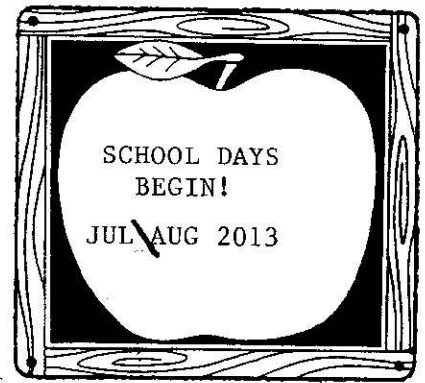


# Eastern Nebraska Genealogical Society Newsletter

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Well, we are in July already and so I'd best get the newsletter ready for the August mailing. Our next meeting will start in September. Normally we skip, June, July, August but Claire scheduled the June meeting to be at Scribner so she is back in succession hopefully she won't change her mind.

There seems to be much to revise for this month. Lots of changes to take care of.

No 1 Marlene Heinsohn one of our devoted members has been placed in the Arbor Manor Rest Home her address is  
Marlene Heinsohn C-46  
2550 N Nye Ave  
Arbor Manor—Room 82  
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You will recall that in August of 2012 we announced the death of member Lavilda Passick. Her husband Bill Passick continued her membership number because he enjoyed reading the stories we printed. He passed away July 3<sup>rd</sup> at his home here in Fremont. Claire & Emil were very good friends of the two and will be sorely missed.

New changes will be made in the mailings of the Roots & Leaves. They will arrive in envelopes. Too many new changes from the Post Office, so it was necessary to make some changes in our mailings. Expensive but necessary!

Claire is still wondering about the Civil War Veteran James R Butler enlisted to serve in the Civi War. He is the soldier who was murdered in December of 1913 by his son. Mr Butler did a considerable amount of moving around between Ohio and Nebraska. None of those states have any records on this man but she will continue to look for his records.

New Booklets on churches in Dodge County Nebr.  
Donated by Jim Spath of North Bend NE

First Congregational Church-United Church of Christ  
Uehling NE 1906-1981.

Elim Lutheran Church of Hooper, Nebraska 1871-1971

Both are now on our shelf.

Ancestors made  
me what I am  
today!

## Danish Workshop Set for September 21-Council Bluffs

The Pottawattamie County(Iowa) Gen Society (PCGS) will hold an all-day workshop, "Researching Your Danish Ancestors," on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The event will be held at the society's library, 622 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Council Bluffs. The guest speaker will be Michele McNabb, Librarian of the Family History and Gen Center of the Museum of Danish America(The Danish Immigrant Museum) Elk Horn, Iowa.

The 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop will feature four presentations by McNabb: Danish-American Gen Sources; Danish Resources—Where They are and How To Use Them; Were They Danish or German?—Danish Ancestors from Slesvig-Hosten; and Cyber Genealogy—Danish Style.

Cost of the workshop is \$30 for PCGS members and \$40 for non-members. To register or for more information, contact the PCGS at (712) 325-9368 or email [pcgs@pcgs.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:pcgs@pcgs.omhcoxmail.com). Seating is limited to 150 persons

This was provided by the Gen Society in Council Bluffs, IA.

Everyone needs a chuckle of sort during this heat that all are feeling, so here goes. This was in 14 August 1884 3:2 of the Fremont Tribune

### A Natural Mistake

Young husband—"How thoughtful you are of my comfort, love. I little knew what a treasure I was getting."

Bride—"I certainly am trying to be a good wife, dear, but to what do you particularly refer?"

"To that circular block of marble you had cut for me."

"Marble?"

"Yes, when I said we needed a stepping stone out in front on account of the height of the carriage, I had no idea you would relieve me of the trouble of getting it."

"Stepping stone?"

"Yes, you left it on the sideboard to surprise me, didn't you, love? But I saw it, and the gardener and I carried it out and put it in position; but it was very dangerous to allow the quarrymen to place such a great weight on the sideboard. It might have broken it."

"Circular stepping stone'-'marble'-'sideboard'-great weight'—Oh you horrid brute, that was my first iced cake."

ELKHORN TOWNSHIP  
From Dodge & Washington County Histories

This civil township derives its name from the fact that its eastern border is washed by the waters of the Elkhorn River. It is situated in the extreme southeastern part of the county, and comprises parts of range 8 and 9 in township 17. On its north is Nickerson Township and Washington County; on the east is Washington County; on the south is Douglas County, and on the west is Platte Township. Originally, the boundary line between this township and Washington County was the Elkhorn River, but by an act of the Legislature in 1875, it was changed to conform to section lines regardless of the river, as it made great trouble in the assessment of lands.

Several small lakes, fed by living springs, are found in this township. Here are to be found fish, especially the wall-eyed pike species.

Rawhide Creek courses through this township, entering from the west in section 18, township 17, range 10, flowing southeasterly three miles and then empties into the Elkhorn River. The topography of this portion of Dodge County is quite flat, as the bottom land divides the Platte and Elkhorn Rivers.

The railroads are the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern railways.

The population of the township in 1890 was 412; in 1900 it was 513, but in 1910 it had fallen off to 442. The present census returns(1920) have not yet been made public, but probably will show little increase.

ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT

The following is an account of many persons who came to this township for the purpose of making a permanent settlement between 1856 down to 1887, when the territory was well taken by actual settlers.

Elkhorn Township was first settled by Thomas Lee in 1856. He located in the northwest quarter of section 19, and there built him a cabin. At that place he lived about twenty-five years and then moved to Wahoo, where he soon died.

Albert Johnson of section 19 township 17, range 9, came to Dodge County in the fall of 1857 and made a settlement and later became prominent in the development of his part of Dodge County.

He worked at the carpenter's trade in New York until 1877, then had made enough to come back and make the desired improvement on his land in this township.

John A Close, Union soldier of the Civil War from Wisconsin, after that great conflict had ended sold his property in Wisconsin and moved to section 26 of Elkhorn Township, Dodge County, Nebraska.

In 1863 Elijah G Brugh, later of Fremont, came in 1863 to this county and was then but a sixteen-year old lad. He followed freighting across the western plains four years, at a time when all was wild and dangerous. After having his fill of such a life he settled down on his land which was then all covered with a luxuriant growth of prairie grass.

Joseph Snyder, of section 16, came to Dodge County in the winter of 1865, establishing the first shoe shop in Fremont. Eight years later he bought his farm, going direct from the shoe shop to the plow field, where he made a successful and worthy farmer.

Montgomery Pollock settled in Section 14 in 1866.

George Close settled in Section 25 in 1867.

Adam Hindmarsh settled in Section 19 in 1869.

William H Hawley settled in 1871.

About 1870-71 a colony of Scandinavians located in eastern part of Elkhorn , then removed to Burt county, however Jonas Johnson remained.

William Harkness settled in section 24 in 1866.

John N Foye homesteaded in 1866, proved up and left the county.

Joseph Lamberson settled in Section 33 on July 4, 1866 and died in 1880.

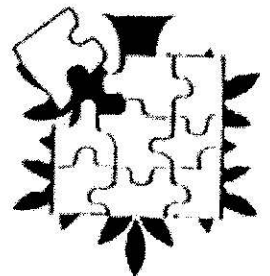
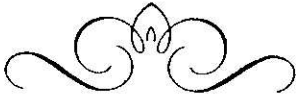
F G Parcell located in section 15.

John Castle homesteaded in Sec 30 about 1869. Died in 1877.

Mrs R A Cottle was one of the earliest settlers in Sec 30. Her husband operated the old stage station on military road which passed their house. It was an old freight ranch and had much interesting history connected with it.

Isaiah Crist settled in section 36 in 1872 and took 80 acres of wild land.

Am sure there are some I did not find in the book I was using. It is most interesting who settled so close to Fremont and made a success in homesteading.



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