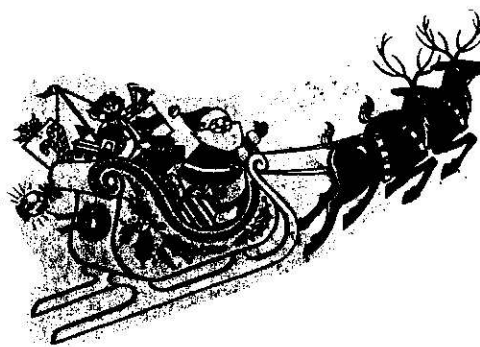


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This is the month of December and we hold NO meetings during this month.

We have an excellent program for January 2013, and hopefully everyone can attend. It is a dvd and will take 90 minutes, but one everyone of us will enjoy. I have viewed it on Natl Geographic and Renee ordered it for our collection.

It won't be long and the dues notices will be mailed to all of our members. The dues for 2013 will remain the same, \$15.00. for a new member the first year is \$19.00 and \$15.00 thereafter. We would like all to give us some new ideas for programs. Our newsletters have been printed since 1972 and Claire finds it is difficult to locate material of past years, except by reading the History and Biography of 1892. It covers the old data or first forming of Dodge County, plus other counties in Nebraska.

Do you think we have had cold weather in the near past? While reading the old newspapers, Claire come across this item regarding Fremont's cold weather. It is the Fremont Herald dated January 1885 and covers a time period of 1874 thru 1885:

Each day, coldest day of the winter.

1874, January 24.....	15b
1875, January 13.....	24b
1876, February 1.....	11b
1877 January 16.....	17b
Winter of 1877, Nov 29 th	2b
1878, January 6.....	2b
1879, January 3.....	20b
1881, January 9.....	30b
1882, January 22, 23.....	04b
1883, January 27.....	31b
1884, December 24.....	24b
1885, January 1.....	32b

Average for eight days, 1883, is 18b.

1872, Dec 23 28b; 24 was 34b; 25 was 25b; 26th was 25b; 27 was 34b. January 10-27, 1873 ranged from 25 b to 34 below.

"Why Immigrants Change Their Names"

That's the title of an older article in Genealogy in Time Magazine that reports on recent research conducted in Sweden. The investigators, observing that name changes there may only occur upon marriage or upon legal application, chose to study the latter. What they found, in brief, was that earnings potential generally doubled after a name was changed to become either more "Swedish" or

more ethnically neutral. So, if immigrants move to another country to obtain a better life, it follows that a part of that life should be obtaining a good job – and this research demonstrated the connection between that goal and obtaining a new name as a stepping stone.

From Immigrant Genealogy Newsletter October 2012

ONLINE MAPS

There are several mapsites online that genealogists can use to locate villages, and physical features related to their family research. You might explore these:

www.library.wisc.edu/etext/ravenstein . This site presents Ludwig Ravenstein's *Atlas des Deutschen Reichs* at the Univ. Wisconsin – Madison Memorial Library. It covers Germany, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland. Maps use symbols for churches.

Das genealogische Ortsverzeichnis is presented on line at gov.genealogy.net/index.jsp. Even if you spell only the beginning or a phonetic spelling, of a place name, this program can probably find it.

Shtetl Seeker – Town Search is located at www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSeeker/loctown.htm. It will help you find German titled towns and local names in Central and Eastern Europe. It is linked to MapQuest.

World Gazetteer – www.gazetteer.de or www.world-gazetteer.com will help you locate towns anywhere in the world. It recognizes even Latin, Greek, Cyrillic and Arabic scripts. It also includes population data, census data, map etc.

Have fun exploring!!!!

(Max Kade Institute, Friends Newsletter, Summer 05)
(located in the Immigrant Genealogical Society Newsletter)

New Microfilm on Dodge County Newspapers

Dodge Criterion roll 4 & 5 03/23/1906 – 05/23/1912
Dodge Nebraska.

Fremont Herald roll 24 & 25 06/20/1924 – 10/27/1928
Fremont Nebraska.

Hooper Sentinel Roll 4 & 5 04/21/1910 – 09/23/1915
Hooper Nebraska

Snyder Banner Roll 3 & 4 Roll 02/20/1914 – 04/27/1917
Snyder Nebraska

These films were obtained from the Lavilda Passick Memorial Fund, and will be appreciated by many who are seeking a later date of newspapers.

The films are not cheap and for one silver reel of microfilm it is \$85.00. Why silver? Because the printing is much brighter than the old regular print. We will accept donations to enable more of our newspapers for researchers and for items to place in our newsletters and Roots & Leaves.

There is a special section in "HISTORY and BIOGRAPHY" of Nebraska and covers all the townships regarding news and facts of the Townships that were in existence at the time of the book publication. It is not possible to cover all in just one newsletter, so we shall start with the first Township History Chapter VIII. This is noted in the book for Dodge County: *COTTERELL TOWNSHIP(in part) Settlement To Hon. M S Cotterell, from whom the township was named, belongs the honor being the first settler. He came from Ohio, in company with James Humphrey, Alexander Morrison and John M Smith in 1857. Mr Cotterell enlisted in the Union army during the civil conflict and did not return to the township until 1866.*

Richard Hooper, deceased, was one of the few who found their way to Dodge County in 1858. He the spring of that year he entered a quarter section of land four miles north west from Fremont. He died July 13, 1887.

James Sloss came to Dodge County in 1858 and entered a quarter section of land near North Bend.

Robert McVicker, now a loan and insurance agent at North Bend came to Dodge County in the spring of 1864.

This is just a few of the men who arrived in Dodge County in the beginning years.

The first male child born in the vicinity of North Bend was Seth W Young, November of 1856; he was also the first in the county. Roderick C Smith, son of J Mason Smith and wife was born Dec 21, 1858.

The first election was held on the second Tuesday of November, 1856, when Dodge County was just three precincts.

First family to commence housekeeping in the village of North Bend was that of George J Turton, in May 1857.

The *Pioneer Mill* of the county was the steam saw-mill brought on from Cleveland, Ohio in July 1857 by Messrs Cotterell, Smith, Morrison and Humphries.

The first marriage in the North Bend settlement was that of John B Waterman and Miss Elizabeth R Graham, July 28, 1859. The first occurring in the village of North Bend was George Bathrick and Miss Nancy Rhodes in 1866.

The Grand Army of the Republic, Sully Post No 105, was organized at North Bend August 14, 1882. The post is made up of forty-four old soldiers of the Civil War.



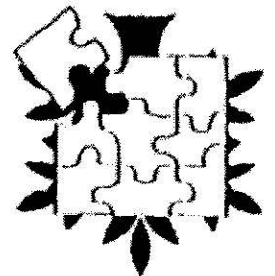
Under Fatal Accidents we note the terrible and fatal accident Happened at North Bend in 1881, Mrs Samuel Williams, who was talking to a man on business, stood in the center of the railroad track, while the man stood on the rear end of a way car. The train suddenly backed up and the car rolled back, striking the lady and throwing her crosswise of the rails and the wheels passed over her completely severing her head from her body. The unfortunate lady was highly esteemed and her sudden death caused much sorrow.

EDUCATIONAL. In the spring of 1860 the first public school was opened at North Bend vicinity. It was taught on the west line of Robert Miller's farm, in a frame building, 12x18 feet. It opened with nine pupils, with Miss Mary Heaton(now Mrs J J Hawthorne) as teachers. Her salary was a dollar and a quarter a week and her board.

RELIGIOUS. The earliest attempt at public workshop at North Bend, was during the winter of 1857-58, when Rev Isaac E Heaton came from his home at Fremont and preached the Gospel. He was a Congregational minister. The *United Presbyterian Church* was formed in 1860. In 1869 a church edifice was erected and was a frame building 30x50 feet on the corner of 8th & Sycamore in 1887 a neat frame edifice was erected on 9th & Chestnut streets. It was 32x60 feet, with two wings, each 16x15 feet. Its belfry is provided with a clear toned heavy bell. The *Methodist Episcopal Church* was formed in 1858 by the pioneer Methodist minister, Rev Jacob Adriaance. In 1869 Rev J Van Anda formed a Sabbath school. The *Christian Church* at North Bend was formed in 1877 by Rev J H Stark. There were several other churches came to North Bend, but were disbanded in the 1880's.

Societies were many. *Ancient Free & Accepted Masonry Lodge* No 119, formed 5 Sep 1883. *Independent Order of Odd Fellows* No 161 instituted May 26, 1888, *Ancient Order of United Workmen* Hope Lodge No 25 organized December 4,1883. *Grand Army of the Republic Sully Post No 105* was organized August 14, 1882 This post was made up of 44 old soldiers of the Civil War. Their rooms are in Masonic Hall, and they have the best of post room equipage. *Woman's Relief Corps No 127* was formed January 3, 1901. This Corps has aided all dependent soldiers who have sought relief at their hands.

This is just a small report on the many organizations formed at North Bend.



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