



Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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February 8, 2016
7PM - Mares Meeting Room
1722 E 19th Fremont, NE

1890-91 NEBRASKA STATE GAZETTEER

DODGE COUNTY – WEBSTER - FARMERS LIST

Our February program will be presented by ENGS member, Bill Svoboda. Bill will share information about his search for his paternal ancestors in Warkany, England and the 1000+ year old Saxon-Norman church where he met with the district genealogical society to learn about his family.

February 22, 2016: Browse night
7PM - Mares Meeting Room

Plan to come and do research in the ENGS library or volunteer to file some of the latest "Tickler file" information that Claire has been busy locating on the old newspaper microfilm reels. Claire printed, clipped, mounted, and alphabetized an amazing volume of information about people in Dodge County in the early 1900's. Careful! You might get side-tracked in your filing if you start reading the cards.

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Claire has not been up to working on her computer for a couple of weeks, so she asked Renee to put together the February Newsletter. Hopefully you will find it interesting. We had such good feedback about the focus on Glencoe in the January that we decided to move on to Webster.

'Perkey's Nebraska Place Names' includes this entry:

Webster

"Post Office established April 13, 1871; discontinued January 31, 1902. Origin of the name has not been learned. Post Office was located in a general store."

From the 1892 'History of the Elkhorn Valley':

"Webster Post Office is located at present on the extreme western line of the township, with Isabelle Honey as post mistress. Her husband is the mail carrier on this route and also conducts a small country store. The office was established in 1870 at the farm-house of pioneer F. C. Scott, who was the first post-master, serving for seven years, when it was moved to John Ferguson's farm in Pleasant Valley township, and shifted from one point to another, until it finally settled on Section 30, its present location."

(You can read more about F. C. Scott on pages 578-579)

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| Butterfield W L | Ives Ed |
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| Caskey G W | Jones Daniel |
| Caskey Robert | Kleeman Ben |
| Caskey William | Love J M |
| Clausen Claus | McPherson Wm |
| Coogan James | Metz L |
| Cruickshank J M | Milligan J M |
| Cruickshank Thos | O'Neil Wm |
| Diffey C S | Ovens Patrick |
| Diffey Ed | Powers John |
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| Eske Ludwig | Resse Stephen |
| Ferguson Jas | Ristow Fred |
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| Fisher Geo | Robertson Hugh |
| Fisher W S | Robertson Jas |
| Fox Hugh | Robertson Jas jr |
| Furguson Wm | Schroeder Adolph |
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DODGE COUNTY – WEBSTER - BUSINESS LIST

- Ferguson Jennie Mrs, dressmaker.
- Honey D A, genl mdse, postmaster.
- Jones Daniel, justice.

The Fremont Tribune included Webster news items.
Here is a selection from the Tickler files:

June 19, 1886

-Mr. Fred Spath Sr., is building a house on his school land.

-Mrs James Fagen is now living in Ridgely near her father, Dr. Street.

-James Cruickshank and Daniel James went to Fremont Friday on school business.

-James Farnham is now able to be about. He has been suffering from a felon and blood poisoning.

Note: *felon* fel-on (fě'l'ən) n. A purulent infection or abscess involving the bulbous distal end of a finger. Also called whitlow.

-We hear there is some talk of the fourth being celebrated at Webster. Our merchant, George Caskey, talks of having the thing done in glorious style.

-We would like to ask the commissioners of Dodge county why they have not appointed James Robertson road supervisor of District No. 20, when a petition has been presented to them asking them to do so.

February 20, 1889

-Alden and Charles Pettegrew are talking of taking a trip to southern Dakota and if they like the country will locate there.

-James McKalvey is negotiating for the Leitzel farm.

-Harry Cantlin is going west in the spring. Wonder if he will go alone.

-C. W. Hyatt and wife joined Unity Grange No. 10 two weeks ago. Hyatt made a speech in favor of the Durham cattle. He did not think it paid to sell cream to the creamery. Mrs. Hyatt told her experience, and also favored the Durham. She did not believe in skim milk calves, but thought the only way to raise calves was to let them run with the cows.

-Mr. and Mrs. McCreath have been visiting their daughter Mrs. James Robertson.

More Webster news from the Fremont Herald

July 23, 1897

-Our long dry spell was broken this a.m. by a good shower—too late however to make a good potato crop.

-Harvesting is all the go now. Grain will be a fair average.

-John Wilson will ship cattle tomorrow.

-An expert for the McCormick company made some repairs on Will Ferguson's harvester yesterday and when Will hitched up he found it would not work. So he chased said expert to Scribner to have him unrepair it.

Fremont Herald continued...

August 27, 1897

-Geo. Shriver, who went to Norfolk with a load of apples, returned yesterday saying he found a ready market for his load.

-Alex Kimbrough and family from the Bend, were visiting with Hugh Foy Sunday.

-Miss Adkins of Fremont begins school in the Cantlin district, Monday. The Webster school begins in two weeks with Miss Allen of Bang as teacher.

-The corn crop will be light in this vicinity. While one field will make a fair yield there are ten that will not make half a crop. The same will apply to wheat and oats.

-We were looking for grapes along Maple creek yesterday and found where someone had been prospecting for gold. The soil resembles that of the Homestake in the Black Hills and we should not be surprised to hear more of it.

-Quite a number went from here to the circus. They say the white elephant should be washed so it will not look so much like a white black bird.

The Fremont Tribune lists area schools and teachers.

September 7, 1899

-Webster, September 6. --Among the teachers that commenced school Monday at Webster and other districts close by are Miss Alen Here, Miss Wolfe at the Cantlin, Miss Spencer at the Adams, Miss Brown at Pleasant Valley, Miss Caeneady in District No. 13, Miss Alen at the Parish school.

