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## Update from the Madison County Genealogical Society-2018

January roared in like a lion with a true Nebraska blizzard—14 inches dumped on us--what an introduction to 2018 and to all of us who survived that howling wind and blinding snowstorm –reminding us to be thankful we don't have this every year! And let's pray we don't have this every year!!

But we are lucky –our efficient street department had plows out and streets reasonably cleared within a couple days—I can remember years ago it would be weeks before some streets in town were more than just ruts in frozen snow and ice, and 'chains' on cars were part of normal winter activity. Times have changed, and from cozy interiors we can already plan 'spring'. And a fun romp on Valentine's Day is in the works for many, even if we have another dusting of snow.

December and Christmastime absolutely flew past with everyone's eye kept on calendar dates, not to miss out on any special event regularly foretold in the Norfolk Daily News. Our post-Christmas gathering at the Granary on January 20<sup>th</sup> was perfect timing just ahead of the blizzard! We had a full table and the usual great discussions-- —one member's frustrating efforts to connect to her DNA; my Christmas in Florida sun, anticipated future meetings at the new Public Library, access now on Ancestry for member benefits, future programs and much more.

February –well, we didn't pass out real Valentines but our loving sentiments are sent to all, no matter where the hearts rest. Our February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was again at the Museum where we met the new Manager, JoBeth Cox, who infuses new energies and ideas to 'keep the ball moving forward' she says. Our Nebraska weather was an introduction not quickly forgotten by her, as she hails from Texas.

Last but not least, a heartfelt thanks to Margaret A. Carlisle for her contribution for newsletter postage, in memory of her mother Mary (Doughty) Carlisle, who was a charter member and passed away March 16, 2017. The MCGS newsletter of July/August 2011 carries the story of the Doughty family submitted by Mary Carlisle in May, 2011. Mary enjoyed contributing to our MCGS newsletters, and enjoyed reading them. It was always our pleasure to include her in our mailing.



## WACHTER FAMILIES

The Wachters as farmers by occupation, and born into the feudal system still existing in the 1800s, knew well that their 'farmer' social status was for life, not lightly changed. A fixed status for individuals provided ruling authorities with a certain stability and security, when every man knew his place. That severely restricted any attempt by an individual to improve his lifestyle above his 'born' status. Questioning that hierarchical basis was often thought to be 'unchristian'; even church pews were assigned by 'status'. If the Wachters owned land in the Karlshof (or Carlshof) region near Berlin, or were tenant farmers east of the Oder River in the Koenigsberg Province, under the rigid and discriminatory inheritance laws, great discontent often existed for younger family males who, without inherited land, were often faced with a life of common farm labor.

What hope and encouragement letters from America must have brought with the news of freedom from such imperious dictates and, almost unbelievable, that land could be bought as low as \$1.25 an acre. This was totally unheard of and impossible for ordinary farmers such as themselves. Their thoughts increasingly turned to the land across the ocean. And they were not alone in following the emigration trend that had already begun earlier with some of their own family and friends, who risked their meager possessions for a chance at a better life.

Records indicate that Christian August Wachter was born December 24, 1810 in Carlshof, Koenigsberg, which was basically Prussia farmland, spelling out a 'farmer' occupation. In



1824 he married Christina Augustina Kiel (Kuhl), born 1808 in Prussia. Their first child, Herman Wachter was born April 16, 1838 in Carlshof, in the Spree-Neisse River area west of the Oder River. Their second son, Ludwig "Louis" Wachter, was born in 1847, also at their home in Prussia described as the 'Oderbruch' which was the River marsh land reclaimed for farming. By 1854 the family made the decision to emigrate to America for a chance to

buy land for themselves. August met all the requirements of state, church and military, and received necessary permission to emigrate. They left Koenigsberg and departed from Hamburg in 1854 enduring the 8 week sea voyage...listed as small farmers, and cramped in steerage with minimum facilities, hardly comfortable. They landed safely in New York, and by one account were there several years and may have applied for naturalization. They equipped themselves with basic necessities and headed west for their goal, Wisconsin land.

Early migrants settled in various Wisconsin towns, many of which were still primitive and in various stages of settler development, so there was considerable relocating as they searched for good farmland and villages close by for supplies. The 1860 federal census shows August Wachter living in Port Washington, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. Their son, Henry, was born

July 16, 1860, in Ixonia, Jefferson County, where they lived at that time. August farmed in Wisconsin for about 12 years, until another important decision was made by the family- – to join the wagon train heading to Nebraska in 1866, for still better land and farming opportunities. August's family was growing, and land was higher priced with fewer favorable locations as more and more immigrants moved into Wisconsin. Herman and Sophia Henrietta (Kraetke-1840-1907), married December 30, 1860 in Ixonia, also had a family to consider, so were quite agreeable to moving to the Territory of Nebraska. That unsettled prairieland crossed by the Elkhorn River and its North Fork branch had been scouted a year earlier by Herman Braasch, Frederick Wagner and John Gensmer, who returned with favorable reports of land available for their settlement, prompting preparations over the winter for many families to move in the spring.

Wachters joined the wagon train in May along with many other families leaving friends and families in Ixonia, and after a slow 6 week journey across Iowa their fully loaded wagons pulled by oxen arrived at the Elkhorn River mid-July of 1866. They settled along the North Fork River with the other settlers, all of them receiving their first land drawn by lot and measured by simple compass and cord. August and Herman chose land north of Norfolk and lived in their wagons and sod dugouts while quickly building rough log shelters. August received his Patent September 26, 1872, on 160 acres: the N ½ of NE ¼, and N ½ of NW ¼ of Section 4, T 24 N, R 1 West, Madison County, Nebraska, along the Pierce County border. Herman settled nearby and received his Patent September 26, 1872, on: N ½ of SE 1/4, and NE ¼ of SW ¼ in Section 4; as well as 40 acres in Section 3: the NW ¼ of SW ¼--all land in T 24N, R 1W, Madison County, Nebraska. The closeness of their homesteads allowed both families to share farm equipment and chores, along with the pioneer problems of grasshoppers, prairie fires, and winter blizzards. But "mosquitos" were something new--an unknown and unexpected nuisance..."they were worse than the Indians who did us no harm"... as later recalled by Henry F. Raasch (1859-1953), who married Louisa Wachter (1861-1952), daughter of Herman and Henrietta Wachter.

The thrift and industriousness of the Wachters set a prime example for all; enduring and overcoming many hardships, steadfast in their faith. The primitive St. Paul's Lutheran Church built by many hands in the earliest years was the staunch lifeline for all settlers. August and Christina built their farm home in this raw frontier for their children and grandchildren, for years into the future. Christina (Kiel) Wachter passed away in 1870 and is buried in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, in the Wachter plot (Norfolk, Nebraska). August then lived with son Ludwig and his family, and died April 28, 1892, and rests beside his wife in Lot 53, Section B of the Cemetery, near their son Ludwig.

Wachter families had additional real estate interests as the children and grandchildren launched their own households. In fact, Herman later acquired additional land in Section 4, as well as 40 acres in Section 23 (northeast of Meadow Grove) with the Elkhorn River running through-- probably attractive for camping and fishing. Herman and wife Henriette lived a full life of farming and raising their family of ten children. The closeness of the Wachter farms proved helpful not only in sharing farm work; it gave the children a large playground for their games and pets as they roamed freely over the farmsteads. Henriette died January 25, 1907, and Herman died February 1, 1921, on the farm he loved and homesteaded so many years

ago. Both are buried in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Norfolk, Nebraska. Herman's obituary perfectly describes him—of strong character, deeply religious, honest and thrifty—industrious without fail. Like the other pioneer settlers of his time, Herman is credited with helping to build the primitive settlement into the success story known as Norfolk.

August's son Ludwig "Louis" born May 27, 1847 in Prussia, on February 17, 1870 married Marie Dederman, born April 27, 1851 near Berlin, Germany, daughter of pioneer Frederick John Dederman (Aug. 10, 1824-Aug. 6, 1906) and Marie Elizabeth (Heckman) Dederman (Sep. 16, 1828-July 25, 1915). Dederman also had emigrated from Hamburg, Germany to New York on the ship Washington, in one of the 1843 migrations. Mary died July 7, 1914, and Ludwig better known as "Louis" died December 10, 1921. Both are buried in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Norfolk, Nebraska. Mary's family, Dederman, is another interesting genealogy of many descendants as siblings married, had children, and grandchildren; and their story continues.

Henry Wachter, born July 16, 1860 in Ixonia, Wisconsin, was August's third son. On October 4, 1885, he married Wilhelmina Heidemann (1865-1957), daughter of Franz Heidemann and Albertine (Neubauer) Heidemann. Henry and Wilhelmina settled near the village of Hadar, Nebraska on Sec. 5-T24 N-R1W, Madison County, and raised a family of seven children on their farmstead. Henry died April 22, 1940 in Pierce County, Nebraska, and Wilhelmina died February 17, 1957. Both Henry and Wilhelmina Wachter are buried in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Hadar, Nebraska.

August, Herman and Ludwig Wachter are included on the monument in memory of the pioneers who settled Norfolk, Nebraska in 1866, dedicated in 1976, at the Liberty Bell Park on Georgia Avenue at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk, Nebraska.



St. Paul's Cemetery, Norfolk, Nebraska  
August Wachter, (no marker for Christina), Large Wachter Marker with individual stones for Ludwig and Mary Wachter. Notice the date of 1866 in center front of large marker which memorializes them as Pioneers of 1866.

### 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
Klug, Herman W.	1900	1957	Lot 6
Klug, Emma A.	1903	1993	Lot 6
Muehlmeier, William	1887	1961	Lot 6
Muehlmeier, Lydia	1899	1993	Lot 6
Huber, Jane Elizabeth	22 Jul 1953	28 Jul 11953	Daughter of R. and E. Huber (Winter) Lot 7
Winter, Reuben H.	1902	1993	
Winter, Rosetta M.	1905	1994	
Winter, Martin J.	1909	1993	Lot 8
Winter, Dorothy M.	1912	1962	Lot 8
Winter, Sherrie Ann		2 Nov 1948	Daughter of M. & D. Winter Lot 160
Pettitt, Lee R.	23 Jul 1924		Lot 93
Pettitt, Velma I.	15 Feb 1931	22 Apr 1984	Lot 93
Christians, Christian O.	20 Aug 1888	28 Dec 1981	US Army World War 1 Lot 10
Christians, Martha J.	24 June 1896	15 Feb 1978	American Gold Star Mothers, Aux .VFW Lot 10
Detgen, Henry G.	1885	1965	Lot 11
Detgen, Alice	1890	1976	Lot 11
<b>Section E Row 8 South to North New Addition</b>			
Sather, Andrew	1892	1969	World War I Lot 19
Sather, Elsie	1897	1959	Lot 19
Holz, Harry F.	1886	1961	Father Lot 20 Married 21 Apr. 1909
Holz, Anna	1889	1967	Mother Lot 20 Married 21 Apr. 1909
Dederman, Layne R.	13 Feb 1953	9 Jan 1984	Husband, Father in loving memory
Dederman, Max James	6 June 1967	18 June 1967	son of Fred Jr. and Cleone Lot 21 Baby
Brei, Jane Ann	23 Jun 1956	5 Jan 1958	daughter of Raymond and Lucy Brei Lot 21
Winter, Susan Elaine	9 Feb 1955	15 May 1956	daughter of J. and N. Winter Lot 22
Winter, James R.	24 Jul 1929	18 Mar 2003	
Winter, Neva E.	21 Aug 1930		
Deitloff, W. R. "Jim"	23 Nov 1932	27 Dec 1993	md. 15 June 1952 parents of Craig, Mindy & Staci
Deitloff, Barbara J.	28 Nov 1934		Born Ellenberger
Deitloff, Herbert	1904	1992	Parents of Delayne, Della and Sharon
Deitloff, Rosella	1908	1997	
Konopasek, Randall Gene			Infant twin son of M. and A. Konopasek Lot 24
Konopasek, Marvin R.	9 Mar 1930	23 Mar 2017	
Konopasek, Arla Mae	1 Sept 1931		bn. Deitloff-parents of Kathie, Richard, Randell, Nanci
Krenzien, Alvin T.	27 Jun 1912	28 Dec 2003	son of Charles and Minnie Kay
Krenzien, Mildred J.	10 Nov 1921	22 Jul 1995	daughter of Gustav and Matilda (Rosche) Loseke, parent of Suzanne, Jeanette, Jennifer & Sarah
Blatter, Albert W.	7 Jan 1911	19 May 1998	

Blatter, Rose M. 23 Apr 1918 10 Jan 2007 Maiden name Krueger

**Row 9 South to North**

Dederman, Julie Ann 28 May 1970 28 May 1970 infant of Dillard and Colette Lot 35  
 Dederman, Dillard D. 4 Apr 1921 5 Ma 1997 WWII  
 Dederman, Colette 10 Sept 1923 9 Jan 2012 md. 15 June 1960 maiden name Hofmann  
 Wagner, Harold J. 1913 1994  
 Wagner, Hertha M. 1913  
 Bernhardt, Raymond O. 1894 1965 World War I  
 Bernhardt, Esther R. 1897 1980  
 Raasch, Arvid O. 13 Jan 1927 9 Sept 2014 married 21 Sept 1954 parents of Scott, Nancy, Todd  
 Raasch, Gwendolyn J. 27 Dec 1928 (still living at publication)  
 Deitloff, Ernest A. 10 Sept 1897 18 Mar 1957 Lot 38  
 Ave, Mary Deitloff 11 Sept 1905 21 Mar 1997  
 Palmer, Pearl M. 1946 1975 Wife of Duane Palmer, Lot 39  
 Wichman, Theo "Ted" 1907 1990  
 Wichman, Lenora 1913 1999  
 Wilken, Marvin 7 Oct 1941 31 May 1994  
 Wilken, Elaine 5 Oct 1946 (still living at publication)

**Row 10 South to North**

Schwede, William A. 1906 1975 Lot 52  
 Schwede, Mildred M. 2 Jun 1908 29 Sep 1993 Lot 52  
 Winter, Arnold A. 1907 1976 Lot 53  
 Winter, Myrtle M. 26 Jan 1910 11 Dec 2003 Lot 53  
 Mantey, Herbert 13 Jan 1918 16 Aug 2000  
 Mantey, Lorene B. 1920 2003  
 Mantey, Alfred E. 1915 1985  
 Mantey, Irene M. 2 Apr 1923 2 Jan 2012  
 Klug, Gilbert F. 1923 1979 WWII  
 Klug, Patricia L. 1929 (still living at publication)  
 Wagner, Erhart C. 27 Dec 1914 4 Dec 2009  
 Wagner, Charline R. 17 Jan 1924 9 Aug 2015  
 Joachimsen, Adrian F. 30 Mar 1921 26 Oct 1989 WWII Tec 5 US Army  
 Joachimsen, Erna A. 22 Apr 1911 29 Jul 1993  
 Kluender, Norman H. 19 Jul 1923 26 Dec 1986  
 Kluender, Norma A. 14 Sep 1921 10 Jul 2009

**Section E Row 11 South to North**

Marquardt, Erwin A. 10 Jan 1915 29 Oct 1997  
 Marquardt, Florence R. 9 Oct 1918 30 Aug 2008  
 Uecker, Herbert Wm. 12 Sept 1911 11 Jun 1990 children Louis, David, John, Linda  
 Uecker, Ruth L. 23 Nov 1918 22 Feb 2010 ditto  
 Dederman, Leon H. 25 Oct 1917 6 Dec 1995 Md. 9/10/1939'  
 Dederman, Delores G. 6 Jun 1920 parents of Beverly, Don L. and Judy

**Section E, Row 12 South to North**

Jones, Thomas R. 3 Jul 1926 21 Mar 1996

Stratton, Winifred E. Jones 20 Aug 1929 6 Mar 2012 Born Raasch

**Section F, North edge east half near dirt pile, includes Orig. Plat, Outer Dr. & New Addition**

**Section F, Row 1, South to North**

**Lot 58 Outer Drive, not for sale**

Kortje, Albert	1893	1981	Lot 114
Kortje, Adele	1895	1972	Lot 114
Kortje, infant twin daughters	b/d 1917		twins daug. Of Albert and Adele Kortje
Kortje, Rodney	8 Dec 1939	18 Dec 1939	infant son of Alfred and Florence Kortje

Lot 115 not for sale

**Row 2 South to North**

Lot 60 not for sale

Kortje, J. Henry	27 Feb 1860	26 Mar 1939	Father, Lot 124
Kortje, Gertrude	5 Jul 1869	13 Dec 1920	Mother Lot 124
Kortje, Arthur R.	1907	1993	Lot 124
Kortje, Lois M.	1908	1961	Lot 124

Lot 125 empty

**Row 3, South to North Lot 62 not for sale**

Sellin, Otto A.	27 Oct 1878	1 Apr 1939	Lot 134
Sellin, Melha Fensch	17 Jun 1884	15 Jan 1912	Wife of O. Sellin Lot 134
Sellin, Fred	1907	1976	son of Otto
Sellin, Arthur G.	1903	1979	Lot 134
Fensch, Fridrich	23 May 1856	10 Oct 1927	Lot 134
Lobbes, Gustav	23 Jul 1854	27 Aug 1927	Lot 134
Lobbes, Minna	27 Dec 1853	6 Jan 1931	His wife, Lot 134
Kellner, Arthur R.	10 Feb 1902	26 Nov 1945	Lot 134
Kellner, Esther M.	8 Jan 1905	24 Dec 2001	Born Sellin
Hellmers, John	1870	1941	Father Lot 135
Hellmers, Sophie	1881	1924	Mother, Lot 135
Hellmers, Henry F.	1873	1933	Lot 135
Hellmers, Carolina M.	1882	1946	
Hellmers, Alfred G.	1904	1966	(record 1969)
Hellmers, Edyth Mae	1892	1975	

**Row 4 South to North Lot 64 Outer Drive not for sale**

Borchardt, Sophia	1882	1922	Born Faubel, Mother Lot 144 (Lot owner Robert Borchardt buried in SD)
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Tiegs, Ralph F.	6 Feb 1906	14 Jun 1967	Lot 144
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Lot 145 empty

**Section F Row 5**

Lot 66 Outer Drive Not for Sale

Beyendorf, Carl Sr.	2 Sep 1848	28 Mar 1942	Father, Lot 154
Beyendorf, Caroline	11 Dec 1851	21 Oct 1921	Mother, Lot 154
Biehle, Arlie	1917	1922	Lot owner is Paul Biehle--not buried here, Lot 155

This completes St. Paul's Cemetery as the group walked it in 1999 with some updates. There are some errors and omissions but it is as up to date as possible at this time.

**The Norfolk Veterans Home has a Veterans Memory Plaza** to honor any veteran, living or deceased. There are three styles of tiles. 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 the veteran's photo and service dates. The third option is no photo but the veteran's name and dates of service. This veterans memorial is beautiful with the flags, engraved benches, life size bronze statues and an eternal flame. Tiles are available for purchase. For more information visit the website at <http://supportheroespark.org/veterans-memory-plaza/> Tiles are being added regularly during warm weather. This concluded the list of tiles added in 2017.

Name	Panel, Row, Column			Website located at: www.forevermissed.com
Miller, Allen F. J.	20	H	2	No website
Miller, Julie Ella	20	H	1	No website
Walker, John R.	22	H	8	No website
Hruby, Francis S.	22	I	8	No website
Frerichs, Bryan	22	I	7	No website
Frerichs, Norman	22	H	7	No website
Widhalm, Norbert	23	E	1	No website
Mather, Robert	23	E	2	No website
Zaruba, Thomas	12	F	8	<b>See website</b>
Zaruba, Margaret (Cox)	12	F	7	<b>See website</b>
Devney, Robert O.	19	G	5	<b>See website</b>
Zaruba, David A.	12	G	8	<b>See website</b>
Menks, Karl	2	F	3	No website
Shewell, Ron	2	I	8	No website
Gieselman, Lawrence	19	G	6	No website
Beckenhauer, Jon R.	16	E	1	<b>See website</b>
Gall, Arlen O.	23	E	3	No website
Cook, Richard "Dick" L.	16	E	2	No website
Loseke, Arthur Melvin KIA	19	G	7	No website
Korte, Allen E.	19	G	8	No website
McGill, Gaile E.	16	E	3	No website
Korth, Larry	23	E	4	No website
Sayers, Ernest E.	15	E	4	No website
Nurnberg, Lt. Dale D.	11	F	5	No website
Marten, Monte F.	23	D	4	No website
Gubbels, Pat Raymond	23	D	1	<b>See website</b>



Loock, Harold Joseph	15	D	3	No website
Bristol (Young), Lois A.	15	D	4	No website
Mather, Melvin Dean	19	C	7	<b>See website</b>
Frese, Lawrence	15	G	3	No website
Bremer, Franklin	2	D	1	No website
Schueth, Eugene T.	16	E	4	No website
Dewell, Charles B.	24	F	2	No website
Baumann, Dennis Dean	16	E	5	No website
Schurr, Neman	24	F	1	No 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. Check out the website. It's very interesting to see some of the other people there.

### **The Class of 1893 from Norfolk High School**

Colors: Apple green and Pink, Flower: Wild Rose

Motto: Per Aspera ad Astra. From the Latin meaning: "through hardships to the stars"

**Faith Winifred "Winnie" Cobb** was born in Illinois in 1875 to Sumner and Amanda Cobb, granddaughter of Ezra and Lucy Cobb. She was the first assistant in the public library in West Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She then married William Eggleston and they lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota before returning to Norfolk. William died in 1948 and Winnie died in 1980. Both are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, in Norfolk.

**Lydia "Lyda" Belle Pheasant** was born in Pennsylvania in 1875 the daughter of "J.C." Joseph Curham Pheasant and Belle Smith Pheasant. J.C. served in the Civil War in the Pennsylvania Infantry. He died in Norfolk May 9, 1883 and is buried in Prospect Hill. Belle was left to raise at least one son and 4 daughters. Lyda taught in the Grammar department in Bloomfield public schools. Lyda then married Herman E. Gregory. Herman and Lyda first lived in Omaha, then settled in Nampa, Idaho where he worked for the railroad as a mail clerk. They had two daughters Elizabeth Louise and Virginia. Lyda died in 1957 and Herman in 1963 they are buried in Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Nampa, Idaho next to her mother Belle Pheasant.

**Emma Joanna "Josie" Hagey**, daughter of Dr. William and Emily Hagey, born July 5, 1874 in Illinois. She graduated from Nebraska State University in June, 1898, and was a teacher in 1900 in Norfolk, Neb. By 1930 Emma Hagey is a librarian at the public Library in Cedar Rapids, IA living with her 84 year old mother. She died in Los Angeles, CA Aug 22, 1967.

**Ruth Matrau**, was the daughter of Henry Clay Matrau and Jerusha Matrau. She was born August 18, 1873 in Michigan. She first was a teacher in the of Primary department in Norfolk public schools. She then married Otis Eller who was a widower with one son. Ruth and Otis lived in Lincoln, Neb. where they had one son Henry together. She died in Lincoln, Nebr. December 28, 1925.

**Lucy Shaw Williams**, was born July 6, 1875 in Nebraska. She was a teacher in the Preliminary department of the Norfolk public schools. She then married Mathew Adrian Tinley, born in 1876. Mathew was a medical doctor and also had a full military career from the Spanish American War through World War II. Lucy and Mathew had one daughter Mary Frances 1905-1909. They later adopted a son Dr. Robert Emmett 1910-1989. Winifred 1909-1990 was also a daughter but may have come out on the Orphan Train having been born in New York and is not listed on the 1910 census. Mathew died in 1956 and Lucy on July 10, 1972. They are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery Council Bluffs, IA

**Stella Isabella Chesnutwood** was the daughter of John and Amanda Chesnutwood and was born in 1875-1877 in Illinois. Stella married Rice W. Hoyt January 6, 1900 in Marceline, MO. She died on January 28, 1929 and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Albuquerque, NM. Rice and Stella had no children.

**Frances Margaret "Fannie" Johnson**, was born in Illinois in 1876 to Andrew and Margaret Johnson. They owned the Johnson Dry Goods Store and Fannie clerked there. Fannie married Joseph Storrs Mathewson, October 16, 1901. Storrs was a classmate of Fannies but did not graduate with the class. Storrs and Fannie had one daughter Charlotte. Fannie died in 1943. and Storrs in 1946. They are buried in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, California.

**Florence Neilson** was born June 10, 1873, the daughter of Rasmus and Mary Elizabeth Nielson. She married Bert B. McGinnis April 29, 1896. Bertie was born Nov. 3 1871 and was a farmer and county commissioner in the Warnerville area. He died Dec. 30, 1946. Florence died Jan. 5, 1952. They are buried in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Norfolk.

**Margaret Mae Morrow**, was born in 1876 in Iowa, **the** daughter of Thomas J. Morrow and J. M. Regan. Married to Howard Seabury who was born in 1874. Margaret was a teacher in the public schools of Custer, S.D. Margaret and Howard moved to Bellingham, Wash where she passed away Oct. 9, 1952 and was buried in Mountain View Memorial Park, Lakewood, Pierce Co., Washington. Howard died March 30, 1965. Howard was in the insurance business.

The following were members of the class of 1893 that did not graduate with the class for some reason.

**Kate G (Gertrude) Nichol** born about September 1871 in Iowa to John and Sarah Nichol. Katie had 2 brothers and 5 sisters. Katie married James M. Finch(born June, 1866) on Feb. 9, 1895 in Willowdale, Holt Co., NE. In 1930 James and Kate had 3 children, 2 sons, one daughter. James died April 29, 1943 and Kate died Sept. 10, 1955. James and Katie are buried in Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, Idaho. Katie has 3 sisters that were teachers that are also buried here in Caldwell, Idaho.

**Leo "Leona" Egbert** born March 12, 1876 to Howard L. and Carrie F. Egbert in Indiana, died Jan. 30, 1936 in Martinsville, Indiana. She never married. She was a sales lady in a drug store and took care of her elderly parents.

**Madison County Genealogical Society**  
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**2017—2018 Officers**

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**Our Society Website** is at  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/)

**Our future meetings**

**February 17, 2018**

**March 17, 2018**

**April 21, 2018**

**May 19, 2018**

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**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

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

**Meetings** generally on the 3rd Saturday of each month with exceptions at 10 a.m. at 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE., in the Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center, or at 703 E. Klug, Bernice Walters' home.

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**Joseph Storrs Mathewson "Storrs"** was born in March 14, 1875 in Connecticut the son of Joseph and Mary (Cotton) Mathewson, grandson of Samuel S. Cotton). He was a farmer and then an insurance agent. He married his classmate Fannie Johnson and they had one daughter Charlotte. Storrs (1875-1946) and Fannie (1876-1943) are buried in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, CA. Storrs did not graduate with his class but he did eventually get some college education. His mother's father Samuel S. Cotton was a very prominent person in Norfolk's history and guided Storrs after his father's death in 1884. His father Joseph was a lawyer and is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk.

**Harry Lee Mast** was born in Iowa about September 22, 1875 to Charles Mast and Ida Whisler Mast. His father, Charles, was a banker in Norfolk. In 1900 he was still single and working as a Cashier for a plate glass company in Davenport, Iowa. In 1904 he was married to Louise D. Mengel. In 1930 Harry was an insurance registrar still in Davenport. In 1940 Harry was now working as a cashier in a liquor store. Harry and Louise had no children and Harry died July 23, 1953.

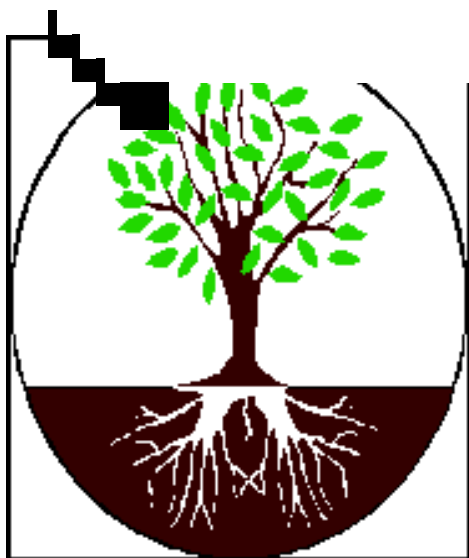
**Lizzie Kellman** Not living in Madison County in 1880 or 1885 or 1900. No definite information found.

The following were members of this class as sophmores in 1891 but did not graduate with their class in 1893. Laura Law, Martha Parker, Dossie Overholser, Roy Holmes, Charlie Wyman, Willis Mann and Alpha Schwenk.

Many of the early graduates were children of the business owners and/or descendants of the prominent, established families in the community. Graduates such as Braasch, Raasch, Cobb, Hays, Gerecke, Olney, Barnes, Mast, Mathewson, Matrau, Cotton and Johnson were children of bankers, lawyers, doctors, business owners and military men who were some of the founders of the community having named additions, blocks, buildings, streets, businesses, etc. named for their families. i.e. Mast Block, Gerecke Ave., Braasch Ave., Matrau Avenue. Many other students attended school, some becoming teachers and business people venturing all over the United States as opportunity presented itself to them.

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## Upcoming Events

**Family Discovery Day —March 10, 2018.** This one will be held at 12009 S. 84th St., Papillion. From 8:30 to 12:00 FREE <https://gogsmembers.wordpress.com/>

**March 15, 2018 – Irish workshop** Our Spring 2018 Workshop will be an Irish workshop with the Ulster Historical Foundation from Ireland. There will be 2 sessions. There will be one session in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The workshop will be held at The Thompson Center on the campus of University of Nebraska, Omaha. The Ulster Historical Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1956 to promote interest in Irish genealogy and history. The Foundation is one of the leading genealogical research agencies in Ireland and a major publisher of historical, educational and genealogical source books. <https://gogsmembers.wordpress.com/>

**April 27-28, 2018—Nebraska State Genealogical Society Annual Conference** is at Rivers Edge in Columbus, NE. For more information: <https://nsgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=19>

**ANCESTRY IN THE HILLS** ... Anyone with South Dakota roots and an interest in genealogy should visit the little museum on the second floor of the visitor's center in Hill City (23935 Highway 385) South Dakota. Volunteers have assembled photos, memorabilia and information on the 27,000 young men who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression. Most importantly, they have a database of the workers so you can search for information on relatives. The CCC projects emphasized conservation of natural resources. Stone bridges, roads and structures built by the CCC are still in use today.

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