

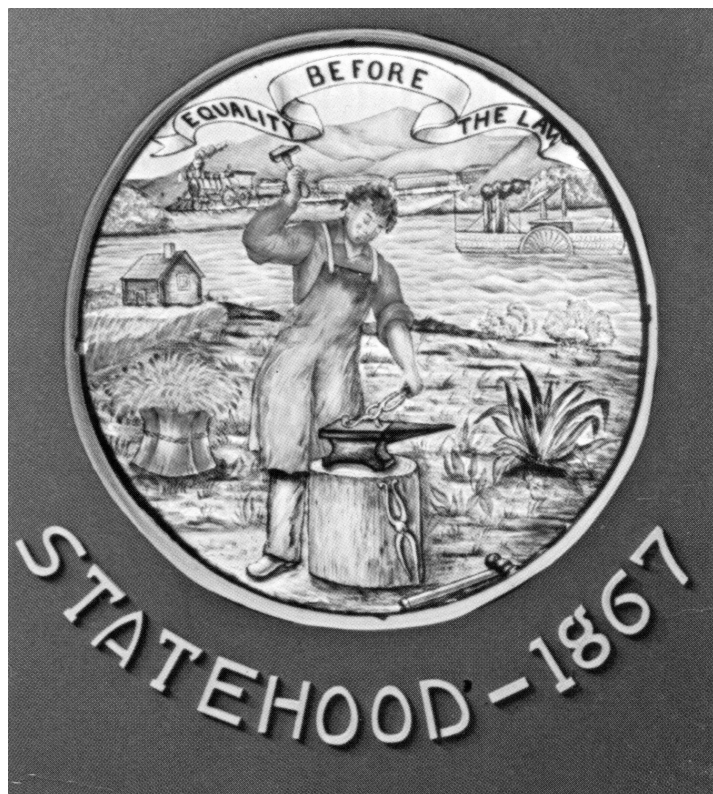
# Madison County Remembers...

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## **NEBRASKA wears the crown for 150 years of progress**

2017 begins the second half of Nebraska's second century and honors all Nebraskans with a happy 150th celebration.

As the Territory of Nebraska became a State, March 1, 1867, its sovereignty and the Constitution were impelling forces for a broader worldly view of the future of the state. Nebraska Statehood was the impetus to develop its unique agricultural potential and business expertise throughout the state, for the benefit and enjoyment of all Nebraskans.

Our Norfolk settlement in 1866 created its own new world for those with foresight and determination to improve their future, achieving success over all odds, and celebrating its 150 year honors in 2016.

The momentum of the 1880s pushed the 1890s to new heights. New real estate additions became well known names such as Haase, Pasewalk, Koenigstein, Ward, Dederman, Mathewson and more, with seventy five new homes reported in 1892, to meet the demand. The 1890 U. S. Census showed 2500 population.

This promoted additional churches, schools and colleges; women's clubs organized to foster social amenities such as music and library facilities. Fire and police departments enlarged to meet the needs as city limits were extended; the additional land allowed athletic and sports activities, the infant YMCA, and skating rinks and dance halls in addition to theaters. These historic details will be elaborated in future newsletters. This issue continues with another one of the early primary and indispensable businesses—that of Julius Degner and his blacksmith shops.

## **Julius Frederick Wilhelm Degner—Pioneer in Business, Church and Community**

Julius Degner's many sided career began in 1869 almost as soon as he set foot in the new settlement of Norfolk. He liked what he saw, felt it was going to be a prosperous town, and immediately formed plans for a blacksmith shop. He hurried back to Wisconsin in 1870 to bring his family to their new homeland. Julius Frederick Wilhelm Degner was born June 30, 1834 in Cramonsdorf, Naugard Kreis (county) of Pomerania, which is now in western Poland northeast of Berlin, Germany. He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith October 29, 1848; finished his

schooling, and chose to become a blacksmith. After three years of apprenticeship training he was then a full-fledged master blacksmith. Wilhelmina Louise Ernstine Buss and Julius Degner were married in 1859, and Julius operated his own blacksmith shop for five years in neighboring village Voigtshagen, which was also the Civil Registration Office.

Julius' father, Christian Frederick and wife Dorothy, with two children, Hermann and Ulrike, had earlier left Albertinenhof, on the ship Neckar from Hamburg. They arrived in Quebec, Canada, on May 15, 1867, and quickly moved down to Wisconsin farmland, similar to the country they had left. Several villages and farm estates on both sides of the Oder/Neisse River border bear the name of Albertinenhof and maps show them as flat farmland, forests and waterways. (Some early records spell the name Dagner).

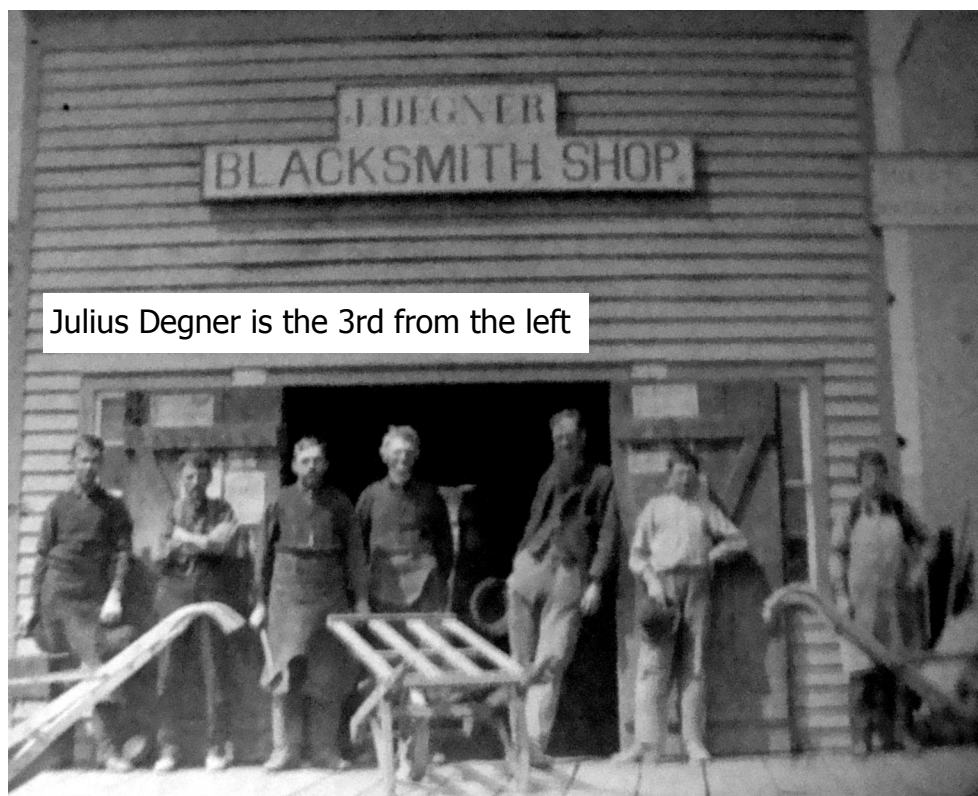
Sensing greater opportunity in America Julius and Wilhelmine also emigrated in October of 1867, and first settled in Lebanon, Wisconsin, near Watertown, where he started his blacksmith shop. But aroused and excited by the 'Nebraska' talk, he had to see for himself this raw settlement that was capturing everyone's imagination. The hardworking and lively settlers in the newly founded Norfolk filled him with optimism about its future, and the vast stretches of flat prairieland for farming (similar to Poland) were irresistible. Julius hurried back to Wisconsin and brought the family to their new home in the spring of 1870, homesteading in Spring Branch, Stanton County, Nebraska, on the N1/2 of the NE ¼ of Section 19-24-1E.

Julius was joined by his brother who also emigrated-- Frederick Christian, born June 7, 1846, in a village with the tongue twister name, Zachodniopomorskie also now in western Poland. (Google maps found it-explanation later). Both brothers homesteaded in Section 19 in the Spring Branch of Stanton County. In Norfolk they built a blacksmith shop north of Braasch Avenue on the banks of the North Fork River, which they operated for several years. But the desire to improve their homesteads prompted the sale of their first blacksmith shop, which became the

Emil Pribbernow Smith & Wagon Shop.

In those early years blacksmith and wagon building were thriving so such shops also were soon opened by others including Klug, Walter, Stannard, and Buckel, with Winter, Freeland and Oesterling in the harness trade, all scattered in various locations in the settlement.

By 1876 Julius Degner returned to the growing town and built his home at 117 North Third Street, continuing his blacksmith work. In fact, Julius taught the blacksmith trade to Au-



Julius Degner is the 3rd from the left

gust Pasewalk (who had married Bertha Degner, Julius' daughter) and Otto Buckel, and part of that original house years later became the August Pasewalk blacksmith and wagon shop. But as wagon building phased out, that Third Street locale became well known as the 'Pasewalk' hardware-tin shop, and was operated by August's son, Gerhard P. Pasewalk, until his death in 1961. Gerhard's son, Paul J. Pasewalk, told many interesting stories of those early years and the customers while he and his two brothers worked at Pasewalk's Hardware, 117-119 No. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Paul J. Pasewalk later moved to Washington, and died in Meridian, Idaho on June 7, 2005.

Julius, still in good health, continued his trade until in his eighties. His son, Albert Degner, first had a tin shop just east of Third Street on Norfolk Avenue, between the Goodrich grocery and Gale's music store on the south side at that time. In 1891-92 Julius built a new hardware-tin shop for Albert at 306 Norfolk Avenue, (the Degner Block) which he operated until 1920, when he sold the business and retired. Ben Skalowsky was one of his employees and later had his glass shop there. Still later this space ranged from the Budget Furniture Mart to Pizza Parlor, and since 1973 it's been the home of the Norfolk Sporting Goods (formerly on 405 Madison Ave).



Julius took civic duty seriously and was first elected to the Norfolk City Council in 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward in 1896, and served on the Council many times in the following years. He worked continuously as chairman of the Street and Alley committee; he also served on the Public works and Police committees.

Julius had built his second new home at 500 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street where he lived until his death on November 4, 1911. Interment was in the new German Lutheran Cemetery in Norfolk, the development of which benefited from his tireless efforts. Mrs. Degner died May 29, 1928, and with Julius, is laid to rest in Block 2, Lot 32. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Degner raised a family of 10 children and on June 29, 1909, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends at their home (house No. later changed to 700 So. 4<sup>th</sup>). Julius Degner's parents, Christian Fred and Dorothe, had earlier celebrated their own golden wedding; having farmed in the Hadar area. They are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Hadar, NE.

The legacy of Julius Degner was a life well lived; of peace and thrift, yet always energetic in affairs of the community and active in founding the town and his church. His senior years were filled with friendship, goodwill and respect of his neighbors

An interesting aspect of Julius' homestead on the N ½ of NE ¼ Sec. 19-24-1E, Spring Branch, Stanton County, is that he was instrumental and a charter member in organizing the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on October 9, 1871, on neighboring land in the same Section 19. Services were first conducted in the home of Friedrich and Louise Lukas, on Section 19-24-1E, containing 36.38 acres, on which Lukas received his Patent Deed, December 1, 1871. On April 27, 1872 Friedrich and Louise Lukas conveyed to the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Society of Stanton

County, Nebraska, this 36.38 acres in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼) of Section 19-24-1E. In 1872 the congregation built a parsonage on this church property, with a room added to serve as church and school.

The congregation was subsequently separated into the original Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Christ Lutheran Church (now on South Fifth Street) which moved into the town of Norfolk. Christ Lutheran Church acquired 10 acres from Zion Lutheran, and maintains its old original cemetery on the east part of this acreage. Zion Lutheran Cemetery adjoins it on its southern border, both on the east edge of this 10 acres, the remaining 26.38 acres remaining in Evan. Lutheran Zion Cemetery Association. Over the years ownership of these two old cemeteries has remained as originally organized, and for many years the Bauermeister families who acquired much of the remaining acreage in Section 19, have maintained the cemeteries.

More information on these two cemeteries (known as Old Christ Lutheran and Zion Bauermeister) will be published in a future issue. Many of the markers are missing and/or damaged. We do have lists of some burials and of church members that may well be buried there as recorded in a history written in 1977 by Rev. Edwin Iverson. These are some of the oldest burials in the area but the cemeteries are still being used for the occasional burial of descendants.

**The Norfolk Veterans Home has built a fabulous new Veterans Memory Plaza** where you may purchase a tile to honor any veteran, living or deceased. There are three styles of tiles currently available. One style can be linked to a website where you can upload unlimited data, photos, movies, songs, etc. of your veteran. The second style has only the veteran's photo and service dates. The third option is no photo but the veteran's name and dates of service. There is room for more than 2000 tiles. At present there are slightly more than 300 tiles installed. This veterans memorial is beautiful with the flags, engraved benches, life size bronze statues and an eternal flame. For more information visit the website at <http://supportheroespark.org/veterans-memory-plaza/>

Starting here and continuing in each issue will be the list of veterans and organization that have tiles. Tiles are being added regularly.

Name	Panel, Row, Column			<b>Some tiles are linked to a website at: www.forevermissed.com</b>
Hoffman, Bill M.	18	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Hoffman, Robert L.	12	B	1	<b>See website</b>
Hoffmann, Donald M.	19	C	3	No website
Honke, Herbert E.	19	D	3	No website
Hopkins, Robert LeRoy	19	C	2	<b>See website</b>
Hrabak, Gordon H.	19	C	5	No website
Hubers, LuVerne J.	21	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Huebner, Floyd C.	15	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Huse, Jerry	21	F	4	<b>See website</b>
Irwin, Col. Thomas G.	23	F	2	<b>See website</b>
Jacobs Lerch, Julie M.	11	G	3	No website

Jacobs, Rick W.	11	G	2	No website
Jacobs, William G.	11	G	1	No website
Jepsen, CW4 William G	19	D	8	No website
Johnson, Don G.	20	F	7	<b>See website</b>
Johnson, Eugene L.	3	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Larry Lee	2	B	8	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Marvin Lloyd	2	A	7	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Melvin Floyd	2	A	8	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Nathaniel Joseph	2	B	7	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Ray	2	B	6	<b>See website</b>
Jones, Willis Earl	2	A	6	<b>See website</b>
Jorgensen, Gene L.	18	F	5	<b>See website</b>
Judt, John P.	11	A	7	<b>See website</b>
Kallhoff, Duane E.	11	A	1	<b>See website</b>
Kallhoff, Steven D.	11	A	2	<b>See website</b>
Karel, Jerry H.	21	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Keene, Brian Joseph	17	G	4	<b>See website</b>
Kelley, James "Ox" Leonard	3	F	7	<b>See website</b>
Kiepke, Kenneth E.	6	F	2	<b>See website</b>
King, Cecil R.	3	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Kliment, Larry L.	3	B	1	<b>See website</b>
Kliment, Louis F.	3	A	1	<b>See website</b>
Koepke, Lester H. P.	9	F	1	<b>See website</b>
Kohl, Lyndal Gordon	19	D	1	No website
Kriha, Gregory	2	G	6	No website
Krueger, Dennis L.	5	F	3	<b>See website</b>
Kubes, Francis "Frank" J.	13	F	7	<b>See website</b>
Kucera, James W.	9	F	2	<b>See website</b>
Kuchar, Willis John Paul	13	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Kuhn, Henry M.	9	F	3	<b>See website</b>
La Croix, Gene R.	20	D	1	No website
La Croix, Larry	20	D	3	No website
La Croix, Raymond Richard	20	D	2	No website
Langenberg, Henry	10	F	1	<b>See website</b>
Lanphear, Max L.	2	A	2	<b>See website</b>
Lanphear, Pat. E.	2	A	1	<b>See website</b>
Laurence Lofgren Post 62	24	H	1	No website
Loberg, Koby J.	13	F	4	<b>See website</b>
Logan, Lew W.	23	F	3	<b>See website</b>
Longnecker, Donald Dean	23	F	4	<b>See website</b>
Luebcke, Earl E.	20	F	1	<b>See website</b>
Lynne, Rockie	2	I	7	No website
Lyon, Harold J. "Doc"	3	A	8	<b>See website</b>
Lyon, Timothy T.	3	B	8	<b>See website</b>



Name	Panel, Row, Column			
Mack, Ronald J.	18	F	7	<b>See website</b>
Marks, Duane L.	7	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Marrall, Russell	10	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Maulding, Donald E.	17	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Mayer, Norven D.	9	F	4	<b>See website</b>
McBride, William T.	9	F	5	No website
McCroy, Robert	9	F	6	<b>See website</b>
McIntosh, J. Paul	4	F	1	<b>See website</b>
McKeever, Ronald Ross	23	F	5	<b>See website</b>
McLacklan, Kenneth	2	I	3	No website
Means, Michael E.	22	A	2	<b>See website</b>
Means, Ruben E.	22	A	1	<b>See website</b>
Meinke, Ruben Earl	10	F	4	<b>See website</b>
Miller, Elmer H.	17	C	1	<b>See website</b>
Miller, Lowell	23	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Miller, Robert Guy	17	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Monson, Warren W.	14	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Mrsny, Herman J.	9	F	7	No website
Muehlmeier, Gerald D	20	F	2	<b>See website</b>
Munson, Donald E.	19	E	3	No website
Murphy, James	2	I	4	No website
Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion	14	F	1	<b>See website</b>
Nelson, Delbert L.	9	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Nelson, Gary	2	H	5	No website
Nicholas, Gregory Lee	20	G	6	<b>See website</b>
Nicholas, William D.	20	F	6	<b>See website</b>
Nolan, Michael J.	14	F	6	<b>See website</b>

The websites are located at **www.forevermissed.com**. This website started as a place to post information about a deceased loved one but has evolved into a place for all persons to put up their information, memories and life history even while still living. **To be continued.**

### St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska Cemetery

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norfolk was founded by members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ixonia, Wisconsin in 1866. The cemetery has Highway 81 on the west and Georgia Avenue on the south.

#### St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS.

Name	Birth date	Death date	Additional notes
Wagner, William F.	1877	1936	Lot 39
Wagner, Ida J.	1881	1980	Lot 39
Bahr, Angela L. "Angie"	9 Mar 1919	28 Oct 2008	born Wagner
Bahr, Lloyd H.	14 Dec 1917	23 Mar 2006	md. 17 Aug 1947 1st husband of Angela Wagner (on back of stone) Lot 39
Maas, Charles G.	1898	1945	Lot 40
Wagner, Joseph E.	1900	1969	Lot 40
Wagner, Martha S.	1900	1989	Lot 40
Wagner, J. Friedrich	10 Apr 1852	5 Jan 1918	Father, Lot 40
Wagner, Maria	3 Nov 1862	28 Oct 1933	Mother, Lot 40
Wagner, Elisa L.	30 Jan 1898	27 Mar 1898	Lot 40, children of F. J. and Mary Wagner
Wagner, Esther A.	30 Jan 1898	31 Jul 1898	two of a set of triplets, Otto still living in 1975
Henkel, Minnie	1864	5 Feb 1891	Mother, 1st wife of Fredrick W. Henkel, Lot 65
Henkel, Mary A.	1871	14 Apr 1894	Mother of Herbert, 2nd wife of Fredrick W. Henkel, Lot 65, Fredrick and 3rd wife not buried here.
Henkel, Bertha E.	1872	1970	Sister of Fredrick, Lot 65
Henkel, Herbert F.	1 Apr 1893	2 Mar 1973	US Army, WWI, Nebr. PFC Lot 65
Henkel, Ferdinand	10 Apr 1836	3 Jan 1895	Father,
Henkel,		1908	Mother, parents of F. W., Bertha, etc. from records
Wille, Otto	11 Jul 1894	17 Oct 1894	son of T. and Anna Wille, Lot 66
Wille, Otto F.	8 Dec 1873	9 Dec 1891	Lot 66
Unknown son			son of Paul Franz Lot 67 no marker
Viergutz, Lillian	1896	1898	Lot 67
Boche, Frank	5 Oct 1837	16 Dec 1914	Father, Lot 67
Boche, Louise	11 Jan 1831	30 Apr 1912	Mother Lot 67
Johnson, Glenda Fay	25 Feb 1941	26 Feb 1941	Daughter of C. V. and E. Johnson Lot 45 Outer Drive
Johnson, Emily L.	1904	1989	
Johnson, Carl V.	1894	1983	
<b>Section B, Row 7 South to North</b>			
Baier, Wm. R.	5 Jul 1884	15 Jul 1947	Lot 26 Outer Drive
Wagner			Lot 41
Pitzke, Otto C.	1883	1915	Lot 41
Pitzke, Ida E.	1880	1951	Lot 41
Pitzke, Lloyd O.	1910	1917	son of O.C. and I.E. Pitzke
Wagner, Wm. A.	1846	1912	Lot 41
Wagner, Auguste S.	1850	1983	First wife of Wm. A. Wagner Lot 41
Wagner, Henriette	23 Dec 1859	26 Apr 1950	Second wife of Wm. A. Wagner Lot 41
Wagner, Martin J.	1887	1931	Lot 41

**St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS, continued**

Wagner, Friedrich J.	7 Jun 1817	2 Jan 1894	Lot 42	Pioneers of 1866
Wagner, Dorethe E.	27 Dec 1816	18 Aug 1890	Lot 42	Pioneers of 1866
Wagner, Edward W.	16 Sept 1956	22 June 1919	Son of F. J. and D.E. Wagner	
Wagner, Louise H.	8 Sept 1859	14 Sept 1945	Born Moldenhauer	
Lenz, Louise E.	6 Dec 1844	9 Jan 1891	Born Wagner, wife of August Lenz, Lot 43(August is buried in New Lutheran Cemetery with 2nd wife)	
Lenz, Berthold Erich August	15 Oct 1893	8 Mar 1895	Lot 43	
McFarland, Frank A.	1917	1933	Lot 43	
empty				
I. S. (small stone)	10 Mar 1884	4 Jan 1888	from the records Hedwig Helena Schwertfeger Lot 68	
Lot 69 empty as of June 1999				
Becker, Carl	29 Sept 1844	4 Nov 1884	Age 40 years, 1 mo. 4 days (Carl George Becker the 1st)	
Becker, Katherine	1847	1928	Lot 70 (wife of Carl Becker)	
Becker, Minnie C.	23 Jun 1872	17 Feb 1892	wife of Carl Becker, 19 years 7 mos. 24 days. (the 2nd Carl, he's buried with his 2nd wife in Cedar Rapids, NE)	
Becker, Clara Minna (no stone)	24 Jan 1892	11 Oct 1892	Daughter of Minnie C. and Carl Becker II.	
Raduenz, William	1865	1953	Lot 70	
Raduenz, Emma A.	1874	1942	Lot 70	
Maurer, Leonard	1895	1943	Lot 43 Outer Drive	
Maurer, Lucy	1899	1979	Lot 43 Outer Drive	
<b>Section B, Row 8, South to North</b>				
Eckert, Wm.	1872	1938	Lot 28 Outer Drive	
Eckert, Emma	1879	1949	Lot 28, Outer Drive	
Hille, Friedrich	20 Jan 1827	15 May 1892	Father, Lot 44	
Hille, Louise	4 Nov 1829	29 Jul 1894	Mother, Lot 44	
Hille, Harold A.	1920	1938	Lot 44	
Hille, August F.	1857	1920	Lot 44	
Hille, Louise	1869	1957	Lot 44	
Hille, Arnold	1 Jul 1894	29 Aug 1958	Lot 44	
Hille, Eltie	2 Jul 1895	27 Jul 1984	Lot 44	
Melcher, Augusta	12 Mar 1853	4 Jan 1900	Mother, wife of August Melcher Lot 45 - August in Forest Lawn, CA, he was single when he came in 1866.	
Pasewalk, Ferdinand	1823	1906	Father, Lot 46 Pioneer of 1867, Lot 46	
Pasewalk, Louise	1822	1867	First wife of Ferdinand Pasewalk, Lot 46 (originally buried in Kidder Cemtery and moved to Prospect Hill	
Pasewalk, Henriette	1837	1924	Mother, 2nd wife of Ferdinand	
Wichman, William		9 Jan 1891	Lot 46, age 33 years, 3 mos., 18 days	
Schwertfeger, Mrs. Catharine		17 Apr 1892	Lot 46, age 84 years, 2 mos. 21 days	
Niewohner, Herman	1896	1970	Father, Lot C	
Niewohner, Hannah	1898	1964	Mother, Lot C	
Schulz, Carl E.	1880	1961	Lot 71	
Schulz, Emma D.	1874	1955	Lot 71	
Schulz, Harold E.	1904	1970	Lot 71	



**St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery as walked by the MCGS, continued**

Dommer, Wilhelm	24 Oct 1830	15 May 1912	Lot 72, Civil War Veteran
Dommer, Rosine		15 Jan 1894	born Mueller, wife of William Dommer, Lot 72 age 57 yrs. 7 mos.
Dommer, Ludwig H.	19 Jul 1870	15 Mar 1950	Lot 72
Dommer, Sarah E.	23 Feb 1873	12 Aug 1942	Born Raasch, Lot 72
Domer, infant son	30 June 1897		Lot 72
Dommer, Adolph	11 Sept 1906	11 Mar 1908	Lot 72
Dommer, Victor	20 May 1908	7 Jan 1909	Lot 72
Lot 73 empty as of 1999			
Schwanke, Frances A.	1918	1941	Mother, Lot 41 Outer Drive
Schwanke, Dean Lee	1937	1941	Son, Lot 41 Outer Drive
<b>Section B, Row 9 South to North</b>			
Eckert, Edward R.	1875	1939	Lot 30, Outer Drive
Eckert, Anna M.	1889	1948	Mother, Lot 30 Outer Drive
Wichman, Hugo		1909	son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wichman, Lot 47
Wichman, Robert	1 sept 1931	29 Nov 1931	Lot 47
Wichman, Minnie E.	1886	1955	Lot 47
Wichman, Paul H.	1883	1953	Lot 47
Wichman, Wilhelmina	1849	1944	Lot 47
Wichman, Frederich	1849	1923	Lot 47
Wichman, Carl Reinhold	1 Apr 1886	10 May 1886	Lot 47
Wichmann, Minnetta Luella	26 Jun 1880	1 Mar 1882	Lot 47
unmarked graves			Owned by L. Hartmann, Pankow, no stones, Lot 48
Pankow, Walter (unmarked)	13 Jun 1891	7 Jan 1892	son of M. H. and S. E. Pankow, Lot 48
Death records show 5 early day Hartman deaths as follows:			
Hartman, Ottilie Emma Sarah	5 Dec 1878	2 Sept 1879	Lot 48
Hartman, Emilie Alwine	2 Nov 1877	8 Dec 1879	Lot 48
Hartman, Wilhelm August	22 Nov 1880	2 June 1886	Lot 48
Hartman, Helena Louella	15 Nov 1893	15 Sept 1894	daughter of Ernst and Anna Hartman, Lot 48
Hartman, Ludwig	3 May 1843	25 Mar 1896	Lot 48
Zutz, Wilhelm	23 Sept 1835	13 Dec 1919	Father, Lot 49
Zutz, Luise	16 Jun 1840	25 Dec 1931	Mother Lot 49
Zutz, Ernest W.	1861	1923	Lot 49
Zutz, Augusta	1861	1946	Lot 49
Zutz, William A.	16 Oct 1885	20 Nov 1934	Lot 49
Zutz, Arthur M.	1887	1890	Lot 49
Zutz, Minnie B.	1896	1900	Lot 49
Zutz, Herbert F.	5 Sept 1888	12 May 1909	Lot 49
Kruger, Hugo	7 Oct 1902	12 May 1965	WWII Nebr Pvt Co D, 83 Inf TMG BN Lot B
Saeger, Agnes L.	21 Aug 1892	2 Oct 1983	
Zutz, Erwin	1893	1980	Lot B
Zutz, Emma	1894	1963	Lot B
Zutz, Otto	27 Dec 1894	29 Nov 1964	Lot B
Zutz, Arnold	15 Dec 1896	9 Apr 1987	Lot B

**This will be continued in the next several issues of the newsletter.**

## Update from the Madison County Genealogical Society

It was good Christmas weather for 'coffee' at Bernice Walter's home early in December and we were all pleasantly surprised with the centerpiece of Christmas foliage and red carnations, sent by Pamela Freudenburg with regrets that she would not be able to attend. Thanks Pamela from all of us! With regular watering it bloomed past New Year's. Other members in a festive spirit brought homemade Christmas cookies and goodies, with samples for some to take home. So it was a fun morning as everyone told their holiday plans.

Those who hadn't earlier seen ship passenger lists we have available checked surnames, and we continue to add such resources to our genealogical library. There is a very useful website on "Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild" which I have used often to check details on ship names as it gives years, dates and passenger names—a lot of free information on ships, etc. Try the free link: <http://www.immigrantships.net>

January gave us another good weather day for our group, plus two guests, to meet January 21<sup>st</sup> for lunch at the Granary. We plan on a tour of the old Christ Lutheran/Zion Bauermeister Cemetery in Stanton County, in April, or at latest May, for best weather. A final decision will be made and members notified time and place to meet, also proper clothing, etc. We passed up on dessert, and closed with wishes by all of us for continued health and an interesting New Year. Our next regular meeting will be at the Museum on February 18, 2017.

### Genealogy Note:

The German Genealogical Society at St. Paul, MN, in their summer Journal lists digital libraries now available as many European countries now have on line their records for immigration, vital statistics, churches, etc.

We credit and thank Fritz Juengling Ph.D. AG, for explaining in this issue the exciting development of indexing the Meyers Orts und Verkehrs Lexikon —of the Deutschen Reich, and how it was placed on line. It was a 20-year project undertaken voluntarily by Marion Rainey, without compensation or indexing help, but with assistance of computer programmer, Brad Coleman, on the computer and technical aspects, resulting in this terrific resource to be "free and for all researchers forever". Sincerest thanks to Marion Rainey for her dedication to this task, and Brad Coleman for his help in the project.

This classic German Gazetteer now on line has invaluable features (in English—though the book is German) of civil offices in the villages and churches, and with available maps showing the original villages as they existed in earlier centuries, many of which were obliterated by the Wars and are impossible to find on today's maps. If you are onto Google Maps-- as I scanned a Polish village I was researching, through Google maps I literally drove along the village street, past the church-- like being there in person! The (free) link is simple: <http://www.meyersgazetteer>. Polish (early Pomerania) names are challenging and persistence is needed in varying spellings. One feature I especially liked was that once I was on the village map, I could scroll all over the country to other villages, without having to exit for a new village entry. Many emigrants came from these same German/Pomerania areas...recognizable villages.

(I had reported on the Meyers Gazetteer at West Point, NE., in our Sep/Oct '16 newsletter--the first time I had seen the actual volumes. There may be other variations but this one is the best.) We will outline more digital links in our next newsletter. (Bernice)

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[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/)

**Our future meetings**

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

**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](mailto:mcgs@telebeep.com). We are here to help you in your research .for your ancestors in Madison county.

**Leatta Stortvedt**

Leatta R. Stortvedt, age 88, of Norfolk, Nebraska, died Monday, January 9, 2017. Leatta was very creative and loved poetry, genealogy and the arts. She was a member of The Spindrift Poets Club and a founding and lifelong member of the Norfolk Arts Center.



She was a charter member of the Madison County Genealogical Society and continued her membership throughout her life time. In the late 1970's, the club took on the project of recording all the graves in Madison County. Leatta played a big part in this project and was given a special award by the Nebraska State Genealogical Society.

She was married to Eugene Conrad Stortvedt at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk on February 23, 1951 and had two sons, Randall "Randy" Lee and Mark Eugene Stortvedt.

She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends.

**Life Span**

*If birth was the dawn of our lives  
 then was childhood midmorning?  
 Can one compare first years of marriage  
 to the white hot heat of noon?  
 Does rearing a family correlate with the  
 afternoon of our life?  
 If so, before stretches long, leisure  
 years of twilight retirement,  
 Until night approaches bringing completion  
 of our life span and final rest.*

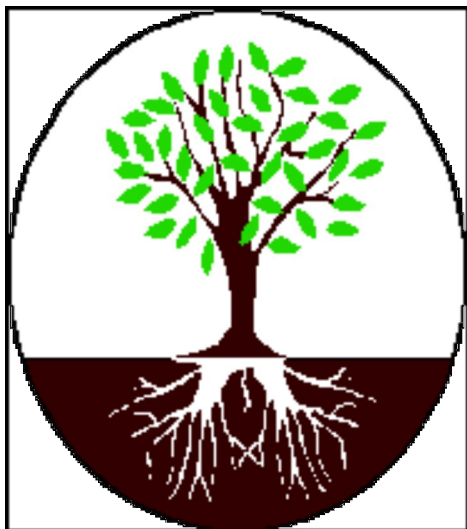
**You Came Because**

*You came because you cared  
 you took my hand, sat beside me  
 feeding me strength from your presence  
 expanding my self-worth and courage.*

*No words were necessary, you cared  
 I knew, embraced it, absorbed it  
 and with my hand in yours, put a smile  
 on my face and confronted life once more.*

*Both Written by Leatta Stortvedt*

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**TEMP RETURN SERVICE    FIRST CLASS**

Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

### **Coming up in the next issue:**

Pioneer history continues with:  
**Matrau and Widaman**

**St. Paul's cemetery records** as walked by  
Madison County Genealogical Society mem-  
bers continues

**Norfolk Veteran's Memory Plaza** with  
veterans names and information continues

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### **Upcoming Events**

**Greater Omaha Genealogical Society:** Join us for our Free Spring Classes. They run the third Saturday January – June. January thru April will be held at the Mormon Trail Center 32 & State. And the last two will be held at the W. Dale Clark Library. **For more information see our flyer: [gogs-spring-classes-2017-flyer-fin-10-13-16](#)**

**April 28-29, 2017 Nebraska State Genealogical Society annual conference,** featured speaker is D. Joshua Taylor from the PBS TV series "Genealogy Roadshow" in Lincoln, information at [www.NSGS.org](http://www.NSGS.org)