



Madison County Genealogical Society

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Some insight into the feel of its major community, Madison, back in 1882 can be obtained by a brief look at what the little town had to offer its 600 residents:

5 General Stores		
2 Blacksmiths	2 Hardware Stores	2 Harness Shops
2 Banks	2 Shoe Dealers	1 Flouring Mill 1
2 Lumber Yards	3 Law Firms	Doctor
2 Hotels	1 Brick Yard	5 Stock Breeders
1 Newspaper	2 Public Schools	1 Private School

(Facts from History of the State of Nebraska, II. (Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1882) 1108.

Looking at a list of some of Madison's leading citizens shows us they were primarily from northeastern states and German-speaking countries:

W. J. Barnes (Proprietor of Madison Hotel)	Dutchess County, New York
F. W. Barnes (Banker)	Dutchess County, New York
Phil Bauch (<u>Chronicle</u> Editor)	Kankakee, Illinois
H. E. Becker (Furniture Dealer and Undertaker)	Germany
Dr. S. J. Bridenstine (Physician and Surgeon)	Pennsylvania
P. A. Clark (Coal and Farm Machinery)	Otsego County, New York
L. W. Findeisen (Hardware)	New Francken, Wisconsin
Herman Fricke (Liquor)	Hanover
F. W. Fritz (County Treasurer)	Prussia
William Gerecke (County Clerk)	Germany
F. Hoffman (Jeweler, Watchmaker)	France
H. D. Kelly (Attorney)	[Ohio?]
Rev. William E. Kimball (Presbyterian Pastor)	Frankfort, New York
C. Neidig (General Merchandise)	Germany
E. F. Prince (Hotel Proprietor)	Berkshire County, Mass.
W. M. Robertson (Attorney)	Delaware County, New York
William T. Searles (County Judge)	Jefferson County, New York
H. G. Seidel (Lumber and Lime)	Germany
M. C. Scott (Postmaster)	Jefferson County, New York
A. H. Steele (Druggist)	Huron County, Ohio
James Stuart (Banker)	Kent, Connecticut
J. J. Sherlock (UP Railway Agent)	Newport, Kentucky
F. W. Wolf (A Proprietor of Madison Mills)	Germany
A. C. Tyrrel (Banker)	Berkshire County, Mass.

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