



# Madison County Genealogical Society



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## QUERIES

Hello, My father, **Mart C. Schmode**, was born in Norfolk and his mother was one of many Mittelstadts that lived in your city. I had an "Aunt" Fern that was very special to me and I am trying to determine if her final resting place is in Norfolk. Her maiden name was **Fern Selina Kurtz** and she was born in Cherokee, Iowa, on August 30, 1888. Her first husband was **Rudolph Adolph Mittelstadt**, a brother to my grandmother, **Hulda Matilda Mittelstadt Schmode**, and he passed away on Feb 28, 1943. He was a dentist. In 1944 Fern married my grandfather, **Henry A. Schmode**, who had just recently lost his wife, my grandmother. It is at this point that Fern and I became very close friends. Fern passed away around 1970 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and I have not been able to determine the exact date she passed away or her final place of burial. If you by chance have any information on her that you could pass along or if you could further give me directions in this regard, I would be most appreciative.

Thank you, Gerald W. Schmode

Jerry & Joelle Schmode, 109 Valley Hill Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28791

Tel: 828-697-5478 [jschmode@bellsouth.net](mailto:jschmode@bellsouth.net)

**To:** Jerry Schmode

**Subject:** Re: The Mittelstadt Family

According to our cemetery index Fern Schmode is buried here in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Her marker dates are 1888-1971. There are three other Schmode's in the same cemetery: Augusta E.: 1866-1944, C. H.: 12/24/1862 - 7/21/1900, and Henry A. 2/20/1896 - 7/10/1972

This is what I have access to at home.

If you would like obits, funeral home records, etc. all of that is available by members of our Genealogy Society for a small fee.

Let me know if you want anything more and I will then pass your request along. I will also publish your request in our next newsletter which comes out the beginning of March in case someone would like to communicate with you.

Nancy Zaruba

Hi Nancy,

Thank you so very much. Your very prompt reply filled me in on two very important factors regarding my "Aunt Fern." I may ask for some additional data from your Genealogy Society but will wait to take the chance that someone might further communicate with me. The dates on the other three Schmode's is also appreciated. Again, thank you for the information.

Jerry Schmode

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My great grandmothers death certificate says she was buried in Madison Nebraska by an undertaker named Henderson in 1909. I am trying to find her grave. Her name was Jessie

Lucretia Boyett-Fitch. Can you provide any information which could help me find her? I plan to arrive in Madison in about one week.

Jim Sisson fiddler1925@earthlink.net  
120 Waits Road N.W.  
Milledgeville, Ga. 31061

Jim,

Here is what I could find from the records I have at home. I am also forwarding your query to Richard and to Karen at the Genealogy Society Library/Museum. They may be able to help you further.

Best Cemetery

Fitch, Charlie F. d. 12/2/1882

Fitch, Chas no dates

Hope Cemetery

Fitch, Fannie B. b. 1/15/1867 d. 6/24/1908

Fitch, John W. b. 6/7/1857 d. 1/24/1939

Hillcrest Cemetery

Fitch, Earl b. 1899 died 1972

Fitch, Mamie b. 1909 - ??

Prospect Hill

Fitch, Earl Jr. b. 7/21/1888 d. 12/26/1906

Fitch, Minerva b. 1866 d. 1953

Fitch, Peter b. 1865 d. 1927

Make sure you check with Home for Funerals (a funeral home) when you get here. They have records for most of the older funeral homes that are out of business in the area.

Good luck in your search.

Nancy Z.

In the newsletter I noticed someone asking for information on the Fitch family. Some of the Fitch's are buried next to some of my relatives in Best Cemetery. I emailed Jim Sisson and asked if he's seen any of my relatives names, which he hasn't. Now I did a little digging and found 2 obits for his gr-grandmother. It said she died of scarlet fever and was buried at the Clausen cemetery, services were held there. Her mother arrived from out of state to attend the services. I found in another article that the children had come down with the same disease and a Mrs. Shatto had been taking care of them. I tried to find the burial in the Crown Hill Cemetery books, but was unable to find it. I assume he never found the obituaries and now do you want to contact him about what I found or do you want me to?

Thanks, Karen Reed

### **Queries Received and Answers Given**

Hi, My name is Ruth Norris and I am looking for information on Alice E Cuplin, daughter of Matilda Ann & John G Cuplin. Alice was born Feb 9 1868 in Wisconsin and was said to have died of Diphtheria in 1887. She was my great aunt. I have looked in all of the cemeteries they have listed so far in Madison Co. on the web with no luck. I need the date of her death and the name of the cemetery if possible.

Thank You

Ruth Ann Norris

Ruth,

I found her. Alice E. Cuplin died September 7, 1887. Buried in Allberry Cemetery.

Allberry is southwest of Norfolk a little ways. It used to be affiliated with the Methodist Church but it now belongs to the County and the county maintains it and uses it for county burials.

There are no existing cemetery records. There must however be a marker as that is what we walked and recorded originally.

There are no existing newspapers either before 1888 for Norfolk, so highly unlikely that any obit would be found.

Hope this helps.

Nancy Zaruba

Nancy,

Thank you very very much. Yes it does help. I am from Nebraska too, Brewster, Blaine Co to be exact. I live in Crete now. This spring my friend and I plan to volunteer to walk the cemeteries in Blaine Co. They are small cemeteries so us two old ladies probably can do it. Thanks again for your quick reply and the info I needed.

You and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

God Bless You!

Ruth Norris

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**From: "Ken Tranbarger"**

**ktranbarger@cox.net>**

I communicated with John Kielty several years ago about my maternal grandmother, Chloe Bartlett. In going back to my files it appears that I have misplaced the last communication from him. Since the communication dates back to early 2003, we would probably have to start over.

However, I am planning to be in Holdrege, Nebraska visiting my half brother and it might be possible for us to come up to Norfolk and meet with you. I am not sure that he will want to make the drive, but would someone in the Society be available during the period October 9 to October 11?

My half brother had mentioned to me that someone in Norfolk had developed an extensive Tranbarger family genealogy. Are you aware of any work in that area?? Since that family is also his, having that information available would increase the probability of a visit.

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I will be sending a letter containing this information to John after the holiday. If this email address gets this note to the Society, then I presume the letter is not required. Look forward to hearing from you.

Ken,

Write to John Kielty at 1014 Hillcrest, Wayne, NE 68787. John has moved to Wayne and is no longer very active in the Norfolk group. He would however be interested in communicating with you and may very well know exactly what you're talking about. I will forward this email to the Gen. Society library and also the group president and see if they will be around and could help you that weekend.

Nancy Zaruba

Nancy, thanks.

I continue to be pleased with and amazed at the cooperation among those in the genealogy field. Thanks for your prompt response, it saved at least a couple of weeks and will ensure communication with John.

Please stress the Tranbarger question with those in Norfolk, I think my half brother would find that information very interesting. I have been able to go back about eight or nine generations and would be really interested in any information beyond that.

Thanks again.

### Queries

**Roberta Lasky** is seeking information on **MICHAEL NEMEC** family of Madison (1880s to 1890s), sister is **MARY NEMEC** of Joliet, IL. Seeking descendants. lasky@sbcglobal.net

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**Joan Crum** is researching **EMERSON FREDERICK CRUM** and **MARTHA MOORE**. Their son **VERNON EMERSON CRUM** was born in Norfolk in December 1890. Seeking 1) marriage date of Emerson and Martha (checked and is not Madison County), 2) Birth of two older siblings, possibly named **Elaine** and **William**, 3) Death date of these two siblings, supposedly died about the time Vernon was born. 1885 family is in Knox County and 1895 family is in Osceola County, Iowa. Joan Crum, 665 Faw Road, Helena, MT 59602  
genejoan@mt.net

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**Bill Hunter** is seeking info. on **GILES CORVIN HUNTER, CARY ALLEN LIBBY** and **BELINDA CATHERINE (NAUSLER) (LIBBY) HUNTER**. Belinda sp.? was married first to Libby and then to Hunter. Hunter was married later to **SARAH J. MATNEY** and **PAIRLEE ARNOLD**. Giles is buried in Union Cemetery, Battle Creek (died at Poor Farm). Burial locations for others are unknown. Belinda (Malinda) died in September 1904 and Libby on June 14, 1924. Sarah was dead by September 1908 and Pairlee by October 1922.  
billnflo@softcom.net

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Nancy Coffman is seeking info. on **JOSEPH AND LIZZIE STIBLEY** and his parents **JOSEPH STIBLEY AND CLARA WEBER**. Joseph and Lizzie's children were **ROSE ALBRACHT** (Tilden area), **MARY JASPER** (Lindsay area), **CLARA WEIDNER** (Lindsay area) and one son **EDWARD** (went to Colorado). nacoffman1963@sbcglobal.net Nancy Coffman, 118 Circular St., Tiffin, OH 44883-2404

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**Query:** My great great grandfather was Albert Elroy Ward (Madison, Nebraska), born May, 1870, son of Charles P Ward and Mary (Thomas) Ward. My great grandmother was Cecile (Ward) Bolding (later moved to Detroit, Michigan), daughter of Albert and Jessie (Gates) Ward. Cecile had one sister, Zella and several half siblings. Albert and Jessie were married in 1890. Albert remarried in 1910 (Jessie had died a few years earlier) to Juila Kelcher. Cecile married Charles Bolding (Tuxedo Park, NY, later moved to Detroit, Michigan) and had two daughters, Jessie Fern and Blondell. My grandmother was Jessie Fern (Bolding) Hudyma (Livonia, Michigan). Any information on this line would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance! Charisse (Hudyma) Haas charissehaas@yahoo.com

### Haines query and response

An email request was received from Susan Haines seeking information on David Haines died in Clarion, Madison Co. about Dec. 12, 1876 and his burial location, his wife Emily Jane Haines seeking her death and burial location, and any obituary or probate information and photographs of any grave sites. They are buried in Fairview Cemetery along with a granddaughter Emma Haines. Their markers are very clear and readable including inscriptions. No probate record was found for David but Emily J. had a very extensive probate file including signed affidavits from grown children, mortgage deed and even the order for her cemetery marker. Emily died Mar. 3, 1886, and David died Dec. 10, 1876. The Madison paper is on microfilm at the Elkhorn Valley Museum, however the one issue needed from 1876 was missing and the entire year of 1886 was missing except for one issue (the wrong one) so no obituary was found. A short history of Fairview was sent along with 60 pages from the probate file and photographs of the cemetery markers. gothbergranch@starband.net

## Queries

If you can help any of the people listed below please contact our Society.

Nancy **Higgins** from Washington is seeking information on Frank **Young** who died in 1945 and Ida **Young** who died in 1957.

Bob **Scheerger** from California is seeking information on **Scheerger** pioneers and family in the Battle Creek, Nebraska area. He is also looking for information on John and Soneva **Williamson**, and on Swan and Martha **Monson**.

Stan **Morgan** from Texas is looking for information on the **Davis** family: Fred, Alexander, Samuel and George and related families **Thatch** and **Spence**.

Kathie **Dunham** from Ohio is searching for information on Seth **Arnett** who married Hannah **Mossman**. Their son Ernest **Arnett** and daughters who married into the **Kirtland**, **Hopkins**, **Schmidt**, and **Kreitman** families.

Eileen **Suit** from Arizona is looking for homestead record for Anthony **Corkle** who married Ellen **Lynch**.

Paul **Sweet** from Florida is seeking information on Uriah **Sweet** who came to the Tilden, Nebraska area with his mother Electra and stepfather Luther **Russell**.

Lori **Miller** from Texas is seeking information on Lemuel **Breed** who married Hannah **Decker** and later Lavina **Brookhauser**.

June **Hartze** from Montana is looking for information on Katherine **Weinberger**

Elmer **Bonnell** from Oklahoma is looking for information on Gordon, Leona, and Gordon Jr., **Grebe** families.

Lois **Ende** from Nebraska is seeking information on George B. **Rouse** and his wife Martha **Crook**.

## Query

**1870, Haaren, Westphalen, Germany.**

Neighbors and relatives (the families Ernesti, Gerken, Goeken, Hagedorn, Kaup, Knievel, Muller, Schulte, Thiele, and others) have already gone or are discussing going to America—to a place called Nebraska.

*Do we go or do we stay, the couple agonizes. How can we leave our two children behind? Within the past five years, they had buried two of their five children. Can you leave behind your only son? Can we leave behind our parents, our brothers and sisters?*

Their next decision when and how to sail to America. Bremen is the closest port, 200 miles away. Hamburg, 50 miles farther. *What time of year do we leave? To what port do we sail? Then, how do we travel to Nebraska?*

There are no travel agencies in 1870 Germany. But Hermann and Margaretha Toelle know from their neighbors that others have sailed to New York City, others to New Orleans. Some cross America in wagons, by rail, or on a large river called the Mississippi, which meets with another river called the Missouri.

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Unfortunately, our family historians have been unable to find the Toelle's itinerary or their names in the ship passenger lists.

What is known is that Hermann, Margaretha, and their three daughters left Haaren sometime between February, 1870, and February, 1871, when the first Toelle child was born in the US—Emma, who was born in the State of Missouri, on the way to Nebraska.

It is also known that immigrants to the same destination tended to travel via routes previously traveled by family and friends.

I would like to ask descendants of Haaren immigrants to the West Point area to share with me their ancestors' stories about their travels to America. With shared knowledge comes facts that can assist us all in better honoring and knowing our ancestors.

Please contact Sherry Toelle by email at famhist@metc.net, or by regular mail at P.O. Box 226, Atlantic, IA 50022, or by telephone, 712-243-4861.

### Queries:

Michael **Adelman** and wife Maria Theresia came to NE in 1872, to Madison Co. in 1875. He died 1887, and she in 1889. Seeking children, property, burials, etc. Prof. Dr. Richard **Schenk** OP, 5890 Birch Court, Oakland, CA 94618

Robert **Scott** and wife Jessie (**Campbell**) **Scott** seeking where they were married and any additional information. Diane **Carter**, 807 FM 1233, Monahans, TX 79756

Hiram **Warner** : seeking info on parents Hiram & Catherine (**Minor**) **Warner** and Seth and Lois (**Squire**) **Warner**. Jeanne **Jennings**, 356 Glen Crest Drive, Solana Beach, CA 92075

(Mary) Catherine **Weinberger**, seeking proof of death, 27 Oct. 1876.

June **Hartze**, 1012 Harrison Ave., Helena, MT 59601

Anna Roe Grice **Shippen** seeking death record 26 Oct. 1945: John **Foster**, 187 Myer Creek Road, Ashland, OR 97520

Sarah **Norman, Foster, Kimball**, seeking marriage records. Joan **Kimball**, Box 12292, Casa Grande, AZ 85230

## Recent Queries (These have been answered and are for your info. only)

Joseph Abner **WORLEY** m. Mable **AYRES HOLBROOK** 15 Feb. 1903, lived in Meadow Grove, Madison Co., NE area. Seeking the place of marriage. Arlene Charboneau, 171 N. 18th St. Springfield, OR 97477

Edward H. **BARNES**, seeking the burial location. Dorothy Perkins, 523 E. Parks St. Weiser, ID 83672-2230

Chester William **MILLS**, b. 30 Mar. 1896, Liberty, Warren Co., IA. Seeking death and burial location. M. H. McGill, 901 Edwards St., Beardstown, IL 62618-1922

Milton D. **ANDERSON** m. Mary Ellen **COCHRAN**, they moved from Michigan to NE to IA. Seeking information on twin boys born 14 July, 1860, possibly in NE Territory. Richard White, 10612 SE Stephens, Portland, OR 97216

Fredrick J. **MACK** b. 3 Dec. 1871, m. Selma A., they lived with 6 children near Newman Grove, seeking his marriage date, his date of death and information on the children. Roma L. Youngquist 5030 SW 16th Place, Des Moines, IA 50315.

Richard "Dick" **CARSTENS**, b. Aug. 1867 Illinois m. Mary **FLESNER**, Dec. 1871 (1891) Illinois, seeking info. on children Paul Gerhard, 30 Apr. 1894, August, April 1896, Helen, April 1898, moved to Meadow Grove, Battle Creek, Madison County, NE area ca 1900.

Gary Carstens, 202 Kelsey Place, Castle Rock, CO 80104

## Queries Received

**LOOMIS**, Chauncy, joined Mormons in 1844 in Illinois. Early Madison County pioneer, 1880 in Deer Creek township from U. S. census. Also son Denslow **LOOMIS** died (Sept. 1921?). Information from Dwight **RADFORD**, Genealogical Research Services, Box 520723, Salt Lake City, UT 84152.

**KIMBALL**, Charles, and wife Mary, 1920 U. S. census, Norfolk, Madison County. Seeking death dates and obits. Information from Joan **KIMBALL**, 951 W. Desert Sky Drive, Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

**JACOBSEN**, Cenie born 1873, mother was Anna **GUD** and father was Soren **JACOBSEN**. Married Chris **THOMPSON** 1905, son of Harry S. **THOMPSON**. Moved to Columbus, NE. Divorced in 1918. Possibly remarried to a **JOHNSON**. Son, Harry died from wounds from WW II. Information from Sharon **TODD**, 2930 Solari Drive, Reno, NV 89509.

**KUMMERFELD**, Ludwig married Matilda **HOEPFINGER**. Lived in the Tilden, NE. area 1890's onward. Seeking information on family and relationship to a Hans Christian **KUMMERFELD**. Information from Dayne **ENCARNACION**, 1 Knollwood Drive, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

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John **Hissong** of San Diego, CA. is seeking information on Thomas **Ryan**, b. 4 June 1871 in Iowa. He died 27 July 1934 in Madison County, Nebraska.

John A. **Gronau** of Irvine, CA. is seeking information on his Great-great grandparents John Friederich A. **Kohl** (b.13 August 1835 in Prussia, d. 28 May 1904) and his wife Wilhelmine **Blank** (b. 2 September 1844 in Prussia, d. 10 August 1921).

Linda **Hedlund** of Rapid City, SD. is seeking information on Amelia **Littley, Derry, Street, Parker**. She was born 10 June 1795 in Staffordshire, England and died 25 December 1873 in Madison County, Nebraska.

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We recently received the following queries: **Greg Dodson** is seeking information on a **George Carleton** who married a **Mary Mehan**. Florence Wilson is seeking



information on a **Henry Tietjens** who married a **Katie or Catherine Peck** in December 1876. Any information on their children and descendants would also be appreciated. **Marg Clausen** is seeking information on **Peter Bell** and **Mary P. Hyde**.

## Query

A query was received from: John L. Weiler, P.O. Box 557, Hunt, TX 78024  
He is seeking information on his grandfather John W. Wray. Louise Wray was married to John Looker and lived in Norfolk, Madison Co., NE around 1930-1950. Is Louise Wray a daughter to John W. Wray? Any information would be appreciated.

**M. WILLIS**, 29810 Sutherland, Warren, MI 48093 is seeking information on a **Thomas WARNER**, born in May 1918 in England, He came to Nebraska in the late 1800's and was listed in the 1900 census, living in Meadow Grove, NE with his daughter, **Esibela** (born in Illinois in 1841) and son-in-law, **Charles EVANS**.

**Jacquelyn ROMBERG**, 1898 Fort Road, Sheridan, WY 82801-8320 has information to exchange about **Isaac A. HALVERSON**, born May 1856 in Norway and died Feb. 25, 1935, in Verdigre, NE. He married **Caroline JACOBSON**, born Dec. 24, 1878, in Albion, NE, and died May 25, 1946, in Center, NE.

**Mary CLAUSEN**, Box 655, Middleton, ID 83644, is looking for the obits, cemetery information and gravestone inscriptions of **Peter BELL** and his wife, **Mary P. (HYDE) BELL**. Peter was involved with the Elkhorn Valley News. Peter was born 1870 in Canada and died in the 1930s in Norfolk, NE. Mary was born in 1864 in Connecticut. She was found on the 1880 census in Harrison Co., IA. They were married in 1892 and resided at 1104 Taylor Ave. in Norfolk, NE. Mary's parents were **Edward Green HYDE** and **Sarah (Sally) Miranda BUMSTEAD**.

**Monetta J. SMOOT** would like information on **Sabra Elizabeth (LYONS) HUYLAR**, born on April 5, 1817. She was found on the 1880 census as living with her son, **Charles HUYLAR** at the Union Creek Precinct.

I am looking for any information on my maternal grandfather Guy GLENN and his family. I believe he was Irish, that his parents immigrated to the U.S. in the 1800's, was a railroad engineer, and that he married Cornelia **TIEGELER or STURBAUM** sometime in the early 1900's. Guy and Cornelia lived at 1004 Pasewalk Ave. in Norfolk, NE and had one child, a daughter, Valeska Elizabeth GLENN, born March 4, 1909 (my mother). She married Lloyd Chester **FRENCH** in the early 1940's. I think perhaps Cornelia died sometime in 1939 and Guy died in 1944 or thereabouts. Are they buried in Norfolk? My mother died when I was 14 years old and her other relatives passed away many years ago. Any help appreciated. Cornelia French **DOUGHERTY** 4538 East Buckeye Road, Madison, WI 53716 (608)224-0165

We are currently researching my grandfathers sister, Christina (**BECKMAN**) **HASENPFLUG**. She

lived in Norfolk, NE in 1917 and we think she probably died there. She was born in Germany and immigrated in 1893 with her 2 brothers and mother. Her mothers name was Louise **BECKMANN**. The spelling may not be the same, as some Beckmanns have left off one n and the Hasenpflug have left off one s. Any help appreciated. Darline **PARKER**, 4510 W. Rio Grande, Kennewick, WA 99336

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Diane **Bursting** of Belle Mead, NJ is looking for information on Max **ROSENTHAL** (born July 1865 Russia/Poland) and his wife Hannah (born April 1865 in Russia/Poland). Also for their children, Lizzie (born 1886 in Russia/Poland), William (born 1888 in Russia/Poland) and Sarah (born 1899 in Madison County, NE).

Janet **Evertsen** of Muskegon, MI is searching for a Lena **SWANSON** of Newman Grove, NE. She would like census between 1880 and 1930, particularly the 1920, church records, and/or cemetery records for Lena and any family members.

Ken **Rulf** of Grand Junction, CO. is searching for information on: Peter J. **RULF** and his wife Elizabeth who came to Madison County in 1883. Emilie **SCHUMACHER** who married Julius **HUEBNER** in 1880 in Watertown, WI. Elizabeth **RULF** and her brother Jacob about first papers in Madison County. Peter **RULF'S** sister Karoline **RULF** who married Adam **EMRICH**. They came from Germany in 1884 to Stanton, NE., and to Madison County.