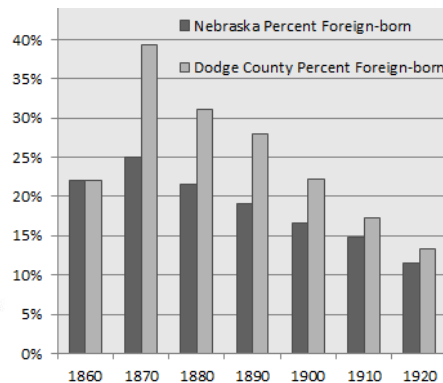




# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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9 May 2016  
Mares Meeting Room  
1722 E 19 Fremont NE  
7 P.M.

PROGRAM  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Judy Ekeler

BROWSE NITE 7 P.M.  
23 May 2016

This newsletter is the third and final installment in our series based on Ethnic Origins of Dodge County, NE. The March and April newsletters high-lighted foreign-born population statistics from 1860 and 1870 and presented newspaper "clippings" about a few of the enumerated families. We will continue the story with the 1880 census and report on a few of the immigrant families from a variety of countries through the eyes of the Fremont Tribune, the North Bend Argus, and the Dodge Criterion.

Before delving into the specifics of the 1880 immigrants, I thought it might be interesting to take a brief detour and look at foreign-born contributions to the Nebraska population as compared to the Dodge County population for the period of 1860 - 1920. The bar graph in the upper right corner of this newsletter is a pictorial comparison of the percent of immigrants enumerated Nebraska as a whole and in Dodge county and in the census years 1860-1920. Looking at the data, it is clear that the Dodge county consistently attracted a higher percentage of immigrants to "The Good Life".

Census	Total Population	Foreign-born	
<b>Dodge County</b>			
1860	309	68	22.0%
1870	4212	1656	39.3%
1880	11263	3514	31.2%
1890	19260	5388	28.0%
1900	22298	4949	22.2%
1910	22145	3819	17.2%
1920	23197	3105	13.4%
<b>Nebraska</b>			
1860	28841	6351	22.0%
1870	122993	30748	25.0%
1880	452402	97414	21.5%
1890	1058910	202542	19.1%
1900	1066300	177347	16.6%
1910	1192214	175865	14.8%
1920	1296372	149652	11.5%

Source:<http://www.nhgis.org>  
National Historical Geographic Information System

<http://places.mooseroots.com> is a good location to visit if you are interested in interactive maps and graphs of historic population statistics for the United States.

Dodge County Census - 1880 - By Country of Origin

Place of Birth	1880	Percent	Place of Birth	1880	Percent
US	7817	69.32%	Switzerland	27	0.24%
Germany/Prussia	1827	16.20%	Austria	21	0.19%
Sweden	327	2.90%	Norway	17	0.15%
Denmark	289	2.56%	Holland	15	0.13%
Ireland	246	2.18%	Poland	13	0.12%
Bohemia (Czech)	229	2.03%	Wales	9	0.08%
England	172	1.53%	France	8	0.07%
Canada/Nova Scotia	159	1.41%	Hungary	1	0.01%
Scotland	98	0.87%	South Africa	1	0.01%

South Africa, Hungary, and Poland have been added to the list of countries since 1870, while Belgium, Mexico, and Italy have disappeared. Germany/Prussia continues to provide the greatest number of immigrants with Sweden, Denmark, and Ireland the next in line. Bohemia (our Czech immigrants) surpassed England, Canada, and Scotland.

And now for the stories of more immigrants to Nebraska ....

James and Anna Ritche were both born in **Scotland**. James, a Retired Farmer, and their son, David Ritche, a farmer born in **Scotland**, with wife Nellie, born in **Norway** and their NE born son Charlie-9months.

North Bend Argus, Nov 25, 1892

A Golden Wedding - Fifty years ago at Terry Port-on-Craig, in Scotland, James Ritche and Anna Burns were united in marriage. On Nov 18, 1842, they celebrated their golden anniversary at the home of their son, David Ritche, in North Bend. Two sons and three daughters were present. David Ritche of North Bend, James Ritche of Omaha and their wives, Mrs. Andrew Harvey of Webster, Mrs. Fred Teddy, of Pleasant Valley, and Mrs. John Cusak of North Bend and their husbands. In addition to their children, eighteen of twenty-one living grand-children and about twenty more distant relatives and intimate friends were present.

The house was handsomely decorated, and a magnificent repast was served to the guests. On behalf of their relatives, D. V. Stephens presented Mr. and Mrs. Ritche with a purse of \$50 in gold. Mr. Stephens made his speech in his own inimitable style. Mr. Ritche responded happily, relating many reminiscences of his fifty years of married life. Mirth and music flowed fast and freely during the rest of the evening,

Mr. and Mrs. Ritche are well known and thoroughly respected and appreciated in our community. Their many friends, offer congratulations to them and wish them many more years of happiness and comfort in each others company in this life.

Henry Rogers, carpenter, born in PA and his wife Catherine, born in **France**, appear with their children, Jacob-12, Emma-10, Harry-8, Katie-6, Lucy-1. Jacob was born in PA and the remainder of the children were born in NE.

Wedding news appeared in the Fremont Tribune on Nov 22, 1900, when Lucy M. Rogers was united in marriage to William A. Yakish at the home of the brides parents on North Main street. The ceremony was pretty in every detail, and the guests present stated that the occasion was one of the happiest they ever attended. The wedding supper which followed the ceremony was unusually elaborate, and consisted of all the good things of the season.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Yakish are well known in this city, having lived here for many years. Mrs. Yakish was born and raised in Fremont and has a host of friends. Mr. Yakish is the local manager for the Rogers Tent and Awning company, and ranks high in business circles. A large number of friends extend congratulations to the young couple.

The sad news of Catherine Rogers' death appeared in the Fremont Tribune on Dec 8, 1903 – Mrs. Rogers was born in 1847 at Havre, **France**, while her parents were on their way from Germany to the United States. Mrs. Rogers' parents were both born in **Germany**. Henry and Catherine were married in Philadelphia and came to Dodge county in 1868, settling on a farm near Maple Creek and afterwards moving to Fremont. She is survived by a husband and six children, the children being Mrs. Will Yakish of Omaha, Mis Etta Rogers of Fremont, Mrs. C. H. Green of Fremont and J. C. Rogers of Fremont.

The next household to highlight - Robert Hewitt – an Agricultural Implement salesman born in **Ireland** and his wife, Harriett, born in **Wales**, plus her father, Richard Stuart Lunn, born in **England**, and a niece, Maggie Baldwin, born in NE.

The Tribune article in this case, predates the 1880 census on Nov 6, 1879, as it announces the Oct 27<sup>th</sup> marriage of Mr. Robert Hewitt, late of Honey Creek and Miss Harriet Lunn of Mendon.

A goodly number of friends and relatives were present at the interesting ceremony, and accompanied the party to the depot where they took the afternoon train for their future home in Fremont. The best wishes of the Dispatch as of our entire community follow the happy couple to their new home. May they be as happy as heart can wish and be prospered in their basket and in their store. Note- The above we take from the Mendon Ill, dispatch. We welcome the amiable bride to Fremont and join in wishing them a happy future.

From **Denmark**, James Borglum, Homopathic Doctor, and his wife Ida (Denmark), and children (all born in the US) James-15, Gutzen-13, August-13, Solon-12, Arnold-11, Anna-9, Agnes-4, Francis-4m.

Sons Gutzen and Solon became famous as sculptors. You may want to look up the entire family to learn their story.

Frank Bartosh, a farmer from **Bohemia** appears in the 1885 census with wife, Christina (parents born in **Bohemia**) and 6 children. The oldest, Frank – 17 was born in WI and the rest were born in NE. Christina-14, Elbena-13, Josephine-11, Emila-5, and Adolph-1.

Dodge Criterion, Sept 23, 1904  
An Old Settler Passes Away

Frank Bartosh died Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Mr Bartosh was born in Bohemia about 59 years ago. Came to this country in 1860 and to Nebraska in the spring of 1870, at a time when this state was new. In 1867 he was married to the lady who has been to him a helpmeet, companion, a wife. Side by side they endured sorrow and privations, and together enjoyed the fruits of faithful labor. But now the husband is gone to his reward and the wife must finish the journey alone.

Eight children were born to them, 4 of whom are living and were with him at death. They are W. J. Bartosh, Mrs. Chas. Brazda, Mrs. Frank Smeal, and Frank Bartosh. To the sorrowing wife and children is given the sympathy of all.

Frank was a member of the C.S.P.S. order of M.W.A., the W. O. W., the I. O.O.F. AND THE D. of H.. Those attended the funeral and with the assistance of C.S.P.S. members from West Point, where he formerly belonged, laid their brother to rest with ritual ceremonies. A large number of friends followed the body to the grave.

From **Sweden**. William Fried, lumber merchant, was listed with wife, Carry ( IL), son, Theron-2 (NE) and nephews, Albert Fried-15, and Victor Fried-16, both born in IL.

Fremont Tribune – July 21, 1914.  
Called by Death  
Former Mayor and Well Known Fremont Man  
Since 1888 Vice President, Nye Schnieder Fowler Co.  
Early Settler and Business Man Who Held a High Place  
in the Hearts of His Fellow Citizens

William Fried, public spirited citizen of Fremont, answered the summons of death. For over a quarter of a century, he had been prominent in Fremont. He was recognized as one of Fremont's most substantial men.

Mr. Fried came to Fremont in 1869 and in 1881 he associated himself with the Nye-Schneider-Colson company. He acquired an interest in the firm three years later. In 1888, he was chosen vice president and has continued in that capacity up to the present. In 1891, he was elected mayor of Fremont on the Republican ticket and he served for four terms. Subsequent efforts to induce another period in this office were met with a firm refusal. He served one term in the Nebraska Legislature in 1880.

Mr. Fried was born in Beckaby, Sweden, May 20, 1841, and received a good education in his native land. He left home in 1861 and located in Henry County, IL where he continued his education. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted with the engineering corps and served in the union army till the close of the war. He married Carrie Lobeck in 1875. The immediate surviving relatives are his wife and two children, William T., of Beemer and Thyra Louise Jones of Fremont.