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Early Days Horse Endurance Race from Chadron to Chicago

Horse racing always draws a considerable amount of interest and attention, but a race some years ago attracted nationwide attention, receiving publicity from coast to coast. The race, or endurance contest, was staged during the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, and ran from Chadron, Nebraska, to the Col. W. F. Cody show located on the World's Fair grounds in the Windy City. The race was for a winner's purse of \$1,100, five hundred of this put up by Buffalo Bill, plus one thousand dollars by the town of Chadron. Three of the entrants were well known in western Nebraska: Doc Middleton, George Jones of Whitewood, S. D., who rode horses belonging to his father, and Joe Berry who rode horses belonging to Jack Hale of Sturgis, S. D.

Newspapers nationwide covered the excitement of the endurance race, which is here reprinted from the *St. Paul daily globe, St. Paul, Minn. June 14, 1893, Pg 5, Image 5*—provided by *Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN (Chronicling America—Library of Congress)*

Nine Hardy Western Riders Start From Chadron, Nebraska for Chicago—
Chadron, Nebraska , June 13, 1893, riders in the great cowboy race from Chadron in the White City are on their way, having left here at 5:40 this afternoon. The riders are: Doc Middleton, John Berry, and Emmett Albright of Chadron; Dave Douglass of Hemingford; George Jones of Whitewood, S. D.; James Stephenson of Ness City, Kan; Joe Campbell of Denver; Charles Smith of Hot Springs, S.D.; Joe Gillespie of Coxville, Nebraska. The lady rider from Denver failed to show up, much to the disappointment of 5,000 people who assembled to witness the start. When the signal to start was given, Paul Fountain of Minneapolis, and W. W. Tatro, were on the balcony of the Blaine Hotel, the committee being thoroughly convinced after talking to the riders, that there would be no cruelty practices, and what appeared to be a brutal contest promises to be a splendid display of Western horsemanship and horseflesh free from inhumanity, and worthy of the celebration of the discovery of America. **The route and registering stations are as follows: Long Pine, O'Neill and Wausa, Nebraska; Sioux City, Galva, Fort Dodge, Iowa Falls, Waterloo, Manchester and Dubuque, Iowa; Freeport, DeKalb and Chicago, Illinois.**

The horses may be known by a special brand on the left side of the neck, which is a figure "2". The riders are dressed in the garb generally used by the western ranchers and can easily be known in passing through the country. They expect to reach Long Pine Friday evening. They will be met there, as well as at all stations by **Harvey Weir**, the secretary, who will see that they properly register, and **H. Fountaine**, who will see that the compact entered into before the race started will be kept. There is a standing offer of \$3,000 for the winning horse, provided he is in good condition when he arrives at Chicago. This will be an inducement to the riders to take care of their horses. Mr. Fountaine stated that he was advised not to come to Chadron as he would be killed, as they were all interested cowboys. He stated that he was agreeably surprised to find that the people here were

so much interested in humane matters as the eastern people, and he was satisfied their horses would be ridden with great care and judgment, and assured the committee there would be no interference if the rules governing the race were enforced.

Springfield, Illinois June 13th—Gov. Atgeid issued a proclamation to all officers of the law to promptly arrest any cowboy rider who is guilty of cruelty to his horses.

COWBOY RACE CONCLUDED—

John Berry arrived First, Closely followed by Emmett Albright ----- First Honors are In Dispute Riders in Worse Condition than their Horses—Peculiar Significance of the Showing to Stock Fanciers—Story of the Great Race. Chicago, June 27, 1893.

(Special Telegram to The Bee) After thirteen days and sixteen hours of pretty warm going the great cowboy race from Chadron, Nebraska to Chicago, is done. There was a clatter on the rough, stony pavement of Sixty-third Street, then came a shout as at exactly 9:30 o'clock this morning, **John Berry finished first.** There was only a small crowd at the gates of **Buffalo Bill's Wild West** to greet the tired man who had ridden a thousand miles in record time for the reason that very few had any idea that the leader would make such fast time the last part of the race. Those who saw Berry finish were surprised. "Why, he's only a little bit of a man", they said. He is a little man. As he flung himself from his horse in front of Colonel Cody's tent in the enclosure his smallness became even more apparent. He is scarcely as tall as his horse, Poison, that brought him the last sixty five miles from Dekalb to Chicago since 11 o'clock last night. A gleam of pleasure spread itself over this little man's bronzed and burned features as **Colonel Cody stepped forward and shook him by the hand with the remark, "You are the first man in. You are all right, John; you are all right."**

Condition of Man and Beast—The horse was the center of one interested group and Berry formed the center of attention for another. Of the two objects the man was the sorriest, sleepest and most tired. The horse showed no signs of being sleepy, tired and sore. His coat was unruffled and without a bit of lather. He showed ability of going another 100 miles. On the other hand, the rider looked worn out, but the gleam from his little gray eyes showed that there was abundant determination in the small, well knit frame. He made a unique picture as he stood there shaking hands with members of the press, vaqueros and Indians. With all Berry's exultation at winning the race, even under protest in spite of his sleepless nights and days, he turned to Colonel Cody and said "Look out for that horse, please." Upon being assured that everything would be done for the animal Berry allowed himself to be conducted to the dining tent, where he cleaned a bit and tackled some chicken with a gusto born of 1040 miles of hard riding. When he finished he dropped on the sofa, tired out. In a second he jumped up and said he must go and look after his horse. He went over to the stable and after seeing that everything was all right, he took a nap of a couple of hours.

The Omaha Daily Bee reported June 28th on Berry's Last Hundred Miles: "I left Dekalb at 11:05 P.M. on Poison and I kept pounding along as fast as I could without hurting the horse. When we reached Turner we got a telegram from Dekalb that **Smith and Gillespie** were just two hours and thirty minutes behind, so I knew I had the race sure. I fed and watered between Elburn and Lodl. We took the straight St. Charles road and struck Maywood about 7 o'clock this morning and I was afraid for the horse when we struck the pavement for fear he would break down. He ain't used to pavements, you know. I rode the last 150 miles in twenty-four hours. Sore? Well I should say I was. I did not feel much like

sitting down but I am so sleepy that I can't talk. I have had no sleep for ten days to amount to anything. But I feel in fairly good shape except being sleepy."

Berry here broke off the conversation to ask **Major Burke** if he found any spur marks on his horse and then said "Some of the riders say I rode in a wagon but they are liars. I have ridden on my two horses, Sandy and Poison, all the way. By the way, this first horse carried me ninety miles yesterday. There was a combination put up to beat me. The rest of the riders got out in front of me at the start, but when Idaho Falls was reached I was in the lead and they had to follow me, and they have not caught up with me. Yes, I am glad to win, for it is an honor. Of course, I am glad it is over, but I am able to go on and do some more riding if necessary."

At 11:02 a shout announced another rider in sight. In a moment Emmett Albright rode in the gates on a little dun pony. He surprised everyone for he was supposed to be way in the rear of the bunch. He brought in both horses, and the bronco he rode was in good shape in spite of the long, hard ride. "I think I have won" he said as he lay down on the tent. "I am the only man who brought in two horses. I am awfully tired for I have been sick since I left Chadron, and I have not slept for five days and have not eaten anything since yesterday noon. I did not feel tired until this morning when I began to let down. The excitement carried me through. Nerve can do a great deal. I can't tell where I passed the other boys, but I know I passed them last night, somewhere. You can hear great things on the road. I heard that I had no horses, was dead, and everything else. I could have beaten Berry, but I know he was riding under protest, so I did not try to. I think I get the first money."

The race was for a purse of \$1,100, five hundred of this put up by Buffalo Bill, and \$1,000 by the town of Chadron. Some contestants protested John Berry as winner and alleged that he rode a blooded horse, instead of the bronco cow pony. **Joe Gillespie rode into the Wild West grounds at 1:31 o'clock on his horse, Billie Shaffer. Fourteen minutes later, C. W. Smith arrived on his horse, Dynamite.** Both men reached the city early in the morning, but were unaccustomed to big towns and lost their way, being unable to find their way to the show grounds. Albright did not stop on his last relay between Dekalb and Chicago, but his animals, Outlay and Joe Bush, were in splendid shape when stalled. The former attempted to bite a stable hand while he was feeding him, and Poison kicked Major Burke. As soon as the horses were stabled **John G. Shortall**, accompanied by a couple of veterinary surgeons, made an inspection and one of the horses tried to bite him. He concluded that there was plenty of animation left and pronounced the horses all right, and that there was no justification for the least interference on his part as agent of the Humane Society.

Colonel Cody was pleased with the race and results. He declared that there was a great deal more to the race than the mere first prize. "It will show the world what the native American horse is worth. European nations are watching the result of this race with interest. It is a test of the hardiness of the bronco, and after the wonderful result of 150 miles in twenty four hours, 1040 miles in thirteen days and sixteen hours, there will be a rush for the American animal. European nations will want American bred horses for their cavalry. Of course, on the entanglements of the riders and protests I am not in a position to decide, but I do say that the horses are in splendid condition. I was not surprised at that either, for it is just as I said a few days ago—the cowboys know that the horse is their best friend and that its best endeavors can be brought out by kindness and care." General John M. Burke took leave this morning.

Norfolk High School Class of 1891

The 1891 Class of Norfolk High School had only two graduates— **Clara McBride and Byron Lloyd Cobb**. **The class colors were canary and cream, the class motto was: "Energy Brings Success" and the class flower was the pansy.**

Clara McBride was born in August of 1872 on a farm about 4 miles from Middletown, Orange County, New York to Horace and Helen McBride. She and her family moved to Nebraska in June of 1887. After graduation she married Charles Reynolds in 1893 and had one daughter Helen E. and one son William. Charles Reynolds was born in 1859, being 12 years her senior. Charles was an official with the railroad and died in 1925. Clara died in 1935 and both are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery here in Norfolk, Nebraska.

The other member of the class was **Byron Lloyd Cobb**, known as Lloyd. Lloyd was born in Coleta, Whiteside County, Illinois on May 28, 1874. Lloyd and his family came to Nebraska on March 5, 1886. Lloyd died in an accident at the Norfolk Sugar Beet Factory on October 18, 1891.

Lloyd Cobb graduated from the Norfolk High school with the highest honors of his class. He was an exceptionally bright and industrious young man and was loved by all who knew him. His future was a most brilliant one. He had contemplated going to France next year with Mr. E. Salich, chief engineer of the Norfolk Sugar Beet factory, to finish his education in mechanical engineering. Omaha Daily Bee, Monday morning, October 18, 1891

INTO A CARBONIZING TANK — Frightful Accident in Norfolk's Sugar Beet Refinery
YOUNG LLOYD COBB LOSES HIS LIFE

While Attempting to Rescue the Victim Chief Machinist Vigereaux is Overcome by the Deadly Fumes and May Die

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 18 – Special Telegram to the Bee. –This morning at 7:30 o'clock occurred the first fatal accident in the history of the Norfolk beet sugar factory. Sunday is the day set apart by the factory people for cleaning and repairing the machinery and this morning, Lloyd, son of S. S. Cobb, one of Norfolk's leading business men, entered or fell into one of the carbonization tanks, which is thirty feet in circumference and twenty feet high. The door at which he entered was six feet from the base.

Young Lloyd's duty was to clean out the tanks and as no one appears to have seen him enter, it is merely a matter of conjecture whether he, in leaning through the door fell in or whether he entered the tank and was overcome by the carbonic acid gas, which is used in the manufacture of the sugar.

As soon as he was missed, search was instituted and Jules Vigereaux, chief machinist, entered the tank to rescue young Cobb when he was also overcome. He was finally rescued by C. H. Axley.

Lloyd Cobb died soon after being taken out. Mr. Vigeroux is still alive but chances for recovery are decidedly against him.

Columbus Journal, October 21, 1891

Jules Vigeroux, overcome by gas at the Norfolk beet sugar factory, died Sunday night. Lloyd Cobb, the young man whom Vigeroux tried to save, also died.

LIFE SACRIFICED IN VAIN

**Another victim of the Norfolk Beet Sugar factory disaster
JULES VIGEREAUX FOLLOWS HIS FRIEND**

Never revived After Being Taken From th Fatal Carbonizing Tank

Jules Vigereaux, foreman of the Norfolk beet sugar factory who was overcome by gas while endeavoring to rescue young Cobb the sugar factory yesterday, died last night at 8:30 o'clock. He sacrificed his own life to save that of his friend, being well aware of the deadly gas which was contained in the tank.

No blame can be attached to any one. The best medical skill was in attendance in twenty minutes after the accident occurred but the gas had gotten in its fatal work. Mr. Vigeroux lived about thirteen hours after the accident but was unconscious the entire time. He was unmarried, about 34 years of age and a native of North France. His family are very prominent in that country.

Mr. Vigeroux first came to America last year with Mr. E. Salich, superintendent of the placing of the machinery in the Grand Island factory, after which he returned on a visit to France, coming to Norfolk last April to assist Superintendent Salich.

He was an experienced workman and thoroughly acquainted with sugar factory machinery, his father being superintendent of sugar factories in France.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, while Lloyd Cobb will be interred at 2:30 in the afternoon. *Omaha Daily Bee October 20, 1891*

Omaha Daily Bee, October 21, 1891

Funerals of the Victims

Today occurred the funeral of Lloyd Cobb and Jules Vigoureaux, the victims of the late sugar factory disaster. The ceremony for Lloyd was conducted by R. J. J. Parker of the First Congregational church, the place where he received his diploma only last June, when he graduated from the Norfolk High School. The ceremonies were witnessed by hundreds of esteemed friends, his school mates and teachers attending in a body.

The remains of Jules Vigoureaux, the man who sacrificed his life for that of his friend were interred this forenoon. The last sad rites were conducted by Rev. Father Walsh of the St. Mary's Catholic church. A large number of mourners were present.

(Note: Jules Vigoureaux has no cemetery marker—how sad.)

The next issue will cover the Class of 1892.

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
Section E, Row 2, South to North			
Carrico, Milan L.	9 Apr 1928	19 Sep 1928	Lot 10 South Outer Drive
Zuelow, Otto	1856	1929	Lot 118
Zuelow, Josephine Haase	1870	1919	Lot 118
Koenemann, Adelheid Zuelow	1858	1925	Lot 118
Zuelow, Emilie	1846	1927	Lot 118
Zuelow, Emil	4 Jun 1900	22 Jun 1900	Lot 118
Zuelow, Friedrich	no dates		children of Otto and Josephine Zuelow, Lot 118
Zuelow, Alfred	no dates		children of Otto and Josephine Zuelow, Lot 118
Winter, Lisette	1870	1949	2nd wife of W. F. F. Winter, Lot 119
Winter, W. F. F.	1864	1936	Lot 119
Winter, Ida	1871	1899	1st wife of W. F. F. Winter, Lot 119
Winter, Clara	1898	1899	Lot 119
Winter, Carl F.	22 Mar 1835	15 Jun 1920	Father, Lot 120, Pioneer of 1866
Winter, Caroline	27 Apr 1837	11 Jan 1920	Wife and mother, Lot 120
Winter, Emil E.	1870	1926	Lot 120
Winter, Augusta A.	1874	1942	Lot 120
Raasch, Gary Dean	1936	1953	Lot L
Raasch, Ferdinand	1901	1995	Lot L
Raasch, Irene	1911	2009	Lot L
Ahlman, Dora W.	1891	1971	Lot L
Ahlman, John F.	1888	1956	Lot L
Marquardt, Johann F.	20 Aug 1803	4 Apr 1902	Lot 121
Marquardt, Elias E.	20 Jul 1873	20 Aug 1900	Lot 121
Marquardt, Julius E.	1 Jun 1839	29 Apr 1902	Lot 121
Marquardt, Wilhmine	27 May 1820	7 Nov 1903	Mother (Wilhelmine may be misspelled on stone)
Zibell, Emma M. (Marquardt)	20 Jun 1889	8 Sep 1912	Wife of Frank Zibell age 23 yrs, 3 mos, 18 dys (her brothers are Henry and Albert Marquardt) Lot 121
Ertzner, Ernest G.	1879	1902	Lot 122
Ertzner, Rosa B.	1875	1961	Lot 122
Ertzner, Henry K.	1849	1944	Father, Lot 122
Ertzner, Louise H.	1851	1926	Mother, Lot 122
Ertzner, William J.	1873	1969	Lot 122
Wachter, Richard G.	1880	1931	Lot 123
Wachter, Louise F.	1870	1931	Born Ninner, Lot 123
Wachter, 2 unmarked graves	no dates		daughters of Richard and Louise Wachter
Wachter, Otto H.	1905	1964	Lot 123
Wachter, Erna L.	1912	1984	Lot 123

Wachter, Paul R.	1904	1983	Lot 123
Wachter, Lula D.	1910	2006	Lot 123
Stahl, Clara Lena	16 May 1904	20 Nov 1941	Lot 59 Outer Drive
McCoy, Janet I. (Stahl)	19 Feb 1941	11 Nov 1982	Daughter of Robert and Clara Stahl
Section E, Row 3, South to North			
Voecks, Julius T. H.	31 May 1894	24 Aug 1945	Nebr. Pvt 1 CL 38 Amb. Co. WWI Lot 8 Outer Drive
Voecks, Eldon L.	14 Aug 1926	6 Mar 1978	Tec 5 US Army WWII
Klug, William F.	30 May 1870	18 Oct. 1944	Father, Lot 128
Klug, Olga Louise	28 Dec 1874	8 Sep 1938	Mother, Lot 128
Klug, Roselle	1898	1907	daughter of W. and O. Klug, Lot 128
Klug, Mrs. Irvin	1893	1930	Mother, (he buried in Boise, ID) Lot 128
Kuester, Harvey	1908	1994	
Kuester, Lillian	1911	1997	Born Klug
Klug, Henry E.	1868	1930	Lot 129
Klug, Emma A.	1876	1947	Lot 129
Klug, Harold	1900	1902	Lot 129
Klug, Ralph	1897	1969	Lot 129
Klug, Irene	1906	1994	Born Wachter, Lot 129
Pribnow, Gottlieb	23 May 1842	7 Sept 1924	Father, Lot 130
Pribnow, Johanna	2 Jun 1843	2 Feb 1935	Mother Lot 130
Pribnow, Marie S.	5 Oct 1879	14 Oct 1977	Single lady
Pribnow, Robert	27 Apr 1874	8 Jun 1969	Single man
Kanter, Charles A.	1884	1953	Father, Lot M
Kanter, Alma A.	1896	1991	Mother, Lot M
Droescher, Delbert C.	30 Oct 1918	5 Mar 1987	Married Oct. 7, 1945 - US Army WWII SSTon back
Droescher, Mary Ann	1925	2013	born Beemer, Lot M
Droescher, Larry D.	1946	1967	son of Delbert, Lot M
Peter, Bertha	1902	1990	Mother, Lot M
Duhring, Maria	22 Jan 1877	19 Oct 1953	Lot 131
Duhring, Wm	4 Jul 1843	20 Jan 1916	Father, Pioneer of 1866
Duhring, Wilhelmine	17 Sept 1848	5 Feb 1907	Wife, Mother, Pioneer of 1866
Deering, Leigh K	1936	1973	
Deering, Arnold E.	1894	1976	Married 25 June 1916, Lot 131
Deering, Marie H.	1894	1970	Lot 131
Lau, Emma	30 Jul 1873	6 Sept 1948	Lot 132
Lau, Infant son	1939	1939	son of Mr and Mrs Fred W. Lau Lot 132
Lau, Infant daughter	1928	1928	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Lau, Lot 132
Lau, Irine P.	2 Feb 1898	26 Nov 1900	daughter of F. and E. Lau, very old stone with angel and baby
Lau, Fred W.	1905	1983	
Lau, Linda E.	1905	14 Aug 2001	Linda Emma Lau Winter, (Mrs. Fred Lau), Lot 132
Sellin, Martha	26 Jun 1875	25 May 1901	born Duhring, first wife of Gus Sellin, Lot 133
Sellin, Gus	3 May 1868	22 Aug 1946	Lot 133
Sellin, Anna	11 Mar 1884	14 Jul 1940	Born Pfeil - 2nd wife of Gus, Lot 133

Grimm, Gilbert G.	27 Aug 1924		still living in 2017
Section E Row 4 South to North			
Beyendorf, Carl E. Jr.	15 Nov 1874	7 Feb 1952	Lot 6 South Outer Drive
Beyendorf, Mathilda	18 Jul 1870	2 May 1959	Lot 6 South Outer Drive
Wachter, Frank K.	1907	1979	Lot 138
Wachter, Alvera L.	1914	1966	Lot 138
Spreeman, William	1899	1978	Lot 138
Spreeman, Lorna	1905	1989	Lot 138
Wachter, Frank E.	10 Nov 1878	11 Mar 1913	
Wachter, Anna M.	1883	1931	Wife
Wachter, Ewalt A.	29 Oct 1902	28 May 1973	Wash Pvt HQ Co 98 Signal BN WWII VA Records
Wachter, Meta		23 May 1901?	Infant dau of Frank E. and Anna M. Wachter (no date on stone)
Wachter, Adolph		13 Jun 1904?	infant son of Frank E. and Anna M. Wachter (no date on stone)
Raasch, Martin	13 Nov 1815	31 Mar 1904	Father, Lot 139 Pioneer of 1866
Raasch, Wilhelmine	11 May 1821	30 Dec 1903	Mother, Lot 139 Pioneer of 1866
Raasch, Henry F.	1859	1953	
Raasch, Louisa	1861	1952	
Raasch, Friedrich	30 Nov 1894	11 Sep 1916	son of Henry Raasch
Raasch, Emma	23 Sep 1888	16 Jan 1928	daughter of Henry Raasch
Graves, Louise C.	1899	1951	born Raasch, daughter of Henry
Wachter, Herman	16 Apr 1838	1 Feb 1921	Father, Pioneer of 1866, Lot 140
Wachter, Henriette	29 Mar 1840	25 Jan 1907	Mother, Pioneer of 1866, Lot 140
Wachter, Reuben E.	1904	1992	Son of Herman Jr. & grandson of Herman Sr. Lot 140
Wachter, Ella L.	1908	1992	Wife of Reuben, Lot 140
Wachter, Herman Jr.	1879	1945	Lot 140
Wachter, Emma	1885	1931	Lot 140
Marquardt, Henry W.	1887	1962	Lot N
Marquardt, Margaret M.	1890	1958	Born Radloff, Lot N
Droescher, Gustav	1888	1977	Lot N
Droescher, Martha L.	1891	1965	Lot N
Planer, Edward	1889	1973	Lot N
Planer, Emma	1893	1978	Born Radloff, sister to Margaret Marquardt, Lot N
Duhring, August	11 Jan 1845	3 Apr 1904	Lot N
Duhring, Wilhelmine	12 Mar 1851	25 Oct 1925	Lot 141
Brasch, Ferdinand	6 Jan 1849	8 Oct 1936	CW veteran marker 1861-1865 Lot 141
Brasch, Ernestina	1 Sep 1864	7 Jun 1941	Lot 141
Krenzien, Charles F.	10 May 1884	17 Nov 1955	Lot 142
Krenzien, Minnie S.	5 Nov 1886	27 Mar 1944	Lot 142
Krenzien, Carl Henry	27 Nov 1919	18 Mar 1952	Nebr 1st Lt 4400 AF Bomb Crew TNG SQ WWII Korea Lot 142
Bauermeister, Carl E.	1891	1975	Lot 142
Bauermeister, Elizabeth	1893	1961	Big stone with Bauermeister-Miller on it Lot 142

To be continued in the next issue.

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/> Continuing in each issue will be the list of veterans and organization that have tiles. Tiles are being added regularly.

Name	Panel, Row, Column			Some tiles are linked to a website at: www.forevermissed.com .
Weinberger, Cletus	2	C	7	See website
Weinberger, George	2	C	6	See website
Weinberger, James	2	C	8	See website
Werner, Wayne D.	17	F	3	See website
Westerman, Everett J.	19	C	1	See website
White, Terrence Michael	7	F	8	See website
Widhelm, Dorian D.	6	F	3	See website
Wight, Thomas A.	2	F	1	See website
Wilcox, James Merton	18	F	2	See website
Wiles, R. E. "Gene"	17	F	7	See website
Wilke, Leonard Edmund	2	F	2	See website
Wilke, Ray	2	E	1	No website
Wilkerson, Dean V.	18	F	3	See website
Williams, Danny	2	G	8	No website
Wimer, Brandt Preston	1	C	1	See website
Wimer, Rick G.	1	A	1	See website
Wimer, Ross Parker	1	B	1	See website
Winter-Munson VFW Auxiliary 1644	24	I	5	No website
Worley, Philip	2	I	5	No website
Wragge, Gary G.	13	F	3	See website
Zimmerman, Eugene W.	5	F	2	See website
Zobel, Wayne A.	7	F	4	See website

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 save their information, memories and life history even while still living. **Next issue will conclude with the veterans tiles that were added in 2017.**

Summer is gone and we're moving on--

We cooled off from the hot summer days, and gave the entire August 19th meeting to learning and seeing on computer the details of the Veterans Home Memory Plaza tiles. Nancy Zaruba gave an excellent show and tell on how to display family history online. This project started with the military veterans and their personal history but is evolving into using the same technology for picture/history tiles to be added to cemetery markers. These tiles all have a QR code which links to a website located at www.forevermissed.com. In addition to the regular photo tiles there are wallet sized cards with the same QR code available that will let you pull it from your wallet and display your history on any smart phone or tablet. There are also available small one inch square tiles with the same QR code that can be added to any other site of your choice, perhaps another memorial site with bricks, or a bench or vase, or historical marker, etc.

Any 'smart phone' or tablet can read the QR code with the free App available. The website can also be accessed from any desktop computer. This was a very interesting 'technology' program and gives us all cause to think about what will happen to our "paper copies" when we are gone. This will allow you to preserve and post as much or as little of your family history (at least a basic outline and some sources) online that should be available to anyone seeking family information. Several members are organizing family data to be applied to one or another of the applications. Our newsletters have carried the family names of veterans with tiles already created, and details of the program and website. In this article are some photos of cemetery markers with the QR code photos on them as well as a close-up photo of one tile. You can scan the QR code here in this photo and see an example of one website that Nancy has started. Information can be added, updated or removed anytime and the space is unlimited meaning you can post as many photos, home movies, stories, favorite music, etc as you please.

We utilized the computers in the Museum Library on our September 16th meeting, checking several research sites, including Google and Family Search, for additional information on the Wagner/Wegener lines for a future newsletter. It seems that once vital data is entered in one research site, it somewhat automatically is copied by other research sites, so that all have the same data...documentation is then a question...and whether that data is correct or complete.

It was agreed by all present that for our October 21st meeting, we will tour the Madison County Museum at Madison. We will meet here at our local Museum at 9:30 A.M. and car-pool to Madison for the tour to begin at 10:00 A.M.

October is Fire Safety Month, and we salute all Firemen—they save the lives, memories and dreams that are the lifeblood of a community in its homes and businesses. Norfolk's First Fire Department was organized in October, 1884. Four water wells were dug on Norfolk Avenue at the corners of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets to insure an adequate supply. The Fire Department history will be included in a future newsletter.

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2017—2018 Officers

Phyllis McCain, Bobette Ferguson, Bernice Walters

Our Society Website is at
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/

Our future meetings

October 21 Road trip to Madison
County Museum

November 18

December—no meeting

Join us and bring a friend

Information and queries:

Nancy at mcgs@telebeep.com

Membership and newsletter:

Bernice at btwalters@cableone.net

Memberships are \$15 per year from September 1 through August 31. Join anytime (\$3 per issue pro-rate). Newsletters by email or snail mail.

Research Requests: \$10 and a family group sheet to: MCGS, PO Box 1031, Norfolk, NE 68702-1031

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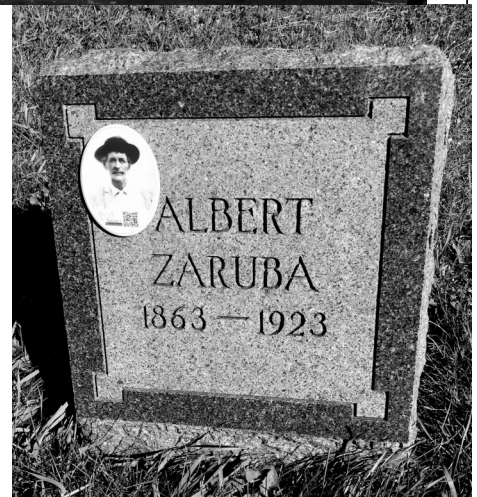
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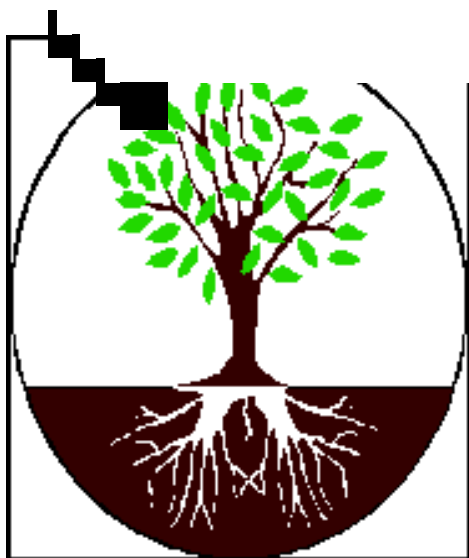


Gilbert and Eva Cox and their seven children on the family headstone



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