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Early Norfolk Area Physicians

Following are some of the physicians who practiced in this area in the pioneer days, as listed in the Nebraska State Medical Journal. During the 1880s more physicians established medical practices throughout northeastern Nebraska, as Norfolk and this area continued to grow.

Dr. Ferdinand Verges—1833-1900

It was a cold and snowy January that welcomed Dr. Ferdinand Verges to Pierce County in 1869, with only \$50 in his pocket, but already a love for this land. It was the greatest good fortune for the settlers, as he began his medical practice. Their thankfulness was the best welcome he could have.

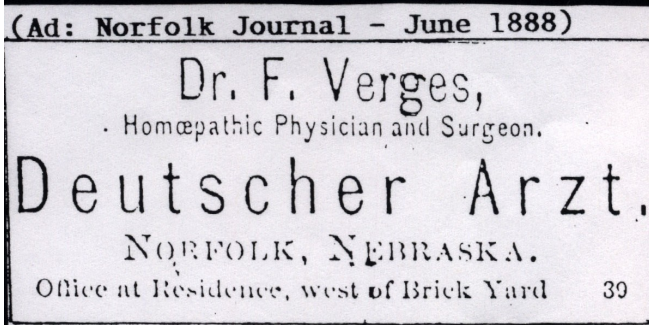
Dr. Ferdinand Verges was born August 21, 1833 in Himmelsberg, Germany, the son of August and Henrietta (Siegfried) Verges. He studied medicine and graduated in 1856 from the Cothen Homeopathic Medical College, and began his practice in Germany. He immigrated to the United States after hearing about the advantages this land offered. He arrived in New York and first settled in Chicago, then Omaha as friends suggested. He and six likeminded men decided to earn their own way without assistance, and Elkhorn Valley land was their goal. The train to Fremont was their starting point, and after that it was all on foot. With little money and no team, in mid-January of 1869 they pushed on through 2 foot deep snow and cold, following the Elkhorn River North Fork. Gratefully they accepted whatever limited accommodations and meals were offered by settlers along the way.



Pierce County was snowbound and Ferdinand relied on settler Fred Lucas to point out good land to homestead. He settled on 160 acres about ten miles north of Norfolk, added 320 acres later, and put 200 acres into cultivation. Farming and clearing land occupied much of his time, and his farmstead included outbuildings and livestock. His diary details his plantings of vegetables and fruit trees. Within a few years he built the first frame house in Pierce. Along with farming he treated the sick wherever they lived, and was so often in Norfolk and Stanton that he made the Herman Braasch home, in Norfolk, his headquarters. In addition to all his daily work he also served as Pierce County Commissioner while living in Pierce.

Dr. Verges had expanded his medical practice in Pierce, Madison and also Stanton Counties so much that by 1881 he felt it necessary to give up farming and move to Norfolk. His medical office was in the Leavitt building which at that time was the Beels Valley Hotel on Third Street and Norfolk Avenue. His two-story home was built near the corner of Tenth Street and Prospect

Avenue on ground he bought from Herman Braasch. He traveled on horseback over difficult roads and trails, in all kinds of weather, to take care of the sick. It was in the summer mid 1870s that the terrible diphtheria epidemic swept the community, with a great loss of children. The Jonas family lost five children in as many days. People were panic stricken and business came to a standstill. But Dr. Ferdinand Verges continued working day and night, to the point of exhaustion, even as he told Cora Beels "when I get home my little boy will be dead. I could do no more for him, but there were others here that I could help and so I came." This suffering was known to all pioneer families, as without today's medicine and facilities there simply was not much that could be done for many diseases.



Deutscher Arzt. means "German Doctor"

Dr. Ferdinand Verges married Augusta Marquardt, daughter of John and Wilhelmine (Maing) Marquardt, in Norfolk, Nebraska, on August 18, 1873. They had a fine family and tragically suffered the loss of children-- four daughters, Charlotte, Pauline, Ida and Louise, are memorialized in the St. Paul Cemetery in Norfolk. The three children who survived were Minnie, Anna, and Carl --"C. J."--who studied in Germany and was also a well known Norfolk doctor for many years. Augusta died April 4, 1887.

Ferdinand's diary tells of his father, August, coming to visit in September of 1872, and he was here for their wedding. August helped with farm work and returned to Germany in October of 1873. Dr. Verges married Mary Blatterman on December 13, 1888, daughter of Gunther and Clara (Burkhardt) Blatterman of Germany. They had one daughter, Marie A. L., born January 28, 1891. Her mother Mary died February 2, 1891.

Dr. Ferdinand Verges died March 31, 1900 in his home, with his daughter Minnie at his side, after several weeks of lingering illness. The years of his constant work nursing the sick in all kinds of weather, with seldom enough rest and food, had taken its toll. Winter had been especially difficult and his face was frozen so often his health was affected in later years. Dr. Verges was buried in the Prospect Hill Cemetery in the Verges family plot. Verges Avenue in Norfolk is named in honor of the pioneer Dr. Ferdinand Verges, who was loved and mourned by all who knew him.

Dr. Verges' success in his medical practice extended to his business and he accumulated considerable property. He was President of the Queen City Real Estate firm, and served as director of the Norfolk National Bank and the Elkhorn Building and Savings Association. He was familiar with raising sugar beets in Germany, raised samples on his farm, and then promoted growing beets here. The sugar beet factory was built in 1890 on land he donated, and will be covered in a future newsletter.

Dr. ALEXANDER BEAR was born in Warrenton, Virginia, February 4, 1841, and arrived in Norfolk in 1872 following his successful career as a Confederate medical officer in the Civil War. Dr. Bear was a skilled and well educated surgeon, graduating from the University of Maryland in 1860. He traveled all over northern Nebraska and was consulted by many physicians who were newly entering this part of the country. He was the 4th Virginia Infantry Regiment's official sur-

geon in Civil War days. At war's end his surgery skills became even more widely known, particularly as he performed successfully numerous amputations of limbs, particularly the feet, on settlers caught in Nebraska blizzards.

He took an active interest in politics, and in 1874 represented northern Nebraska in the Nebraska Senate. In 1875 he was appointed University of Nebraska Regent. In 1876 he was elected to the Nebraska House of Representatives, serving two terms. Dr. Bear and Amelia Levy were married in September of 1887, in Richmond, Virginia, and had a family of three children, one of whom died. Dr. Bear was mayor of Norfolk in 1896; served on the school board in 1901 and became its president. He also was Vice President of the Norfolk National Bank.

In 1909 Dr. Bear and his family moved back to Richmond so that his children and grandchildren could be raised in their Jewish faith. Dr. Bear died in Richmond, April 24, 1924, at the age of 83 years.



Dr. A. B. TASHJEAN came to Norfolk in 1884, having graduated that year from the Bennett Medical College, Chicago, Illinois. He was Armenian by birth and rearing, and never married. He acquired a very large practice which continued until his later years. He was perhaps the best read physician in the Elkhorn Valley but could not always apply his knowledge. He died in Norfolk in May, 1928, at the age of 72 years.

Dr. DAVID RUSH DANIEL, native of Independence, Virginia, born October 19, 1848. He graduated from Washington University Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland, February 24, 1876. He practiced medicine first in Battle Creek, then Norfolk and vicinity since 1878. He lived in the Mathewson house at 101 Main Street, and in 1878 opened his drugstore located conveniently a few doors west as he suffered from asthma, limiting his practice. He was Norfolk postmaster in the 1890s Cleveland Administration. He died October 25, 1898, Charlottesville City, Virginia.

Dr. G. B. RICHARDS came to Norfolk in 1882 and was associated with Dr. Bear for a time. A graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, 1864, he practiced in Iowa twenty-two years. He was the first treasurer of the Elkhorn Valley Medical Society. His dignity and composure commanded the respect of his fellows. Mrs. Winnie Durland and Mrs. Ida Nicola, Norfolk, are his daughters. He died at Norfolk in January, 1898.

Dr. P. H. SALTER, a native of Port Hope, Canada, located in Norfolk in 1889, a graduate of the Medical College, Trinity University of Toronto, and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburg. He was a successful surgical practitioner, and was surgeon for the Northwestern rail-

road. He saw the need for hospital facilities and at first developed private homes as such until 1914, when he built the Norfolk General Hospital on West Norfolk Avenue, which operated until 1929. It became the Lutheran Hospital, and over the years has evolved into today's Faith Regional Health Services. He was one of the early presidents of the Elkhorn Valley Medical Society which he helped organize in 1926, with the assistance of Dr. Long. He also was President of the Nebraska State Medical Association 1909-1910. Dr. Salter was a charter member of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. George B. Salter, son of Dr. P. H. Salter, was also a well known doctor in Norfolk in the 1950s and subsequent years. His office was the Norfolk Clinic, located at 0106, above the original De-Lay National Bank Building, at the corner of 4th Street and Norfolk Avenue.

Dr. Frank Salter, brother of Dr. P.H. Salter, associated with him for a short time in Norfolk, then moved to the Rosebud and later had his practice in Pierce, Nebraska.

Dr. A. I. MACOMBER graduated from New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1872 and was in practice in Norfolk for at least 40 years. He had quite a large practice and was noted as a deeply religious man. Failing health compelled his retirement, and he died in Rochester, N. Y. January 30, 1922, age 77 years.

There were many more doctors in the Norfolk and Madison County area including some that were quite famous. These will be covered in a future issue.

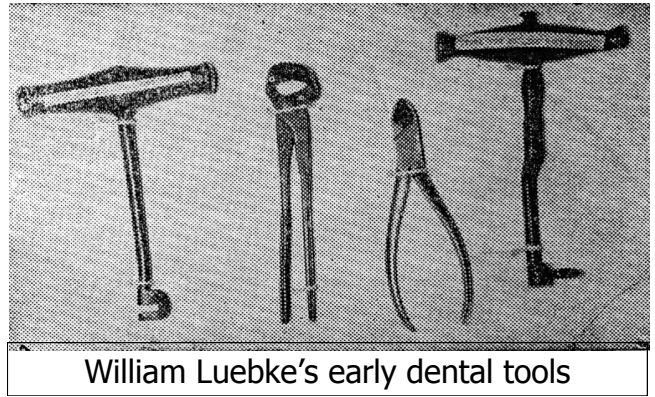
In celebration of the 150+ years (in 2016) of Norfolk's development into the hub of northeast Nebraska, our newsletter will continue narrating the lives and times of our pioneer settlers. How they homesteaded the prairie wilderness, transformed the virgin soil, ample water and favorable climate into successful agriculture, and started businesses that made Norfolk a retail trade and convention center, are the fascinating chapters of Norfolk history. Already by the 1890s people speculated where Norfolk would be in another 10 years if the village continued to grow as fast as it had in just a couple decades.

Norfolk's first blacksmith shop was opened by **Friedrich Wilhelm Lehman** near the North Fork river bridge, across from the Roller Mills (now Hy-Vee East Grocery). Born in Brandenburg, Germany, Friedrich Wilhelm, son of Frederich Lehman and Louisa Davis was born September 26, 1848. He arrived in Norfolk in 1869, ambitious and ready to work. He married Auguste Emilie Huebner on the 29th September, 1872 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska. Auguste Emilie was born February 2, 1852, daughter of Christian Huebner and Johanna Louise Lehman, in Ixonia, Wisconsin. Her parents had settled in Pierce County, Nebr.

In Hawthorne Daniel's "Boyhood Memories", he wrote about often visiting the Lehman blacksmith shop, standing silently in the doorway, intrigued by the huge leather bellows, much patched, and suspended by rope from smoke blackened overhead beams. The husky bare armed blacksmith and his helper working at the forge and anvil, the heating and shaping of the horseshoes, then nailing them on the hooves when cool...all this activity with no measurable conversation, but obvious knowledge and skill in their work, Hawthorne absorbed and recalled

vividly years later.

How thankful William must have been, never to be asked or required to also be the village dentist. That happened to his friend, blacksmith William Luebke in Pierce, Nebraska. Mr. Luebke was called upon to extract teeth for several Pierce citizens the first few years in his blacksmith shop as there was no dentist in Pierce. He had tools to do the job—pliers and pincers—so he could hardly refuse a citizen standing in his shop with an agonizing toothache. The extractions were done without anesthetic; sometimes in the shop, or the suffering patient sat on a tree stump behind the shop!



William Luebke's early dental tools

Mrs. Luebke assisted her husband by holding her hands over the patient's ears, as it was said this lessened the pain. There was no charge for this 'service' except an occasional fifty cents was given, and William Luebke accommodated Pierce citizens with his unique dental service for several years.

William operated his blacksmith shop successfully for seven years. He then took up a homestead to farm near the city, where he and Auguste Emilie raised their family of nine children. After retiring from the farm they made their home in Norfolk. His blacksmith building was later occupied by the Gus Nitz Horseshoeing Specialty shop on that First Street corner. Within a year or two other blacksmiths, such as the Degner shop, were opened as the town grew.



William F. Lehman died November 12, 1920. His wife, Auguste Emilie, died January 19, 1934. Both are buried in the new Christ Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk, Nebraska.

This may be the Friedrich W. Lehman on the 1976 Pioneer Memorial located on Georgia Avenue in Norfolk. There were two Lehman families in the Norfolk area in those years, the other one being Daniel Frederick Lehman who homesteaded in Madison County in June, 1867. His wife was Henriette (Melcher) Lehman and she came to Norfolk in 1869 with their four children, one of whom was their son Friedrich Wilhelm Lehman, born in 1850, and who would have been 19 years old in 1869.

The Elkhorn Valley Hotel was established in 1875 by William G. Beels. He came to Norfolk in July of 1874. Records indicate that it was on "3rd Street and Main" (Norfolk Ave.) Apparently it was first constructed from a shop on that northwest corner of Lot 16, Block 4, Original Town of Norfolk, plus a dwelling house that was moved from south Second Street. A Warranty Deed from W. and Augusta Seiffert to Sarah F. Beels, dated April 17, 1876, establishes Beels on that corner lot early on. (Sarah F. was the second wife of William G. Beels.)

A. N. Yost arrived from Ohio and being in the hotel business, he bought the hotel in 1882 from Sarah F. and W. G. Beels. The 1880 Madison County Census shows Yost as hotelkeeper with his family, staff and a list of boarders. In May of 1882 Yost sold it to R. S. W. Ely. Ely's sale to the First National Bank split Lot 16 into East and West halves. The Bank sold the E ½ Lot 16 to Samuel W. Hayes in 1883, and September 13, 1907, that E ½ Lot 16 was sold to Lettie C. McClary. This begins the lively history of the McClary building (today Paulyns Dance Studio at 300 Norfolk Ave.), which will be told in a future newsletter.



A court action January 1, 1880, in favor of Sarah F. Beels, gave her possession of the Leavitt Building on the southeast corner of Third Street and Norfolk Avenue, Lots 7 & 8 of Block 2, Mathewson's 1st Addition. The Beels Valley Hotel was then re-established at that location. It's not clear who constructed that 'Leavitt' building, but that corner became known as the Beels block, and was considered the first English hotel in Norfolk.

Beels operated the two-story frame structure as a public hall of sorts for many activities. Masonic Lodge No. 55, and I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 46 utilized the large upper hall. Youth groups formed fun societies such as: A.T.F.F--"Any Thing For Fun", meeting there regularly. In the lower west corner room was held the first "Punch and Judy" show ever given in Norfolk. The west room was also used as a county court occasionally, and Lew Taylor taught overflow school there until the new school was constructed. Dr. Ferdinand Verges had his office in this building for a short time in 1881.

The lower east room was the dry goods store of Morris Mayer, where he also lived. Above his store were the hotel rooms which many times were scenes of hotel revelry by the cowboys enjoying their days in town. Troy Hale, known as the toughest of them all, once set fire to the building -- he was found shooting furiously at the mattress trying to kill the bedbugs. Mr. Mayer, sleeping just below in his store, had to take cover under his counter to protect himself from the flying bullets coming through the ceiling. Troy Hale was a hero to the young boys as he drove cattle and wild horses up from Texas. He always had plenty of money and his favorite stunt was to throw handfuls of pennies and nickels into the air in front of the Wegener Hotel and watch the children scramble in the 12 inch thick dust. He sat cockily on his large saddle, on his small pony, and had a good laugh.

Several businesses over the years occupied that strategic corner, including Safeway Stores, and since the 1950s it is the Norwest Bank complex, now known as the Wells Fargo Bank NA.

The following list is persons living at The Valley Hotel according to the 1880 census.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
YOST, A. N.	40, widower	Hotel Keeper	Ohio
John	20, son	Hostler	Nebraska
Louis	18, son	Hostler	Nebraska
Sullivan	14, son	At home	Nebraska
Frank	6, son	At school	Nebraska
GAYLORD, Lizzie	44, sister	Keeping house	Virginia
FERGUESON, Thomas	36	Hostler	Kansas
RABER, Mary	18	Servant	Iowa
RYAN, Mary	16	Servant	New York
VANDEROLE, Minnie	16	Servant	Germany
MARK, Dora	16	Servant	Germany
SELAH, Clarence	23, boarder	Editor	Illinois
CAAU, Fred A.	21, boarder	Printer	Illinois
CULOE, Gilbert	21, boarder	Livery	Illinois
HOBES, F. D.	35	Clerk at Land Office	New Hampshire
Nellie	25, wife	Keeps house	New Hampshire
FALKINS, Cyrus	23, boarder	Laborer	England
CLARK, L. A.	45, boarder	Engineer	New York
SMITH, J. ?	28, boarder	Surveyor	Indiana
REINHARD, L. F.	26, boarder	Surveyor	Nebraska
PHILIPPS, Miles	25, boarder	Surveyor	New York
YATES, H.	27, boarder	Surveyor	Ireland
FRYE, W. G.	35, boarder	Surveyor	New York
REINLAND, D. S.	24, boarder	Surveyor	Missouri
O'REILLY, R. J.	16, boarder	Surveyor	Iowa
NORTHUES, Hattie	23, boarder	School teacher	Illinois

First Shoemaker —William A. Moldenhauer

As important as hardware, harness and blacksmith shops were in the 1870s, shoes were equally important in everyday life of the settlers. Mr. Hille, the village cobbler, made wooden shoes from the native trees, and they were quite suitable with wheat straw inside, and heavy woolen stockings. He made strings from worn out leather boots, and put some on the soles of women's shoes to lessen the clatter. So it was lucky for the pioneers that William August Moldenhauer arrived in 1870 and homesteaded north of town, as he was the only shoemaker in the village for ten years.

But before that came the Civil War. In 1862 he enlisted in the 26th Wisconsin Regiment Volunteer Infantry, Co. B, and suffered severe wounds in the May, 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville, VA. One bullet was removed but a second lead bullet was imbedded in his groin and the surgeon could not remove it, telling him he would carry that for the rest of his life. Without proper care and unable to continue marching along he was left in misery on the Confederate field. He finally crawled to a house/hospital to get out of the blistering sun. There a wounded Union General saw his condition and insisted he share his mattress, against the surgeon's orders as this room

was for officers only. That act of kindness saved his life. The next morning, he saw the General was dead. He lay in hospitals for weeks, the last being General Lee's house which had been converted to a hospital. He was finally traded back to the Union Army in exchange for Confederates, and then received better care. The greatest treat was a cup of coffee that cost 75 cents, as the food was flour soup. He survived and requested a furlough, which was denied as furloughed soldiers were not returning, but was told a discharge would be a simple matter. So he took a discharge on October 5, 1863, and returned to his mother's farm in Lebanon, Wisconsin to recuperate, still suffering with an open wound.

He recovered and again established himself in his shoe business at Juneau, Wisconsin. In 1866 he married Amelia Hirth at Juneau, and in 1870 they came to Norfolk, settling on their homestead and raised their family of twelve children, seven of were surviving in 1910. Later he and wife Amelia moved into town where he again worked out of their home. Business was good and



he built a substantial shop on the north side of Main Street near their home, on lots he purchased from Herman Braasch. (present day site of Leon's Mexican Restaurant). William Moldenhauer declined to hold public office, but was elected county commissioner in Madison County in 1876, serving diligently in that capacity. He was a faithful member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and served on their school board.

William A. Moldenhauer was born near Berlin, Germany, September 15, 1841, and came with his parents to

America in 1843, settling near Watertown, Wisconsin. He was the youngest of ten children and learned the shoe business at age 15 in Wisconsin, often working for only fifty cents a day. But he mastered the art of shoemaking and made that his life's work. His war wound bothered him the rest of his life, and he died in his home February 8, 1910, and is buried in the St. Paul's Cemetery.

The first newspaper— "The Pioneer" really was a pioneer in January of 1872, handwritten by C. P. Mathewson and Mary S. Fish. It was a valiant one-issue newspaper covering a few local marriages, deaths and assorted miscellany. But the prominent advertisement: "To Rent-- An Editorial Chair-No Reference Required- Apply Immediately", sums up its short lived existence. The Elkhorn Valley News and the Norfolk Weekly News, two of the 1880s weekly papers, merged into the Norfolk Weekly News-Journal which published into the early 1900s. The Norfolk Press, and several German language newspapers, including publishers Norton, Sprecher and Bell, were also published in the early 1900s. William Huse from Ponca, and his son, W. N. Huse, arrived in late 1888 and bought a small 1 ½ year old daily, and established their own newspaper, still in business today as the Norfolk Daily News.

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)

88. Ferdinand Schultz, ae 26; born Germany; res. Madison County, Nebraska.
Father: Ludwig Schultz. Mother: Caroline Retzloff.
Lisc. issued: 22 Sept. 1873. Married: 25 Sept. 1873
89. H. H. Krum, age 25; born Germany; res. Madison Co. Nebr. Father: H. F. Krum.
Mother: Mary Colby. Ida Andrews age 19; born Michigan; res. Madison County, Nebraska.
Father: R. G. Andrews. Mother: Mary ?. Lisc. issued: 9 Sept. 1873. Married: 14 Sept. 1873.
90. Ernest G. Heilman, age 26; born Wisconsin; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father:
Ernest Heilman. Mother: Dora Maas. Mary E. Heckendorf, age 25; born Wisconsin; res.
Madison County, Nebraska. Father: John Heckendorf. Mother: Emelie Schwefel.
Lisc. issued: 11 Oct. 1873. Married: 18 Oct. 1873.
91. William Fricke, age 22; born Germany; res. Stanton County, Nebraska. Father: William
Fricke. Mother: Dorothea Baseles. Mary Wagener, age 25; born Wisconsin; res. Madison
County, Nebraska. Father: Fredrick Wagener. Mother: Elizabeth Heckendorf.
Lisc. issued: 18 Oct. 1873. Married: 25 Nov. 1873.
92. H. G. Barber, age 23; born New York; res. Douglas County, Nebraska. Father: Charles
H. Barber. Mother: Rachel Washborn. Libbie Whitney, age 18; res. Madison County, Ne-
braska. Father: Daniel Whitney. Mother: Mary A. Qwenton. Lisc. issued: 8 Nov. 1873.
Married: 19 Nov. 1873.
93. John Lewis Heckendorf, age 26; born Wisconsin; res. Madison County, Nebraska.
Father: John Heckendorf, Mother: Emelie Schwefel. Mary T. Moritz, age 19; res. Madison
County, Nebraska. Father: Fred Sattler. Mother: Henrietta Moritz. Lisc. issued: 10 Nov.
1873. Married: 5 Dec. 1873.
94. William Hopkins., age 25; born Ohio; res. Antelope County, Nebraska. Father: Crandal
Hopkins. Mother: Thankful Ames. Dennes Ames, age 18; born Ohio; res. Madison County,
Nebraska. Father: D. F. Ames. Mother: Martha Castleman. Lisc. issued: 17 Dec. 1873.
Married: (no marriage date shown)
95. John C. Voorhees, age 25; born New York; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father:
Alexander Voorhees. Mother: Maria Chamberlain. Olive Munson, age 17; born New York;
res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: H. A. Munson. Mother: (not shown)
Lisc. issued: 22 Dec. 1873. Married: 25 Dec. 1873.
96. William Stork, age 24; born England; res. Madison County, Nebraska.
(See #101) Father: Stephen Stork. Mother: Ann England. Mina Lyons, age 18; born Iowa,
res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Joseph Lyons. Mother: Olive Chamberlain.
Lisc. issued: 29 Dec. 1873. Married: (not shown)
98. Levi Eavens, age 23; born Iowa; res. Dakota County, Nebraska. Father: Thomas Eavens.
Mother: Catharine Montgomery. Liencassa Montgomery, age 17; born Iowa; res. Madison
County, Nebraska. Father: J. W. Montgomery. Mother: Margaret Logan. Lisc. issued: 17 Jan.

1874. Married: 17 Jan. 1874.

99. Morite Gross, age 28; born Hungaria;(Hungary) res. (not shown) Father: Leopold Gross. Mother: (not shown) Libbie Coates, age 17; born New York; res. (not shown) Father: not shown. Mother: Libbie Parmister. Lisc. issued: 13 Feb. 1874. Married: 13 Feb. 1874.

100. John A. Moore, age 24; born New York; res, Madison County, Nebraska. Father: James Moore. Mother: Mary Keller. Sarah Reigle, age 18; born Pennsylvania; Father: A. J. Reigle. Mother: Mary Wingard. Lisc. issued: 3 Jan. 1874. Married: 1 Feb. 1874.

101. William Stork, age 24; born England; res. Madison County, Nebraska. (Same as #96) Father: Stephen Stork, Mother: Ann England. Minnie Lyons, age 18; born Iowa; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Joseph Lyons, Mother: Olive Chamberlain. Lisc. issued: 29 Dec. 1873. Married: 1 Jan. 1873 (should be 1874).

102. Charles Thompson, age 23; born Norway; res, Madison County, Nebraska. (Same as #97) Father: T. L. Thompson, Mother: (not listed). Orne O. Johnson, age 28; born Norway, res. Madison County, Nebraska, Father: O. Johnson. Mother: (not listed). Lisc. issued: 7 Jan. 1874. Married: 10 Jan.1874.

103. John M. Alderson, age 25; born Wisconsin; res. Platte County, Nebraska. Father: Edmond Alderson. Mother: Sarah Woodward. Josephine Eckley, age 20; born Illinois; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: George W. Eckley. Mother: Unus Goldberg, Lisc. issued: 11 March 1874. Married: 11 March 1874.

104. Frederick Britzke, age 42; born Germany; res. (not listed) Father: Michael Britzke. Mother: Caroline Cregor. Mary Donor, age 33; born Germany; res. (not listed) Father: Frederick Donor. Mother: Rachael Bors. Lisc. issued: 21 March 1874. Married: 21 March 1874 by Judge J. Mathewson.

105. Andrew Dittmar, age 29; born Germany; res. Madison Co., Nebr. Father: Henry Dittmar. Mother: (not listed) Wilhelmine Liske, age 19; born Germany; res. Madison Co., Nebr. Father: Frederick Liske. Mother; Kate Brenke. Lisc. issued: 11 March 1874. Married: 20 March 1874.

106. Sein Rein, age 30; born Germany; res. Platte County, Nebraska. Father: Sein Rein. Mother: (not listed). Minnie Hehn, age 19; born Wisc.; res. Madison County, Nebr. Father: John Hehn. Mother: Louiza Blezne. Lisc. issued: 30 March 1874. Married: 30 March 1874.

107. John D. Gould, age 26; born New York; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: John Gould. Mother: Phebe Holden. Hattie A. Tyrrel, age 22; born Massachusetts; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Franklin Tyrrel. Mother: Maria Parks. Lisc. issued: 9 March 1874. Married: 12 March 1874. Witnesses: A.C. Tyrrel, Miss Sallie Stevenson

108. Horace B. Tyrrel, age 26; born New York; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Seymore Tyrrel. Mother: N.M. Whipple. Fannie J. Howes, age 22; born Canada; res. Madison County, Nebraska. Father: Amos Howes. Mother: Francis Boadman. Lisc. issued: 9 March 1874. Married: 12 March 1874. To be continued in the next issue.

UPDATE: Steven Snyder, the author of SHOT DOWN: The true story of pilot Howard Snyder and the crew of the B-17 Susan Ruth, won the Non-Fiction Historical Gold Medal at the 2015 Readers Favorite Book Awards held in Miami, Florida. *SHOT DOWN* recounts the dramatic experiences of each member of a ten man B-17 bomber crew after their plane, was knocked out of the sky by German fighters over the French/Belgium border in 1944.

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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.

Greetings from the Madison County Genealogical Society

We hope everyone had wonderful holidays and are now looking forward to an interesting and productive New Year. The November meeting was cancelled because of bad weather but good weather in December allowed local members to catch up over 'coffee' at Bernice Walter's home. Come to a post Christmas get together for lunch (around 11 am) on January 16th, at the Granary on South 13th, for a short meeting and discuss plans for the coming year.

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christmas tree display throughout the Church was well attended by the public. Twenty-nine trees were decorated with a variety of handmade and natural items available to the pioneers, in celebration of the 150th anniversary in 2016 of the founding of Norfolk. Each tree bore the name of one of the original pioneer settlers, an outstanding tree being the one with photos of the various Dederman family members.

The Norfolk Community Theater will be using the Museum Library on Saturday, March 19, 2016, as they plan their program for the upcoming 150th Sesquicentennial celebration. Our Genealogical Society is scheduled to meet that morning in the library and so we will be meeting in the Lueschen Bird Library. Suggestions for programs for the new year included field trips to area cemeteries, local museum visits, picnic in Verges Park, and possibly a program on DNA in genealogy research.

Research is ongoing for any knowledge of a Mr. Kitler, and a possible Kitler Cemetery in Pierce County, (or some other location?). The time period is 1870s. If this name is familiar to anyone, or if such a cemetery was known to exist, please contact our Society by email or phone.

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Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays in January and February

Finding Your Roots on PBS begins. Henry Louis Gates explores the genealogy of 3 well-known persons each week. 7 pm on PBS

Jan. 16-June 18—Free beginning genealogy classes at the Mormon Trails Center, Omaha.
genclass@aol.com

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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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemadiso/BOOK/bc001.htm>