

MADISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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1ST QUARTER

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A HISTORY OF STANTON COUNTY NEBRASKA by Meroe J. Outhouse, M.A., published August 1, 1944, is available at the Norfolk Public Library.

PAID MEMBERSHIP LIST OF NORFOLK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY as of October 10, 1986 include:

Ahrens, Elizabeth	Heubner, Betty
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Geske, Franklin	Wattier, Susan

Dues are due -- this is the last MCGS Newsletter you will receive if dues are not paid.

Dues are: Single Membership \$6.00 or Family membership \$8.00

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JEANNE ALLISON got to spend the 'cold' Saturday at the Lincoln Branch of the LDS LIBRARY at 3100 Old Cheney Road and got to dig through her findings while she watched the game on TV and her family froze at the game. 33rd Street DOES NOT go clear through Lincoln. You can take 27th Street straight south until you hit the gravel road (yes it is at the south end of Lincoln) and take a left for four blocks. It is a large church with a huge parking lot. Use the North door. Enter the lounge area and take a right down the hall to the door marked GENEALOGY LIBRARY. It is a small room but they have lots of information. (See Jan 86 MCGS) You have access to all film that has been ordered by individuals so may fall into a 'treasure' that someone else has ordered. They have on loan from the Utah library for six months (till Apr. 15th) two rolls of film on VITAL RECORDS OF HIGH AND LOW DUTCH REFORMED CONGREGATION IN SCHOHARIE, SCHOHARIE COUNTY, NEW YORK, 1725 - 18-- (I can't remember) I was thrilled since it includes my ENDERS (ANDERS ENTERS) 1709 Palentines.

After spending my Saturday afternoon at the LDS Library my husband inquired "Did you find everything you needed?"

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DIANNE JAEGER, committee member of the Winside Museum Project wrote requesting us to help preserve the heritage of a REAL COUNTRY CHURCH. The THEOPHILUS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST of rural WINSIDE was organized in Sept., 1888. Do to declining number of families, the current membership is only about 20. They have voted to donate the church building and all its contents as a branch museum of the Wayne County Historical Society. Bill and Pat Burris, members of the Historical Society, have donated a lot for its location in Winside and approximately \$18,000 is needed to dig the basement and move the church. Any help we can give them will be appreciated. Contact Dianne at Rt. 1 - Box 55, Winside, NE 68790.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members:

You did scrape the bottom of the barrel for me as the new president for 1986-1987. I'll need all the help I can get from you that rose to the top (the experienced ones). We need participation from the newer members with your rosy or hazy viewpoint. The help has been great (lots of good apples in that barrel.)

The September 16th meeting was well attended. Thanks! We had guests and our members Betty and Harley Huebner from Watertown, Wis. came with smiles on their faces.

Past-President Jean Masters wants to complete her project of getting member's surname cards typed and sent to The State Genealogical Society and the Norfolk Public Library. Jean and her chairman, Joyce Barlow kept us all busy at the meeting. We typed the cards using the new form.

The workshop given by Ilene McCallson at the Norfolk Art Center on September 20th went beautifully. The Chairman, Joyce Borgelt, and Jean Masters organized it well. They did a lot of preparation work and gave each person a bag full of helpful little gifts. Working and helping at the workshop were: Elizabeth Ahrens, Jeanne Allison, Joyce Barlow, Joyce Borgelt, Elvera Geske, Lottie Klein, Jean Masters, Joan Moody, Dee Sewell and Susan Wattier.

Past-President Mary Voss is graciously helping with the Newsletter. Thank you. She is going to pursue her genealogy by joining some societies in the Eastern USA. Let us know how it goes.

Quoting from the NSGS newsletter the "New Brass Key"---to the collecting, preserving and distributing of the genealogical information. This should be our goal too. Here's hoping to see you all at our next meeting. Or let's have a letter with your dues, input and query from our mail-list-members. You are all needed - that is what keeps us going. Many of us have gotten so much pleasure and pride out of accumulating our genealogy. Remember how anxious you were to get started. I thought that first business meeting would never end. At that time, experienced members helped the new-comers with their who, what, where, when questions. Let us pass on that big favor to the new members who join. I am willing to help on an individual basis at a mutually agreed upon time. I would meet a small group at the library for a seek and share time. Just ask me.

Sincerely,

Marge Fuhrmann

REGARDING THE SURNAME CARDS - - -the deadline is coming soon. If you can type your own cards, please do so and get them to the girls. According to a letter from Nebraska State Genealogy Society of November, 1985: The microfilming of Surname charts is done through a joint effort of the N.S.G.S. and the Nebraska State Historical Society.

This project is concerned with the microfilming of ancestor charts from the membership of the N.S.G.S. Individual members of the N.S.G.S. will have the opportunity of having their four or five generation charts submitted to Florence (Snyder) Schmitt, Box 37, Lexington, NE. 68850, to process as part of our evergrowing Lineage and Surname project. (We must join the N.S.G.S. to get our charts or cards microfiled.) These charts of members who meet the required deadline will have the opportunity to be included in the microfilming and eventually the cross index.

From the 28 August, 1986, letter from the above Florence: Members of N.S.G.S. should also have their name, address, and membership number on each and every ancestor chart. If they want an answer for a surname check of my files, I must have an enclosed SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE.

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AT THE WORKSHOP, that bubbly ILENE MCCALLSON gave an informative session. She taught us a time saving number system to put to use in any library. (See page 8, 9, and 10.) Those who could not attend missed a lot. Joyce Borgelt taped the two sessions. Ilene also gave hand-outs, including the Dewey decimal systems list; so we did not have to take notes. I am sure all of us are pumped full of enthusiasm to resume our research this fall - or to ORGANIZE and "log" our finds from our summer research as Ilene taught us to "log" our research. See page 11).

Betty and Harley Huebner contributed issues of their first two newsletters to our society and library. One of their members is artistic. He designed their letter-head "Out on a Limb." It is eyecatching and rememberable. Also they gave the MEMBERSHIP LIST, with surnames the members are researching. These are from the Watertown, Wisconsin Genealogical Society.

Any of you who had roots in DODGE OR JEFFERSON COUNTIES should consult the list. These would be the people and churches at Ixonia, Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Mayville, etc., that were left behind when the 1866 Pioneers/Settlers wagon train to Norfolk. There is a St Paul's Lutheran Church at both ends. For the first 20 years the records are almost the same - at least for baptisms and marriages.

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Our sympathies to Jean Pelc whose Mother Judith Velder, age 84, passed away 16 September, 1986. She was born 27 Oct 1901 in Limnhamm, Sweden.

Our sympathies to Betty Ward Ahrens, whose mother-in-law, Ester Ahrens, age 87, passed away 27 September, 1986, b. 15 August, 1899, in Stanton County.

A big BRAVO BRAVO to our LOTTIE KLEIN for being chosed the 1986 LA VITSEF SWEETHEART, for her Good-Neighbor care of the needy. She and Don rode in a convertable in the parade.

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Joyce Borgelt got her finger caught in the lawn mower and had to have stiches. She has developed a painful infection. So painful she had to stay home from the State meeting at Halsey.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

THE NEXT MADISON COUNTY
GENEALOGY MEETING WILL BE
NOVEMBER 18th.



"Oh DEAR...so much for THAT branch of the family tree."

The ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY and the history department of Hastings College are housing the annual meeting of the Nebraska History Network on November 8, 1986, at Hastings College Campus.

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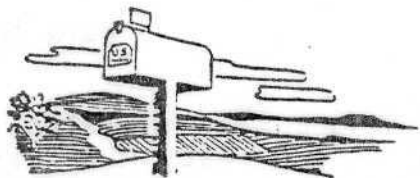
The FORT KEARNEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of Kearney, NE announces a Genealogy Workshop featuring Louise Bloom Baumann of Omaha on SWEDISH RESEARCH. It will be held Saturday, November 1, 1986, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with registration and coffee at 8:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$5.00. It will be held at Harmon Park Activities Center (Youth Center) at 31st Street and 5th Avenue. For further information and registration contact: Mrs. Kenneth Smith, 305 West 30th, Kearney, NE 68847.

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From the June-July 1986 NEW BRASS KEY: At the last meeting of the NSGS Board it was decided that surname cards and ancestor charts submitted by PREVIOUS members of NSGS who have not kept their memberships up-to-date WILL NOT be active and used in replying to queries.

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From the June-July 1986 NEW BRASS KEY: FUNNY BUSINESS Now that Beatrice Bayley has been exposed as an unreliable source of genealogical information and the United States Postal Service is holding all mail orders for her "books" until litigation has been completed, we suggest that you be wary of the name ELIZABETH ROSS with a Plainfield, N.J. address. It looks possible that Beatrice has renamed herself Elizabeth! Warning is also given about ROOTS RESEARCH BUREAU, LTD., of New York whose materials on specific surnames appears to be useless.



Received in the Mail

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GENEALOGIST RESCUES FAMILY DOCUMENTS AND OLD PHOTOS

MAXINE ALEXANDER of Tacoma, Washington writes that there has recently come into her possession a box of records pertaining to families who lived in Nebraska during the 1940's. Among the records are the following: a high school diploma for a Evelyn Petersen, dated June 3, 1941 from Madison, NE; marriage license for Evelyn Petersen & Leonard R. Janvec (parents - Andrew Petersen & Anna A. Reihart of Madison; Louis Janovec & Mary Bauman of Niobrara); a birth certificate for Leonard Janovec, dated 1945 in Tacoma, WA. Also in the box are a small scrapbook and a large photograph album with many unidentified snapshots; photos with photographers identified from Madison, O'Neill, Humphrey, NE and Charles City, IA and Tacoma, WA. Ms. Alexander will send this material to the proper persons for just the cost of the postage. Her address is 10606 34th. Ave. East, Tacoma, WA 98446.

"H A P P Y E N D I N G"

A knowledgeable genealogist, Ms. Alexander, notified the Nebraska State Genealogical Society of her find. BRAG!! BRAG!! Notice in New Brass Key gets results.

When I saw this item on Monday, I started phoning the Lowell Janovec home in Norfolk, until Linda answered. I could not remember Evelyn's 2nd husband's surname. After explanations, Lowell's wife said young Leonard, "Lennie" had been born in Tacoma and later Evelyn had to get another birth certificate, since she couldn't find his. Linda took Maxine Alexander's address. I asked them to let me know how it turned out.

Later that same evening Lowell called me. His mother already had the box from Maxine and they were all especially happy with the picture album. A lady genealogist from Filley, Nebraska, had read the Mailbox and called Lennie, who lives at Beatrice. He'd called Tacoma twice; the box arrived and he called his mother. Evelyn and husband went Sunday to get it. Due to a death in family, she forgot to tell Lowell.

Forty years ago, Evelyn left some possessions on an enclosed back porch of her landlady. She always intended to go back for them, but forgot about it. Recently the landlady passed away and Maxine must have helped the sons go through her things. The ladies were friends and had already been deeply involved in Genealogy in 1945. Evelyn said, "It's just beautiful to have my box back, especially the old photos of my grandparents and great grandfather." October 9, 1986, by Marge Fuhrmann

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All the U.S. Censuses for Wisconsin (except the 1910) and the state censuses through 1970 are available for inter-library loan. If you will be traveling this summer, the library is located in Madison, WI. (taken from Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society Newsletter, May 1986.

From the ILLINOIS STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Quarterly, Fall, 1986:
PUBLISHING STANDARDS CRITERIA FOR CEMETERY RECORDS
by Josephine F. Moeller, 923 W. Kirby, Champaign, IL 61820

CONTENT: ABSTRACTING VS. EXTRACTION

Tombstones --The row and grave number should be given and everything should be transcribed that is on the stone, including complete dates, relationships and military service, except epitaphs. All should be published. If there is material on the stone that is not published, an asterisk or other mark should tell the reader that more information is available.

Sexton's Records -- Starting with the book and page number, as much as possible of these records should be published including names, dates of grave openings and particularly the owner or purchaser of the plot. If the price or other information is not published, it should be noted so the reader knows that more information is available from the source.

In publishing a cemetery, the lots and rows and graves should be published AS THEY LIE, not alphabetized. This is essential to let the reader determine adjacent graves. The publication should then be indexed. A great disservice is done by alphabetizing a cemetery transcription. A rough plat or sketch of the cemetery should be provided.

STANDARDS OF ACCURACY

For cemetery transcriptions, the major proofing (other than typographical errors) should be done by the person or persons doing the transcribing at the time of transcription. It is important to go to the cemetery well prepared with forms for recording the stones and equipment -- chalk, cornstarch or charcoal -- to aid in reading the weathered stones. The transcribers should proceed slowly and accurately in an orderly and pre-planned sequence to insure there are no omissions. The transcription should be easily readable by others who may be doing the typing. It is wise to proofread the transcripts while still in the cemetery to improve accuracy.

INDEXING

A surname index should be provided at the end of the book. If more than one cemetery is published in the book, a single surname index should be on the last pages of the book including all cemeteries. When indexes are published within the body of the book, they are often overlooked by users.

STANDARDS OF PUBLICATION

Publication style etc. should be at the discretion of those publishing and selling; but two column typescript seems best suited to cemetery transcriptions and easier to read than a single line across the entire page. Title and cover should include county and state, then township, city or name of cemetery if a single cemetery is transcribed.

COMPUTERIZATION

It would be difficult to use even a portable computer in the cemetery at the time of transcription. So the actual transcription will have to be hand written, but it is essential that it be readable by others. Preparing the manuscript for publication can easily be done with a word processing program if desired. A data processing program would be wonderful for manipulating the transcriptions of all the cemeteries in a county. This would make access and analysis possible from many different entries: surname, date of birth or death, age at death, cemetery, etc. This type of death information could be used in various sociological studies.

OTHER INFORMATION

Persons transcribing cemeteries, besides transcribing stones, should make every effort to locate the holder of the sexton's records and to add information about graves with no stones, if possible. It is also important to provide maps to locate the cemetery, maps of the cemetery itself, address of the cemetery or of a contact person, a physical description of the current condition of the cemetery, and date the transcription was made. Also, a brief history of the cemetery is very helpful -- when first platted, who donated or sold the land to the cemetery, earliest burial, etc. The locality's Recorder of Deeds could be contacted for any information on the cemetery.

Suggested reference: CEMETERY TRANSCRIBING: PREPARING AND PROCEDURES, Technical Leaflet 9, Available from American Association for State and Local History, 1400 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN. 37203.

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DEWEY SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION
FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE-UNITED STATES
compiled by Ilene McCallson

Each state, within the Dewey System of Classification, receives an assigned number. This number can be used to locate it within the 'Subject' breakdown. These numbers are:

74 NORTHEASTERN STATES (New England and Middle Atlantic States)

- 74 1 Maine
- 74 2 New Hampshire
- 74 3 Vermont
- 74 4 Massachusetts
- 74 5 Rhode Island
- 74 6 Connecticut
- 74 7 New York
- 74 8 Pennsylvania
- 74 9 New Jersey

75 SOUTHEASTERN STATES (South Atlantic States)

- 75 1 Delaware
- 75 2 Maryland
- 75 3 District of Columbia (Washington)
- 75 4 West Virginia
- 75 5 Virginia
- 75 6 North Carolina
- 75 7 South Carolina
- 75 8 Georgia
- 75 9 Florida

76 SOUTH CENTRAL STATES (Gulf Coast States)

- 76 1 Alabama
- 76 2 Mississippi
- 76 3 Louisiana
- 76 4 Texas
- 76 6 Oklahoma
- 76 7 Arkansas
- 76 8 Tennessee
- 76 9 Kentucky

77 NORTH CENTRAL STATES (Lake States)

- 77 1 Ohio
- 77 2 Indiana
- 77 3 Illinois
- 77 4 Michigan
- 77 5 Wisconsin
- 77 6 Minnesota
- 77 7 Iowa
- 77 8 Missouri

78 WESTERN UNITED STATES

- 78 1 Kansas
- 78 2 Nebraska
- 78 3 South Dakota

- 78 6 Montana
- 78 7 Wyoming
- 78 8 Colorado
- 78 9 New Mexico

79 FAR WESTERN STATES (Great Basin and Pacific Slope region of United States Pacific Coast States

- 79 1 Arizona
- 79 2 Utah
- 79 3 Nevada
- 79 4 California
- 79 5 Oregon
- 79 6 Idaho
- 79 7 Washington
- 79 8 Alaska

Each State is then broken down

- 741 Maine
- 741 1 Aroostook County
- 741 2 Northwestern counties
- 741 22 Somerset county

In genealogy the 'Subject' numbers most frequently used are:

200-299 RELIGION
270 being Church History.

- 325 MIGRATION
- 325.1 Immigration
 - 325.2 Emigration
 - 325.3 Colonization
 - 326 Slavery
 - 333 Land
 - 366 Associations (e.g. IOOF, Masons)
 - 369 Patriotic Societies (DAR Lineage)

900 HISTORY (Most Genealogical material will be found under this decimal classification)

912 PLAT BOOKS
Example 912.73 Historical and Genealogical Atlas of the United States

917 NORTH AMERICA

- .1 Canada
- .2 Middle America
- .3 United States

Example 917.3 A New and Complete Gazetteer of the United States

.306 "The Dutch of America"

- .4 Northeastern states
- .5 Southeastern states
- .6 South central states
- .7 North central states
- Example 917.77 Polk's Des Moines City Directory
- .8 Western states
- .9 Far western states

929 Genealogy and Heraldry

- .016 Bibliography
- .05 Periodicals
- .1 General Works on Genealogy
- .2 Family Histories
- .2016 Family History Bibliographies
- .3 Genealogical Sources
- .4 Personal Names
- .6 Heraldry
- .7 Peerage and Royal Houses
- .71 Orders of Knighthood
- .72 Royal Houses, Nobility
- .8 Ammorial Bearings, Coats of Arms, Crests, etc.

940.467 WWI MILITARY RECORDS

971 CANADA

972 MEXICO

973 UNITED STATES

- 973.1 Period of discovery and exploration to 1607
- .2 Colonial period, 1607-1775
- .3 Revolution and Confederation, 1775-1789
- .4 Constitutional period, 1789-1809
- .5 Early 19th century, 1809-1845
- .6 Middle 19th century, 1845-1861
- .7 Administration of Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865
- Example 973.7 War of The Rebellin
- .8 Later 19th century, 1865-1901
- .9 29th Century, 1901-

974-79 Specific states of United States (see classification for each state above
Example 974.1 Maine

Do not overlook the "q" books which are oversized and shelved separately

DEWEY DECIMAL AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CALL NUMBERS
FOR THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES

ALABAMA	76.1	F321-335	NEBRASKA	78.2	F 661-675
ALASKA	79.8	F 901-915	NEVADA	79.3	F 836-850
ARIZONA	79.1	F 806-820	NEW HAMPSHIRE	74.2	F 31-45
ARKANSAS	76.7	F 406-420	NEW JERSEY	74.9	F 131-145
CALIFORNIA	79.4	F 856-870	NEW MEXICO	78.9	F 791-805
COLORADO	78.8	F 771-785	NEW YORK	74.7	F 116-130
CONNECTICUT	74.6	F 91-105	NORTH CAROLINA	75.6	F 251-265
DELAWARE	75.1	F 161-175	NORTH DAKOTA	78.4	F 631-645
FLORIDA	75.9	F 306-320	OHIO	77.1	F 486-500
GEORGIA	75.8	F 281-195	OKLAHOMA	76.6	F 691-705
HAWAII	96.9	DU 620-629	OREGON	79.5	F 871-885
IDAHO	79.6	F 741-755	PENNSYLVANIA	74.8	F 146-
ILLINOIS	77.3	F 536-550	RHODE ISLAND	74.5	F 76-90
INDIANA	77.2	F 521-535	SOUTH CAROLINA	75.7	F 266-280
IOWA	77.7	F 616-630	SOUTH DAKOTA	78.3	F 646-660
KANSAS	78.1	F 676-690	TENNESSEE	76.8	F 431-445
KENTUCKY	76.9	F 446-460	TEXAS	76.4	F 381-395
LOUISIANA	76.3	F 366-380	UTAH	79.2	F 821-835
MAINE	74.1	F 16-30	VERMONT	74.3	F 46-60
MARYLAND	75.2	F 176-190	VIRGINIA	75.5	F 221-235
MASSACHUSETTS	74.4	F 61-75	WASHINGTON	79.7	F 886-900
MICHIGAN	77.4	F 561-575	WASHINGTON, D.C.	75.3	F 191-205
MINNESOTA	77.6	F 601-615	WEST VIRGINIA	75.4	F 236-250
MISSISSIPPI	76.2	F 336-350	WISCONSIN	77.5	F 576-590
MISSOURI	77.8	F 461-475	WYOMING	78.7	F 856-770
MONTANA	78.6	F 726-740			

LOG TO ORGANIZE MATERIAL

LOG OR CALENDAR

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2 FAMILY GROUP SHEET

H.
W.
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3 BACK OF SHEET

H.	1,3	1 MARR
W.	1,3	2 LETTER
		3 CENSUS
1.	2,3	
2.	2,3	
3.	3	

LIST ALL RECORDS AND SEARCHES WITH DESCRIPTION AND WHERE YOU HOUSE IT

DOCUMENT MATERIAL WHICH FILL OUT THE FAMILY SHEET

COLUMNS GIVE FILM OR BOOK NUMBER AND NUMBER OF ITEM

4 ORIGINAL RECORD IN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

ALL ITEMS YOU COLLECT PICTURES GROUP SHEETS

5 LOCALITY BY STATE

PLACE - STATE - COUNTY
RECORD TO SEARCH AND WHO IS INVOLVED

SOURCE (MARRIAGE RECORD, ETC)

1. RECORD ON LOG
2. FILLED OUT ON GROUP SHEET
3. DOCUMENTED
4. PUT IN BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
5. ANY THOUGHT OF FUTURE SEARCH RECORDED ON LOCALITY CHART

From Illinois State Genealogical Society, Fall, 1986

"If Only I'd Listened at Grandmother's Knee"

If only I'd listened
At Grandmother's knee
When she told me those stories
How things used to be.

If only my grandma
Were here again now.
I'd hold her and hug her
And remember this vow.

If only I'd listened
But instead I was bored
The names and the places
And dates, I ignored.

I'd ask about her
And how it had been
To grow up and marry
In the world as t'was then.

If only I'd asked,
"Grandma, how was it then?"
Or said to her,
"Grandma, tell me again."

I'd ask how her grandpa
Came to this place.
I'd ask how her grandma
Stood pioneer's pace.

If only I'd questioned,
"Great-grandpa lived where?"
But instead her tales vanished
Into the air.

But, you know, that perhaps
She'd reply then to me,
"If only I'd listened
At Grandmother's knee.

If only I'd treasured
her wisdom and knowledge
Gained from the world
Instead of some college.

Mary Alice Benedict Grindo!

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