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The Daily Genealogist: Free eBooks for Genealogy Research
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A recent survey question on eBooks prompted member George McKinney of Santa Rosa, California, to write an article about the availability of free eBooks.

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ITS FORTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY
FOUNDING OF FREMONT ACCOMPLISHED AUGUST 26,
1856.

How the City Came to Be Laid Out – Some Things About Its
Early Existence and History.

Today marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Fremont and the laying out of the city according to surveyed plans. This work was done on August 26, 1856, by seven men whose names have all become well known in Dodge County affairs since that time. There were E H Barnard, John A Koontz, Seth P Marvin, James G Smith, Robert Kittle, Robert Moorland and George M Pinney.

Messr Barnard and Koontz first arrived upon the ground where Fremont now stands on August 23, three days before the laying out of the city. They were favorably impressed with the locality as a townsite, on account of its comparative elevation above other valley land its being so near the confluence of the Platte and Elkhorn rivers. On the same day of their arrival, they took a townsite claim under the name of Barnard & Koontz & Co., and drove the center stake in the vicinity of what is now the crossing of Broad street and Military avenue near the present residence of Mrs Nancy Turner.

After staking out the land, the two men went on as far up the Platte river as Columbus and explored the region at the mouth of the Loup in the hope of finding a still better site, but came across nothing that presented so many good points as the one here. They accordingly returned and upon their arrival here found that the five other men named above had driven out from Omaha and taken a claim covering near the same ground as their own. The rival claimants, however, did not quarrel over the matter but united in staking out a third townsite, which became the one upon which Fremont has since been built up.

As the country had not then been surveyed by the United States government, it was necessary for the founders of the present municipality to draw their own lines. The survey was made from the old Military road as a base, the same now being known as Military avenue. For three months the town flourished without a name, until it had acquired a population of some two dozen persons. It was then decided to call it after the first presidential candidate of the republican party, who was making his campaign at the time the city was laid out. Another small town was begun on a spot near the present site of Schuyler and received the name of Buchanan, after Fremont's successful democratic opponent. It is said there was considerable difficulty experienced in getting a postoffice at this point on account of its name.

The first family to come to this place was that of Rev. Isaac E Heaton, consisting of himself, his wife and two daughters. The rest of the town's population during the first few months of its existence was composed of individual masculine settlers. At the end of a year, however, a dozen or

fifteen families were living here, the population had grown to number about fifty persons and a postoffice was in operation.
Fremont Tribune 26 August 1901 3:1



DODGE COUNTY NEBRASKA MARRIAGES
100 YEARS AGO-Book 13 AUG 1912

Frank E Murphy to Mrs Myrtle Snyder on 01 Aug
Frederick J Ramey to Elsie E Lamp on 06 Aug
Bernard C Sellhorst to Ella N J Kroenke on 07 Aug
Henry Polster to Christina Niemann on 07 Aug
William J Dineen to Lydia J Samuelson on 07 Aug
Guy Spangler to Delinda E Roth on 08 Aug
Arthur B Canage to Johanna J Luetjens on 14 Aug
James M Robinson to Mrs Mary C Klingeman on 20 Aug
Abrabam K Hagelberger to Lucy H Overstreet on 21 Aug
George H F Borchter to Fredericka K Launer on 21 Aug
Henry C Jaynes to Myrtle D Lancaster on 21 Aug
Wilhelm Sasse to Anna L Werblow on 22 Aug
Fred Ackson to Annie E Feltwell on 23 Aug
John D Scott to Ethel Bull on 24 Aug
Theodore H Carter to Carrie Reeson Miles on 26 Aug
Frank Holub to Dora Rusek on 27 Aug

From The History of the Elkhorn Valley
1892 Pages 470-471

JOHN OSTERLOH one of the successful farmers of Hooper township, Dodge County, whose pleasant home is situated on Section 8, came to the county in the autumn of 1868, and hence very naturally finds a place in the history of the Elkhorn Valley. The first four years he worked out by the year and then claimed a homestead of one hundred and fifty acres, which he improved by turning over the virgin sod, building a house 14x15 feet, with a kitchen attached, in which

residence he lived for ten years, when he built a farm house 16x28 feet, with a wing fourteen feet square. He also built a barn, granary and cribbing, and provided his place with a good drive-well which furnishes a system of water-works with pure water pumped by wind power. A grove of three acres of artificial timber adorns his place, providing a cooling shade in mid-summer, as well as a protection against the stormy blasts of winter. He has an orchard of one hundred and twenty-five trees. His farm now consists of two hundred and fifty acres, all surrounded by a good fence.

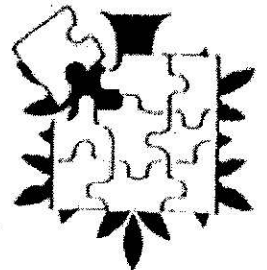
Our worthy subject has the honor of being an ex-soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted in Company A, 2nd Nebraska Cavalry, under Captain Reid, and was mustered into service at Omaha, and went to Fort Randall on the headwaters of the Missouri. He was in the service eleven months, but was fortunate enough not to be in any engagements.

When he came to the country his nearest market point was Omaha, and in order to obtain a grist he had to go forty miles to mill, over unbridged streams.

Mr Osterloh hails from the German Empire, where he was born in August 1836. His parents, Herman and Mary Osterloh, were natives of Germany and reared a family of seven children: Catharine, Anna, Margaret (deceased), Lena (deceased), Henry, John and George.

John remained in his native land until he attained his majority, when he crossed the billowy waves of the Atlantic Ocean, in quest of the New World, landing in New York harbor, coming direct from that city to Omaha, by the way of steam boat. This was in 1858 and he found but two stores in Omaha. He came to the country poor, having but two dollars when he arrived in Nebraska. In 1859, during the Pawnee Indian War, he was driven out by the Indians. His early advantages for an education were fair.

Thus far in life our subject has lived single. Politically he believes in the principles of the Republican party, and in his religious belief he adheres to the Lutheran faith.



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