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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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The Society meets every month (except December), the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., First Baptis Church Educational Unit, 500 Philip Avenue, first floor. A notice of monthly meetings is published about one week before each meeting in the Norfolk Daily News, City Happenings...also announced over WJAG/KEXL AND KNEN radio.

The NEWSLETTER is published quarterly in October, January, April and July. We reserve the right to edit all material submitted and accept no responsibility for errors in material. A correction will be printed if submitted in writing.

Permission to quote from our NEWSLETTER is granted if appropriate credit is given to the MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER. Members are encouraged to submit items for the NEWSLETTER.

Membership to the society is open to all persons who have an active interest in genealogy. The MCGS fiscal year begins September 1 thru August 31...dues are: Single membership: \$6.00, Family membership: \$8.00.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS NEWSLETTER...YOUR DUES ARE DELINQUENT.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME--BRING A FRIEND!

Genealogy is now the fourth most popular hobby in the United States.

November activities:

The settling of the Western Reserve area of Ohio was the November program given by Joan Vogt Moody.

A report was given by President Jean Jackson Masters concerning the recent public hearing on the proposed destruction of birth and death records in Nebraska county courthouses.

A donation of \$50.00 was voted upon and a check was sent to the Elkhorn Valley Historical Society for the Museum/Park complex project now under way.

The State of Maine was called York County Massachusetts before the Revolutionary War.....(Ancestors Unlimited, 9:4-1985)

IF YOU FIND A MISTAKE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONSIDER THAT IT WAS PUT THERE ON PURPOSE. I TRY AND WRITE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOC. NEWSLETTER exchange:

- | | <u>Literature received:</u> |
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| 1. Adams County Historical Society
P.O. Box 424
Hastings, NE 68901 | Historical Pamphlet |
| 2. Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 541
Fremont, NE 68025 | Monthly newsletter plus quarterly
"Roots & Leaves" (spring, summer,
fall, winter) |
| 3. Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Soc.
P.O. Box 30055
Lincoln, NE 68505 | Monthly newsletter (Jan.-Dec.) |
| 4. National Genealogical Society
4527 Seventeenth Street North
Arlington, VA 22207-2363 | Newsletter (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept.,
Nov.) is a magazine. |
| 5. Nebraska State Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 5608
Lincoln, NE 68505 | Newsletter "New Brass Key" monthly,
plus "Nebraska Ancestry" quarterly
magazine (summer, fall, winter, spring) |
| 6. North Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 169
Lyons, NE 68038 | Newsletter |
| 7. Plains Genealogical Society
c/o Kimball Public Library
208 South Walnut Street
Kimball, NE 69145 | Newsletter "PGS COUNTRY" tri-yearly
(Jan.) |
| 8. Platte Valley Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 153
Columbus, NE 68601 | Newsletter "KIN-SEEKERS" - monthly
(Jan. - Dec.) |
| 9. Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1122
Grand Island, NE 68802 | Newsletter "PRAIRIE PIONEER" |
| 10. Rebecca Winters Genealogical Society
1121 Avenue L
Scottsbluff, NE 69361 | Newsletter "TRAIL SEEKERS" -
(Jan., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Nov.) |
| 11. Southeast Nebraska Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 562
Beatrice, NE 68310 | Newsletter "THE HOMESTEADER"
(July - Aug. - Sept.) |
| 12. Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 6
McCook, NE 69001 | Newsletter "ANCESTORS UNLIMITED"
(Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.) |
| 13. Woodbury County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 624
Sioux City, IA 51102 | Quarterly "THE WAHKAW"
(Sep., Dec., Mar., June) |

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Editors note:

The above newsletters and quarterly publications are very informative and you are advised to check them out of the Society Library for closer examination. Some have cemetery records and courthouse records, etc.

PHEASANTS UNKNOWN TO NEBRASKA IN 1900

Stocking Prior To 1915 Done Privately-First Open Season in 1927

(Editor's Note--The following is another of a series of articles issued by the state game, forestation and parks commission in the interest of hunting and sportsmen.)

Pheasant hunting is a sport enjoyed by thousands of Nebraskans annually. Because of the program of conservation carried out by the state, generally, Nebraskans can find the best of pheasant hunting right in their home state.

The pheasant now so common in Nebraska was unknown here at the turn of the century. Our pheasant is a hybrid developed from the Chinese and English pheasant with a bit of the Mongolian pheasant thrown in. Chinese pheasants were first brought to this country in 1880 and stocked in Oregon. The English pheasant followed in 1887, when it was introduced in New Jersey. Through private efforts birds of both species were brought west to Colorado and Kansas. About 1900 to 1904 the first pheasants were noted in southern Nebraska. Later a few dozen birds were introduced here and from these beginnings grew Nebraska's estimated 3,300,000 pheasant population.

Prior to 1915 all pheasant stocking was done privately. In that year the state took up the work, but it was twelve years before the state had its first open season on pheasants. In October 1927, all of Wheeler county and all of Sherman county except three townships were opened to pheasant shooting for three days. The take was small, because of a bag and possession limit of five cocks, the shortness of the season and the limited area open.

In 1928 nine counties in central Nebraska were opened for ten days and an estimated 25,000 birds were shot. Shooting was limited to cocks that year, as it was in 1929, when an estimated 50,000 birds were taken in eight counties in a ten day season.

Through careful conservation and propagation work in the years since the pheasant has been introduced into every Nebraska county, although as they have elsewhere. This is due to soil and vegetation conditions not the best for breeding. Nevertheless the pheasant now is found in every county in the state, although there are many which have never been opened to hunting. Prospects are, with one or two years of favorable weather conditions, southeastern Nebraska will provide its share of sport for pheasant hunters.

Oct. 31, 1959
**Hunters Can
Get Licenses
Here Sundays**

At least one Norfolk establishment will sell pheasant hunting licenses Sundays, starting this weekend, Bob Thomas of the Chamber of Commerce's tourism committee said Saturday.

Arrangements have been made for Long's Service Station, 1301 Norfolk Ave., to issue the licenses as a service to Nebraska and out of state hunters.

COMPLAINTS HEARD
There were some complaints last Sunday that hunters from other areas who planned to hunt in the Norfolk vicinity were unable to obtain licenses here.

Norfolk Daily News

Any other establishments normally open Sunday may obtain the licenses from the State Game Commission if they care to provide the service, said Thomas.

The issuing agency is paid 10 cents a license.

The pheasant season, Thomas noted, annually attracts thousands of visitors to Northeast Nebraska. **PLENTY BIRDS**

Shooting in Northeast Nebraska has been above average, with lots of birds available but cover thick so that hunters are working hard for their limits.

A check of hunters showed that most farmers are granting permission to hunt on their land, with the request that hunters stay out of corn fields not yet picked. Some of the stalks are leaning from the wind and hunters might damage them further.

Nov. 2, 1959
**Many Hunters
Get Licenses
Here Sunday**

More than two dozen visiting hunters were served by the new weekend hunting license service at Long's Service Station, at the intersection of Highways 81 and 275.

The service was established Sunday by the Chamber of Commerce's tourism committee. On the preceding Sunday, first of the pheasant season, several carloads of out-of-state hunters found it impossible to obtain licenses.

One hunter said he heard about the accommodation to weekend hunters over Radio Station WJAG while in Mitchell, S.D.

NEW YORK RESEARCH - Land records on microfilm at New York State Archives are available on interlibrary loan. Write: New York State Archives, State Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230. A Guide to Records in the New York Archives is obtained by writing: Office of Cultural Education, New York State Archives, Albany, NY 12230.

A WEE BIT OF IRISH? - The Irish Family Names Society, Box 2095, La Mesa, CA 92041, is offering "If You're A Wee Bit Irish", 196 pp., with hand index listing almost 2000 variations of family names in English and Gaelic. A Handy map is included and is keyed to the names in the index. This book might just be the miracle you need to help find Irish surnames in Ireland. \$8.75 plus 75¢ postage.

If England is your ancestral home- try the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, P.O. Box 20425, Cleveland, OH 44120...individual membership is \$10.00.

WISCONSIN RESEARCH - A guide to genealogical sources at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin is now available...it contains 56 pages, is paper bound and costs \$2.50 - postpaid. Order from: Publication Orders, Department GH, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706
Ask for - Genealogical Research: An Introduction to the Resources of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN CERTIFICATES - are awarded by the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society to anyone whose ancestors settled in Wisconsin by 1850 for Pioneer Certificate; Century Certificate for settlers at least 100 years ago. For further information write WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705-5106. Include a long SASE.

SWISS ANCESTORS? "Family Research for American of Swiss Descent" - a two-page handout from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 608 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10020.

DANISH IMMIGRANT ARCHIVES.- Grand View College, 1351 Grandview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50316, and the Danish American Heritage Society have undertaken a project known as Danish Immigrant Archival lists. The purpose of this effort is to locate, encourage the preservation of and prepare a comprehensive listing of Danish American archival materials. The aim is to aid researchers to know whether or not an item exists and where it may be examined. If you know the location of any Danish emigration material, please let them know.

L.D.S. LIBRARY OPENS IN LINCOLN - Nebraskans are fortunate to have another Branch Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 3100 Old Cheney Road in Lincoln. To locate it: Old Cheney Road is a major arterial running east to west in Lincoln just a few blocks south of Highway 2 or Pioneers Blvd. You may reach it easily by taking nearly any north or south arterial such as 27th., 33rd., or 56th. streets. The new church is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 32nd. and Old Cheney Rd. and a generous parking lot is on the north side of the building. The nearest entrance to the library is also on the north side of the building.

Lincoln Branch - LDS Library
3100 Old Cheney Rd., Lincoln, NE
Telephone: (402) 423-4561
Hours open: Tuesdays 9:30 to 9:30
Wednesdays 1:30 to 9:30
Thursdays 1:30 to 9:30
Saturdays 9:30 to 6:00

It is very important to be aware of the times when the library is open, particularly if you are planning a trip into Lincoln to use it. For further information on the

library refer to the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Newsletter, NEW BRASS KEY, Volume 9, Number 4, Dec. 1985/Jan. 1986, pp. 1 & 2.

NEW DAR RECORD SEARCH PROVIDED - The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is providing a new service to assist members and non-members with their research. For a fee the RECORD SEARCHER will research within the vast holdings of the National Society including the NSDAR Library, Revolutionary ancestor data files and other data in the custody of the Registrar General, such as DAR application papers in Seimes Microfilm Center.

The RECORD SEARCH service is available to DAR applicants for membership who do not have access to Lineage Research assistance, to DAR members working on supplementals, including those who have papers pending in the Office of the Registrar General with which they need assistance, and non-members.

A request for an application for Record Search should be addressed to the Office of Registrar General -- Record Search, Administration Building, 1776 D Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, accompanied by a check for \$8.00 payable to Registrar General -- Record Search for each request. This fee will provide one-half hour of research, plus up to six pages of photocopies per request. You may authorize additional research time at \$10 per hour plus 25¢ per page for photocopies. If additional research time and photocopies are authorized in addition to the \$8.00 non-refundable fee, the applicant will be billed at the time the research report and photocopies are mailed. Payment shall be within 30 days. (source: DAR magazine)

FRENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTORS - Thomas J. LaForest has published a book called "OUR FRENCH-CANADIAN ANCESTORS" - this may be of interest to you...for further details write: List Press, P.O. Box 1063, Palm Harbor, FL 33563... there are two volumes.

USE OF ABBREVIATIONS in GENEALOGY

b. - born	et al. - and others
bp. - baptized	et ux. - and wife
bur. - buried	n.d. - no date
rem. - removed	sic - as copied
mss. - manuscript	pub - published or publication
SASE - Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope	NXN - no Christian name
MG - Minister of Gospel	p - page
JP - Justice of Peace	pp - pages
i.e. - that is	O.E. - Old English
op cit - page cited	unm - unmarried
cf - compare	viz - namely
ae - of age	vol - volume
c or ca - about	V.R. - Vital Records
desc - descendant	wid - widow
doc - document	widr - widower
d.s.p. - died without issue	yeo - yeoman
d.v.p. - died in father's lifetime	X ped - Christened

(abstracted from Santa Barbara County Gene. Soc. newsletter)

A NEW GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY has been organized in Dakota City, Nebraska. No further information is available at this time...if you want further information write: Judy Boyd, President - 508 East 32nd Street, South Sioux City, NE 68776.

"OLD GENEALOGISTS NEVER DIE --- THEY JUST LOSE THEIR CENSUS"

SBC Genealogical Society, CA

"THE WATERTOWN GAZETTE" - Watertown, Wisconsin, February 7, 1902.

On January 14, 1902 J.R. Buchanan, formerly of Watertown Wisconsin now of Omaha, Nebraska delivered an interesting address before the Nebraska State Historical Society at Lincoln, Nebraska from which we take the following of local interest.

"There were only twelve houses in West Point, mainly a little colony of Germans from Watertown, Wisconsin conspicuous amongst them was the father and family of our present state treasurer William Stueffer."

Perhaps as conspicuous a settlement as any was a small colony of thirty-seven families of German Lutherans also from Watertown, Wisconsin who sought a new country where with their very limited means, all could locate together and support jointly a church of their faith. They were piloted to the present site of Norfolk in 1866 by Mr. Stueffer, their former townsman in Wisconsin who had proceeded them locating at West Point. One of their number, Mr. Braasch, in 1870 plotted the original town of Norfolk. Nearly all of that colony, with a numerous growth of children and grandchildren are still living there. A notable fact is cited by one of the descendants to the effect that the children and grandchildren of those pioneers, that were bred in Nebraska are larger of frame and usually more robust than their ancestors and they attribute this to the healthful invigorating climate.

(Submitted by member Betty Huebner, Ixonia, WI)

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