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4TH QUARTER

Dear Members and Readers:

Whew! Now it's hot and humid. In June we could have used some of that excess rain that came in April. I hate to water the lawn; nothing to show for my time but wet shoes.

It's been a busy year for the society. Joyce Barlow put our collection of surname cards into the Norfolk Public Library. She had some 200 cards. So that is accomplished. You have to ask for the surname index at the library.

I helped a few genealogists over the Memorial Day weekend. I sent some old photos to the town clerk of Battle Creek, NE., for the planned "Nebraska - Our Town" book. They were of this geographic region. See article telling of this project.

The big news is that the First Baptist Church of Norfolk sold their Educational Unit/Chapel building since our May meeting. We are glad for them as they needed the money to build their new church. But that had been our meeting place for many years. Also the home for our storage cabinet. Harlow offered that we could meet in the basement of the Baptist Church. However, they did not have room for our cabinet since they were moving the Sunday School and Pre-school equipment into the basement.

It is in the best interest for our society to have the cabinet located at the same place as most of our meetings are held. Ardith Logan had offered the use of their business place "Logan's Antenna Service and Tape Rental Shop" to hold our June meeting, which we did. At the June meeting she offered space for our cabinet and that she would make the books and supplies available between meetings. When this change of meeting place came up, a flurry of telephoning followed. On Saturday, June 20th, we moved the cabinet and books to 2nd and Braasch Avenue to Logan's Shop. We took an inventory and away we went.

My term is about done. It has been a busy one. Thank you for all the help. We have 33 members and a new member paid up for 1987-1988.

Sincerely, Marge Fuhrmann -

P.S. Note the surname spelling. I did not change my name. Blame the computer. Ha! (When errors are noticed the newsletter is being read)
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 WE WANT TO THANK Martin W. Johnson from 514 W Minominee, Belvidere, IL. 61008 for purchasing and contributing to the Norfolk Public Library a microfilm copy of the 1980 Veterans and/or widows of Veterans census for 3/4ths of the NE Counties--(series) M123-37 (real). Contributed by Marge Fuhrmann.

WE THANK Gerald Haddock for contributing his book "Legends of the Haddock Family, 1976, to the Madison County Genealogy Society. The first two parts are based on legend and state that four brothers arrived at "the landing" in 1607 on assignment from King James I of England. They returned to America in 1610 with their families to established their boat and ship building business. The book gives the history of the land and the family. Part 3 is a list of individuals they have been able to trace and document. It starts with John Haddock Sr. b. about 1720 and includes ten generations of decedents. It contains an index.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to HARLOW BUTCHER for letting us meet in the Baptist Church Educational Unit building at 5th and Philip Avenue for so many years. The chapel was roomy, plenty of chairs and tables to use; no steps to climb and the 'rent' was right. Also our cabinet was safely stored in a locked room between meetings. We really appreciate this long tenure in the same location. Also thanks to the Trustees and members of the Church. Hope all goes well on the building of your new church.

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NEW MEETING PLACE

Member Ardith Logan is storing our books, supplies, and cabinet at Logan's Antenna and Tape Rental Shop at 2nd and Braasch. This is to be our NEW MEETING PLACE also. She has a key to the cabinet and will let our members open up the cabinet during the week. Remember this is a place of business; so do not expect instant attention if Ardith is busy with customers. Ardith goes down to work about noon and is there till past 6:00 -- almost 7:00 p.m. before she gets out of there. Friday is their busiest day. She doesn't usually go down on Saturday. You might call her at work - 371-9473 - to see if she will be there after 6:00 p.m. MEMBERS - lets be more conscientious about checking out books from our library. Always leave your name and the date you took the book on the card which can be found in the book or set of newsletters (or use a slip of paper). Please put the card in the box.

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BETTY BOLTER is a new member paid up for 1987-1988.

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Our August meeting is usually a picnic at a park or someone's home. Bring spouse, family, or friends.

 [DUES ARE DUE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1987]

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CLOSED August 17 through September 8.

The Nebraska STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY research facilities will interrupt service temporarily to lay carpet and relocate reference materials, according to Sherrill Daniels. The closing begins August 17 and extends through the Labor Day weekend with reopening scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8. If your summer research includes these materials, make note of these dates and work them into your plans. This remodeling moves the printed source material closer to the microfilm room and will help researchers. Source - LLCGS Newsletter July, 1987

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THE SCANDINAVIAN Tourist Offices, 655 Third Ave., New York, N.Y., 10019 has free heritage folders, maps and general information available about travel to and from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland that may aid in a beginning search for ancestors from those countries. Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter, May 1987.

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CAN'T FIND YOUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIER? Write to Confederate Descendants' Society, P. O. Box 233, Athens, AL., 35611 or RARE COLLECTION, T. K. Kennedy, P. O. Box 355, Braddock Heights, MD. 21701. ENGSN June, 1987
 NORWEGIAN RESEARCH - The Norwegian Emigration Center will help you trace your family history in Norway. The archival service operates on a non-profit basis and the fee is \$10.00. Those interested should write to: The Norwegian Emigration Center, Box 410, N-4001, Stavenger, Norway. ENGSN, June, 1987.

We plan to feature Madison County township maps in future issues of this letter. Townships in Madison County include Battle Creek; Burnette-later named Meadow Grove and Jefferson; Deer Creek; Emerick; Fairview; Green Garden; Grove; Highland; Kalamazoo; Madison; Norfolk; Schoolcraft; Shellcreek; Union; Valley; and Warnerville. We will try to feature two townships in each newsletter.

The maps have been taken from the 1899 Madison County Plat Book. The source for information on Battle Creek township is from the "Centennial Reminiscing, a History of the People of the Community of Battle Creek, NE, 1867-1967. This 210 page book is still available from the Battle Creek Improvement Club, Battle Creek, NE., 68715, for the small fee of \$2.50 plus postage of 50 cents.

In researching POSTAL HISTORY OF NE, PART 2, by William Rapp, 1985, we extracted the following information.

POST OFFICES IN MADISON COUNTY NEBRASKA

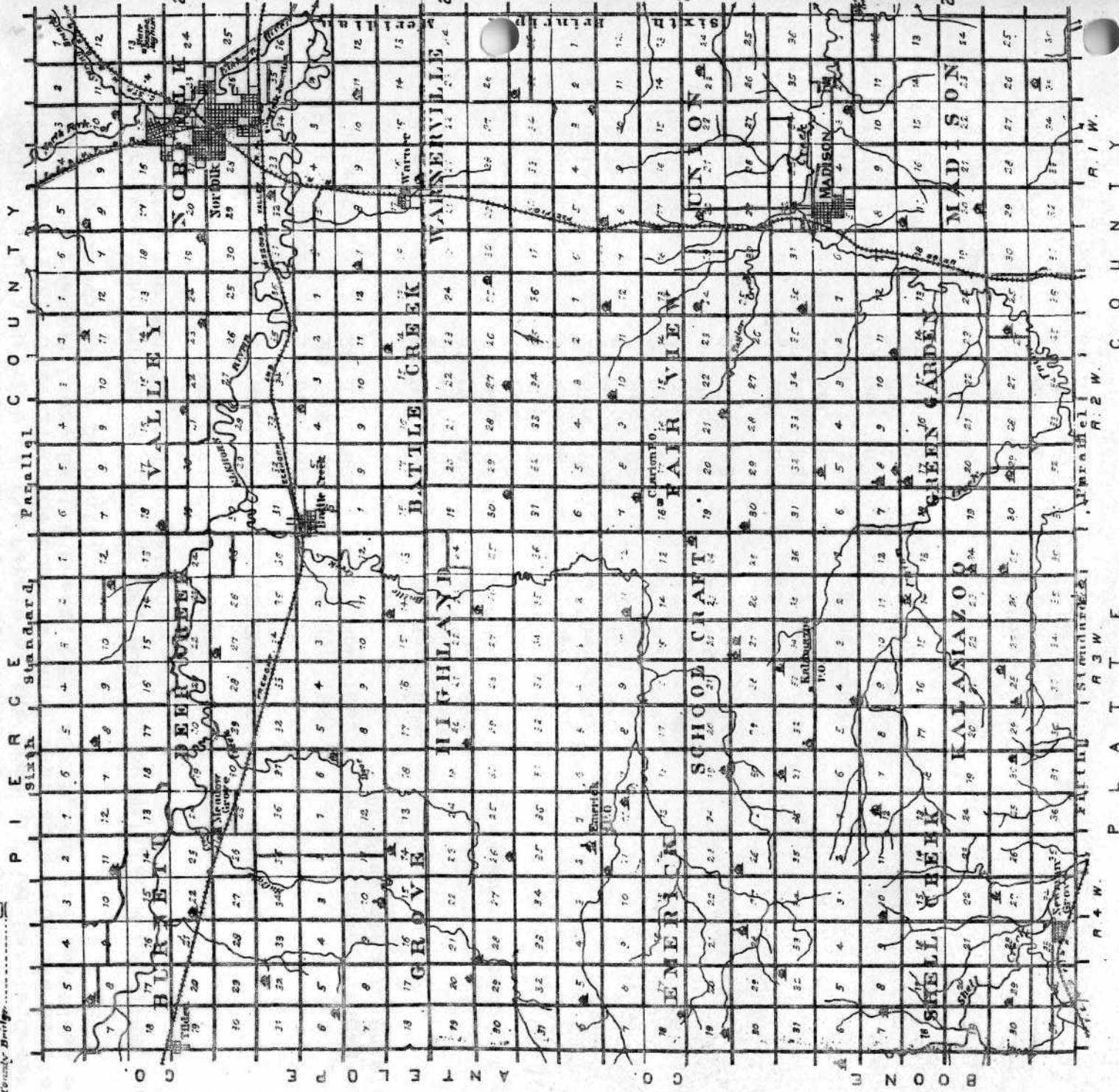
OFFICE	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED	REMARKS
Battle Creek	12 Dec 1873		
Blakely	25 Feb 1880	21 Jan 1899	
Burnett	20 Jan 1880	07 Apr 1882	orig. Ogden changed to Tilden, also in Antelope County.
Chloe	04 Mar 1892	06 Jan 1896	
Clarion	09 Apr 1874	23 Aug 1880	
	05 Oct 1880	25 Jun 1894	
Deer Creek	14 Dec 1870	02 Nov 1889	changed to Meadow Grove
Dry Creek	16 Dec 1873	20 Oct 1888	
Dunlap	11 Feb 1888	1889	
Emerick	27 May 1873	31 Dec 1920	
Enola	22 Jan 1906	31 Dec 1909	
Gates	29 May 1873	12 Oct 1875	
Genaro	21 Dec 1874	07 Aug 1876	
Glenar	21 Dec 1874	07 Aug 1876	
Hale	30 Jun 1888	17 Sep 1889	
	19 Dec 1889	27 Aug 1897	
Hiram	02 Jun 1887	11 Jun 1887	orig name Munson changed to Warnerville
Kalamazoo	23 Jun 1874	02 Apr 1887	
	26 May 1887	24 Jun 1904	
Madison	20 Feb 1873		
Mariella	18 Nov 1873	20 May 1881	
Meadow Grove	02 Nov 1889		orig. name Deer Creek
Munson	12 Jan 1880	02 Jun 1887	name change-Hiram
Newman Grove	23 Jun 1874		
Norfolk	28 Dec 1869		
Ogden	15 Jan 1873	20 Jan 1880	name change-Burnett, also Antelope County
Parry	15 Oct 1872	06 May 1873	
Plum Grove	05 Apr 1872	01 Oct 1873	
Spring Valley	21 Mar 1872	19 Dec 1873	
Tilden	08 Aug 1887		orig. name Burnett
Union Valley	30 Jul 1872	15 Feb 1875	
Warnerville	11 Jun 1887	30 Jun 1917	
Warren	26 Dec 1871	18 Aug 1890	
Yellow Bank	14 Jun 1877	19 Dec 1879	

- EXPLANATION**
- Station line
 - Firm or lot line
 - Village Road
 - Railroad
 - Creek & Springs
 - Fence
 - Church
 - School Enclosure
 - Alignment Enclosed owned by same party
 - Cont. owned by a family, three |||||
 - Cont. owned by same owner, one ||
 - County Bridge

OUTLINE MAP
OF
MADISON COUNTY
NEBRASKA.

1899

Scale: 1/4 inch per mile.



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MADISON COUNTY IS FORMED

Soon after the coming of the first colony of German families to the Norfolk area, and scattered settlers were coming into other areas in what is now Madison County, preliminary steps were taken to organize a county government. This movement undoubtedly originated from the Norfolk colony as we find that in the first meeting of the founders, August Raasch recorded the minutes: — (The new Lutheran Community Hospital stands on what was August Raasch's homestead).

On July 20, 1867, "we were 'mustered' into the county service. We were sworn in as judges and clerks. I as judge." (Note terminology "mustered in" undoubtedly from his experience as a soldier in the Civil War — "mustered into service").

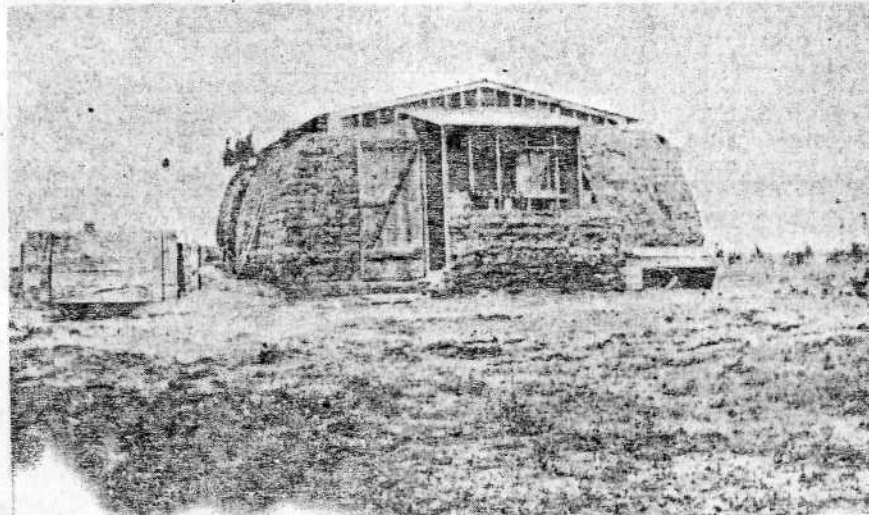
The next entry is dated July 22, 1867 — "We hunted for a site for the county seat."

Then on July 27, 1867 — "We had our first meeting. August Raasch, H. Braasch and F. Heckendorf, Judges of Election; August Lentz, B. R. Barnes, Clerks of Election."

Entry July 29, 1867 — "We were sworn in by the Clerk of Stanton County."

The majority vote of the German colonists who had come from Wisconsin in 1866 named the surveyed area which now comprises the county — Madison in commemoration of the capital city of their first home state in America. Norfolk was chosen as the county seat. (Norfolk being a contraction of "North Fork" of the Elkhorn River, along which they had their homes).

The first county election was held January 21, 1868 in a cabin south of Norfolk on Taylor Creek. Thirty-two voters came to elect the following county officials: Herman Braasch, August



Raasch and Henry Barnes, county commissioners; Frederick Wagner, probate judge; Samuel Thatch, clerk; Frederick Heckendorf, treasurer; August Lentz, surveyor; Horace J. Severance, coroner; Fielding Bradshaw, sheriff; Fred Boche, county assessor; John Allison and William Bickley, justices of the peace; Thomas Bickley and Fred Haase, constables.

(Note: Samuel Thatch, County Clerk, later served as land right of way acquisition agent for the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railway. Later, he, George Hurford, Herman Claus and others believed that Battle Creek would eventually become the county seat because of its central location in the county, sold his land south of Norfolk and acquired land north of Battle Creek not far from the site of the meeting of the Pawnee Indians and General Thayer and his troops with which Mr. Thatch served).

The first meeting of the County Commissioners was held April 6, 1868 at the home of Clerk Samuel Thatch, south of Norfolk.

The first general election was held October 11, 1868, at which time forty-seven votes were cast in Madison County. Interest in starting schools was noted in this election.

A levy of 6 mills was voted by the County Commissioners on the assessed valuation of \$28,000.00 which raised \$168.00 for the county treasury.

In the summer of 1869 the Board of Commissioners divided the county into two precincts. The north half was named Norfolk Precinct and the south half was named Union Precinct.

Relocation of the county seat eventually became an issue as many believed it should be located nearer to the center of the county. Travel by walking, ox drawn wagon or, at best, on horse back was slow.

On March 24th, 1875, Battle Creek people published a notice in the Madison County Review (the county's only news media) to-wit:

"The 'proprietors' of the town of Battle Creek have signed an article before me as notary public, donating to Madison County twenty acres in the townsite and a block of the surveyed portion of the same, conditioned that the county seat be located here, otherwise to be null and void — signed, John D. Hoover."

On March 31, 1875, the same paper published the following notice:

"The citizens of Madison will pledge themselves to erect suitable buildings for county seat purposes, providing voters of the county will locate the county seat at this place."

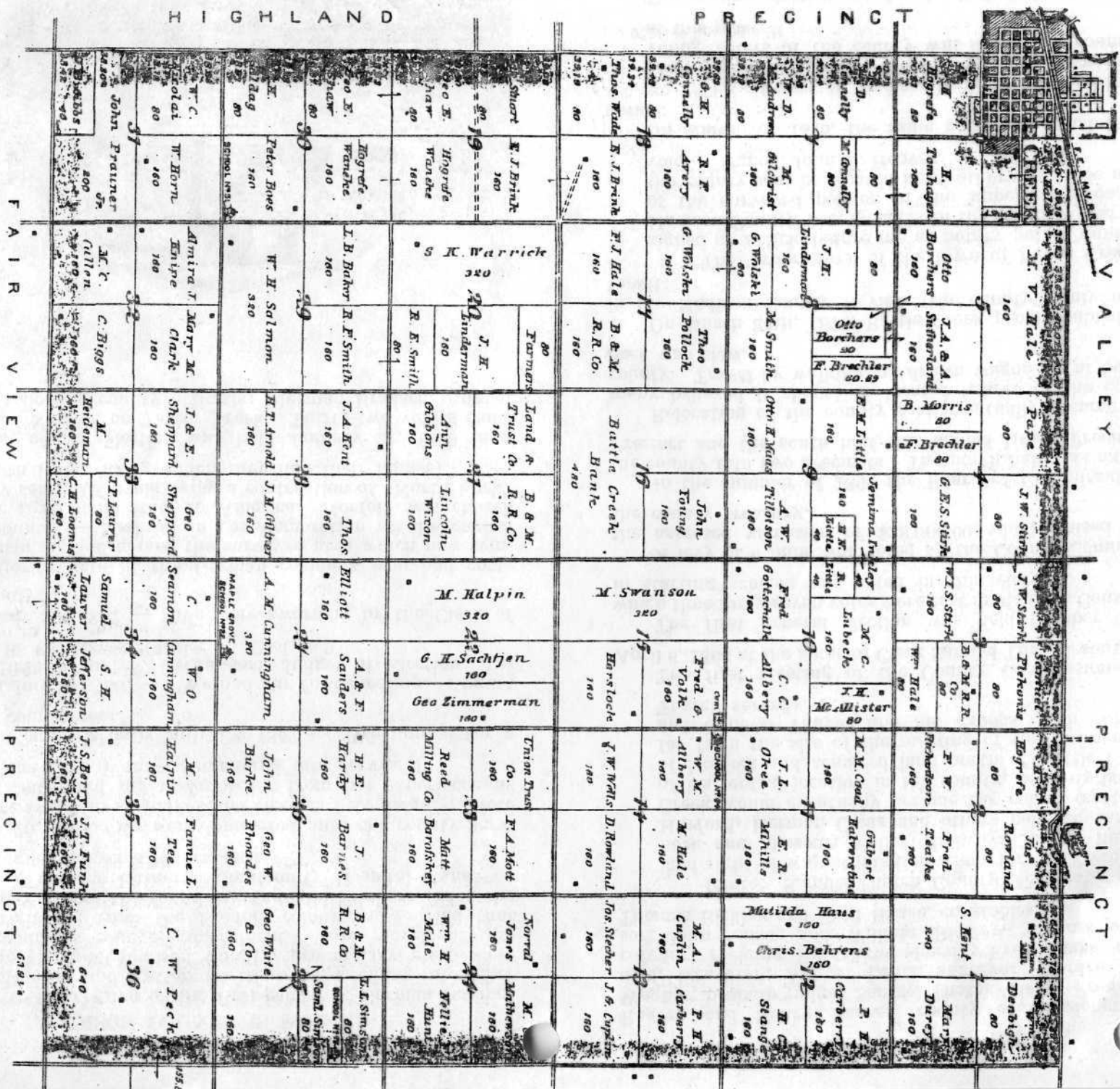
The coming election set for April 8, 1875, caused little concern from Norfolk citizens.

REPLAT OF BATTLE CREEK page 42

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

Township 23 North, Range 2 West.

of the 6th Principal Meridian



BATTLE CREEK PRECINCT

Up to this point we have dealt mostly with settlements in Schoolcraft and the south portion of Highland Precincts. First settlers in Battle Creek Precinct were:

In Section 1, we find Samuel Kent, Sr., who when he retired, came to Battle Creek to build the house where the Hubert Gross-rode family now lives. It was the Kent home until the parents died and afterwards, for a time, home for Mrs. Jack Barnes who was a widow, a Kent daughter, caring for her parents. His son, Sam Kent, Jr., took over the farm on the retirement of his father. Margaret Kent married Arthur Gardels.

In Section 2, we find names of two old families in the community. Frederick Tiedtke, grandfather of Harry and John Tiedtke; and James Rowland. These farms are still owned and occupied by descendants in these families.

Section 3, Reimer Gardels, who came into town to become one of Battle Creek's first business men. His grandson, Art Gardels, operated the business founded by his grandfather. Jos. W. Stirk, head of the Stirk family, came in June, 1869. Wm. F. Reavis and Andrew J. Wantlin were others. All of these names are familiar to us.

In Section 4 were John M. Walker, L. F. Taylor and Amanda Pope.

Section 5, George W. Carroll, Mason Stirk (brother of J. W. Stirk, died as a young man), and Otto Borchers. Mr. Borchers came in 1869 by stage coach from Fremont. The Borchers farm is now the Darrel Knapp home. Otto Borchers, whom we know, is a grandson.

In Section 6, Peter Smith took the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Frederick Hogrefe settled in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, where Battle Creek is situated, and John Ahrens settled in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, which is also a part of our village. Henry Tomhagen also homesteaded in a part of this section.

In Section 7 was Henry Tiedgen, and Mr. Tomhagen in part. Michael Connelly (his sons, Michael, Jr., and Dennis). George Connelly in Section 18 was Michael's nephew.

In Section 8, J. H. Lindeman, who was Mrs. Mabel Preuser's grandfather, homesteaded the land which is now the Alfred Volk home. Frances Fowlkes homesteaded on land now owned by the Freudenburg family. Gottlieb Wolski and Michael Smith also settled in this section. Michael Smith was Vincent Kirby's great grandfather.

In Section 9, the names of Jeff B. Jackson and David Whitla appear. In the nineties, Mr. Jackson retired from the farm and built a house on the lot where Herb Ruegge now has his truck storage. For many years Mr. Jackson worked for Dr. Tanner as his teamster. David Whitla took the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ as his claim. Thereafter, the Little family bought the farm and it is now the Edwin Volk family home.

In Section 10, are the names of A. J. Wantlin and Mary Luebecke. Wantlin retired to Battle Creek and built a house on the lot where the Fred Fundums now live. Mrs. Luebecke's grandson, Earl Luebecke, now lives on the farm.

In the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, we find the John Alberry homestead and the Alberry cemetery. A grandson, Fred Alberry, now lives on Highway 81 about straight east of his grandfather's farm.

Section 16 was and still is school land, presently under lease to Mrs. Julia Zimmerman Tillotson. (She died in 1966).

Section 17 was railroad land. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$, now the Otto Borchers' home, was first purchased by Michael J. Connelly. Connelly sold it to the Henry Stuckwisch, Sr., family. Later, George Zimmerman owned and occupied the farm for some twenty years. Gottfried Walski bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Fielden J. Hale bought the S $\frac{1}{2}$ which was later owned by George Zimmerman. It was the tract of land which Tim Preece sold to William Prauner at auction - "sold and sold forever." It is still owned by members of the William Prauner family.

In Section 18, we find the homesteads of George H. Connelly, Thomas Wade and Elmore J. Brink. A story by Mrs. Chas. Martin, who was born Gertrude Wade, is told elsewhere. Mr. Wade, was a brother of Mrs. T. D. Preece. (When Mr. and Mrs. Preece were married in 1891, their first home was the homestead of Mr. Preece's grandfather, Timothy Carrabine, southwest of Norfolk. Thereafter it was the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, known then as the Michael Connelly farm, thereafter the Dennis Connelly farm.

Section 19, R. N. Smith; Joseph Pospisil, in Section 20; Michael Halpin, Maurice Wood, in Section 22; A. M. Cunningham, John McBennett, Thomas Ross, in Section 27; Robert Craig, Andrew Craig, Brewster Simmons, in Section 28; Heinrich Aldag, grandfather of Elmer Aldag on whose homestead Elmer now lives. Elijah J. Dennis, Joseph Dierks, and Peter Boes in Section 30. The Dierk's homestead was on the east side of the "cut-hills" which for many years bore the name "Dierk's Hill." John Jacox, Fannie Bauer, and James B. Gibbs in Section 31. Mr. Gibbs was killed in an accident when his team, drawing a disc, ran away and he fell under the machine. In the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31-23-2, Fanie Bauer, the homesteader, sold to Wm. Nicolay in 1884. He married Catherine Borchers, daughter of a neighboring homesteader. Their children were William, Bertha, Margaret, Theresa and Nina. Almira J. Miller and Almira J. Knight in Section 32. Samuel Lauver, Suzanne Peitten, David R. Simmons, and William O. Cunningham in Section 34. Donald Lauver now lives on the homestead of his grandfather, Samuel Lauver. Jerome T. Funk farmed in Section 35. Mr. Funk's daughter-in-law and grandson, Charles Funk, still occupy this farm. Section 36 was railroad land and became part of the old Shepherd Ranch, a noted place in the early days of Battle Creek.

Creek to a greater extent by the "citizens" of Madison offering "suitable buildings" for county seat purposes. The result of the election was as follows: Madison 222; Norfolk 198; Battle Creek 186; and County Center 72. (County Center would have been either of two sites offered by Amos T. Reigel at his "Clarion" post office near the present District No. 88 school site and the other in "Central City" platted in land now included in the Praeuner farm occupied by the Norman Praeuner family).

No place having received a three-fifths majority, District Attorney Hoxie held that another election must be held. Citizens of Madison argued that another election would cost five hundred dollars. The Board of Commissioners took no action on the county seat fight as a difference of opinion undoubtedly existed until August 2, 1875 when Commissioner Henry Barnes of Madison was in favor of calling another election and Commissioner Moldenhauer of Norfolk was opposed. The third member, not voting, was either absent or refused to vote. Another meeting of the Board to be held on August 5th was agreed upon and at that meeting another election for the relocation was set for September 4, 1875.

At this election Battle Creek received 258 votes, Madison 211 and Norfolk 205. No place having received a three-fifths majority, another election was called for. Norfolk, the county seat, having received less than two-fifths of the votes cast in this election was declared eliminated from further participation.

At the general election held October 12, 1875, the final vote stood: Madison 368; Battle Creek 362. Though Battle Creek contested the vote, the Board of Commissioners held that the election and results were legal and therefore, ordered the removal of county records from Norfolk to Madison be made January 1, 1876.

The actual removal to Madison was delayed as Executive Probate Judge G. B. Fletcher of Madison County issued an injunction restraining the county officials from moving the records from Norfolk to Madison. The District Judge pronounced the injunction worthless but the county officials refused to move until the case could be heard before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Contesting parties finally succeeded in raising the required \$1,000.00 bond to carry the case to the higher court where a writ of mandamus was served upon the county officers to appear in Lincoln on March 29, 1876. Thereupon the Supreme Court ruled the election held October 12, 1875, was valid and ordered immediate removal of the records from Norfolk to Madison. The records were moved but Madison postponed building the "suitable county buildings."

Rivalry between the towns over the location of the county seat continued so that still another election on the question was again called for to be held August 13, 1886. The final vote in this election was as follows: Madison 782; Norfolk 809; Battle Creek 574 and County Center 151. The vote was not as large as was expected. Some thought it was because the farmers were busy gathering their small grain crops. Harvesting and thresh-

ing crews meant entire neighborhood groups and no one could leave the others at such a time.

Norfolk had the highest vote but it lacked the magical three-fifths of the votes cast and so the county seat remained at Madison. Another attempt to move the county seat back to Norfolk was made about 1913 or 1914. The contest was between Norfolk and Madison only with Madison winning the election. There was too much country and village animosity against the county metropolis at the time.

BATTLE CREEK VILLAGE

Judging from the context of this story, like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Battle Creek just "grewed." No, it did not "just grow." It would be difficult to name all the good people who lent leadership in building our town.

The first settlement which might have become the townsite of Battle Creek, occurred in 1870 or 1871 and was located two miles south and one mile west of the present townsite. John Tiedgen and the party of Missourians who came in 1869, included the Tiedgen family, Herman Hogrefe, John Lucht and Henry Woste. Perhaps not in the same party, but coming from Missouri also, were the Eyl family (August and his four sons — Theodore, Herman, Henry, and Fritz), and Heinrich Tomhagen. All took homesteads in the general area.

F. J. Hale, who had taken a homestead in Schoolcraft Precinct in 1868, came "down the creek" to establish a trading post one-fourth mile east of the present Herbert Bierman home. L. D. (White) Barnes started a blacksmith shop and a small school house was built in which the first church service in the community was held.

It is reported that on occasion, the Indians could buy whiskey at the Hale trading post. Fritz, or as we knew him, Fred Eyl, was a teenage boy herding cattle on the prairie near what is now the Louis Barry home. He had seen the Indians going to the settlement and later upon leaving, had heard them whooping it up. They had evidently scared the clerk into letting them have some "fire water." Fred hid in the tall grass, fearing that he might be molested by the Indians.

It was in the school house built in the settlement that Rev. Jacob Dellinger, a Baptist clergyman, held the first church service in May, 1872. Only a few weeks later, the first Lutheran service was held there. In this service a number of Battle Creek's first Lutheran born babies were baptized. These included Mary Lucht, who is still living and is a patient at the Lutheran Community Hospital Annex in Norfolk. Mary was born February 14, 1871. Another included in the baptismal service was Dora Tiedgen who later married Fred Brechler. It is said that Dora was the first white baby born on the Battle Creek, born October 11th, 1870. One cannot forget that the baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Ketterman in the winter of 1867-68, five miles south of the Tiedgen homestead must have been the "first."

March 11, 1987

Nebraska State Genealogical Society
Patricia A. Wagner, President
721 West Prairie
Albion, Nebraska 68620

Dear Ms Wagner:

The Madison County Genealogical Society is pleased to nominate Marie Rave to receive the Nebraska Society Genealogical Society Certificate of Appreciation.

Marie, a 4th grade teacher at Westside School, Norfolk, Nebraska, has been selected for this honor in appreciation for her interest in history and her professional application of the same in her class rooms.

Her history classes come alive with students participating through projects on their own. Recently their assignment was to research the establishment of the City of Norfolk, dating back to the original seventeen families that founded the community over a hundred years ago. Photographs, news articles, and stories of the early times were enhanced by studying a large map of the City on the floor of the school auditorium. The project was concluded by the students taking a tour of Norfolk.

Every year the students of her class have a Pioneer Heritage Day. The students come dressed as pioneer children. A full day of school is conducted as it would be during the early days of the community, using quill pens for writing and participating in reading and arithmetic classes as their forefathers had.

Additional participation was encouraged by the students finding old recipes of their grandparents and great-grandparents, ancestor records, what ethnic group they come from, what family records were available, where their grandparents were born and what grandfather did to earn a living. They even made butter in the classroom.

Marie is a native of Edgerton, Minnesota, graduating from high school there. She received both her BS and MS degrees from Wayne State College. She has taught in the Norfolk Elementary School system for the past 18 years. Her husband, Don, is a local pharmacist. They have two children, Todd, a student at Wesleyan University in Lincoln, and a daughter, Amy, who is a student at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean L. Masters & Joyce Borgelt, Co-Chairpersons
Madison County Genealogical Society

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Nebraska State Genealogical Society
Patricia A. Wagner, President
721 West Prairie
Albion, Nebraska 68620

Dear Ms. Wagner:

The Madison County Genealogical Society is pleased to nominate Leatta Stontvedt to receive the Nebraska State Genealogical Society Certificate of Appreciation.

Leatta is a Charter Member of the Madison County Genealogical Society. She has served as Vice-President and Auditor and on other various committees. She contributed a great amount of effort when the Madison County Cemetery records were compiled and assisted with the indexing of the Madison County Atlas.

Leatta was always willing to assist other Genealogists in their research. Several persons have become interested because of her enthusiasm and help.

She compiled a history of her family, (Youngbluth), which she entered into competition in the State of South Dakota, for which she received recognition.

As a writer, poet, historian, photographer and genealogist we feel her qualifications merit her nomination for this honor.

Leatta is a native of South Dakota where she attended school. Her husband is a retired CPA. They have two sons, Randy, working as a CPA in Omaha and Mark, associated with the Christ is King Church here in Norfolk. She is a proud grandmother to four grand-daughters and one grand-son.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean L. Masters & Joyce Borgelt, Co-Chairpersons
Madison County Genealogical Society

President Patricia Wagner of the Nebraska State Genealogical Society could not get the \$5,250.00 together in time to pay for microfilming the county birth registration records. Also the people who checked did not find enough discrepancies to warrant microfilming all those records. So our \$5.00 contribution was returned and the project dropped.

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NEBRASKA...OUR TOWNS project continues to make good progress. Names of local historical coordinators come into the home-office of project coordinator, Jane Graff daily. Completed stories and pictures are also arriving on a regular basis. "Every story has been so interesting and the pictures are OUTSTANDING," commented Graff.

Dr. Robert Manley, committee member said in a recent Lincoln Star-Journal article, "The thing I'm interested in is that people can see from this [series of stories] that towns have a rationale about them...towns were built for a reason...somebody planned them!

...I want people to see this as a process that is ongoing. There is an ebb and flow to towns. Understanding [that process] is the key to survival and the renewing of a town"

All incorporated towns have been asked to submit a story and pictures to be included in this series of seven books. Not all towns have submitted their historian's name or indicated that they are participating, however. (You should check with your village/city clerk to make sure your town and other towns in your county are enrolled.) There is NO COST to the cities or villages for the 2 to 6 pages they will be given. Posters announcing the project are being mailed to each town along with information on ordering copies of the books. Everyone who can--certainly historical society and library in Nebraska -- should work toward acquiring a full set of books for their collection. For additional information, contact Second Century Publications, Rte 3, Box 137A, Seward, NE 68434 402-643-2341. The cost of each book is \$30.94 which includes postage, handling, and sales tax (\$1.19) for NE residents only. Source SCHS, Viewpoint, March-April, 1987

~~XXXXXXXX~~ CARLISLE AND MARY VOSS are to be contacted for NORFOLK.
Robert

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SOLVE IT WITH SOUNDEX by Shirley Terry, 301 Almond Ct., San Ramon, Ca 94583 (from Southeast Nebraska Genealogy Society, Vol 10 #1, July, Aug, Sept. 1987). In searching the 1900 and 1910 censuses through Soundex . . I was amazed at the VARIETY OF SURNAMES THAT END UP WITH THE SAME CODE and finally noticed that although the last names seemed to have nothing much in common but the code, the FIRST NAMES WERE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. . . Only families with children under 10 were Soundexed.

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NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES has land records on microfilm that are available on interlibrary loan. Write to New York State Archives, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, 12230

The 1891 CANADIAN CENSUS has been released and is available from the Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St. Ottawa, Ontario Canada KIA 0N3 on interlibrary loan.

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS from the ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTH have risen in cost effective May 1st. Birth cards, short-form computer generated birth and death certificates, and searches are \$10.00. Other birth and death certificates are \$15.00.

Information from Lincoln-Lancaster Co Gen Soc Newsletter, May, 1987

RECORDS OF ALIEN CHILDREN ADOPTED BY U.S. CITIZENS. Birth certification for aliens children who have been adopted by U.S. Citizens and lawfully admitted to the United States may be obtained from the immigration Naturalization Service, U.S. Dept of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20536, if the birth information is on file.

RECORDS OF BIRTH AND DEATH OCCURING ON VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT ON THE HIGH SEAS. When a birth or a death occurs on the high seas, whether in an aircraft or on a vessel, the determination of where the record is filed is decided in the terms of the direction in which the vessel or aircraft is headed at the time of the event occurred.

- A. If the vessel or aircraft was outbound or docked or landed at a foreign port, requests for copies of the record should be made to the U. S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., 20520
- B. If the vessel or aircraft was inbounds and first port of entry was in the United States, write to registration authority in the city where the vessel or aircraft docked or landed in the United States.
- C. If the vessel was of U.S. registry, contact the U.S. Coast Guard facility at the port of entry, from Prairie Pioneer Genealogical Society, April, 1987, Issue 4

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7th ANNUAL SOUTHERN MINN. GEN. CONFERENCE is Sat & Sun, Oct 24 & 25, 1987, at Worthington Community College, 1450 College Way, Worthington, MN 56187: Submitted by Donald W. Hinz, 219 11th Ave, Worthington.

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We have heard that Boone Co. NE Marriage Records from the very start up to the 1930's are available at the NE State Historical Society, Lincoln. You can order 5 copies of microfilms for \$5.00. Minimum charge for 5 or less is still \$5.00. You have to have approximate date and place for copies of marriages, obituaries or other newspaper articles.

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