father: Jacob Kaun; Mother: Mary Cain. Lisc. Issued: 8 July 1873 Married: 10 July 1873
80. Lewis Warren, age 46; born Connecticut; res. Madison County. Father: Ziba Warren; Mother: Thankful Baker. Jane Price, age 38; born New York; res. Madison County. Father: Elbert Clark; mother: Sarah Narrowcloth. Lisc. Issued: 21 April 1873 Married: 21 April 1873
81. Charles Harvey, age 22; born Illinois; res. Madison County. Father: Robert Harvey; mother: Sophia Rouse. Mary Scott, age 19; born Iowa; res. Madison County. Lisc. Issued: 4 Sept. 1873 Married: 6 Sept. 1873
82. Charles Mallory, age 28; born Michigan, res. Madison County. Father: Merideth Mallory; mother: Eliza Chapman. Mary C. Cleveland age 24; born Illinois. Father: Jacob Cleveland. Lisc. Issued: 4 Oct. 1873 Married: 14 Oct. 1873
83. R. B. Penhollow, age 25; born New York; res. Madison County. Father: Richard Penhollow; mother: Mercy Creal. Phebe A. Best, age 20; born Iowa; res. Madison County. Father: John Best; mother: Mary A Ricker. Lisc. Issued: 9 Sept 1873 Married: 9 Sept 1873
84. Homer E. Wilberger, age 24; born Michigan; res. Madison County. Father: John Wilberger; mother: Louisa Lnster, Henrietta Harris, age 18; born Indiana. Father: W. H. Harris; mother: Mary S. Demoss. Lisc. Issued: 12 Sept 1873 Married: 12 Sept 1873
85. John J. Kyner, age 21; born Ohio; res. Madison County. Father: John Kyner; mother: Nancy Gunder. Etta Sherwood, age 18; born Illinois; res. Cuming County. Father: John Ackley; mother: Elmira Baker. Lisc. Issued: 18 Sept. 1873 Married: 18 Sept. 1873
86. J. F. Flowers, age 24; born Iowa; res. Madison County. Father: John Flowers; mother: Parizada Bosen. Amanda I. Marsh, age 18; born Ohio; res. Madison County. Father: Daniel Marsh; mother: Eliza Doogen. Lisc. Issued: 1 Oct 1873 Married: 5 Oct 1873
87. Frederick Haase, age 25; born Germany; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Fred Menderkow. Mother: Fredrike Uttecht. Louisa Maas, age 18; born Germany; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: John Maas. Mother: Louisa Wetzal. Lisc. issued: 22 Sept. 1873. Married: 26 Sept. 1873. To be Continued in the next issue.

**Thank You to all of our men and women, past and present,
who have served to keep us safe**

2014—2015 Officers

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www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/

Our future meetings

January TBD

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

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. Box1031, 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.

GREETINGS from Our MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

There was no meeting in September, but our October 17th meeting was well attended and members had the opportunity to catch up on what we have been doing this fall.

We want to thank all of our members for their continued interest and support, and for bringing their dues up to date at the October meeting. We really appreciate notes from out of state members saying they enjoy the newsletters and articles, and we'll continue with the marriage records, as well as histories of our pioneer settlers in celebration of our upcoming 150+ year anniversary of Norfolk's beginnings. We are also appreciative of the Elkhorn Valley Museum library which augments our own genealogy and history files, much of both libraries originating from the earlier Mary Voss research.

There will be no December meeting, and local members will decide at the November meeting whether or not to have a January post Christmas celebration. The next regular meeting will be February 20, 2016.

**May everyone have
a thankful Thanksgiving,
a blessed Christmas and
a celebratory New Year!!!**

Madison County Genealogical Society
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Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 13 2—4 pm
Germanic Research; Let's Get Acquainted with the Omaha "All Things German" group hosted by Lincoln Lancaster Genealogical Society, Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St. Lincoln <http://www.llcgs.info/eventListings.php?nm=96>

January 5, 2016

Finding Your Roots on PBS begins.

Friday, April 29, 2016 —Saturday, April 30, 2016 Nebraska State Gen. Soc. Annual Conference, Ramada Inn, Kearney, Nebraska. Featured speakers will be Pam & Rick Sayre. Topics include: Rogues & Rascals (court records), West from Missouri (migration), and Our National Treasure (The Library of Congress), the Civil War (military records), Genealogical Applications of Historical GIS (mapping resources) and Land Entry Papers and Records of the GLO (land records). More details later.

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