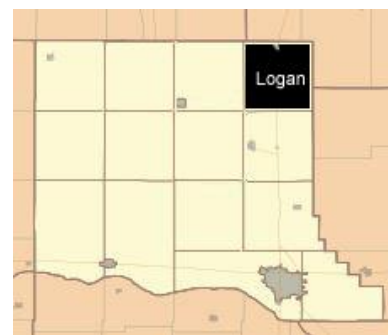




Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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August 2016

MEETING: Aug 8, 2016 - 7 P.M.

Meet at Ridge Cemetery
Linden Ave and Ridge Road

How to locate unmarked graves: "Grave Witching"

BROWSE NITE 7 P.M.

Aug 22, 2016

Come and do research or help file "Ticklers"

Please note the change in location for the August ENGS meeting. Come prepared to walk around in the cemetery and give grave witching a try.

The July 16 Genealogy Workshop at Keene Library was a success. The workshop was opened with a welcome from ENGS President, Earl Underwood. ENGS presenters Claire Mares, Renee Bunck, Charlotte Young, Lila Launer, Beverly Egbers, Verne Bray, Betty Svitak, Lemay Anderson and Earl Underwood were joined by Barb Bandlow, Keene Librarian plus Judy Eckler and Sande Spicer on behalf of the DAR. "Thank you" to everyone who attended and helped share our family research addiction. The head count was estimated at 43 enthusiastic participants. We hope that everyone enjoyed the day, gathered a few new ideas, and that we might see new faces at future ENGS meetings and browse nites.

Mark your calendar! Plans for our next community event are under way. On October 10 at 7 PM, we have scheduled a Nebraska Humanities program titled "**Voices from the New Land: Danish Immigration to Nebraska**" by **John and Dawn Nielsen**. The presentation will take place at First Lutheran Church. Please help pass the word that everyone is invited to join us as "Danish immigration to Nebraska is explored through dramatic readings from immigrant letters, journals and diaries, as well as slides of old photographs, drawings and scenes of present day Denmark and Nebraska,"

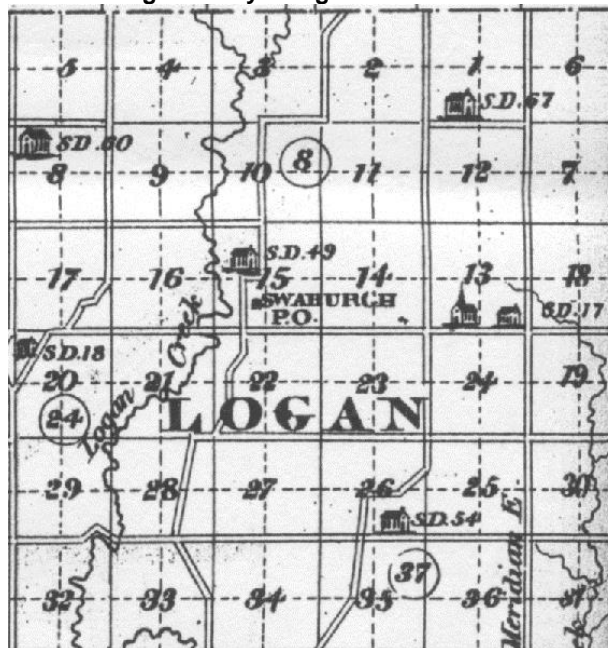
Swaburch in Logan Township is this month's topic.

From *History of the Elkhorn Valley*—Published 1893

"Logan Township is the extreme northeastern township in the county. It comprises all of township 20, range 8 east. It is purely an agricultural district and has no railroads or villages. ... It had a population of 673 in 1890, according to the United States census returns.

Logan was organized as a precinct in 1857. The first election was held at the house of C. H. Lisers; the judges were Hiram H. Ladd, Willis Carr and Martin Shearer.

Dodge County – Logan Precinct - 1885



SETTLEMENT - The first to locate in Logan township, as now bounded, was a colony of Swedes from the north of Sweden who came in at the close of the civil war. That colony was headed by Peter Saspair of Section 15. Many remained and took homesteads while some went to Omaha. Among the number of these, the first settlers, were: Andrew Larson, O. Larson, Lars Lund, M. M. Frost, Peter Dahl, Andrew Linn, M. Olson, P. A. Anderson, Nels Hanson, James Hanson, Oscar Bergquist, Carl Morrell, Christian Dueholm, and N. P. Westlin". (The text also includes the next wave of settlers, 1860-1875)

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES - "The pioneer school of Logan township was taught on Peter Saspair's place on Section 15 some time prior to 1869. The educational matters of this part of Dodge County are now well advanced. The five school houses of today correspond to district numbers 17, 49, 54, 60, and 67.

The only churches within Logan Township are the Lutheran and Free Lutheran. The former is on section 13. It was built in 1875; is a frame structure costing \$700. This society is now supplied from Oakland each other Sabbath. A parochial school, with a scholarship of seventeen, belongs with the present church work. A Free Lutheran Church on Section 7 was built in 1882. It is a frame house, costing five hundred dollars.

“SWABURGH POST-OFFICE was established in 1871, on Section 14, with Peter Saspair as post-master. In 1888, it was moved to Section 24. E. Morrell is the present post-master. Mail is received three times each week on a route from Hooper to Herman station.



Swaburg Postoffice and SD 17 now preserved by Egbers
-Photo provided by Beverly Egbers-

Dodge County Nebraska Post Offices 1849-1970
From GSA micro film *By W. A. Woodward*

**Postmaster Appointments and Locations
Swaburgh**

Peter Saisper	2 May 1872
Mary H. Larson	17 Jan 1878
Peter Saisper	5 Feb 1878
Eric Morill	20 May 1889

Discontinued mail to Hooper 15 Apr 1901

The local name is Saispair.
Location SW ¼ 15-20-N-8E
Elkhorn river 7 mile south
Post office on east bank of Logan Creek
On route 34232
Argo 4 ½ mile east and north
Hooper 9 mile south western
Admah 8 mile south east
Post office 9 mile north east of
F.E. & M.V. railroad at Hooper
Scribner 10 mile south west
Oakland 10 mile north east

In 1878 Peter Saispair moved the office to section 14, and Eric Morill operated it at section 24.

Swaburgh in the news

Apr 6, 1893 - *Fremont Tribune*

John L. Uehling is building a barn.
Ola Johnson made a business trip to Omaha Monday.
There was a social party at Neils Martinson's Sunday.
Andrew Linn went to Hoskins on business last Saturday.
Mr. C. W. Bergquist and family of Oakland, were guests of Hon. N. P. Nelson Sunday.
A. W. Young moved up to the Omaha reservation where he has leased a fine piece of land for three years.

There was a dance Saturday night at Wm. Heller's, M. L. Bishop furnishing the music, and everyone present had an enjoyable time.

Prof. C. W. Eckerman and W. J. Birkofer, Misses Hattie Beebe and Jennie Richardson comprised the Swaburgh delegation to the North Nebraska Teachers' association last week.

At the Omaha district conference of Swedish Lutherans in Oakland, March 21, Rev. G. Julin of Rockford, Ill., was called to serve as pastor for the Elim congregation here.

Seeding was commenced very generally by the farmers yesterday and all this week will find them busy at it. The ground is in good condition to put in the crops.

Sep 7, 1899 - *Fremont Tribune*

Schools Open Near Swaburgh

The schoolma'ams arrived at the appointed time to resume work at their respective places: L.E. Legg, at district 49; Mary Fransden at district 67; Sterling McCaw, Ester Anderson and Ella M, Anderson are the new pedagogues at districts 54, 18, and 17, respectively.

Dec 1, 1899 - *Fremont World Herald*

Prof. Mayer, of Hooper, gave a musical concert at the Saisper school house last Friday night. It was well attended and all were well pleased. The professor seems to be able to get music out of most any kind of instrument or utensil.

Aug 1, 1906 - *Fremont Daily Herald*

Misses Laura and Anna Hansen visited Mary Johnson last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Claussen visited her parents at Spiker, this week.

Miss Ella Anderson visited Mary Johnson this week.
George Johnson is working for Henning Bergquist, this week.

Cenia Erickson is sewing for Mrs. Andrew Christensen.
James Anderson and his daughter, Ella, made a trip to Craig this week.

Emma Hansen and George Johnson visited Pete Johnson Sunday.

The dance at Hans Johnson's grove Saturday evening was well attended.

Chris Johnson, of the college at Fremont, visited his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Henry Claussen made a trip to Uehling, Friday.

For "The Incredible Story of Peter Saisper" visit:
<http://dalakar.com/saispair.html>

Check the NEGenWeb - Dodge County website for more information and photos of early School Districts.